

the greatest sorrow Graustark has known grows out of that decision. is determined to save for us what father's folly lost. To do this she makes the bride of a vile wretch, a who sells her pure nature when

her—we begged, we entreated, without avail. She will not sacrifice one foot of Graustark to save her—
See the triumphant smiles on her faces—the brutes!" She pointed maliciously to the chattering visitors in the hall. "Already they think the best of her. The union of Graustark and Aphnia—just what they most de-

Is the day set?" asked Lorry bravely after a moment's silent inspection of the dark browed victors. "Yes, and there is to be no delay. The marriage contract has already been signed. The date is Nov. 20, the day on which we are to account to you for our war debt. The old

ere, of course. She is Graustark's
and here she insists on abiding,
contemplate our court! Overrun
those Axlaphin dogs! Ah, she has
but Graustark was then she has

There was nothing more to be said
one, so after a few moments the
Americans took their departure. The
princess bade them farewell, saying
she must return to the princess.
"I will see you tomorrow," said An-
na, with rare assurance and the air
of a bold and indispensable friend.

"I am very much occupied," he murmured. "I have much to do."

"You do wrong in seeking to deceive me," she whispered as Anguish passed through the door ahead of them. "I know why you do not come."

"As she told you?"

"I have guessed. Would that it were true!"

"One cannot be a man and a prince the same time, I fancy," he said dryly.

"Nor can one be a princess and a man."

Harry recalled the conversation in his sickroom two weeks before and

shall leave Edelweiss tomorrow,"
one, more to himself than to his

"Out there are his people."

back. But the other refused to walking on blindly. "You ought have acted like that, Gren," said ish a few moments later. "She ne call your attention to her, and aw you refuse to look back. I think that you should have hurt Lorry did not respond, and was no word between them until

"You may leave tomorrow, Larry, if
like, but I'm going to stay awhile,"
Harry a trifle confusedly.
"I haven't you had enough of the
" "I don't care a whoop for the place.
See, it's this way: I'm just as hard
on you, and it is not a princess that

"I mean that you are in love with
"untess?"
"aphatically."
"I'm sorry for you."
"I think she'll turn me down?"
"Unless you buy a title of one of
"miserable counts or dukes."
"No, I'm not so sure about that.
"Counts and dukes come over and

"I can't step in and pick out a nice countess if I want to."

"I am not as avaricious as the lords and dukes, I'll wager. She has nothing for your money."

"Well, she's as poor as a church mouse," said the other doggedly.

"Is she countess poor? How do you

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The Fearless Damsel.
"There is no thing," he told the girl,
Without its germy side.

contains a germ," he sighed.
"I'm not afraid," she murmured low.
"I've taken germicide."
—Buffalo Times.

Rather Extensive.
"Merchant—I suppose you have a
acquaintance in St. Louis.
Drummer—That's what. She
is every ounce of 250 pounds.—

Microbe Musing.
Now the oyster
Seeks his cloister,
But the outlook still is scary.
We discover
That there hover
Microbes in the tempting berry.
—Chicago Tribune

Pied Prospects.
The fields are pied with daisies;
The orchards stretching wide
With their white blossoms

—Chicago Tribune.

