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NECK OR NOTHING.
A SOUTHERN STORY OF ANTE BELLUM DAYS.
BY JEANNETTE H. WALWORTH.

CHAPTER IV
Mrs. Martin started nervously. She had emerged from behind the japonicas and was waiting for a chance to deliver Eben's message. This sudden turning of the governor's batteries on her unprotected front "flustered" her more than ever. She delivered herself briskly:
"Eben wants some new brushes ordered. Rats!"
"Hey? What? Gin brushes? Rats? The same cry every year. Ask Martin if he thinks I am made of money. I tell you, sir, you are underestimating the magnitude of this thing. When we get at it, it will be no holiday affair. You are going to get licked out of your boots, Dalghren, and I only hope I may live long enough to say, 'I told you so.'"
"Upon my word and honor, Eben," Mrs. Martin said that night, when she was entertaining her "men folks" with a recital of all that had happened since dinner, "you would 'a' thought the fight was comin' off t'morrer mornin', right there and then, to 'a' heard him. I left him rartin and prancin and shakin his fist now at Colonel Clemens, then bellerin at young Dalghren real outrageous. He's one of 'em, the old man is!"
Eben chuckled comfortably. He rather enjoyed his wife's nervousness. It was not easy to upset Becky.
"He wouldn't hurt a hair on a dog's back, the gov'nor wouldn't. I do believe he's the one thing on top of the earth you're scared of, Beck."
"I ain't goin' t' admit that I'm scared of arer man that walks, Eben Martin, but when it comes to good, hard common sense that keeps on a level, that knows how to regulate its voice and ain't liable to fly off at the handle of you do but look at it, give me Mrs. Strong every time. The old man ain't a patchin to her."
"Well?"
Eben tilted his chair back at a more secure angle against the gallery post. He was prepared to wait patiently for Mrs. Strong's views touching their Liza. Becky was apt to be discursive always, and today she was suffering from undue excitement.
"Well, I left the old man snortin and prancin and went straight todes the storeroom, where I made sure of findin her. She ain't the one that finds time to talk politics and set on front galleries. You ain't been through the house lately, have you, Eben?"
"Not since I help'd put up that big plaster figger in the hole in the wall, jest whar the steps take a turn. It was a heffy figger too."
"That figger's marble, Eben, solid marble. No plaster jim cracks in that house. I hear her call it Dianner. Though I mus' say it don't look like any Dianner I ever saw. I'd mos' as lief set up a tombstone in my hall. But everybody to his taste. They've painted the walls beautiful, Eben, just beautiful. And the long parlor, that had the yellow satin curtains and things, is all been done over spick span new from the carpet up. It's crimson and gol' now."
"They're fresh 'im up for Adrien," said the overseer with the air of imparting valuable information.
"Yes, I know. For Adrien. Every- thing's for Adrien, and him a boy."
"Mammy!"
A soft, rebuking sound from one of the recumbent forms on the hard wooden steps.
"Yes, Seth. I know what you mean, son. I can't help it always. I went with her up into his room, and helped her put the pink Marseilles spread on his bed, and helped her tie back the lace curtains at the windows with pink ribbon broad enough and good enough for a girl's party sash. Black Suzanne was fillin the fireplace with fresh ribbon grass and Mammy Nan was sprinklin violets and rose leaves in every blessed drawer in the room. You would 'a' thought a king was comin to sleep in that room, Eben, you would indeed."
"Adrien's more'n a king to his mother and his grandfather."
"I couldn't help contrastin that sweet smellin, lace trimmed bedroom that was gettin ready for Adrien Strong with the room our girl was comin home to, old man, and, the Lord forgive me, I did feel ugly and bitter about it. I don't know but what I let some of it slip off'n my tongue."
Eben placidly knocked the ashes out of his pipe against the gallery post and put the evil smelling thing in his coat pocket.
"I hope you did not make a fool of yourself, Beck."
"I skinned mighty close to it, Eben. I said, 'Seems like all this purple and fine linen was fitter for a girl's home comin than fur a boy's.'"
"Purple! I thought you said the room was pink, mammy?"
"Don't take me so literal, Seth. I was talkin Scripture when I called it purple and fine linen. It was pink for true."
"Oh!"
"Well, boys, I could 'a' gone through

a anger note when the madam turned around and looked at me with them great, soft, brown eyes of her'n, for all the world like a hurted doe's, and said, sorter ketchin her breath: 'This was Gabriella's room. It has never been used since she left it. I think Adrien will like the view.' Then she walked over to the winder and stood there with her back to me. You'd 'a' thought that was her first look at the duck pond and the lily pads and the blackberry patch, she stared at 'em so straight."
"And what did you do, mammy?"
Seth's interest in the answer to this question was sufficient to bring him in to a sitting posture, with his broad back planted firmly against a post and his knotted wrists clasped about his gaunt knees.
"What did I do? Why, I just stepped close up to her and I held Liza's picture in front of her, and I said: 'That's what's pesterin me, Mrs. Strong. Look at it, please. What can I do with such a lookin girl in such a lookin home?' She took it in both hands, boys, and stared hard at it. I could see she was all took back before she turned round and said, puzzled like:
"You don't mean that this is Eliza Martin—that little, round cheeked girl



She was tying the ruffled strings of a green gingham sunbonnet, with yellow hair and the quick wit that my Gabriella used to be so fond of havin up here from the quarters?"

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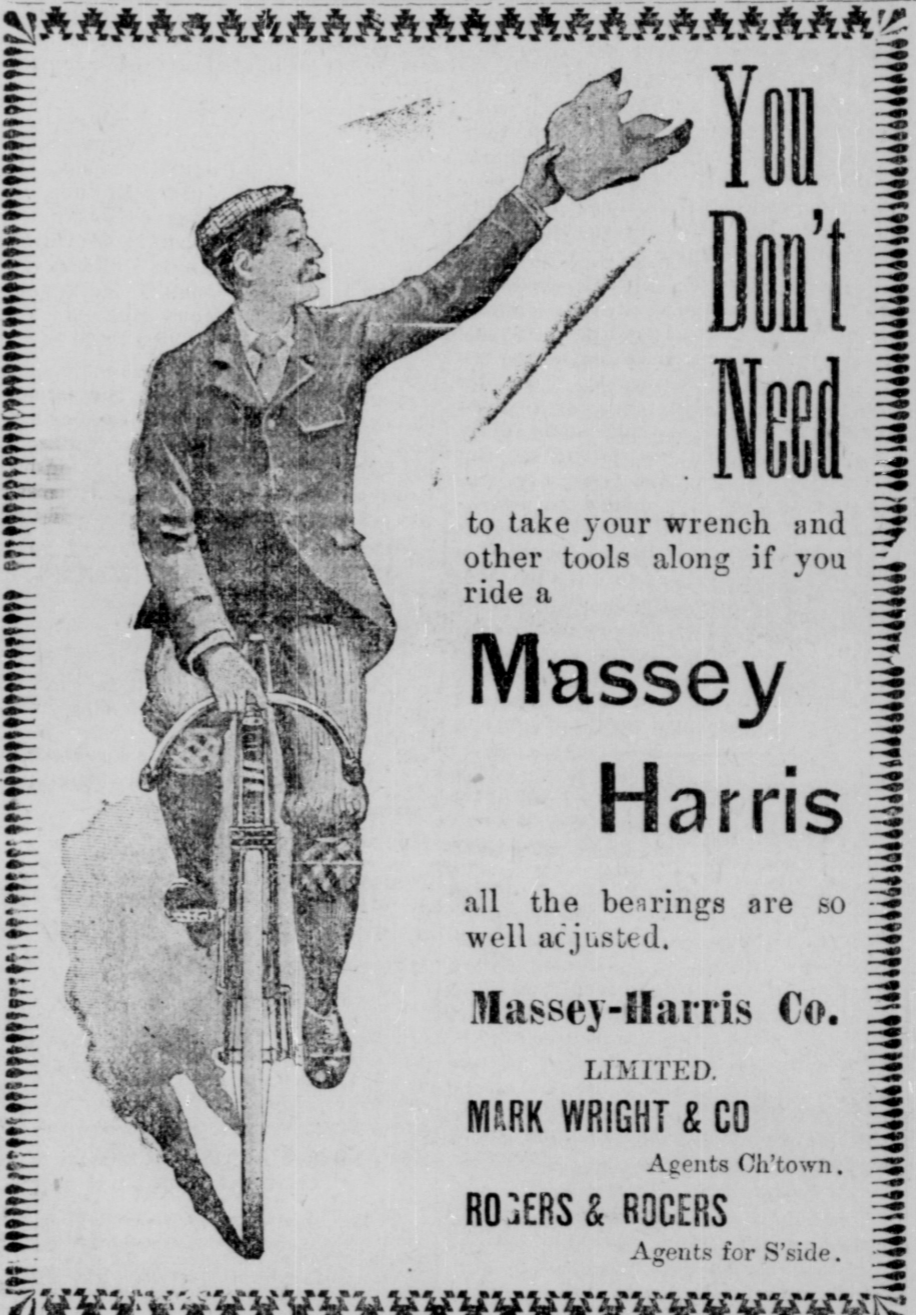
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These are to require you and each of you and all and every other person or persons interested, or claiming to be interested in the said Company, as Shareholder or Representative, Agent, Trustee or Agent or Shareholders, to appear before me, Rowen Robert Fitzgerald Vice Chancellor, in Charlottetown, at the Court of the Vice Chancellor, on Thursday, the Twenty-eight day of July next, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why an account should not be taken of the affairs of the Company, and of its debts, property and assets, and why a sum of money now in the hands of the directors, the proceeds of the sale of property of the said Company, and all other the assets of the said Company hereafter to be realized, should not be divided among the shareholders and others interested therein, or having claims thereto, as soon as can be, and why a decree should not be made declaring the rights of shareholders between themselves and their respective rights, and directing the mode of dividing and paying out such assets among shareholders and creditors of the company, and the payment of costs incident to the said proceedings. All persons interested are hereby notified that a decree to be made in the premises shall be final, and that all persons not making claim at the time and place aforesaid shall be barred from any right or claim not allowed by such decree. You are further notified that a petition has been filed by the directors of the said Company with the Registrar of the Court of Chancery in Charlottetown setting forth the names of shareholders and their respective shares as far as known, and other facts in connection with the affairs of the Company pursuant to the Act of the Legislature, intitled "An Act to Facilitate the Liquidation of the Affairs of the Charlottetown Gas Light Company." You and each of you are further notified that in default of your appearance at the time and place aforesaid the hearing of the matter of said petition will proceed, and a decision will be made by which you will be as effectually bound as if you had appeared.

Dated at Charlottetown this Eighteenth day of June, A. D. 1898.
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