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...That... Preposterous ..Will..

BY L. G. MOBERLY.

(Continued.)
"Lawk a' me." "Did you ever," and "Well—you might knock me down with a feather."

There was positive awe in the glance she fixed upon Miranda when the recital was finished, and a something significant in the long silence that followed the girl's last words, a silence broken finally by the almost rapt remark from Mrs. Manning.

"Never in all my born days did I know a luckier girl than you. To go and live in a lady's house, as a lady, Well, Miranda, it's to be hoped you'll be truly thankful for the luck as has come your way. It isn't everybody 'ud get a bit o' luck like that."

Miranda looked at her silently, her brown eyes alert and shrewd.

"She knows which side 'er bread's buttered, that lady do," she answered slowly with a smile; "but if Mr. Bray says I'll best go and stay a bit with her—why I'll go."

The same remark she repeated to the lawyer when later on in the day she sat in his room discussing with him Mrs. Bedsworth's proposal.

"I think you could hardly do better than to accept this lady's offer," the solicitor said quietly, a faint smile flickering over his face, called there by the startling contrast between his two visitors, the smartly dressed woman of the world who had sat facing him in the morning, the quaintly garbed figure who sat in the same chair now, and gave her views on the position with a calm assurance that tickled the old man's sense of humor anew.

"I don't mind if I do accept her offer," the girl answered meekly, "I'm bound to go somewhere to learn the things what I don't know now, and she'll teach me, as well as another."

"Yes, indeed," Mr. Bray's voice was the faintest degree shocked; "Mrs. Bedsworth takes a prominent place in Society, and can help you in very many ways. She is a most charming lady, and will do her best for you. You found her all the same gracious and delightful, I am sure."

Miranda's eyes twinkled, the corners of her mouth twitched a little.

"My—yes, butter wouldn't melt in her mouth," she said, with a faint chuckle; "she's got a nice soft pussy-cat sort of a voice too, and soft pussy-cat kind of ways too, ain't she?"

"My dear child," the lawyer's voice rose slightly in its shocked surprise, "what do you mean? Mrs. Bedsworth seemed to be altogether charming," he repeated emphatically.

"Ah! she would seem that to you, wouldn't she now?" she shrewdly rejoined; "she ain't one of the kind as 'ud give 'erself away to a gentleman like you. But bless yer, I can see the claws under them pussy paws, but they won't scratch me, not if I know it."

"My dear child," Mr. Bray was beginning again, but Miranda leant forward and interrupted him, not rudely, but with great earnestness.

"That's all right," she said, using her favorite expression; "you say she'll teach me what I want, and that's all as matters. I've sized 'er up fast enough, don't you be afraid, and I can see she's got some plan in the back of 'er 'ead, besides the plan o' bein' kind ter me. That comes second, that does, there's somethin' else as comes first, but it won't 'urt me for 'er to 'ave 'er own plans, she's welcome to 'em, and if I don't pretty soon know what they are, if I ain't the girl I take myself for!"

"But," the lawyer stammered, feeling himself somewhat nonplussed in the presence of this shrewd daughter of the people, whose young eyes seemed to have seen so much more than his old ones, "I hope, if you go to Mrs. Bedsworth, you will not be continually suspecting her, or imagining things that probably have no existence in fact? After all, it is most kind of the lady to take charge of you and act as your chaperone. She is giving herself a great deal of trouble for a stranger, one must remember that."

"I ain't forgotten," the girl's lips curled with the firm pressure with which Mr.

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Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



PROCK OF FIGURED CREPE OR CHIFFON.

A charming design for a gown of sheer material is shown in the illustration, the satin bretelles and satin band about the bottom of the skirt being one of the newest touches. The model was of white chiffon figured with pink roses. The satin used on the gown was of faint shaded pink. The straps on the bodice terminated at the waist line in front, but were knotted to form a "V" shape at the waist line at the back, the ends then being allowed to form a sash in the back. The bodice and skirt of the gown were joined under a fitted band of wide lace, this lace banding also being used across the front of the bodice and around the collarless neck. Wide flounces of lace to match those used on the sleeves, which were hand-drawn on the gown, were tied in bows at the outer arm. The full skirt was gathered at the waist line and had three deep tucks and a band of lace above the deep tuck line at the back, the ends then being allowed to form a sash in the back.

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us. Why should I have to put up with a girl like that? You can't take her out with me, mother? Nobody will ever ask us anywhere if you chaperone her."

Mrs. Bedsworth's eyes grew colder and harder at every word.

"People are very ready to ask a hundred thousand pounds to their houses," she said idly, "even if the owner of the fortune does chance to be humbly born. And understand, once for all, Stella, that I do not mean to have any nonsense about this girl. Do not let me hear you speak again of having to put up with her, and for Heaven's sake don't talk nonsense about not going out with her. If I am ready to chaperone Miss Hume, it should not be too much for you to make yourself pleasant to her, and I expect you to do it."

Stella left her place on the couch and walked impetuously up and down the little room, twisting and untwisting her hands; her lips quivered like the lips of a lovely naughty child, tears swam in her great eyes. Her mother sat quite still, watching her with an amused smile; no one knew better than the elder woman that the girl's opposition, angry and apparently determined though it was, must also be short-lived, because this work character was bound to let itself be dominated by the stronger.

"It is too bad," the girl exclaimed, pettily, "too bad, and too horrible that I should try and have to be pleasant-pleasant to a girl who has been a servant in a hateful lodging house. It is not fair to me."

"You are talking foolishly and at random," her mother said coolly; "I have excellent reasons for what I am doing. I had not those good reasons, do you suppose I would undertake what must be an arduous, and may be a very disagreeable task?"

Stella stopped short in her impetuous walk, and stood still before her mother's chair. Mrs. Bedsworth's last words seemed to have conveyed a new impression to her brain, and she looked questioning into Mrs. Bedsworth's unmoved face.

"Why have you undertaken it?" she said.

"You would have shown more common sense if you had asked me that first, instead of going into heroics and talking so absurdly. Do you really think I have made this arrangement with Miss Hume for pleasure?"

Stella's fair head drooped, her color rose.

"You do not generally distrust my motives," Mrs. Bedsworth went on more gently, "and I think you might have given me credit for trying to do what seemed wisest and best."

Stella looked doubtfully down at Mrs. Bedsworth. The mother's expression was still in her eyes, but long habits of obedience and deference to her mother's opinion made her conscious of a sudden shame in having set herself against that opinion. The cold clear glance of Mrs. Bedsworth's eyes produced its usual effect, acute realization of her own unimportance and foolishness.

"I am sorry," she faltered, "but—I wish—"

She hesitated, and Mrs. Bedsworth promptly ended her sentence for her.

"You wish Miss Hume was not coming? Well, my dear child, in some ways, so do I. She is quite uneducated, quite a daughter of the people, and will, I have no doubt, give me a great deal of trouble. But at the same time it is possible she may produce quite a sensation in the world because of her romantic story, and I should like to be the person to introduce this new heiress. Besides which your worldly-wise old mother has to consider ways and means sometimes, darling."

"Mrs. Bedsworth's voice softened as she alone knew how to soften it, her hand touched Stella's hand and stroked it gently, her eyes suddenly lost their hardness, and looked almost pathetically up into her daughter's blue ones.

"Ways and means," the girl stammered; "of course I know we aren't very rich mother—but—but you don't mean that we are poor?"

Mrs. Bedsworth patted the hand she held, and smiled sadly.

(To be continued.)

The Young Men's Society of St. Joseph will hold a social evening tonight, and a large attendance is requested. A programme will be carried out. On Thursday the Father Mathew Association will hold an at home in the assembly room of St. Malachi's hall. The St. Peter's Y. M. A. and St. Joseph's Society will be guests.

HON. R. J. RITCHIE ON TEMPERANCE

Police Magistrate Delivers Forceful Address Before Every Day Club—Pleasant Time Saturday Night.

Seldom does a St. John audience listen to a more logical and convincing, eloquent and persuasive address on temperance than that delivered by Hon. R. J. Ritchie to a crowded house last evening in the hall of the Every Day Club, in Waterloo street. His honor had just come from a meeting of the Holy Name Society in the Cathedral, and to an audience made up of members of many churches, and doubtless some of no church affiliation, he delivered a message that came with all the authority of one who, as police magistrate of the city, knows the wreck and ruin caused by the inordinate use of liquor. Total abstinence was the cure he prescribed, in words that deeply impressed his hearers.

The meeting opened at 8.30 o'clock, with J. N. Harvey in the chair. After the hymn, Jesus, Lover of My Soul (which Hon. Mr. Ritchie remarked later was also a special favorite with the 600 men of the Holy Name Society), Rev. L. A. McLean offered a brief prayer.

Mr. Harvey, in a brief opening address, referred to the aims of the Every Day Club, and expressed the thanks of the executive to Hon. Mr. Ritchie for his kindness in coming to address the audience.

Hon. Mr. Ritchie referred first to the Every Day Club and its motto: "To help men to be men," and spoke appreciatively of the work it might be able to do. All men of all creeds and classes could meet on that platform.

Taking up the subject of the inordinate use of liquor, he dwelt upon it as a disease that fastened upon men and destroyed them. Referring to the drunkards as a regiment, he pointedly asked the young men who it was that stepped into the ranks on the march to ruin and death, when one after another the old toppers passed away. Was it not the young men from the ranks of the moderate drinkers—the most dangerous class in the community?

Passing on, he dwelt upon the sin, the shame and the sorrow that follow in the wake of drunkenness; pictured the unhappy wife and children of the drunkard; and noted the discord, want and suffering that rent the family. Referring to the failure record of business houses published at the end of each year, he asked if there was ever a list published of the human failures and bankruptcies caused by the inordinate use of liquor. Some of these failures were in the provincial hospital; many were dead before their time.

As to the young, there would be no boy problem if there were no drunkenness. How many of the happiness there would be in this city tonight, he said, if there were no drunkenness. If any young man who heard his voice should take the pledge for the balance of this year and kept it, he (the speaker) could assure him that at the end of the year he would have great reason to rejoice that he had done so.

Speaking of the beer shops, he declared that he was opposed to them because they were so full of danger for the young. In an allusion to the work of his office, he told of grown men who could not sign their own names, and of a man who had been three times before him in five weeks for drunkenness, but refused to sign the pledge because, he said, it would make him a slave. That man was a slave already, and did not know it. The thing to do was to sign the pledge, and say "no" when asked to drink, and to say it with a vigor that left no doubt of the meaning.

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The report of the special committee appointed some time ago to confer through its chairman, Isaac Prefontaine, with Hon. Lomer Gouin, regarding the creation in Montreal of a school for higher commercial studies, has been adopted at a general meeting of the Chambre de Commerce.

According to the arrangement arrived at between Mr. Prefontaine and the prime minister, the government is to advance the money for the erection and equipment of the institution, but the chambre agrees to pay interest and part of the capital annually to the extent of \$5,000, for a period of 40 years, in return for which the Chambre de Commerce will become the owner of the buildings and its contents at the expiration of the term.

It is also stipulated that the board of governors are to be chosen among the members of the Chambre de Commerce, subject, however, to the approval of the government.

The special committee was continued in its functions, and will immediately set to work to choose a site and make preparations for the erection of the school.

As it has already been stated, this idea, which was suggested by Honore Gervais, M. P., is to provide an opportunity for French-Canadians to obtain a practical business education as well as to provide training for those who wish to go into consular or civil service. Although nothing to this effect has yet been decided upon, it is likely that the institution will be affiliated to Laval University.

SACKVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Judson Tower, Rockport, recently celebrated their forty-fifth wedding anniversary. A large number of their friends assembled very unexpectedly to celebrate the event and presented Mr. and Mrs. Tower with two handsome chairs as a souvenir of the happy occasion.

The I. C. R. management are asking for tenders for a new station at Sackville. Tenders will close on Feb. 4th.

The annual At Home of Mt. Allison senior class will take place on the evening of Feb. 22nd.

Mrs. A. H. McCready will entertain at bridge today from 4.30 to 7.30.

Mrs. J. O. C. Goodwin, of Baie Verte, fell recently and fractured one of her arms.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Brownell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Strang Brownell, Baie Verte, and Renwick Bigley of Tidnish, was solemnized on the 15th inst.

Miss Machum, of the ladies' college, went to her home at St. John today for a brief visit.

Mrs. F. A. Harrison and daughter, Hilda, are spending a few days at Shediac.

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