

# The Lure of the Mask

By HAROLD MAC GRATH



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(Continued.)  
 SYNOPSIS  
 CHAPTER I—Jack Hilliard, a wealthy New York clubman, hears a mysterious voice singing in the night under his window.  
 II—He inserts an advertisement in a personal column to find the singer. He receives a reply.  
 III, IV, V, and VI—He visits the mysterious singer, but she wears a mask. He falls desperately in love with her, but he has not seen her face. The unknown woman gives her name as Mme. Angot, which is assumed. They have dinner. She refuses to see him again.

CHAPTER VII.  
 THE TOSS OF A COIN.

HILLIARD made an inexcusably careless shot. He grounded his cue and stood back from the table. That was the way everything seemed to go—at tennis, at squash, at fencing, at billiards, it was all the same.  
 "I say, Jack, what's the matter with you anyhow?" asked Merribew, out of patience.  
 "It was bad," Hilliard agreed. "Perhaps I am not taking the interest in the game that I formerly took."  
 "And when I make a proposition," pursued Merribew, "to ride to the Catskills and back, something you would have jumped at a year ago, you shake your head. Think of it! By George, you had a bully time last year! You swore it was the best trip we ever took on the horses. Where's your spirit of adventure?"  
 "I'm sure I don't know where it is. Shall we finish the game?"  
 "Not if you're going to throw it like this," declared Merribew.  
 "Ten and a string against your half a string," said Hilliard, studying the score. "I'll bet a bottle that I beat you."  
 "Done!" said Merribew. Being on his mettle, he made a clean score of twenty, five to go. "I can see you paying for that check, Jack."  
 But the odds tingled Hilliard's blood. He settled down to a brilliant play and turned sixty-one in beautiful form. Later the two passed upstairs to the secluded alcove. Merribew filled the glasses with the air of one who would like to pass the remainder of his days doing the same thing—not that he was overfond, but each bottle temporarily weeded out that crop of imperishable debts. To him the world grew roseate and kindly viewed through the press of the sparkling grape, and invariably he saw fortune beckoning to the card tables.  
 "Now, then, Jack, I've got you where I want you. Who is she?"  
 "On my word, I don't know."  
 "Then there is a woman!" cried Merribew. "I knew it. Nothing else would so demoralize you. Drink a health to her."  
 Hilliard raised his glass and touched that of his comrade. For the peace of his mind he determined to tell Merribew the whole adventure.  
 "To the lady in the fog?" he said.  
 "Fog?" blankly.  
 "Well, the lady in the mask."  
 "Fog, mask? Two of them?"  
 "No, only one. Once I met her in the fog, and then I met her in the mask."  
 "I'll drink to her, but I'm banded if I don't believe you're kidding me," said Merribew disappointedly. "This is New York."  
 "The whole story, Jack, details and all; no half portions."  
 Hilliard told the yarn simply, omitting nothing essential. He even added that for three weeks he had been the author of the personal inquiry as to the whereabouts of one Mme. Angot.  
 "I don't know, Dan, but this has taken so strong a hold on me that I shan't forget it soon. Imagine it yourself. Oh, but she could sing! I am a man not to be held in the least of an adventure like this, but she held me. How? By the hope that one day I might see her face with no veil of

mystery to hold her off at arm's length."  
 Merribew was greatly excited. He was for ordering a second bottle, but Hilliard stayed him.  
 "By George! And you are sure that it was at the Sandfords'?"  
 "I am positive. But there is a puzzle that I have failed to solve—Sandford's cable and the caretaker's declaration. I know that I was in that house. The patrolman says that he has seen no light in the house since the family sailed for Africa. It is no dream, but it begins to look as if I were the victim of some fine hoax."  
 "It is more than a hoax. In my opinion, wait till Sandford returns and finds his silver gone."  
 Hilliard started.  
 "And his gold plate," continued Merribew, pleased with the idea. "My boy, that's what it is—the best dodge I ever heard of. It will make a good story for the Sunday papers. You won't be in it unless she ropes you in as an accomplice."  
 "I'm a romantic ass!" Hilliard sighed. Laddy Lightfinger! If this turned out to be the case he would never trust a human being again.  
 "Let's take that ride on the horses," Merribew urged. "That'll clear your brain of this sentimental fog."  
 "No!" Hilliard struck his hands together. "I've a better idea than that. I shall go to Italy, and you shall go with me."  
 "Impossible. Why, I'm all but broke."  
 "I'll take you as a companion. I'm a sick man, Dan. I'm likely to jump overboard if some one isn't watching me every minute."  
 "I'd like to go, Jack. Heaven and earth, but I should! But I can't possibly go to Italy with a letter of credit no more than twenty-five hundred, and that's all there is in the exchequer at present."  
 "Between such friends as we are"—"That racket won't work. I could not take a moment's peace if I did not feel independent."  
 "But I'm not going to give it to you," Hilliard protested. "I am going to lend it to you."  
 "And could I ever pay you back if I accepted the loan?" humorously.  
 "There's Monte Carlo. You might pull down a tidy sum," said the tempter.  
 "That's the way, you beggar. Hit me on the soft side." But Merribew was still obdurate.  
 "Now, listen to reason, Dan. If you wait for the opportunity to go to Europe you'll wait in vain. You must make the opportunity. One must have youth to enjoy Italy thoroughly. The desire to go becomes less and less as one grows older. Besides, it completes every man's education. I'll put the



You have twenty-five hundred on hand, you say. With that you can see Italy like a prince for three months."  
 "What's the proposition?" Merribew drained the bottle.  
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**NOTICE OF SALE.**  
 In the matter of the estate of George M. Needles, deceased.  
 Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the county court of Jackson county, Oregon, made on the 14th day of October, 1909, in the matter of the above named estate, the undersigned administrator of the estate of said deceased will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on Monday, the 25th day of October, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., in front of what is known as the "Horseshoe Club Saloon," situated on Front street in the city of Medford, the entire stock of merchandise contained in said saloon, consisting of a large amount of whisky in barrels, in bottles and otherwise, together with a variety of other kinds of liquor usually kept by retail vendors thereof; also including two pool tables, both in good condition, and each completely equipped with fixtures; also a stock of tobaccos, cigars, pipes, cigarettes, etc., and a full set of decanters, glasses and tumblers, and other articles used in connection with and in a saloon where liquors are sold by retail. For a more definite knowledge of the kind and amount of liquors, fixtures, etc., to be disposed of at said sale, inquire at the office of Colvig & Reames, Medford, Oregon.  
 Dated October 15th, 1909:  
 CLARENCE L. REAMES,  
 Administrator of the Estate of George M. Needles, Deceased.

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 recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 15—E. B. Pickle, B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 2, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 16—E. B. Pickle, B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 3, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 17—E. B. Pickle, B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 4, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 18—E. B. Pickle, B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 5, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 19—E. B. Pickle, B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 6, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 20—E. B. Pickle, B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 7, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 21—E. B. Pickle, B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 8, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 22—E. B. Pickle,

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B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 9, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 23—E. B. Pickle, B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 10, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 24—E. B. Pickle, B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 11, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 25—E. B. Pickle, B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 12, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Assessment No. 26—E. B. Pickle, B. Klum and W. C. Murphy, lot 13, block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$23.50.  
 Section 2. The recorder of the city of Medford is hereby directed to enter a statement of said several assessments in the water main lien docket of said city as required by the city charter.  
 The foregoing ordinance was passed by the city council of the city of Medford on the 5th day of October, 1909, by the following vote: Merrick absent, Welch ave, Eiferf ave, Emerick absent, Wortman absent, Demmer ave. Approved October 6, 1909.  
 W. H. CANON, Mayor.  
 Attest: ROBT. W. TELFER, Recorder.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 232.**  
 An ordinance declaring the assessment on the property benefited for the cost of laying a water main on Ross court and directing the recorder to enter a statement thereof in the water main lien docket.  
 The city of Medford doth ordain as follows:  
 Section 1. Whereas, the city council did heretofore by resolution declare its intention to lay a 4-inch water main on Ross court from West Main street to West Fourth street, and to assess the cost thereof on the property fronting on said portion of said street in proportion to the frontage of said property, and did fix a time and place for hearing protests against the laying of said water main on said portion of said street and the assessment of the cost thereof as aforesaid; and  
 Whereas, said resolution was duly posted and published as required by section 116 of the charter of said city; and  
 Whereas, a meeting of the council was held at the time and place fixed in said resolution for the purpose of considering any such protests, but considering any such protests, but no protests were at such time or at any time made to or received by the council to the laying of said water main or the assessing of the cost thereof as aforesaid, and said council having considered the matter, and deeming that said water main was and is of material benefit to said city and that all property to be assessed therefor would be benefited thereby to the extent of the probable amount of the respective assessments to be levied against said property, did order said water main laid; and  
 Whereas, the cost of said water main has been and hereby is determined to be the sum of \$773.15;  
 Now, therefore, it is hereby further determined that the proportionate share of the cost of laying said water main of each parcel of the property fronting on said portion of said street is the amount set opposite the description of each piece or parcel of land below and that each such piece or parcel of land is benefited by the laying of said water main to the full extent of the amount so set opposite the description of such piece or parcel, and that the respective amounts represent the proportional benefits of said water main to said respective parcels of property and also the proportional frontage thereof on said portion of said street, and the council does hereby declare each of the par-

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cells of property described below to be assessed and each of the same hereby is assessed the amount set opposite each respective description for the cost of laying said water main:  
**ASSESSMENT FOR A FOUR-INCH WATER MAIN ON ROSS COURT BETWEEN WEST MAIN STREET AND WEST FOURTH STREET.**  
 Assessment No. 1—C. D. Wolverton et ux., lot 1, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 140 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 140 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$73.15.  
 Assessment No. 2—C. D. Wolverton, lot 4, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 3—Irving Worthington, lot 5, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 177, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 4—C. D. Wolverton, lot 6, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 5—C. D. Wolverton, lot 7, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 6—C. D. Wolverton, lot 8, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 7—C. D. Wolverton, lot 9, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 8—C. D. Wolverton, lot 10, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 9—C. D. Wolverton, lot 11, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 10—C. D. Wolverton, lot 12, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 11—C. D. Wolverton, lot 13, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 12—C. D. Wolverton, lot 14, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 13—C. D. Wolverton, lot 15, block 2, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.

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Assessment No. 14—C. D. Wolverton et ux., lot 1, block 1, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Ross court, described Vol. 69, page 29, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
 Assessment No. 15—Marguerite Wolverton, lot 4, block 1, Wolverton's subdivision, in the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 50 feet on east side of Ross court, described Vol. 69, page 29, county recorder's records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52 1/4 cents; amount due \$26.10.  
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**CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE.**  
 Office of City Treasurer, Medford, Oregon, October 19th, 1909.  
 Notice is hereby given that there are funds on hand in the city treasury for the redemption of city warrants Nos. 1 to 14, inclusive, issued against sewer district No. 7; also warrant No. 8, issued against sewer district No. 8.  
 Interest on same will cease after the above date.  
 183 L. L. JACOBS, City Treasurer.