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The Last Winner

By EMILY G. TRAVERS

Three French gentlemen were sitting over their abstinence at a fashionable Parisian club near the Place de la Concorde.

"I say, Du Bois," said one, "I wish you would desist from courting la belle Americaine. I have intentions there myself."

"And you, Chauveteau," said another to the speaker. "I would be obliged if you would also desist from your attentions in that quarter. La belle Americaine belongs to me."

"I like the assurance of you gentlemen," said M. du Bois. "I see no reason why I should give up a conquest already made by myself to either of you. Chauveteau, you have no chance whatever, and you, Farriere, I am sure can never win."

"And I like your conceit, Du Bois," said Farriere. "It is you who are aspiring far above you."

"Come fellows," said Chauveteau, "we are all excellent friends, and there is no need for us to quarrel over the lady, for the simple reason that none of us can win her. To do the courting of an heiress would require at least 30,000 francs. There are opera and theater tickets to buy, carriages, flowers, presents—indeed, a hundred ways of spending money—and I doubt if all of us combined could raise half the amount."

"My faith!" exclaimed Du Bois. "There's an idea for you. Suppose we all chip in and set up one of us to do the job, who shall be liberal with the other two after securing la belle Americaine's fortune."

"Good!" cried Chauveteau. "The very thing! You two men let me have 10,000 francs each, and I will not only reimburse you, but give each of you my note for 100,000 francs, payable within sixty days after my wedding with la belle Americaine."

The two men thus addressed laughed outright. Then Farriere, emptying his glass and calling for another, said:

"To propose a practical plan, I suggest that we each chip in a third of the necessary funds and decide by lot who shall make the attempt."

"I offer an amendment to that," said Chauveteau, "that instead of deciding by lot who shall do the wooing we decide it by a game of cards."

"What game?" asked Du Bois. "Well, since the lady is American, suppose we make it the American game of 'freeze-out' poker. We will each take 10,000 francs and play till one of us has won the shares of the other two. The winner to use the fund to do the wooing, giving his obligation to the other two."

"That's definite and practical," said Du Bois. "Let us begin. We need not put up the cash; we can each take 10,000 francs in chips, the losers to redeem them later."

"Agreed!" said the other two. Cards and chips were called for, and the game began. It was a long one, for each player, being desirous to net the lover, bet cautiously. While the game was in progress they chaffed one another, occasionally giving away to any one who might be listening the object of the game. A gentleman took a seat at a table at the other end of the room and the three players looked at one another as much as to say, "Be careful," but when the gentleman gave an order in English they assumed that he did not speak French, and before long something of their caution disappeared.

Chauveteau was the first to be frozen out, and Farriere was relieved of all his chips by Du Bois. The man who spoke English sat reading a newspaper till the game was ended, when, calling a waiter, he sent his card to the winner. Du Bois read the name on it and looked at his friends appalled. The two looked much concerned. They supposed the sending of the card to be a challenge, but were not certain. It was agreed that Chauveteau should interview the sender and learn what it meant. Approaching the person in question, he bowed low and asked in what way his friend M. du Bois could be of service to him.

"As the gentleman who is to win the hand of la belle Americaine," was the reply in tolerable French, "he can be of service to me either with the foil or the pistol, whichever he prefers."

"Monsieur has overheard?"

"I have."

"May I ask monsieur's relationship to the lady?"

"A suitor for her hand. The matter seems now to be between me and your friend the winner. I prefer to fight for a lady rather than to gamble for her."

"I see. I will bear your message to M. du Bois."

After a consultation between the three Frenchmen, who knew well that a duel under the circumstances would be the social ruin of every one of them, Chauveteau was sent back to inquire whether if they would all join in an apology the matter would be kept secret. The reply was favorable. The stranger dictated an apology, which was duly signed, and the matter was ended.

La belle Americaine married a fellow countryman soon after this incident, but did not know till the day after her marriage that her husband had proposed to fight one who had won at cards the wherewithal to win her, or rather, her fortune.

As for the three Frenchmen, from all of whom she had received some attention, she cut them all as she happened to meet them. Had they been mere adventurers this would not have distressed them. Since they were well known in society it troubled them very much.



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