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Oregon Observer: It is to be hoped that when the new fishway being put in at the Argent dam is completed that the papers up the river will give this place a rest on the matter. Jim Fay, formerly of Medford, but now of the Gold Hill News, is the latest to take up the cudgel against fishing near this city and states that the fishermen hold all the fish right here, and yet when anyone wants a good day's fishing they go above Gold Hill, as it is better there than it is down here. The commercial fisherman here only takes salmon from the river and no true sportsman wants to catch salmon with a hook and line. Jim's a good fellow, and is one of the best baseball writers in southern Oregon, but he isn't much of a fisherman.

The Man From Home
A Dramatization of the Play of the Same Name
By **BOOTH TARKINGTON** and **HARRY LEON WILSON**
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CHAPTER VI.
EASY PREY.

USUALLY when a man through inclination or environment decides that the manners of his people will not serve for him and that the customs of the land of his adoption are more applicable to his purpose he outdoes even the natives in his conformation to the existing modes.

Horace Granger-Simpson—the Granger was but a recent innovation due to the belief that Simpson by itself was altogether too hopelessly plebeian to attract even a modicum of attention—had consorted with the gilded youth of several capitals, and his education had progressed to such an extent that the youth of Kokomo would have stoned him instantly upon his arrival at the town depot.

He ambled with a rocking gait, drawn from the guardsmen he had so carefully watched, down the steps or the hotel on to the terrace, and his attire would have attracted notice from a Hindoo idol. He wore spotlessly white flannels, white shoes piped to a dazzling degree, a thoroughly British straw hat, chamamois gloves and a pale blue scarf held together with a massive pearl.

For an instant Mme. la Comtesse looked at him and then, with a little cry of greeting, rushed toward the steps and took both his startled hands. "Ah, my dear Horace Granger-Seempson!" she said excitedly. "Has your sister told you?"

Horace swallowed once or twice savagely and then made a heroic effort to keep down the radiance that was choking him, made two effectual dabs at his eyes with the handkerchief he took from his sleeve and responded joyfully, though brokenly:

"She has, indeed. I assure you I am quite overcome, my dear friends. Really, I assure you."

With a silvery laugh Mme. de Champigny stepped backward from him, making a little courtesy as she did so. The earl came forward with outstretched hands and grasped one of Horace's between both his own.

"My dear young friend," he said. "Not at all—not at all."

As the remark seemed a trifle ambiguous, Horace looked at him inquiringly, but, reading reassurance in his face, replied instantly:

"I assure you I am. I assure you I am. It's quite overpowering, isn't it?"

With a look of commiseration the countess regarded him and said softly: "Ah, poor M. Horace!"

From his sprawled attitude in the chair the honorable Almeric drew a protest.

"I say! Don't take it that way, you know. She's very happy."

Horace recovered himself instantly and crossed the terrace quickly to grasp the hand of the bridegroom to be. The fact that it was as limp as a mackerel did not worry him an instant. "She's worthy of it—she's worthy of it! I know she is! And when will it be, St. Aubyn?" he said.

"Enchanting!" cried the countess enthusiastically. "So clear is his grasp of the case, eh?"

Hawcastle flashed her a glance and turned to Horace.

"Oh, the date?" he said doubtfully. "I dare say within a year—two years—"

There was another little cry of protest from the countess, and the earl glared at her menacingly. Horace started, too, and seemed to be about to enter a positive objection, but he contented himself with saying:

"Oh, but I say, you know, isn't that putting it jolly far off? The thing's settled, isn't it? Why not say a month instead of a year?"

"Ha-hum!" said the earl. "Oh, if you like! I don't know that there is any real objection."

"I do, indeed," returned Horace. "See here! Why not let them marry here in Italy?"

Hawcastle could scarcely conceal his satisfaction, while Mme. de Champigny executed a bit of a pas seul behind Horace's back.

"Ah, the dashing methods of you Americans!" returned the earl smilingly. "You carry things on so! Next you'll be saying, 'Why not here at Sorrento?'"

"Well, and why not, indeed?" asked Horace instantly.

"And then," went on Hawcastle, smiling, "and then it will be, 'Why not within a fortnight?'"

(To be continued.)

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