THE LOAN OF

By Margaret Johnson.

being each time to the seduction of the balmy air that blew softly off the balm of the bal y leided each time to the seduction of the balmy air that blew softly off the water and lulled their drowsy con-

sciences to sleepon At their backs was the high stone will, crowned with the green turf of the slope above; at their feet the strip of pebbly shore; beyond, the Sound, blue and sparkling on this June arternoon dair resultants at 1

The suggestion of going home in these circumstances, and just when the descending sun was bringing the most beautiful hour of the day, was distinctly obnoxious. So long as one could lie back luxuriously upon a rolled-up jacket, look with half-closed eyes at all this beauty, and dream exquisite dreams of success, fame and wealth, why should one wake to the dispiriting realization of their a poor arcostudents dodging with two other kindred souls in a bare fourthfloor bedroom, and celebrating a Sat-urday aftername had lolida way a 80-cent trip to City island? What were such miserable details to the direct

ctive, and she ruthlessly tore herself from a beatific vision of the she added. tudio of the runne to say again and for the found time more insist Girls, I really think we ought to going home!"

Veil and Bella looked at her with

but they sat up and becan to unroll and down the narrow, crooked

"By the way," said Neil, casually,

haven't spent the whole of your had furnished them with information month's allowance already?"

knew." "Indeed I shouldn't! Your spendthrift ways are a great anxiety to me, Cornelia. The example you set little Bella here, the influence you

have on her—"

"She won't borrow anything from the lock of the back of the bac took my last penny to pay my way bie, with a somewhat unprohere, and I counted on your getting me home somehow between you.

There, Pauline, now don't be too hard on me! It's been a very expensive month, and you wouldn't have

"Then I think Mr. Frisbie—derer happen to hear of a gran of yours, your niece's child, Campbell?" had me stay at home to-day! Help!

us out this time, that's a dear, a we'll never do so any more. W "Help you out!" echoed Pauline.

whole of its contents. There was a painful pause.

"But, Pauline," gasped Bella, "you -the soul of prudence-you never spend all your money—you always

manage—"
"I did it on purpose," said Pauling, tragically. "Neil has ovide of tinty-seven cents for three trains so I was going to make her pay in fares home. I thought an woman't have the heart to leave me stranded under the accusations. on this desert coast."

"We are all thred with nells of the strike on spice.
"She looks tired," said the ol desert coast, it seems," said Neil, bitterly, "thanks to year and Neil, bit seems," said Neil (Scheller), about the look in your pockets—the lunchbox! Therefo in the lunchbox is the lunchbox in the lunchbox in the lunchbox is the lunchbox in the lunchbox in the lunchbox is the lunchbox in the lunchbox in the lunchbox in the lunchbox in the lunc

little horse-car sent its pertinacions —" She floundered for a me tinkle once more to their distracted wait caligned a result is signal of

"We may as well be collecting

hire out for days' work. There are plenty of nice houses on the island, I'm sure where they'd like three ties, and increased day workers."

"Nell," cried Panline again, "how can you be so abund? What shall we do? There, don't worry, Bells dear? If we only knew some one!"

"I I have an uncle here," said an iron command.

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Bella, thoughtfully, the rose-leaf She skipped in w

color deepening in her chiecks.

"What!" cried Neil. "Pauline, we are saved! Bella has an uncle! Where? Who? Tell us quick, child!" "I don't know him at all. He belongs THINK perhaps we ought to be going house how, girls," said me, gently. I really think we at the second house and healing here on the strand some and mere under the laftuence of her where and he is kind and piece. I think the think where and he is kind and piece I think to only eccuntric; but of course I ought to have gone to see him before II the little garden, where the old man he had been and the course of the little garden, where the old man she had first made that obser-n had the little horse-car tinkled ship at all. To come down on him

the end of the single track in grass-grown road behind the girls, holding their impended in angulat of uncertainty while possibility of their going repossibility of the going repo

introduce myself to him as his niece. and then tell intra the the rideu-lous situation and beg for help! Can't you see? He would-"

"Be proud of the honor," finished
Nell. "Will you do it?"
"I can'tt" said Beha."
"Then I will!"

Neil glowed with audacious energy. "You needn't look like that, Pauline," she continued. "If Bella refuses to acknowledge her kind but eccentric uncle, I do not! I will go And the wilk see if her doesn't!

your uncle at all!" "Isn't? Bella haven't I always said I good row like a sister? From this moment I adopt you as such. Your inclesshall be my uncle, and your—"
"Neil, you are too ridiculous!"
Bella laughed helplessly "Come Pauline's visions were identical Bella laughed helplessly. "Come, with those of her companions, but then, if you insist upon it. Maybe I er conscience was somewhat more can screw up my courage if we find him. I don't believe we ever shall,"

But Nilland already marched away triumpand, under the little bridge and up the grassy line, and the two followed meekly. They inquired of passers-by along the road, of supercilious maids and unsympathetic mistresses at the decrease homes, of fahermen hauling In the boats be-side the little piers. They walked up

streets of the quaint little city by But they found themselves at last If shall have to borrow my fare home from one of you girls. I as tauling before a quaint, low-roofed innocent surprise at the astonished cottage on a hin. In the tiny sarden and abashed faces of the girls. Then tauling haven't a cent in my pater book."

"Cornelia Bent!" said Pauline Fig. 1. Then the book of the girls and abashed faces of the girls. Then the book of the girls are the straw hat, who should by of enjoyment. Splendid!" he said. "You did its are the said." You did its are the said. "You did its are the said." You did its are the said. "You did its are the said." The said. "You did its are the said." You did its are the said. "You did its are the said." You did its are the said. "You did its are the said." You did its are the said. "You did its are the said." The said. "You did its are the said." "You did its are the

month's allowance already?" I for the list half-hour, have "Every cent," said Neil, pentilely delta unce and then Bella's regarding the flat and shabby birse to the said, crimso upon her knee. "I was afraid you wouldn't let me come, dear, if you quivering. And Neil, giving he character." glance of unuttrable meaning,

ed the gath alone. "Mr. Friste?" she said, gent inquiringly to the back of the

grunt.

She turned to Bella with one that the standard where eyes; but the standard turned in spite of the standard community to the standard turned in spite of the standard turned with the sternest of despair. "Look at that, will you?"

She extended her open purse. pink transfer ticket, a shopping-is, and two cents were obviously and two cents were obviously are the property of the present and the property of the present and the p

bell, Bella Bodine's little girl yes, 've hearth of you. And the others He leoked at the signature in the leoked at the signatures housing inhappily by the rate." Marichast's said Neil, assuming a charming air of familiarity and

"Yes—oh, yes, let 'em come said Mr. Frisbie, rubbing his chi regarding them gravely as they came rigid under the accusations

heard from you." she for

She skipped in with alacrity, and they followed with reluctance. She admired everything in the little parlor. She drew the old man out to talk about his books and treasures in a dry, deliberate way, and was no honestly interested, so sincerely cor-

had gathered a big bouquet as they wandered about among the flowers Neil, warned by the growing twilight, and feeling that the crucial moment had arrived, advanced heroically to the attack. She led up to the story of their financial straits so skilling ty mixture of fun and pathos, that the old man actually smiled in he listened, and began to fumble hope-

of triumph at her companions, which was turned into a blush of confusion as he looked up a moment too soon. "Well, well," he said. "And what would you have done if there hadn't happened to be an old uncle on the island?"

"I don't know," said Neil with truth. "We'll send it right back as seon

as we get home; and we're so much obliged to you-Uncle Frisbie!" Bella suppressed a groan of horro

at this last touch of audacity. But the old man had only rubbed his chin and looked at Neil with a placid "Don't mention it!" he observed, handing her a bill which he had

pulled out of an old leather wallet. "Glad to have had the chance to accommodate ye. Your car's about due. You'd better hurry along, or you might get left."

"Thank you, we will," said Neil, shaking his hand with except. "Good-by! Thank you ever so much! Mother would have sent her love you know-" "Yes," said Uncle Frisbie. You

might give her mine—if you think she'd like to have it. And you tell her her daughter's a fine girl-a fine, brave young lady, and a create to her, to be sure!"

The humorous wrinkles deepened 'round his eyes. He turned avidenly to Bella.

As for this little girl, he said, in a different voice, "I'd be pleased if she'd take the postes; and if she's no objection, I'd like to give her a kiss-just for her mother's sake. I used to be pretty fond of little Bella Bodine!"

He looked round with an air

spleididty But, you see, she's the carion if the pores were closed by a half-hour, have been very living image of her mother, this child Might be Bella Bodine herself istanding there just about her age speaking of his breathing, you will notice that his sides do not heave the Bella was as aby's a partiringe! as ours do at each breath we take. A trop has no ribs, and cannot inhale and exhale as we do, but is obliged.

went on again, as three limp and breathless girls sank silent on its wooden seat. now yed ameeting mon . I

olithever." said Neil in bitter selfcondemnation, "never again will I

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Have Won Diplomas by Hard Mome Study.

Some time ago a celebrated Oxford professor, traveling in this country, risited Chautauqua during one of its summer school sessions. A friend, curious to know how an institution so inconsistent with Oxford traditions impressed a keen observer, asked him one day what he thought of the Chautauqua idea, relates Youth's Compan-

There were undoubtedly crudenesses which were amusing, the scholar replied in effect, but whenever he thought of the splendid ambition and purpose which the movement symbolized—he stopped and looked back to the roofs among the trees-"I take off my hat to that group of buildings."

The "chimney corner graduates," men and women who, unable to attend college or university, have resolutely accepted the best opportunity open to them, and have won hard-earned diplomas at their own firesides, are worthy the tribute paid them by the great scholar. Doubtless if growth and enrichment of character could be measured, many of their diplomas would stand for as much as those given by the oldest universities.

Nevertheless, there are those who deserve a deeper reverence yet. In one of the western states, 15 years ago, was a poor farmer's wife. Her days. like the days of the women all about her, were set to heavy tasks, but her heart knew a higher purpose. What she could never have, her children should have, if she gave her life in the attempt to win it for them.

There were six or seven children. Day and night for years she talked to them of the education they must win. One of her screst battles was that of awakening their ambitions, but she succeeded by sheer persistence. The oldest boy rode 250 miles on a bicycle to the nearest college-rode because he had no money to buy a railroad ticket. At the end of four years he was graduated at the head of his class.

One by one, the older helping the younger, the others followed, until the last of the children stood equippedfor the larger life which the mother's. faith and perseverance claimed for them. That mother then, although carcely past middle age, was an old woman, bent and withered literally, worn out. But she was contetnt. She had done that which she had set her heart to do; how better could she have

spent her years?

It is right to honor those who have given their lives for their country in battle, but surely fribute no less reverent is due from every man and woman to the unknown fireside patriots all over the country who to-day, as they have done in years past and will do in years to come, are giving their lives that others may win that which has been denied to them.

QUEER THINGS ABOUT FROGS.

Breathes Through the Skin, Has Ribs, and Has a Peculiar Tongue.

coat of sticky warnish, by dust, or in any other way. While we are A frog has no ribs, and cannot inhale, and exhale as we do, but is obliged. rather a tight place. The and exhale as we do, but is obniged to swallow his air in gulps, and if you will breathless, had blushing you will watch this little fellow's more'n that for little Bella Bodine. Woman's Home Companion. A freg. If you don't run down the hill pretty then, always breathes, through his fast you'll lose that car. Give my love could be the love to the most of the love the love to the love the love to the love the love the gate you gave his skin a coat of varnish. To Neil, who well out again the would suffocate as surely as though you gave his skin a coat of varnish. To Neil, who well out again the world will be the love the lo wouldn't ask ab present station in linger inside it; we would with that pressessing Burgadon's correct your hard inside it, we would much that money next time, for there might to be would be the initial to be anight to be anight that the upler becaused under round hands to be unlike four own is attached in from unlike our own, is attached in front The gate slammed, the little horses and is free behind. When he wishes to catch any insect, he throws out draws it in so rapidly that it is difficoult to see whether he has been successful or not. As the tongue i coated with a gummy fluid, the insect sticks to it and is carried back stoop to practice deception for the into the mouth, which closes upon it benefit of my friends. It was a mean, wretched thing to do, and I'm just ever, are not limited to one mode of ashamed of it! Never will I born feeding, they often leap open-mouth from the property which includes. Nell," said Pauline, solemnly, "the besides tinsects, a small fish, mice, small ducklings, polliwogs and tiny frogs, a to actualizate sell to be

byly Ill Honest But Tactful . out of In a little New Hampshire town there is a fruit store the presiding genius of which has a gift of tactful and politic speech which would grace

Rave you any good oranges this morning?" asked a bustomer, "Are

say certainly," replied the little wom-an, with an engaging smile. "They're juicer than some, I know, but I make. no doubt they'll bear a little squeez-ing before you have the best of them." "And these apples," said the cus-



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