

The Masked Hostess

by BLAIR STEVENSON

CHAPTER XIX.

When Nathalie struggled free of Stefano's embrace in the darkness of the fir outside the house and hastened back among the dancers, it was only because, with his arms encircling her and with her eyes closed, there had arisen before her suddenly the specter of Ferris at Southampton—an officer in plain clothes as she supposed and armed with a warrant for her arrest.

His image, and the fear that he would yet discover her hiding place and drag her to justice, was her shadow until the party of which she had been the acknowledged queen and intriguing mystery broke up long after dawn, and Stefano, without trying to gain another moment alone with her, had driven away with the other revelers.

She had lain awake thinking of him and of the man she believed to be hunting her down until nearly noon, and had then awakened after an hour's fitful slumber to more anguished meditation on her strange situation and the danger which, for all she knew, was closing in upon her.

She pushed the call button beside her bed.

The maid's arms were full of flowers, as they had been the day before, but she had a small parcel as well and a note from Stefano written at the Meadowbrook club.

It began simply, "Good morning and happiness," and then: "I have been thinking again of how solitary and depressing your days must be at 'The Firs,' and so have evolved a plan. Of course you drive? You must get out and about. So I have sent a roadster to you in this packet which accompanies this pair of driving goggles with flanges so wide that they will be as full a disguise for you on the roads as though you wore your half-mask, and at the same time attract no special attention.

The packet contains also a bank note. Call it an advance or what you will—what does it matter? One hopes only that it may be convenient. I find that I am compelled to send it as it is instead of placing it to your credit at a bank. I tried to open an account for you with Pound at Brookville only to



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be reminded by him that I did not know your name and that the bank did not have your signature. So there is no choice but for you to go there personally. May I hope you will enjoy the drive over and change of scene.

A flush of pleasure was on Nathalie's face as she opened the packet, for it contained a pair of driving goggles sewn to an oval of silk mask and a thousand dollar bill.

Her heart leaped at the sight of his generosity and forethought and because it represented twice

a plan of hurrying to Brookville, depositing her money in the bank there and then repaying—she did not know quite how—the Waldorf Astoria on her New York bank if it was that institution which had suffered a loss through her.

Stefano's car was at the door. It was a rather conspicuous car—a long, low sporting affair with a high hood and a yellow body trimmed with black. She saw at once that in a car of that model the driver's goggles she now had on would be in character with it and evoke no comment by other motorists who met her driving.

She reached Brookville just before Pound's bank closed at 3:00 o'clock.

He was in the office where she had seen him first and knew her as soon as she spoke to him, so that she did not have to reveal her face.

"Yes," he said coldly, "the bank will take your account and you may draw on the deposit you will make today after 48 hours. That is a banking custom."

"Not at once!" she inquired in disappointment, full of her plan of making restitution for the bad check she had given in New York.

"No," he replied, coldly as before. "It would be against banking practice."

He had expected the deposit with which she was to open her account would be by check or draft and so had insisted on the banking custom that she could not at once draw against it. And he was congenitally close and mean.

So when he saw the thousand dollar bill she laid on his desk he did not inform her that it was her right to draw against actual currency at once. He merely nodded, watched coldly while she signed the two signature cards he laid before her, and gave her a pass and check book.

She left the bank, depressed because she did not feel free to call up the Waldorf-Astoria at the nearest pay station. She was too inexperienced to know that with funds in bank she could have done so—and in addition have had cleaned up the whole state of facts which were unknown to her about the check; how Sloan had made it good, and the hotel had not been put to loss, and that the law had

WORD HUNT

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In the English language there are TEN WORDS (each having just six letters) that begin with the letters A S T

One of them is **ASTARE**

YOU supply the others.

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8	A	S	T		
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With a start.
Steeping.
To the rear. Behind a vessel.
A disease characterized by difficulty of breathing.
Sweeping.
Pertaining to the stars; starlike.
Wandering; straying; out of the way
In a strutting manner; with a strutting gait.
Keen in discernment; shrewd; crafty.

NOTE: Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, extremely unusual technical and scientific words, words that would offend good taste and those plurals of nouns and singular verbs that are formed by the addition of s or es, are purposely excluded from Word Hunt.

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Home-Making Helps

By ELEANOR ROSS.
Inexpensive Household Aids.

"NO use telling me I need a specific purpose—bread knife, long vegetable knife for shredding and chopping, smaller ones for paring— and a lot of other nice machinery," the new bride said cheerily. "We can't afford them just yet. What I'd like to know is, are there any little helps that cost next to nothing, but which I'll use?" She was dubious and willing to worry along with troublesome makeshifts if necessary.

But as a matter of fact, there are dozens—perhaps hundreds—of perfectly good little devices which sell for a few cents and are first-rate labor-savers, useful, well made and worth buying. It isn't necessary to wait until one can afford the best in expensive machinery for the home. Lots of small items in the few-cent class will do fine first-aid work to the woman who is her own cook and maid-of-all-work.

The important helps for the young cook are those things which reduce the risk of breaking a great deal, a risk of breakage, a set of three wooden spoons of different lengths is necessary if much cooking is done. They are great helps. Another easy but useful investment is a container for the hot oven. Wooden long-handled spoons of the same size are also desirable to stir hot acid foods during cooking, like apple sauce, cranberries, and so on. In fact, a set of three wooden spoons of different lengths is necessary if much cooking is done. They are great helps. Another easy but useful investment is a container for the hot oven. Wooden long-handled spoons of the same size are also desirable to stir hot acid foods during cooking, like apple sauce, cranberries, and so on.

Two or three kitchen knives of the right kind don't run into much money, but they make a lot of difference in the preparing of food. Stainless steel is not expensive, and several sizes of knives, each for a

signed by New York's most fashionable architect. Within it, furnishings and equipment were impeccable to the last match tray. And all within it waited and hung upon the least word or implied command of Mrs. Pemberton Swayne.

She was slim and youthful looking as she lay on a wicker chaise longue—made to her order at Canton—which had been placed for her on one of Plintstone's many porches. The warm autumn sun, filtering through one of the orange awnings, enhanced the specious youthfulness of her. She had had a reasonably agreeable

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Value of "Roughage" in Diet

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THERE is no question that constipation may be a factor in producing piles, or "hemorrhoids," as the doctors call this trouble. The severe straining at stool, which the victim of constipation practices may result in swelling of the soft tissues at the exit of the bowel. In time constant enlargement has taken place.

For similar reasons heavy lifting and constant standing or sitting may be followed by hemorrhoidal development. Anything that interferes with the free circulation of the blood in this region, will promote trouble of this nature. The presence of painful hemorrhoids, a fissure, or other sore place, may be a factor, too, in producing constipation. The painfulness of the passage causes the victim to postpone bowel movement as long as possible. The two conditions are so intimately related that each appears to aggravate the other.

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Answers to Health Queries

A. V. A. Q.—Is the electric needle the only way to banish superfluous hair? Is it usually successful? What doctor specializes in this kind of work? What is the system?

A.—This method if done by an expert should be successful in every respect. See a skin specialist. I am not familiar with the method in question therefore cannot advise you about it.

POLLY AND HER PALS

FER GOSH SAKES, POLLY, WOT'LL WE HAVE FER SUPPER? I NEVER COULD PLAN A MENU!

SEARCH ME, PA. Y'SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT BEFORE YOU TRADED JOBS WITH MA!

SURELY LIZA! YOU MUST HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS!

NO SUH, BOSS! MRS PUKKINS ALWAYS DO DAT!

MR PERKINS ON THE WIRE MRS PERKINS.

TELL MR PERKINS THAT I'M IN CONFERENCE!

EENY MEENEY MO!

WAZZETAJIA?

CLIFF STERRETT, 11-15

"Meeting" The Demand

Listen, Mac, come out to the house tonight and we'll spend the evening with him.

OKAY, TILLIE

TO GO IN BUSINESS WITH HIM

MISS J. A. Q.—Is it dangerous to take a hot bath with a teaspoonful of Epsom salts added, about once a week?

A.—Not necessarily, although hot Epsom salt baths are apt to prove weakening unless prescribed by a doctor for some particular ailment.

MISS P. B. Q.—When on a fruit juice diet, what juices other than orange may be taken?

A.—Would improper functioning of the glands cause excessive weight? That is, if the glands were subnormal, rather than abnormal?

A.—Practically all fruit juices.

B.—Yes, it may. Have your doctor outline proper treatment.

C. S. B. Q.—What should a girl of 16, 5 ft. 8 in. tall, weigh? What should a girl 17, 5 ft. 3 in. tall, weigh?

L.—Do the bones make a difference in weight?

A.—They should weigh about 135 and 124 pounds respectively.

B.—Yes, some people are larger and more heavily boned than others.

Mrs. W. H. S. Q.—What exercise will help to reduce the abdomen?

A.—Bending exercises and sane dieting.

A. L. Q.—I am a boy of 18, 5 ft. 7 in. tall, what should I weigh?

A.—You should weigh about 128 pounds.

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"Postponed Business"

Excuse me—I'll be back in a moment.

HONK

YES, TILLIE—WHERE ARE YOU? OH, YOU'RE DANCING! WELL, DON'T BE TOO LATE.

4 HOURS LATE!

By RUSS W.

"An Annoying Stranger"

While in the midst of mixing a cake Mrs. O'Flann found she was short of nutmeg so she sent Annie to the corner store.

How'd you like to go to a movie with me—hey?

No, thank you! I don't know who you are, and, anyhow—

I'm on my way to the store for my aunt and I'm in a hurry—so, please let me pass!

Wait a minute—I wanta talk to you—

You let me alone!!

Aw—wait a minute—I ain't gonna hoit'cha!

By BEN BATSFORD

"A Jail Bird"

Mortimer Clamby is worse than thought, Casper. The fella now says he swindled the sale of worthless stocks!

He was so mean he wouldn't give a thirsty man drink if he owned the Mississippi River.

I'll go over and see what Colonel Hooper thinks about the situation! He's so dumb I feel like a smart guy every time I talk to him!

If they ever catch Clamby they'd better nail down the jail they put him in or he'll walk away with it! He embezzled a lot of dough so he's got to go behind the bars—no two ways about it!

You talk a lot, but you never say anything, Colonel Hooper!

What about the little birdie? He never embezzled any money, and yet he can't even get out on bail!

By JIMMY MURPHY

The Bryansville #1 oat in Mills Store entire stock, located in Salem, is in Miller's, corner of Court and Lib. City Sts., and now selling out to close up the Bryansville business.

Selling out combines today and all day Sat. as advertised in this paper Thursday.

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