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A Romance of Modern New York and Paris

By Hudson Douglas

(Continued)

"Oh, very well," Seager remarked. "Have it your own way. I've nothing to say that I need be ashamed of, and all I desire was to spare your blushes. I suppose you can guess what I've got to tell you?"

He once more assumed his smile, but she shook her head. "Come, come!" she protested. "You know that you and I have common interests under my uncle's will, don't you? And on what conditions? I've taken a lot of trouble to help you to your fair share of ten million dollars, and—must I say I don't think you're resting me very handsomely in return. Sit down, and act sensibly. Don't stand on so much ceremony. I'm not a bad sort of chap, as you'll find out in time, but you mustn't rub me the wrong way too much or I'll scratch."

He threw himself into a chair, pulled a cigarette-case out of his pocket, and struck a match.

"Sit down, and act sensibly," he repeated between puffs, but she remained as she was, very lovely in her disdain, and he looked up again with a scowl which changed to an appreciative leer. Ardensen was still standing sentry beside the closed door. He did not doubt the ultimate outcome of the interview, and only wished that he had been Seager. Fanchette had one of the girl's hands fast in her own, had subdued her own fears for the sake of her mistress. Neither yet quite understood the motive for their abduction, but that was made thoroughly clear to the Dutchess at least, by her so-called cousin's ensuing remark.

"We've only twenty-four hours left to get married in," he said sullenly, "and we might just as well carry the thing through on a friendly footing. I want—"

"I don't think you can be aware, Mr. Quaintance," she interrupted, "that I am the Dutchess des Reves."

"Oh! out that out!" he cried harshly. "You're not fool enough, surely, to take des Reves' name, are you? You're not the first by a long chalk that's tripped over that limed twig, and I wouldn't have twitted you with it either if you had said nothing about it. You were Miss Lorraine when you left the Rue des Trois Freres a few hours ago, and you're Miss Lorraine still. There's more than a ring needed to make you the Dutchess des Reves. I don't know why women are always so simple!"

She widened as though he had struck her, and bent her head as she heard the repute which her husband was held.

"Listen now," he went on composedly, having settled that point to his own satisfaction. "There's no reason why you and I shouldn't pull together. Five millions will more than make up to you for the loss of a title you'd never have been allowed to wear, and I'm not a bad sort of chap. Give me a fair trial, and if I don't suit you I'll quit—honor bright. You can easily get a divorce, or I'll disappear and send you a death certificate. You'll never see me again after you say so. I can't make you any fairer offer than that, now can I?"

It was bitter for her to have to implement her plain statement, but his blind disbelief in it was so evident that, for her own sake she must try to convince him that she spoke the truth, that the dead man's millions were neither from him nor her. And she felt devoutly thankful then that she had taken the step she did to prevent such a contingency as that which now presented itself. Of two grave evils she had unwittingly chosen the lesser. Miles Quaintance's nephew, the man he had never seen and to whom he would yet have sold her, was worse in reality than she had ever imagined him.

"Hear me, please, Mr. Quaintance," she begged, her glance once more meeting his so steadily that his eyes dropped again in spite of himself, "and try to believe what I say. I have no desire to deceive you. I want you to understand why I married the Duc des Reves."

He uttered an impatient ejaculation, but she continued quietly.

It was only six months after my education was finished that I heard of Mr. Miles Quaintance's death. I was here, in Paris, then. He had hidden me remain until he could come over and take me back with him to San Francisco. With the news came his letter explaining that he had offered me to you in marriage. I don't know whether you can realize how I felt about that, but I made up my mind at that moment that no power on earth would induce me to marry you. And to make my resolution still safer, I married the Duc des Reves.

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Fashion Hint for Times Readers



CABOCHON ARRANGEMENT OF ROSES.

The pale buff of tea roses is here combined with the soft dull olives of bronze green foliage. The hat is black straw of rather coarse weave, with a facing of satin in the tea rose shade. A cloud of pale yellow tulle encircles the crown and makes an artistic background for the mass of yellow roses in their olive green leaves. This hat was designed to accompany a coat and frock suit. The upper part of the frock is shown, the bodice being built over a guimpe and sleeves of tulle net in the shade of the cloth.

MEN, PLACES AND THINGS

OLD DIPLOMATIST FOR THE NEW SULTAN.

Should the United States senate confirm President Taft's nomination of Hon. Oscar S. Straus, to the position of ambassador at Constantinople, he will enter upon his third tour of duty as diplomatic representative of the United States in Turkey. More than twenty years ago, Mr. Straus then a Democrat, was appointed by President Cleveland, U. S. minister to the Sultan. In that capacity he served two terms. In 1898 President McKinley sent Mr. Straus once more to Constantinople, where he remained until after Mr. Roosevelt's accession to the presidency. In the course of his service Mr. Straus became well acquainted with the late Sultan, whom he found not a gorgeous potentate, but a business-like man, who sat at a roll top desk, and managed the affairs of the empire. Confidences arose between the two, and it was only after Mr. Straus's return to the United States that Abdul Hamid's failure to live up to his promises caused him to revise the judgment formed at Constantinople.

THE PEER WHO READ HIS OWN OBITUARY.

The Earl of Courtown, who celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday last week, is one of the men who shared with George Ham, the doubtful pleasure of reading his own obituary notice in the press. One day in March last year, the Dublin and London evening papers announced his decease, although at the time he was, as he is still enjoying excellent health. He succeeded his father as the seventh earl in 1858, so last year in November his lordship completed fifty years in possession of the title and the family estates, which are situated in the counties of Wexford and Carlow, in Ireland, and Cheshire, in England. The earldom of Courtown, granted in 1762, is in the peerage of Ireland, but his lordship was to be seen in the House, and since that time he has not left his place of residence Courtown House, Gorey county, Wexford. Lord Courtown has the somewhat unusual experience of having three heirs in the direct male line. His heir is Viscount Stopford, whose son, the Hon. Jas. R. N. Stopford, had a son born in November last year.

AN IRISH PARLIAMENTARY FAMILY.

Mr. Denis Baylor Sullivan, K. C., an eminent member of the Irish Bar, who died in Dublin on Sunday last, was one of four brothers, all of whom except himself had been members of the House of Commons—the late Mr. A. M. Sullivan, the late Mr. Donald Sullivan, and Mr. T. D. Sullivan, the author of the song "God Save Ireland," known as the Irish anachorite. Mr. Sullivan had also three nephews of whom one, T. M. Healy, is a member of the House of Commons, and two Maurice Healy and Tom Healy, ex-members. Mr. Sullivan, who has for some time been an invalid, had the reputation of being one of the great advocates of his generation, and his defence of Tim Kelly in the Phoenix Park murder case of 1883 had always been regarded as one of the most remarkable exhibitions of forensic ability on record.

POET-DRAMATIST WHO FORESWORE THE THEATRE.

In spite of Swinburne's devotion to Elizabethan drama, he could seldom be tempted to go inside a theatre to see one of Shakespeare's plays acted. Nor when his own tragedy of "Scorine" was produced in 1896 could he be induced to do so, although Miss Lillian McCarthy acted with rare distinction the part of the Queen. But Swinburne's deafness unfitted him for playacting. After fourteen years' absence, however, he was induced in 1892 to go to the old Olympic to see the Independent Theatre Society's performance of "The Duchess of Maliti." On this occasion he took with him his own little quarto copy of the original text, published in 1825. Swinburne admitted that "The Duchess" was his favorite play, "that transcendent masterpiece of tragedy," he would call it.

TEACHING MOTHERS TO SAVE LIVES.

New York's Bureau of Hygiene is a thing that might profitably be copied. It is to make use of several of the public schools during the vacation months by having young mothers, or mothers ignorant of the best views to take care of children, taught the essential things that prevent and cure infantile diseases. There are to be regular sessions for this instruction and mothers will be invited to attend as frequently as they can to receive information in this important branch of life saving. Many nurses, it is said, have volunteered their services in this work, that will also include visits to homes where there are particularly delicate children or new born babies whose mothers have not had the benefit of these lessons. This is one more beneficence in line with the bureau's other work, and it should help materially to rob the warm weather of the disposition it so often shows to work havoc among children.

AS BROTHERN IN UNITY.

Seldom is a more pleasing incident recorded than that which comes from Auckland, New Zealand, regarding the relations of the Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops.

Palpitation of the Heart.

One of the first danger signals that announce something wrong with the heart is the irregular beat or violent throb. Often there is only a fluttering sensation, or an "all gone" sinking feeling; or again, there may be the most violent beating, with flushings of the skin and visible pulsations of the arteries. The person may experience a smothering sensation, gasp for breath and feel as though about to die. In such cases the action of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills in quieting the heart, restoring its normal beat and imparting tone to the nerve centres, is, beyond all question, marvellous. They give such prompt relief that no one need suffer.

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ANTIPODES DRAW THE COLOR LINE

One of Imperial Journalists Gives Striking Interview in Vancouver on Asiatic Question

Vancouver, B. C., May 10.—The Australian journalists have left for the east. They will spend two days in the Rocky Mountains.

Mr. Mark Cohen, editor of the Evening Star of Dunedin, N. Z., said in an interview: "We draw the color line in the Antipodes. Both Australia and New Zealand exclude the people of the yellow races, unless they pay a tax of \$500, which is practically prohibitive, and besides public sentiment is against the settlement of these people amongst us."

"We realize that if England ever lost command of the sea, these people would swoop down upon our coasts."

"In western New Zealand we have steaming coal equal to the Welsh, at least on the northern coast, and the yellow man is well aware of this fact."

"I cannot understand how you ever allowed Asiatics to obtain so strong a foothold on the Pacific Coast. Surely imperial consideration cannot be urged. With us domestic policy comes first, and imperial interests next. Of course, we are loyal to the Empire, but we know local conditions better than Downing street. We showed our real sentiment in the recent offer of a Dreadnought, and another one or two if needed."

HOW TO CURE FRETTING OF INFANTS

Mrs. Emma E. Percival Gives Advice That is Very Valuable.

When young children and babies continually fret and cry you can be sure in nine cases out of ten there is pain caused either by wind or acidity of the stomach.

Writing on this subject from her home in Bedford, Mrs. Percival says: "As a nurse of many years' experience I can say that nothing I know of will give such splendid results as NERVINE in four drop doses in hot sweetened water. I once had a case with a baby that cried continually, suffered as if in convulsions, NERVINE relieved at once. I have also used NERVINE with grand effect for cramps, stomach gas, indigestion and stomach disorders. For general household use, to cure the many internal ills that constantly arise, I can recommend no preparation as honest, reliable and economical as NERVINE."

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DUNCANSON'S STRING GOES TO FREDERICTON

St. John Horses Have Taken up Training Quarters at Fredericton Track.

(Fredericton Gleaner.)

The Fredericton Park Association's track will be thrown open to the trainers within a day or two and active training preparations will be underway with a rush.

Tomorrow Fred Duncanson's promising string will reach here from St. John and take up their permanent training quarters at the local track.

The Duncanson stable will this year be in charge of Tommy Raymond, of this city, as driver, and will consist of half a dozen or more head. The horses which Mr. Duncanson will bring here from St. John will be Laura Merrill (214 1-4), Etta Mac (221) and Idle Moments (221). It is not unlikely that Terrace Queen (206) will also arrive tomorrow or will come later to join the string here.

There will be several recruits for Duncanson's stable in this city. Ald. Kitchen will move up to the park and have their horses permanently quartered there. When it is considered that there is only about six or seven weeks time before there will be racing, it can be seen that some hustling is in order.

LUCKY

That Beerholm Tree, the player, has a caustic wit is evidenced by an incident wherein he and an unknown playwright figured.

The writer had obtained permission to read his offering to Tree. The actor evinced no great degree of enthusiasm either during or after the reading; but he did take the manuscript upon which he scribbled hastily a few suggestions for its betterment.

"See here, Mr. Tree," was the indignant ejaculation of the ambitious playwright. "It's hardly fair of you to dispose of my work in this summary and nonchalant fashion. I'd have you know that this play cost me a year's hard labor."

"So?" queried Tree. "My dear fellow, any impartial judge would give you at least five!"—Utica Observer.

Schooner Roger Lrury, Captain Cook, will go to Philadelphia from this port. She cleared yesterday with nearly two millions of laths shipped by Thomas Bell & Co.

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CAPTAIN HAINS FOUND GUILTY

Jury Divided and as a Compromise United on a Verdict of Manslaughter.

Flushing, N. Y., May 11.—Captain Peter C. Hains, jr., U. S. A., tonight faces a prison term of from one to twenty years. He was convicted late today of manslaughter in the first degree for killing William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club last August.

Quickly following the army officer's conviction, his counsel announced that they would produce affidavits to show that the jury had not been properly guarded during the trial, and upon this allegation will urge that a new trial be granted. These affidavits will be submitted on Monday, at the time set for the passing of sentence. There will, of course, be the usual motions to set aside the verdict as against the weight of evidence and contrary to law, but the unguarded jury feature is the only departure from the stereotype proceedings for a new trial.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TO VISIT ST. STEPHEN

Team From This City Will Go to the Border Tonight to Work Degrees

A number of members of the Knights of Pythias will leave this evening for St. Stephen to confer the third rank in long form upon two candidates in Frontier Lodge, No. 4. The team to confer the rank will be composed of Chancellor Commander, E. G. McColough; vice chancellor, Robert Price; prelate, Wm. Holder; acting master at arms, Hugh H. McLellan; acting master of work, Harrison Kinnear, and Messrs. R. S. Ritchie, R. A. Watson, Ed. Bonnell, W. Clawson, F. L. Potts, Robert Strain, W. A. Simonds, E. M. Smith, H. H. Reid, N. Louis Brennan, W. J. Wetmore, F. A. Kinnear, Wm. Golding, Fred Munroe and C. Jones, besides whom there will be a number of other Pythians, a party of twenty or thirty in all.

They will reach St. Stephen between 10 and 11 o'clock and will sit down to a banquet prepared by the Pythian sisters. After this the work of exemplifying the rank will be begun. The return to St. John will be made on Thursday.

MORRIS SCORES GREAT VICTORY

Sir Edward Has a Majority of Sixteen in the Newfoundland Elections.

St. John's, Nfld., May 11.—Practically complete returns tonight from the voting in Saturday's general election show that the party headed by Sir Edward Morris has won an overwhelming victory and that Premier Morris will have twenty-six members of the legislature, as against ten supporters of Sir Robert Bond, the former head of the government.

In the voting last November each side elected eighteen members, a situation which resulted in Saturday's balloting.

Premier Morris and his two colleagues carried the west division of St. John's, and Bond and two supporters were elected in Twillingate.

Colonial Secretary Watson, of the Morris cabinet, and two colleagues were successful in Trinity, a gain of two seats for the Morrisites in that party, so that tonight's figures will undoubtedly stand.

Smith Got Wise.

A sore corn, he said, was bad enough, but to have it stepped on was the limit. He invested in a bottle of Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, and now wears a happy smile. Corn is gone—enough said. Try Putnam's.

BAD FIRE AT TORONTO

Toronto, May 11.—About \$67,000 damage was done by a fire which broke out this morning at the north east corner of Scott and Esplanade streets opposite the fruit market. The losses are:

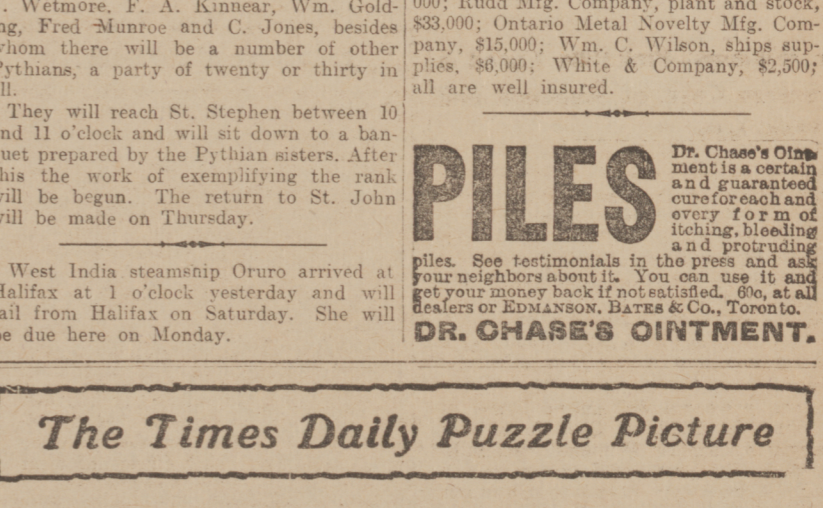
H. P. Eckardt, owner of building, \$20,000; Rudd Mfg. Company, plant and stock, \$33,000; Ontario Metal Novelty Mfg. Company, \$15,000; Wm. G. Wilson, ships supplies, \$8,000; White & Company, \$2,500; all are well insured.

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