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is Mrs. Brood. I beg Shall I switch on the lights?"

"Yes, Mrs. Brood.

"I have been prowling everywhere Your good mother deserted me when my maid arrived with Ranjab a short time ago. Isn't this the dreadful blueam discovered by the ogre?"

The girl felt the spell stealing over her. The low voice of the woman in the shadow was like a sensuous caress. She experienced a sudden long ing to be closer to the speaker, to listen for the very intake of her

"Thank you," rather curtly, as if repelling familiarity. It was like a dash of cold water to Lydia's spirits. "You may turn on the lights. I should like

The girl crossed the room, passing filled the room; it was soft, delicate stuffy room. One could not help draw-

swept the room with undisguised wonder in their depths.

"How extraordinary!" she murmured, and then turned swiftly toward I can see no lights. And see! There are no shadows, not even beneath the table yonder. It—it is uncanny—but, oh, how lovely!"

Lydia was staring at her with wide open eyes, frankly astonished. The eager, excited gleam vanished from Mrs. Brood's lovely eyes. They narrowed ever so slightly.

"Why do you stare at me?" she de-

"I-l expected-" began Lydia, and stopped in pretty confusion. "I see. You expected a middle-aged lady, ai-e? And why, pray, should

James Brood marry a middle-aged person?" "I-I don't know. I'm sorry if I

have offended you."



A Noise in the Outer Room Attracted Her Attention

born. Shake hands with me and say that you're sorry I said what I did.' It was a quaint way of putting it, and her voice was so genuinely appealing that Lydia, after a moment's hesita tion, extended her hands. Mrs. Brood grasped them in hers and gripped them tightly. "I think I should like to know that you are my friend, Lydia. Has it occurred to you that I am utterly without friends in this great city of yours? I have my husband, that

The girl could no more withstand the electric charm of the woman than | shine. She was bewildered, and completely fascinated.

"It's-It's very good of you," she murmured, her own eyes softening as the girl. "Where does it come from? they looked into the deep, velvety I can see no lights. And see! There ones that would not be denied. Even as she wondered whether she could ever really like this magnetic creature, she felt herself surrendering to

> the spell of her. "But perhaps you will not like me when you know me better.

"Perhaps," said Mrs. Brood, calmly almost indifferently, and dismissed th subject. "What an amazing room! One can almost feel the presence of the genii that created it at the wish of the man with the enchanted lamp. As a rule, oriental rooms are abominations, but this-ah, this is not an oriental room after all. It is a part of the East itself-of the real East. I have sat in emperors' houses out there, my dear, and I have slept in Mrs. Blood smiled, a gay, pleased little smile that revealed her small, even teeth "You haven't offended that is used this the palaces of kings. I have seen just such things as these, and I know that they could not have been trans-ported to this room except by magic. My nusband is a magician

Opposition Platform

The following platform w= ...depted at the Opposition Con

In the event of the Opposition being returned to power, we pledge

1. We pledge ourselves to completely reorganize the Crown-Lands Department, so that its administration shall be entirely severed from politics and administered on sound business principles under systematic plans by a non-partizan commission specially appointed for that purpose, responsible to the Legislature and working in co-operation with the Dominion Commission of Conservation.

TAKE THE HIGHWAYS OUT OF POLITICS.

2. We pledge ourselves to take the highways out of politics, giving the expenditure of the money collected from the people and the control of the labor, together with the Government appropriations, into the hands of supervisors, chosen by the people of each parish, to whom a detailed and audited account must be rendered every year at the annual meeting, and a duplicate thereof forwarded to the Department of Public Works, the work of the supervisors to be under the inspection of a competent provincial engineer

We also pledge ourselves to set aside the money collected from the licenses upon automobiles and other motor vehicles, together with an equal appropriation from the revenues of the Province each year, to pay the interest upon the bonds to provide for permanent roads, which shall be constructed as rapidly as possible. PROHIBITION PROVINCE WIDE.

3. We pledge ourselves at the first session of the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the Province to the fullest extent allowed by the Constitution, and within three months after the passage of said Act to submit the same by referendum to the electors of the Province, and should the majority of votes cast be in favor of the said law, then to bring the same into force by proclamation within one year thereafter.

ELECTION LAW.

4. (a) To amend the electoral law so as to make it impossible rembers of the Legislature to traffic with the Government and still retain their seats.

(b). To make it possible for young men, when they reach the age of 21 years, to register their names and be placed forthwith apon the voters' lists, instead of waiting for the tedious machinery f revision as it now exists.

(c) To divide the counties into electoral districts which shall each be represented by one member.

(d) We will also consider amendments to the election law to take bribery in municipal as well as provincial elections impos-

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

To obtain at once a correct statement of the financial condition of the Province in order that the people may have definite knowledge of the vastly increased public debt and the enormous obligations of guaranteed bonds they will be called upon to pay; and to so reduce the cost of the administration of affairs and the number of useless officials as to avoid the necessity for direct taxation now confronting us.

AGRICULTURE

6. To give the farmers all the practical assistance that the resources of the Province will permit, to improve agricultural methods and the quality and quantity of the stock upon the farm; to reduce the enormous salary list in the department, and to spend the educational grant received from the Federal Government without regard for political patronage.

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me, my dear," she said. "You offend my husband by thinking so ill of him, that's all." She took the girl in from head to foot with critical eyes. said you were very pretty and very lovable. You are lovely. No one wants to be pretty. Yes, you are just what i expected."

Lydia was the taller of the two 384 Francer, W. R., Res., 365 Bruns-wick Street. 290-41 McGrath, H. J., Res., 659 King ing that she was looking upward a she gazed into the other's was the way Mrs. Brood held herself 176 Sturdee, Capt. E. A., Res., 59 Sending a swift glance around the room, she went on: "My husband de lights in having beautiful things about him. He doesn't like the ugly things of this world."

Lydia flinched, she knew not why There was a sting to the words, do spite the languidness with which the

were attered. Risking more than she suspected she said: "He never considers the com of a thing, Mrs. Brood, if its been appeals to him." Mrs Brood gav her a quizzical, half-puzzled look "You have only to look about you for the proof. This one room represents a fortune." The last was spoken has

"How old are you, Miss Desmond?" The question came abruptly.

"I am nineteen."

"You were surprised to find me so young. Will it add to your surprise if I tell you that I am ten years older

"It doesn't seem credible."

"Are you wondering why I tell you my age?'

"Yes," said Lydia, bluntly.

"In order that you may realize that I am ten years wiser than you, and that you may not again make the mistake of underestimating my intelligence.'

The color faded from Lydia's face She grew cold from head to foot. Involuntarily she moved back a pace. The next instant, to her unbounded surprise, Mrs. Brood's hands were outstretched in a gesture of appeal, and a quick, wistful smile took the place of the imperious stare. (To be Continued.)

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