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All Sorts and Conditions of Men

By Walter Besant



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Pomp.

'Give me Health and a Day, and
I will make the Pomp of Emperors Ridiculous.'—EMERSON.



"As an illustration of the **BENEFICIAL EFFECT** of ENO'S 'FRUIT SALT,' I give you particulars of the case of one of my friends. His whole life was clouded by the want of vigorous health, and **SLUGGISH LIVER** and its concomitant **BILIOUS HEADACHES** so affected him, that he was obliged to live upon only a few articles of diet, and to be most sparing in their use. This did nothing in effecting a cure, although persevered in for some twenty-five years, and also consulting very eminent members of the faculty. By the use of your simple 'FRUIT SALT,' however, he now enjoys vigorous health, has **NEVER** had **HEADACHE** or **CONSTIPATION** since he commenced it, and can partake of his food in such a hearty manner as to afford great satisfaction to himself and friends. There are others to whom your remedy has been **SO BENEFICIAL** in various kinds of complaints that I think you may very well extend its use *pro bono publico*. I find that it makes a **VERY REFRESHING** and **INVIGORATING** drink. I remain, dear Sir yours faithfully, VERITAS."

Experience.

'We Gather the Honey of Wisdom
From Thorns, not from Flowers.'—LYTTON.

HOW TO AVOID

THE INJURIOUS EFFECTS OF STIMULANTS

THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF LIVING—partaking of too rich foods, as pastry, saccharine, and fatty substances, alcoholic drinks, and an insufficient amount of exercise—frequently deranges the liver. I would advise all bilious people, unless they are careful to keep the liver acting freely, to exercise great care in the use of alcoholic drinks; avoid sugar, and always dilute largely with water. Experience shows that porter, mild ales, port wine, dark sherries, sweet champagne, liqueurs, and brandies are all very apt to disagree; while light white wines, and gin or old whisky largely diluted with pure mineral water charged only with natural gas, will be found the least objectionable. ENO'S 'FRUIT SALT' is **PECULIARLY ADAPTED** for any **CONSTITUTIONAL WEAKNESS** of the **LIVER**; it possesses the power of reparation when digestion has been disturbed or lost, and **PLACES** the **INVALID** on the **RIGHT TRACK** to **HEALTH**. A world of woes are avoided by those who keep and use ENO'S 'FRUIT SALT.' Therefore **NO FAMILY SHOULD EVER BE WITHOUT IT.**

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT when a disease, it has, in innumerable **DISORDERED** or **FEVERISH** Conditions, **REMEDY**, and an **UNSURPASSED ONE.**

ENO'S 'FRUIT SALT' has been taken in the earliest stages of a disease, **PREVENTED** a **SERIOUS ILLNESS.** Its effect on any case is **SIMPLY MARVELLOUS.** It is in fact **NATURE'S OWN**

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PREFACE

TO THE CHEAPER EDITION

IT is with singular pleasure that I accede to the request of Messrs. Chatto and Windus to write an introduction to the New and Cheaper Edition of this story. First, because it is extremely gratifying to find that a novel, now fifteen years old, which has enjoyed a steady and continuous run during the whole of that time, is now thought worthy of a bid for still wider popularity in this cheap form; next, because the ideas which were advanced in these pages have spread over so wide an area, and have produced results so unexpected and so full of promise for the future. I do not claim originality for any of these ideas. The novelist is never, I believe, original: he looks abroad, he observes, he receives, he reflects. That novelist becomes most popular who is best able to catch and to represent the ideas of the day, the forces acting on the present. I think that this story did so present the ideas of the day.

From this story, and others, I have been charged with optimism. If that means a firm faith in the advancement and progress of human nature, and especially of the Anglo-Saxon race, I am a profound optimist. If it means anything else, then am I not an optimist. This is not the place to vindicate such a faith. But I think that all history cries aloud and proclaims with trumpet-note the fact that the meaning of the world is the ordained advance of humanity; now by leaps and bounds, now slowly, now with periods of retrogression; now from the material, now from the intellectual, now from the spiritual side. It is bad for the world when too rapid an advance is made on any one of these sides without a corresponding advance on the other. In this century we have been enabled to record an advance, I believe, simultaneous in all directions. Never did a people enjoy an advance more real in wealth and comfort than our people in the nineteenth century; never have we seen greater intellectual achievements; never, I believe, has there been a greater awakening to a sense of responsibility, of brotherhood, of self-sacrifice, than we have witnessed in our generation. I know not what length of days still awaits this story. If it contains anything that may suggest or inspire the younger people, I hope that it may long survive the hand that wrote it.

WALTER BESANT.

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