

# HOW TO WIN A GIRL

By EMERY R. TALBOT

"Kent," said Edgar Wharton, "I wish you would tell me how to win a girl. You have lots of luck with girls, and everybody says it's because you know how to treat them."

"Oh, it's easy enough if you know how to do it," said Kent Martin.

"There is a girl I'm sweet on, and if you will be so good I'd like to have you put me on how to do the trick. I've got my mind telling me that—in college days, of course—she's Maggie Sedgwick."

Kent Martin restrained an expression of surprise that came very near breaking forth in his own accord and said:

"Maggie Sedgwick, eh? Maggie is a nice girl. Has she given you any encouragement?"

"There's the trouble. I know so little about girls that I don't know whether the way she treats me means anything or not."

"They are queer creatures and no mistake. Well, I'll give you a pointer on Maggie. She is one of the kind that need to be handled without gloves or cushions. You might get into a bit of a wrangle about something. She is very positive in her opinions, and you must be just as positive as she and let her understand that she's got to back down."

"I shouldn't think that would make her love me."

"Not that alone, but the making up. Besides, a girl doesn't care for the man she can't stand around her finger. She wants to be managed with a curb bit, and she'll follow you."

After this homily on the art of love, Wharton proceeded to put it into practice. The first time he went to see Maggie she got into an argument as to whether the world was getting better or getting worse.

"I think it's getting better," said Maggie.

"It is getting worse," said Wharton, in a tone indicating that his statement was to be disputed.

Maggie looked up at him, surprised.

"Why do you say that?" she asked.

"You wouldn't understand me if I told you. Women don't know anything about logical sequences."

"Oh, they don't!"

"I never knew one that did."

"I will convince you that I do. I will give you a categorical syllogism. You tell me that I am not logical in a very rude fashion. I tell you that without an apology I don't care for my further acquaintance with you. These are the premises. The resultant is a separation between us."

Wharton smiled. "That's what you call logic, is it?" he said contemptuously.

"The conclusion is fact," she replied, and rising, except out of the room, leaving the young man master of the field.

But how was the other part of the matter to be brought about the making up? He hadn't thought of that and sought his coacher.

Martin listened to his account of the affair and at the end said that he had made a good beginning, all he had to do was to follow it up properly.

"You don't want to pay any more attention to her," he said. "All she shows signs of weakening. You can tell me just how she treats you from this on, and when I see anything that looks like a desire for a makeup I'll explain it to you. You wouldn't recognize it if you will."

"Why not?"

"Because it's more likely to be a display of bitterness than a direct expression of repentance."

"I see."

But weeks passed, and there was nothing for Wharton to report to his coach. When the former met Miss Sedgwick she spoke to him but coolly and did not make the slightest advance toward a reconciliation. But one day he was surprised to receive a note asking him to come and see her. Somehow he had lost confidence in Martin's theories as to how to win a woman and did not believe from the tone in which the note was written that it was for the purpose of drawing him back into the fold of her friendship. In fact, he was ready to let himself be humbled.

"I never supposed," she said to him, "that I should like as big a foot as you."

Wharton stood speechless.

"I only get at the bottom of your behavior yesterday. Kent Martin told his sister her sister told Ethel Jones, and Ethel told me."

"What did she tell you?"

"That Kent was instructing you how to make love."

Wharton stood the picture of embarrassment. His face was as red as a boiled lobster.

"Do you know what Kent did the other evening?"

"No. What?"

"Had he not taken this mean advantage of you I would not tell you. He proposed to me."

"The devil he did!"

"Meanwhile he was telling you what to do to effect a breach between us. If you wanted me why didn't you tell me instead of him?"

"I didn't know."

"Your stupidity is the most attractive thing about you. But when you have occasion to tell me that—"

He had occasion to tell her immediately that he loved her and to ask her to be his wife. And she accepted him at once.

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Meanwhile money was rolling in upon the family in such quantities that they scarcely knew how to spend it. One day Agatha asked her mother what was the use of more money than what one could spend.

"Why, my dear," was the reply, "the use of more money than one can spend is to do good to others."

Then Agatha asked her mother for something to give away to a needy family.

Mrs. Goodwin suggested sending to a charitable association a request to investigate the case. Again and again Agatha asked for funds to help others, but was always put off by some excellent reason. She did not quite see that adding to a fortune by means of such good could be done more with it.

The family income was \$100,000 a year, half of which would they could spend without throwing it away, but Agatha could not wed her poor artist because it was expected that she should ally her fortune with another, that so much good could be done with it.

The years sped on and Agatha's mother lived on to an old maid. She had no desire to marry any one but her artist. Besides, no man with a fortune came along who asked for her hand. Each year the chance of meeting such a person decreased, and at last Agatha passed the age where children would come to her.

Single persons do not develop on the lines, the natural lines, of married people. Agatha grew crochety. Children especially if they were healthy, never children, survived her. She grew irritable. One day a friend asked her why she had never married.

"Well," she replied, with a sigh, "the fact is, I couldn't find a man I wanted because I needed some one who could establish me to keep the family social position. After we got rich I needed a man who had a fortune to match mine."

"Why not?"

"Because we could do so much good with the united fortunes?"

## DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Miss Ivars Keen, daughter of a famous Philadelphia surgeon, recently completed the ascent of Mount Blackburn, in Alaska—over 16,000 feet.

Miss Nancy Isaacs has just been appointed judge in the high court at Melbourne, Australia. She is a daughter of the late Judge Sir Isaac Isaacs and the first Jewish woman to occupy such a position.

Miss Inez Milholland of New York city, who has been one of the most ardent active advocates of "votes for women," will take up the practice of law when she returns next fall from her summer vacation, which she is spending in Europe.

Miss Chandon, a young Parisienne, has been appointed to the important post of assistant to Camille Flammarion, the famous astronomer, at the observatory in Paris. Miss Chandon, who is a mere girl, is the first to threaten seriously the supremacy of Mme. Curie in her own sphere.

## Education Notes.

Last year Texas put up an average of two schoolhouses a day, the total bill being \$3,000,000.

It costs an average of 18 cents a school day per child to put the rising generation of this country through the elementary and high school, according to figures compiled by the United States bureau of education.

"It is my belief," says Dr. P. P. Claxton, the United States commissioner of education, "that some means should be devised by which every child may have the advantages of the high school. As this institution is supported by public taxation we should see that it is truly democratic. In the past it has been too largely patronized by the rich."

## Aerial Flights.

There remains much for the inventors to do before human flight will have been successfully achieved. That this will come in time may not be doubted, but the time is not yet.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The fatal midair collision of two aeroplanes in France reveals unexpected perils of aviation. Is the danger of fog at sea to be paralleled in the conditions of hazardous air transit in a haze?—New York World.

It is a familiar story, only learned by a few of the aviators, that the flying machine is still an uncertain vehicle and that the man who runs to much risk lets his life hang by a thread.—Philadelphia Times.

## Three Kings.

The king of Norway is a capital oarsman.

The king of Serbia, in addition to owning several shops doing general trade, is said to promote the sale of a patent medicine and to run a motor car agency.

Wherever King George of England dines, whether in the midst of a public assembly or in the house of an intimate friend, his own servants accompany him. They attend exclusively to him throughout the banquet, receiving the dishes from the servants and handing them to their royal master.

## Wireless Whispers.

The wireless telegraph can now flash its message over the ocean fully 5,000 miles.

Marconi messages can now be sent from any telegraph office in the United Kingdom to those in the United States and Canada. A wireless word can be transmitted over 3,000 miles for 10 cents.

The Portuguese government has entered into a contract with the Marconi Wireless company for the construction of wireless stations at Lisbon, Oporto, St. Michael, Madeira and St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands.

## Pert Personals.

With Lillian Russell married again, Nat Goodwin must look to his laurels.—New York Herald.

"I am a has-been," says John D. Rockefeller, with tears in his voice. John, it seems, is preparing to take a fall out of somebody.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Miss Inez Milholland, one of New York's most beautiful suffragists, has decided to practice law notwithstanding the fact that the law she practices will be merely man made.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Town Topics.

Waco, Tex., boasts of a twenty-two story building. What is to be done with the rest of the town since it has been vacated?—Chicago News.

Wise little old New York: Knowing that nothing so strongly attracts visitors as wickedness, it has turned loose 4,500 convicted lawbreakers under suspended sentences during the last six years.—Cleveland Leader.

## Laundry Lines.

Silk handkerchiefs should be washed with borax in tepid water with little or no soap. Iron them before dry.

On rainy days, when it becomes necessary to dry clothes within doors, use your theoretical knowledge that heat rises and hang them as high up as possible.

Before washing see collars taste them closely on a piece of white cloth. They will not be stretched nor torn if no starch is put in them they will look like new.

## The Pottery Tree of Para.

One of the curiosities of Brazil is a tree whose wood and bark contain so much silica that they are used by potters. Both wood and bark are burned and the ashes are pulverized and mixed in equal proportions with clay, producing a very superior ware. The tree grows to a height of 100 feet, but does not exceed a foot in diameter. The fresh bark cuts like sandstone, and when dried is brittle and hard.

## Home Team Lost.

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day. The baseball fan wanders slowly home. The poor dub! The prospect fills his bosom with dismay. For wife is waiting, and he's late for grub.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

## A Calloused Financier.

"So your daughter married a very wealthy man?"

"I should say so. He has had finger prints taken for identification at so many banks that the balls of his thumbs are calloused."—Buffalo Express.

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But on falling heir to a fortune the good lady's romance and repugnance to sordidness seemed to have deserted her.

"That's very different," she replied to her unhappy daughter, but how and why it was different she did not explain. Instead she told Agatha that if she did not give up her "romantic nonsense" she would take her to the other end of the world.

Poor Agatha, having come to womanhood, discovered that her education, the books she had read incalculating self-sacrifice and other virtues were for children and to be discarded as soon as

## Sporting Notes.

Springfield, Ill., is to have a \$75,000 stable for the light harness brigade.

Dominion of Canada Football association to govern soccer has been organized in Toronto.

The Olympic Athletic club of San Francisco recently opened a new \$300,000 clubhouse. A feature is the swimming pool, which is 100 feet long and 45 feet wide.

A new world's record for 130 yards in foot races was established at Pontefract, Wales, May 28 by H. E. Wat-

## How to Win a Girl.

With crops, labor and politics all to the fore, nobody can say that times are dull.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

"Good or no peace, it is always a good thing to exterminate rats, which do less good and more harm than almost any other animals in the world."—New York Tribune.

Well, well, and now two more railroads have been listed for reorganization. It's queer how a thing that never existed continues to persist in the way the courts seem to be convinced that it does.—Indianapolis News.

## Electric Sparks.

In all European Russia there are only sixty-two electrical distributing stations.

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