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His Lesson In Love

How He Found Out That He Had Learned It.

By LULU JOHNSON

Had they only known it the two of them were ripe to fall into love's t. For months Billy tittlen watched the shapely brown had wagened the snaped of our dead bent over the typewriter desk without realizing that his appreciation of brown hair with glints of gold was merely an indication of a deceme feature.

deeper feeling.

For as many moons Ida Pawling had assured broself that without the kindly aid of that nice Mr. Gillen' office life fould be impossible, and she had not recognized in this feeling anything but an appreciation of his courteay.

Even the fact that Billy took to going to church—her church—regularly, sitting where he could catch the same gluppe of brown hair that was his to enjoy in the office, did not open his eyes, and this story might have ended as it had begun—

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might have ended as it had begun—
in polite nothings—had it not been
for those letters.

There were two of them, and the
office boy, with an appreciation of
the fitness of things, propped them
up on the desks of their recipients.
Here they were being admired by
the early birds of the office staff
when Billy came in with his brisk
"Good morning."

His smile only broadened when
he saw upon his desk the red envelope with the huge black legend
Are you soins to be married?
Own, your own home.

"Too bad that some one wasted a

"Too bad that some one wasted a two cent stamp to give me that advice," he cried. "I wonder what put them up to it."
"Knowledge of coming events," suggested the head bookkeeper, and the rest laughed, for they were to blind, if Billy was. "There is method in what he is doing," he added as he nodded in the direction of Miss Pawling's desk.
Billy caught a glimpse of a red

Billy caught a glimpse of a red envelope on the girl's blotter and sprang for it, but the bookkeeper intercepted him.

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It's against the law to interfere United States mail

reminded. "You can't have a letter addressed to Miss Pawling."
"Te not a letter! It's an outge," shouted Billy as he struggled to reach the deak. Before he could free himself Ida entered, and, with a curious glance at the little knot of struggling men, she moved quietly the hardset. She had seen the gaudy envelope in Billy's hand, and when she found

desk she guessed confusion. The the glances of the

re upon her.

"s sixth sense she

interest, and with

she reached for the

"s, glanced at the could pr. tore it across it and raised the

a ning fragments fell the spell was broderks moved to their squad their work. into 11ken. The derks moved to their desks and samed their work. The is said was forgotten by all save Wely, who determined to

all sate 5.3, who determined to locate the man who had sent the letters or planned the rude jest and to give him the thrashing of his life. For imaself he did not mind, but it was both unmanly and unjust to subject the girl to such an

All day long he brooded over the matter, and when the bewas as far from a solution of the problem as ever, so he determined to ask Ida's assistance.

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He lingered for a moment after she left, that the others might not suspect his plan; then he slipped out, and, by taking a short cut through the alley, he managed to enact out through the alley, he managed to enact out through the alley, he managed to the next street, breathless but successful, for Ida had just turned the corner half a block beyond.

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She was startled to find him waiting for her.

"Why, you were in the office when I left!" she cried wonderingly.
"Have you some magic carpet that transports you?"

Billy glaneed down at his rather neat patent leathers.

"I guess you could not exactly sell these accounts."

neat patent leathers.
"I guess you could not exactly call these a carpet," he suggested, with a laugh. "I cut through the alley and got here first. I purposely let you get out ahead of me, so that the others would not talk. I want to know if you have any idea as to who sent those letters to us?"
"I did not notice the name of the company," she said, with a steady voice. "But you know that the

voice. "But you know that the elevator men and the janitor are paid for the names of tenants in all buildings."

"That isn't it," he said determinedly. "We were the buly two in the entire office building to receive them. I asked the postman when I went to lunch. Some one sent them to us to start trouble. It must have been some one in the office, because they are the only ones who know that—that—I like you very much."

ones who know that—that—I like you very much."

"Don't you like the other girls too?" Ida's tones were cool and level, though her heart beat un comfortably fast. "I think that Miss Bender is a dear, and one can't help liking Mrs. Crouch."

"It's not just that sort of like," explained Billy. "I think that it must have been Travers who sent them. From where he sits he can

them. From where he sits he can ton Transcript.

see me looking at you, and I guess

see he looking at you, and I guess he suspects."

"Suspects." echoed Ida.

"Well, I can't keep the love out of my eyes when I sit there," went on Billy lamely. "I didn't know it was love—I didn't until this morning, that is. I guess it must have been love all along, though, for ever since you came into the office I've had trouble with my books, and now I know it was because I could look at you. Then I'd put down a wrong figure and have to stay after hours to strike a balance."

"I'm sorry that I have such an

"I'm sorry that I have such an effect," began Ida, but Billy signaled for silence.
"Now that I know where I stand

"Now that I know where I stand I want to tell you," he went on im-petuously. "I do want to own a home, and I want you to be its mis-tress. Won't you, Ida?" he asked I want to ten you, ne went on impetiously. "I do want to own a home, and I want you to be its mistress. Won't you, Ida?" he asked softly as he took her hand in his. "I think it is—yee, Billy," she

"I think it is—yee, Billy," she whispered as she turned a happy face to his eager eyes. "I guess that circular opened my eyes too."
"And to think that we tore up the advertisement. We ought to let that chap sell us a home. He deserves it for bringing us together. When I earn a home we'll be married, dear."
"Doesn't it take an awfully long time to earn a home?" she asked in sweet confusion, and Billy was

in sweet confusion, and Billy was enraptured.

Billy sought the minister a couple of weeks later to arrange for the quiet wedding, and when the de-tails had been settled the kindly old man laid a detaining hand on Billy's shoulder. shoulder.

shoulder.
"It is well to be provident, my lad," he said impressively. "You should save your money and with it buy a home. There is a company which gives the church a commission on all sales through us. You must have had their letter. I gave them your address. In case you have lost it"—

He crossed to his desk and drew from it a red cryclope. Even across

from it a red envelope. Even across the room Billy recognized it.

"I'll be hanged," he said in mild surprise. "I didn't dream that even the minister got wise before I did. I was the last one to get next to my own heart." And he made a mental note to give a dable of a mental note of give a mental note to give a dable of give a mental note to give a dable of give a mental note of giv my own nears. And he made a mental note to give a double fee to this man who had read him aright.

Separating the Sheep

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