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brother, brother, Roddy, whe stole, for a wo- week-or did six months ago, I have
man, that amat he's increased in valu which he works. Nancy, the bankerately in love with young Page Roemer, nev erthless agrees to a secret elopement sed going up to her forehead. "In love
with Dr. Richard Morgan, and with with the boy too the money he loans her prevents Rod- "Family troubles drain a man dy's arrest. Dr. Morgan is loved by pocket sometimes,", he remarked ser
Helena Haddon, a sophisticated young tentiously. married woman, but he adores Nancy tentiously. and hopes to win her after marriage. glowing with almost the wine tint of
In Washington they are married Nan. Roddy's. She was cy is Richard's bride-and afraid of obstinate creatures who fight to th cy is
him.
NOW NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY $\begin{gathered}\text { last ditch for love. } \\ \text { "They haven't got any famil } \\ \text { "Something terrible must have hap. troubles, Mr. Haddon," }\end{gathered}$ "Something terrible must have hap. troubles, Mr. Haddon." she said hotly,
pened!" cried Angie, with a flash. "I "They're very fond of Nancy and very I know it!"
The major nodded, looking past her her hall my me's life-and-Roldy, I've known is doing
well. Mrs. Gordon told me so her out of the window
"There's King Haddon coming in self."
Haddon listened with his lazy grod-"
he exclaimed. "Go let him in,
Angie. I'na going to finish my break. humored smile. "I wish I had a frend Angie; I'n. going to finish my break- humored smile. "I wish I had a freen
fast Haddon or no Haddon! You can like you," he said. tell him so-if you've a mind to."
Angie, flushed and angry, hurried very mean not to stand up for out of the room, glad to escape those
shrewd old eves. Haddo
brary.
$\qquad$ his eye fell on the old man's en- ${ }^{2}$ Major Lomax glanced up at Had
Mrossed attitude. The major started up, half rising ton see Gordon?", he asked shortly,
from the table, but Haddon stopped Haddon, half way to the door,
His. "Sit down, Lomax, I don't want to
starve you," he laughed. "I can wait Angie didn't want to let me in here
nyway." I wouldn't see you until Id
"I said "I said I wouldn't see you until I'd
finished. What's the matter at this
hour anyway? I haven't roobbed the hour
bank.
$\qquad$ and leaned on a chair, looking at him.
She liked Kingdon Haddon but she
was afraid of his wife; she could not have explained her fear of her, b
existed. Haddon was zitting on
edge of an empty serving-table.
$\square$know about such things. How much
is Gordon's piace worth now: I mean
the house and grounds, including thefiver lot next yours."
Major Lomax pushed his chair back
felt in his pocket for his old pipe afelt in his pocket for his old pipe and
began to fill it carefully.
"Near as I can figure-about six
or seven thousand. The house needs

 mair
Haddon looked absently out of the
window. "How should I know? Fam-
ily troubles, I reckon. The bank holds ity troubles, I reckon. The bank holds
the mortgage. Helena doesn't want
me to touch it. I don't know what to ay about it yet." tramp up and down.
$\qquad$ ife?" he asked sharply, "she's root-
d there-and so is he, for that mat "er." "Perhaps the young people think it's old-fashioned," suggested Haddon,
"or Mrs. Gordon's tired of the house"or Mrs. Gordon's tired of the house-
keeping and wants an apartment-my wifc does."
table with his fingers. "You know
etter, Haddon! There's some trouble
good man, and she's a good woman.
d, glancing thoughtfully ace and pleading brown eyes. in Washington,", he remarked thoughtfully.
"In
"why why, I didn't know she'd been away"" addon nodded grimly, considering her pretty flu
fided beas there all right. A deso much before. How's the boy turn ing out Lomax?",
"Roddy?" " The major twated his tany. making for the d





$\qquad$ mansions."." she whispered tremar lously, unaware that she spoke aloud.
Nancy rose suddenly from the cor-
ner opposite. Her mother had not ner opposite. Her mother had not
even seen her and the girl had been
silenced by her first glimpse of silenced by her first glimpse of Mrs
Gordon's face. "Mama, what is it?" she cried
"tell me-even if I have done some hing-something dreadful. I'm not an outsider. I-you and papa don't tel
me anything! What is it? Mama ne anything! What is it? Mama
you're wretched! Is it about Roddy?
Mrs. Gordon Mrs. Gordon looked at her blankly,
bsorbed in her absorbed in her own troublees, "Your
father's just sold the nouse," she said
aeakle" father's
weakly."
"Oh!" oh! Nancy gave a sharp little
cry of pain, rising to her feet. "I tried so hard to save you both from this,
Mama. I did it all to prevent this, Mama. I did it all to prevent this,
-and it's been useless-useless!" she groaned.
Mrs. Gordon nodded her head sadly "It wasn't any use, Nancy. You know
how your father feels. He's paid beck how your father feels.
seven thousand already

## seven thousand alr "To Richard?"

Mrs. Gordon raised her eyes relu tantly to her daughter's hagkard face, "Yes, dear. He-your father woul have it so. That leaves eight more
pay, and he-" traight, her white face set
"Who bought the house
"raight, her white face
"Major Lomax.
Nancy's blue eyes widened. "He gave four thousand cash." her mother
went on mechanically, "and there's
three still on the mortgage. He-"
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 ${ }^{\text {thinh:" }}$ Maror Lomax looked around ath with a grim smile. "My dear, there
are a mighty lot of Judaes in the
wrrld." he remarked dryly. Haddon assented, buttoning up his
loose spring overcoat, coughing a littl to see Gordon?" he asked shortly,
Haddon, half way to the doo
turned. "Oh, I shall send for him the bank today,", "You needn"t-I've bought it my "By Jove! You're quick at a ber-
gain,", Haddon exclaimed after a mor ment, "it was only just put in the
market".
Lomax nodded. "Took it over the rimly.
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