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A Tactless Wooing

By EDWARD J. STEWART

The evacuation of Vera Cruz had
taken place, and the fleet was ready to
sail. The surgeon in charge of the hos-
pital approached the medical director to
report that all invalids had been removed.

"There's a man," said the former,
"who, I think, must have died without
his death getting on to the list. He
was dying yesterday afternoon. I
haven't seen him since and presume
his body was removed. Conover should
have seen to it that the record was
made."

"Well, there's no time now," said the
medical director, "to investigate the
case. We must go aboard."

So it was that when the ships reached
the United States the name of Horace
Morton, petty officer, was reported,
"Died in hospital."

Now, it happened that the elimina-
tion of Horace Morton was very ac-
ceptable to Mrs. Martha Jones, the
mother of Ethel Jones, who had been
 betrothed to the sailor before he de-
parted for Vera Cruz. He had nothing
to marry on, while Phillip Thompson, a
plumber, who also wanted Ethel, had
made considerable funds in his busi-
ness and was able to take care of her
in good style. Mrs. Jones had set her
face against her daughter's marrying
Morton, and to quiet the old lady Ethel
promised that if her lover lost his life
in Mexico she would marry Thompson.
After this promise there was peace in
the Jones family, Mrs. Jones hoping
that the man who she considered stood
in the way of her daughter's welfare
would be snuffed out by a Mexican bul-
let.

But there was only a small scrap at
the landing at Vera Cruz, and greatly to
Mrs. Jones' disappointment, Morton
was not among the killed. Then came
the evacuation, and with it the mother
made preparations to renew the fight
in the matter of a son-in-law. But
when she read in a morning paper that
Morton had died at Vera Cruz she mat-
tered silent thanks and with every ap-
pearance of heartfelt sympathy broke
the sad news to her daughter, all the
while laying plans for a wedding with
the plumber.

Ethel shut herself up in her room for
a week, then came out with a surren-
der, telling her mother that since her
lover was dead she cared not whom she
married and was perfectly willing to
take the plumber or any one else. Such
being the case, Mrs. Jones sent Mr.
Thompson word that the way was open
for him to win her daughter, but she
advised him to be very circumspect
and proceed slowly. She believed that
Ethel thought she loved another, but
that the girl was deceiving herself. A
few weeks' courtship would do the
business.

Mr. Thompson, who was not an adept
in wooing a woman who had just lost
the man she loved, began by sending
Ethel an invitation to a plumbers' ball.
Fortunately, he sent it through Mrs.
Jones, who threw it in the fire with all
haste and wrote her daughter's non-
acceptance on account of indisposition.

Mr. Thompson's next move was send-
ing a bouquet of flowers. Mrs. Jones
intercepted them, separated the posy,
put them in a box and gave them to
Ethel as an offering of sympathy from
the donor.

This was a beginning, and Mrs. Jones
hoped that by carefully heeding off
the indelicate attentions of Mr.
Thompson to bring the affair to a suc-
cessful termination in due time. Why
she took so much pains to prevent her
daughter's being ruffled by the plumber's
want of tact is not plain, because
Ethel was not in a state of mind to
care whom she married. Perhaps her
motive was looking to the future. It is
also a question as to why Mr. Thomp-
son was anxious to marry a girl whose
heart was in the grave. He explained
this to Mrs. Jones by saying that a live
man was better any day than a dead
one and Ethel was sure to find it out.
It must be admitted that there is more
wisdom in the explanation than senti-
ment in the statement.

All things have an end, and the
plumber's courtship was no exception.
The wedding day came round, and
with it came a coincidence. When the
wedding party was assembling in walk-
ed Horace Morton, who had failed to
get on the dead list in accordance with
the navy regulations. And there was
no time for an investigation. He
had walked out of the hospital in delir-
ium, and the party responsible for him
had been looking for him up to the
very moment of the sailing of the fleet
homeward.

Upon his appearance as a wedding
guest, pale and emaciated, there was a
scattering of those present. The bride-
alone seemed to consider him flesh and
blood and, rushing toward him, fell
into his arms. He had been aware of
Mrs. Jones' opposition to him and her
preference for the plumber; conse-
quently he took in the situation with-
out its being explained to him.

"I reckon," he said, "that since every-
thing is handy for a wedding we may
as well have one."

Mrs. Jones, seeing that she had lost,
threw up the sponge. The plumber re-
marked that there were as good fish in
the sea as ever were caught and walked
away without any evident disappoint-
ment. Ethel was presently prevailed upon
to celebrate the wedding with the
change of grooms, and when the par-
son came in she was married to the
sailor.

This is not the only case of a man's
being officially dead and turning up
at a time when he is not expected.

Two International Spies

By ETHEL HOLMES

Before the pan-European war we
Americans supposed that our affairs
did not interest other powers. Since
then we have awakened to the fact
that every government has a spy sys-
tem within the territory of every other
government. England, France, Italy
and other powers keep secret service
workers in other countries. Of all the
Germans have the most perfect and
extended organization. And yet some
of the principal fields of the working
of the German propaganda in America
have originated with the British secret
service men. While these systems may
have been strengthened and enlarged
since the opening of the war, there is
reason to believe that they have always
existed.

Austria and Russia have always been
watching each other on account of the
persistent encroachment of the two on
the Balkans. Some years ago two Rus-
sian girls, sisters, went to Vienna as
spies for the czar upon the intentions
of the emperor of Austria regarding
schemes to carve Austrian provinces
out of Balkan territory. One of these
girls, Maria, obtained a position as
copyist in the Austrian foreign office.
The other, Vera, kept house for the
two in rooms in an apartment building.
Since they were in the pay of the Rus-
sian government they did not want for
anything.

Maria was under the orders of Cas-
par Grenthall, a man who conducted
one of the bureaus of the department
in which she worked. He was a hand-
some and otherwise attractive man,
and when he made love to her she re-
sponded. When they were not en-
gaged in the office he took her out to
the gardens and other places of amuse-
ment and by his kindness gradually
won her heart.

It was not long before Grenthall pro-
posed marriage to Maria. Though she
loved him, she hesitated to accept him.
Indeed, his being a spy complicated
the affair, making her very unhappy.

Then suddenly Maria received a
shock. One day when she was at work
a girl occupying a desk beside her
slipped a bit of paper among those be-
fore her. Maria unfolded it and read
that she was suspected of purloining a
certain document that had passed
through her hands. Grenthall had won
her in order to find out if she were
stealing such documents. Her room
would be searched that evening.

Maria was not only disturbed at dis-
covering that Grenthall had deceived
her, but in terror at the suspicion that
existed against her. Either her life or
a long imprisonment would pay the
penalty. As soon as office hours were
over she went to her room and told her
sister what had occurred. She had
stolen the paper in question, and it
was concealed in their apartment.
Taking it from its hiding place, she
was thinking what to do with it when
there was a sound of persons coming
up the stairs without. She had only
time to thrust the paper into her
bosom when the door was thrown open
and in walked Grenthall, accompanied
by several men. He made no apology
for his entrance or for having played
the spy upon Maria. He and his men
began a search of the rooms.

Evidently he had expected to sur-
prise Maria and, if the missing paper
was in her possession, to find it con-
cealed in her apartments. Not finding
it after a thorough search, it occurred
to him that it might be on her person.
He sent one of the men with him for
a woman to make the search. When
she arrived he told her to find out
whether Maria had the paper.

Maria, when the man who had won
her heart to betray her entered, gave
him a look of anger, then, when the
searching began, fell upon her sister's
neck, sobbing piteously. While the
two women were clasped in each other's
arms, their bosoms close up
against each other, Vera contrived to
take the paper from her sister's bosom
and slip it into her own.

Maria was the one suspected, but it
was not to be expected that Vera would
be let off without examination. Be-
lieving that she would be searched,
she cast about for some means of get-
ting rid of the paper. She started to
leave the apartment, but Grenthall or-
dered her back. When the woman
came she made the search in one of
the bedrooms, the men remaining else-
where. Vera was with her sister Maria
who was required to take off her
clothes, which were carefully exam-
ined by the searcher and laid upon a
table. While her back was turned
Vera contrived to slip the paper into a
pocket of one of the garments that had
been examined. Her sister saw her do
this, and hope sprang up within her.

When the search was finished and
nothing found the result was reported
to Grenthall. Having done all he could
in the matter, he withdrew his as-
sistants and went away while Maria
was dressing.

The paper was a valuable one for the
Russian government, and the sisters
were anxious to save it. That night
Vera, dressed as a boy, stepped out of
the apartment and gained a lower suit
without being noticed. The next morn-
ing, though a watch had been estab-
lished, she got to the street and away
without being recognized. Maria went
to the foreign office, but was dis-
charged. Had it been known instead of
suspected that she was guilty she
would have been arrested.

Vera succeeded in reaching Russia
with the paper and was paid a large
price for it. Her sister finally rejoined
her there.

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ily who reside at Culver, Oregon.
The trip is to be made by auto
up the Columbia highway to the
Dalles, then south to Culver.
The King brothers expect to
visit points of interest in eastern
Oregon and Washington. Mrs.
A. E. King of Salem, accompan-
y them on the trip.

The proposition of a Central
High School is being agitated by
the several districts surrounding
and including Victor Point.

H. E. King and H. Jaquet
made a business trip to Salem,
Monday.

Iris Miller traded his Mitchell
Six for a Blue Racer, last week.

The Victor Point school closes
Friday, April 28.

Mrs. H. E. Hubbard and daugh-
ter Leona were shopping at
the store Monday.

The Girl From L. Triangle
Ranch will be presented by the
Victor Point Dramatic Club, at
the W. O. W. Hall Saturday
evening, April 29, 1916. Admis-
sion 25c. Come.

Leona and Elva King visited
at the John Hafner home Sun-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones enter-
tained a number of relatives and
friends at an Easter dinner Sun-
day. Among those present were:
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones and Mr.
Mrs. C. C. Jones and family,
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Fisher,
Mrs. J. King and masters Nor-
man Jones and M. Fischer.

Phillip Fischer has been saw-
ing wood at Union Hill the past
two weeks.

The Misses Clara and Francis
Doefler spent the week end at
their home.

Peter Olson returned from
Polk County Monday.

Men with their teams are busy
improving roads in this district.

A number of young people en-
joyed a picnic dinner along the
bank of Drift Creek Sunday.

Snails as a Delicacy.

The French merchants of Paris first
tasted snails when visiting the vine-
yards of Burgundy for wine. They
brought the first baskets of them to
Paris by coach from Auxerre. By 1850
the advent of the railroad had brought
the industry to quite a development,
and markets were opened up in France,
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Self Complacency.

"A man should pause every now and
then and take stock of himself," said
the genial philosopher.
"That's all right for a modest man,"
replied the student of human nature,
"but rather a bad plan for the sort of
fellow who rates himself a little higher
every time he does it."—Birmingham
Age-Herald.

It Will Be All Right Then.

Edith—I shouldn't think you'd want
to marry such a forgetful man as Jack.
Ethel—But he says the reason he for-
gets things is because he's thinking so
constantly of me that he cannot re-
member anything else. Edith—Oh, I
see. You don't expect to have any
trouble after you are married.—Bos-
ton Transcript.

Quite Natural.

"How did you get that stitch in
your side?" "Oh, I got hemmed in a
crowd."—Harvard Lampoon.

Filial Repartee.

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always distressed for money, was one
day hacking his face with a dull razor
when he turned to his eldest son and
said:

"Tom, if you open any more oysters
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"Very well, father," said Tom, "but
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