

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.

“This—I’ll agree to take not a penny more than twenty-five hundred myself. We’ll go on equal terms. Why, confidently, besides living like a prince you’ll have four hundred to throw away at roulette. Boy, you have never seen Italy; therefore you do not know what beauty is. When we eventually land at Bellagio, on Lake Como, and I take your lily white hand in mine and lead you up to the terrace of Villa Serbelloni and order tea, then you will realize that you have only begun to live—gardens, towering Alps, the green Lecco on one side and the green Como on the other and Swiss champagne at \$1.40 the quart! Eh?”

“And then?” Hilliard added, “there’s Kitty Killgrew singing her heart out to a people who can’t understand a word she’s singing.”

“Can it be done for twenty-five hundred?”

Merrihew chewed his cigar with subdued fierceness. He knew very well that he was destined to go to Europe. Kitty Killgrew, who had promised to mail the route they were to play and hadn’t!

“It is written, Dan, that you shall go with me.”

“We’ll settle this argument right here now,” Merrihew drew out a coin. “Call it,” he cried recklessly.

“Heads!”

The coin flickered in the light, fell and proved that all money is perverse by rolling under the davenport upon which they were sitting. An amusing hunt followed. They ran their hands over the floor, turned the rug, pulled out the davenport and looked behind, burned innumerable matches and finally rang for the attendant. The situation was explained, and he procured a candle. He was ultimately successful.

“Here it is, sir.”

“What is it, head or tail?” asked Merrihew weakly.

“Head, sir,” said the attendant.

“Keep it,” said Merrihew generously, even sadly. He never got up a game of chance that he did not get the worst of it. And now, Italy! All that way from home! “Boy, bring up a bottle of ‘96.”

“And the lady in the mask?” asked Merrihew as they at length stood up.

“I must relegate her to the fog she came out of. But it would be a frightful thing if—!” He hesitated to form the words.

But Merrihew had no such scruple. “If the silver and plate were missing when the Sandforda return?”

“Oh, bosh! It’s all some joke, and I’m the butt of it. She was in that house by the same authority she rode the horse.”

“A woman of that sort would have no difficulty in hoodwinking the stablemen,” declared Merrihew.

“By the way,” he continued, “received a postal from Kitty this morning from Gibraltar. Fine trip. Visited the gun galleries and the antique furniture shops. Says no sign of prima donna as yet, but believes her to be on board. O’Malley’s on the water wagon. But Kitty aggravates me.”

“What has she done now, refused you by marconigraph?”

“No, but she promised me her address.”

“Address her care Cook’s, Florence, Rome, Venice. It’s the popular mail box of Europe, and if she has given

them the address they will forward.”

“That helps considerably. I’m glad there’s one Cook which can be relied on.”

“In the morning I’ll arrange for passage. We’ll try the Celtic.”

“I’ll leave the business end of the trip to you.”

“The first Saturday in March, then, if we can get booking. That will be in less than two weeks.”

In the lobby of the club as they were about to enter the coat room Hilliard ran into one of several gentlemen issuing.

“Pardon me,” he said, stepping aside. “Non importa” said the stranger, with a graceful wave of the hands.

Hilliard looked quickly into the gentleman’s face. “I am clumsy,” he said in Italian.

Then the other stared at him and smiled. For a moment there was a brief tableau, in which each took the other’s measure and noted the color of the eyes. The man was an exceedingly handsome Italian, for all that a scar ran from his cheek to his chin. It was all over in a moment, and Hilliard and Merrihew proceeded to the street.

“Handsome duffer,” was Merrihew’s comment. “But you never can tell a man by his looks. Gaze on me, for instance.”

“Go home!” Hilliard slapped him jovially on the shoulder.

“Home! Ah, yes! But shall I have a home to go to when I get back? You have roped me in nicely. My poor little twenty-five hundred! But Swiss champagne at \$1.40 the quart! Well, every cloud has its lining.”

As Hilliard never received any answer to his personal, he discontinued it. Truly, she had returned to the fog out of which she had come. But it was no less difficult for him to take up the daily affairs again. What mystery veiled her? Whether had she gone?

Giovanni was delighted when he heard the news. He would go, too, and act as valet to the signor and his friend till they put out for Rome. Then, of course, he would be obliged to leave them. Occasionally Hilliard would reason with him regarding his deadly projects. But when a Latin declares that he has seen through blood, persuasions, arguments, entreaties, threats do not prevail. He comforted himself with the opinion, however, that Giovanni’s hunt would come to no successful end.

“You will surely fall into the hands of the police.”

“What God wills comes true. But by this time they will have forgotten me.”

“But your man might be dead.”

“He is not dead. If he were something would tell me.”

“It is a bad business, and I wish you no luck.”

Giovanni smiled easily. Wishes seldom interfere with any one.

“I will double your wages,” said Hilliard. “If you will go where I go and return with me when I come back to America.”

A deprecating movement. “Money? It is nothing. I am rich after my kind.”

“Are you still in the church?”

“I confess regularly once a week. Oh, I am a good Catholic.”

“Take yourself off. I am displeased with you.”

It was a drizzling, foggy morning when they drove down to the boat. But the atmospheric effects made no impression on the volatile Merrihew. And he had an eye for all things, from the baskets of fruit and flowers, messengers with late orders from the stores, repeated farewells, to the squalling babies in the steerage.

At 4 o’clock they were on the high seas, heading for the Azores. Hilliard was dreaming, and Merrihew was studiously employed over a booklet on how to speak Italian in one day. Giovanni, who had been arranging the luggage, came up on deck. He had two packets of letters and telegrams. One he gave to Merrihew and the other to his master.

Hilliard found among his a bulky envelope postmarked Naples. Naples!

He sat up. It had been addressed to the house and the address typewritten. “Look at this!” he cried.

“Good Lord!” Dan gasped, his feet coming down to the deck.

Hilliard was holding up for his inspection a crumpled black silk mask.

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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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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.

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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.

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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, a lot fronting 51 feet 5 inches on Jacksonville road or Main street, West, and running back on Summit avenue 140 feet and marked on city map lot 13, in block 1, Summit addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, frontage 140 feet on east side of Summit avenue, and described Vol. 72, page 121, county recorder’s records of Jackson county, Oregon; 140 feet; rate per foot 47 cents; amount due \$65.80.

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 ave, Welch ave, Eifert ave, Emerick absent, Wortman absent, Demmer ave.

Approved October 6, 1909.

W. H. CANON, Mayor.

Attest:
ROBT. W. TELFER,
Recorder.

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 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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els 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 52½ 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 west side of Ross court, described Vol. 70, page 258, county recorder’s records of Jackson county, Oregon; 50 feet; rate per foot 52½ 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 52½ 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 52½ 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 52½ 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 52½ 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 52½ 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 52½ 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 52½ 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 52½ 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 52½ 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 52½ 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 52½ 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.

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L. L. JACOBS,
City Treasurer.