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A WALK, A TALK AND AN ODD stunt tonight or tomorrow night-OCCURRENCE

"Breaking game laws!" I gasped. in answer to Dicky's sulky explanaation that we could not go trenting. as we had planned, because Mr. Cosgrove had been informed of the fish warden's presence in the neighborhood, "Oh! Dicky! how could you do such a thing, and let me do it. also? Why, I feel like a criminal."

"No doubt," Dicky replied sardonically. "But you also make me feel like a blooming chump standing out here in the hall, blatting out your sorrow for everybody to hear. For heaven's sake, if you're going to hold a prayer meeting about this. come inside and shut the door."

I obeyed his suggestion so promptly that he looked puzzled-he is not accustomed to docility in me when we are having any controversy. But I had been startled into acquiescence by the sight of Mrs. Allis' door opening stealthily and almost imperceptibly outward. I knew that she must be Istening, and the idea frightened me. She was too unscrupulous a woman to be allowed any knowledge whatever of one's private affairs.

I knew better, however, than to explain the real reason for my action to Dicky. I preferred letting him be astonished at my docility to revealing the fact of Mrs. Allis' espionage. I saw that he was perilously near one of his fits of temper-that the incident of the woman's opening door would be just the thing to set him going.

I made a quick resolve to lay aside all discussion of the law until another time, although I knew that all Vernon pleasure in my mountain trip was

I have an ingrained respect for law and order, and a horror for breaking laws, which is as much a part of me as the color of my eyes. But I put it aside, and tried to poned on account of rain. speak lightly.

A Clerious Tramp.

"I'll be ready for a tramp in a minute." I said. "Let's strike off down the stream instead of up the stream this time. I'm crazy to try that fascinating wagon track up the mountain which we saw just before we got to the station here."

moment. "Blamed if I can make you out!" minute you're raving over my leading you into crime, because we've and the next minute you're as quiet as a kitten. But I don't care what's lambered down from your high forse-I hate that angelic pose of

"It's not an angelic pose," I re torted. "But tell me Dicky, is there any danger that we may be arrested for fishing out of season?"

"Not one chance in a thousand unless some one reports us," Dicky returned. "This place is something like Halpin's where I used to go, so isolated that there is no chance for tattling neighbors to find out what's going along the banks of the

"But suppose someone should report us?" I persisted.

"Oh, I'd have to loosen up some kale for fines, I suppose," said Dicky easily, tapping the money-belt which when on a journey, he always wears ingeniously concealed under his outer clothing. "Unless," he added mischievously, "they'd happen to want to make horrible examples of us, and lock us up in the calaboose over night."

"Oh, Dicky," I wailed, horrified. taking his words seriously until caught the twinkle in his eye and knew he was teasing me. "Don't worry," Dicky laughed

'For crime unknown I go to a dungeon's cell,' won't be said of you He chanted the famous line from

Pinafore" so lugubriously that I put my hands to my ears. "Do stop, Dicky," I begged, "yo give me the shivers!" 'All right," Dicky returned peni-

tently, "I won't do it again; come along, let's go for our walk." We had a most glorious tramp up the mountains. But I was so tired

when we reached the farmhouse again that I declared my intention at the supper table of going directly "Then you will not join me in tea

tonight?" Mrs. Allis asked careless-But I saw a watchful gleam in

"I should go to sleep talking to you," I returned lightly. Tomorrow night you can count on me." But when the next night came Dicky promptly vetoed my going to the other woman's room.

Madge Refuses Tea.

"It's too near the end of the week of which she and her accomplice spoke," he said. "We don't know whether it's tonight or tomorrow night they are planning to pull off that stunt of stealing the pictures. may be mistaken, but I still cling to my first theory that the reason for her invitating you to drink tea all these evenings has been to get the chance to slip some dope into your cup so you'll sleep soundly on the night she wanted you out of the

"But what shall I say to her?" I

"Tell her I'm sick," Dicky re sponded, nonchalantly. "I am, too -I've got an awful palpitation of the hear from all this excitement. And if we take turns watching tonight.

as we ought to for nobody knows whether she intends to pull thatshall be in a state of nervous exhaustion by morning, so you won't be telling any terradidle."

I compromised with my conscience. however, after I had knocked at Mrs. Ailist door, and she had greeted me with her most winning smile: "I am sorry not to be able to come in for tea," I said. Mr. Graham is feeling a little upset, and l

think I ought to stay with him." "Oh, I hope he is not ill," she

"Oh, no," I responded, "but he doesn't like to have me leave him. Men are such bables, aren't they?"

I tried to speak lightly, smillingly, but the malevolent little gleam in the other woman's eyes startled me-"No, I would not call Mr. Graham a baby," she said slowly, "quite

the reverse." To my heated imagination there was something sinster in her voice, in the gleam of her eye, As I went back to our rooms I wished heartily that the unpleasantness which I was sure the next day would bring forth. was over.

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