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COUNTERSTROKE

By AMBROSE PRATT

Author of "Vigorous Daunt, Billionaire."

(Continued.)

"It could easily be done, Desire," said Cressingham artfully, "but you would have to be very careful after I am gone, and say nothing to your mother of our plans. You see she might—indeed, I'm sure she would—tell your grandfather everything, for she is very frightened of him, and then all hope would be gone. What I shall do is this; I have a yacht, the Sea Hawk it is called; I'll bring my yacht near the island, but so that it can't be seen—then I'll steal into the bay in the dead of night, to your boat-house, in a little electric launch. I'll swim underneath the door and pin a piece of red cloth on the platform. When you see that you will know that I have been, and the next night at midnight you must somehow get your mother and Miss Elliott down to the beach. I'll be there, and we'll make your mother come with us, and we'll all go quietly off to my yacht. Then we'll steam straight to England, and neither your grandfather nor anybody else will ever know what has become of you."

Desire's eyes shone like stars at this proposal. "Ah, that would be perfect happiness!" she gasped.

"It is all so easy, so perfectly simple!" said the man straight to England.

"Except your escape," the girl sighed out, a sudden despairing cadence in her voice. "To do all you have said it would be necessary to fly from the island, for grandfather is dreadfully wise. You see, if you were to take the silver boat or one of the other two big ones, he would know at once, and he would be alarmed. He has been often alarmed lately. He would send a cable for his yacht, and then long before you could return here he would have taken us all away to some other horrible island, perhaps a more horrible island than this."

Cressingham saw his fine chateau in Espagne fading into thin air. "Ah," he cried, "what a pity the Prince and your father leave to-day."

"But they don't; not till tomorrow morning," said the girl.

"What!" cried the man sharply, "how is that?"

"Well, father never intended to leave until tomorrow, and the Prince will not go until he does; he hates him very much and he can't even bear to see mother talking to him."

"Oh, I see! Desire, with a little luck and your help I shall be able to escape," Cressingham was shaking with excitement.

"But how, tell me quickly," cried the girl.

"You must try to steal a boat from one of the yachts. Arrange it so that it will appear as though the current had taken it to sea."

The girl stared at him wide-eyed. "The

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Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



GOWN OF CREPE.

A graceful little frock is shown in the drawing, the model being in hyacinth blue crepe. The yoke of the bodice was of Valenciennes lace, with Venice lace motifs, attached to the insertion by elaborate stitches in embroidery silk. The collar was of the insertion, with lace stitched between the rows, and a tiny Val. ruffle outlined the yoke edge, the yoke being shallow in the back and straight across the shoulders. The lower part of the bodice was trimmed with deep tucks, which were in pointed outline. The skirt was shirred about the hips and was trimmed with applied tucks put on in points with a full ruffle flounce. The model is especially desirable for a slender figure.



WILL SUIT MANY OCCASIONS.

Where the requirements of the wardrobe are limited by a dress allowance that one wrap must needs do duty for several occasions the choice of such must be made carefully and with considerable forethought as to what the season may bring forth in the way of social opportunities. Rather a difficult matter it is to select a design that shall be equally suitable for street, carriage and general evening wear, look absolutely comme il faut in each of those surroundings and conform to the varying possessions of the wearer's wardrobe for those widely diversified requirements. All of those are charmingly met in the model presented, in which rather a deep tone of violet cloth—the violet shades distinctly on the bluish shade, rather than on the purple—is relieved with a roll collar and shallow revers in a pale green satin. The coat follows the long and loose lines that are so popular, that are even considered imperative where the question of wraps is concerned. The sleeve is large and loose and puffy, rather plain as to cut, but the richness of the cloth, the elegance of the coloring and the clever touch of tint contrast that the satin presents, relieves it from the reproach of undue plainness. A hint of the directoire mode is accomplished in the smart little capes that start in a V at the center back, droop on the arm and found up slightly under the revers. Strappings of a rich black braid give an added touch of trimming and large button molds covered with the pale green satin made the last touch of trimming on the cloth revers. As a coat for many occasions there are few designs so far presented that can compete with this for all around style and utility combined.

the thief, you've been at my jewels, too. I've just been to the storehouse and found half of the best gone. By hell, I wonder I don't shoot you as you stand."

"Oh, don't shoot me, grandfather; put away your pistol please! Oh, oh!"

"What have you done with them? Give them back to me."

"They are in the boat-house."

"I'm glad to hear it. Why did you take them?"

Desire fell to whimpering again. "They looked so pretty; I meant to put them back, grandfather really I did." Cressingham devoutly thanked Providence that he was not the only thief.

"Ha, ha! Of course! Little swine, they looked pretty, did they? One might say you for a girl!" it would be impossible adequately to describe by words the fiendish and malicious sneering of his voice. But Desire was stung by it to recklessness. "You know I am a girl!" she flashed hotly.

"In—deed?"

"Yes, and you can't deceive me any longer. I am a girl, and I shall be treated as a girl. I am going to make mother dress me like a girl, and I won't be beaten any more. If you touch me again, I shall kill myself, and then you can build your engines without me."

The Count spoke again a moment's intense silence, but his voice had grown quite soft and almost caressing. "Who was it put this business into your head, Desire?"

"No one."

"Don't lie to me!"

"I'm not lying. I—I—mother told me last night."

"My sweet pet so the secret is out is it? Yes you are a girl Desire!"

"I knew it."

"I suppose you wonder why I've made you act the boy these years eh?"

"I'll never forgive you for that grandfather, never!"

"Bah! wait till you are asked."

"Why did you do it?" demanded Desire.

"Ah, bah! women are all cursed, hateful creatures like you, lazy as pigs and brazen as blocks of wood."

"But you like mother, grandfather?"

"She is a little better than the rest, and has learned to do what she is bid."

"Why do you hate me so much? I have always done what you told me to do."

"Pshaw! You could not understand if I were to tell you."

"I'm not the fool you pretend to think me, you know I am not."

"That touched you, did it? Ha, ha! Well, Desire, I wanted your mother to be a boy; I put up with the disappointment I received on that occasion, hoping that I might give birth to a son."

"When you came it was too much! I have always wondered since why I didn't kill you on the spot. But you give me too much credit. I never wanted you to be dressed up like that; it was your mother. She turned you into a boy to spare my feelings I suppose, perhaps because she thought the device might save her cub's life. It is possible she was right. At any rate, if you are off ended you must blame your mother for it."

"My mother!" The two words were uttered with such depth of wonder and emotion that Cressingham was thrilled to hear them, and wished ardently that he might see Desire's face, but he dared not move, he dared hardly breathe, for he knew the Count was armed, and that once he guessed the presence of an enemy his life would be forfeited on the instant.

"Yes, your mother!" said the Count. "But come, we waste time here. Surprise! Ha, ha, ha!" He gave vent to a grim, cynical chuckle. "I have lost my servant now, I suppose. Well, leave the things here, they are not of any consequence. And see here, Desire, I won't beat you again; you shall be treated henceforward as a woman, but on one condition, girl."

(To be continued.)

John Keeffe returned from Ottawa yesterday.



AN OLD NOTION

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SANTA CLAUS IN CIVIC CIRCLES

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In the ferry service the gatemen, ticket sellers and the oiler will get an increase of \$5 a month, and Capt. Estabrooks will also receive an increase to the same extent.

The application of John Beatty, the gardener in charge of the squares, to be taken on the permanent staff, was not recommended, but his wages were raised from \$17.50 to \$2 a day during the season.

In the water and sewerage department there were also increases in salaries to several employees amounting in most cases to \$1 a week.

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