# The Masked Hostess by BLAIR STEVENSON

whose arms she danced went out, when the dance tune ended, to a by the way"—and he grinned—
to see her face when she learns long porch which ran along one side of the house and rested together on a bamboo sofa - under Chinese Hights.

Other couples were out there in plenty, servants carried trays about, and the air was full of gayety and chaff and chatter.

"A girl said to me once," announced the harlequin, "that nothing disguised anyone more than an oval half-mask. When I disputed her statement she advised me to go to a masquerade sometime and test if it wasn't true.

"Of course it is," agreed Nathalie. "Neither you nor I know haven't an idea who any of the people about us are."

"And yet," pursued the harlerelaxed pose at this but hold it -keep your mask on as it were. And yet I met that same girl outside of a country bank not so long courteous and kind." ago when she was as good as masked and knew her at once. And then tonight I turned up here

porch and whooped and everybody less he has just bought it and is whooped in unison with him and risking a fine by not taking out a everybody laughed. While general attention was on him John belong, to a former policeman." ly back again.

"Noble Indian," he said. "Keep like that. That's fine.

"And while I was at the country bank," he continued, "a queer her cushions again. thing or two happened so I though I'd drift in here tonight explained, "who seems enormousarly difficult house to get into, I after I had talked to you. I would telephoned him I'd like to come watching me if Ferris' man over and we hired our harlequin hadn't been parked in a car outsuits together at the same costum- side the bank and followed me ers."

fully tight corner." Nathalie as- clumsy about it, obviously withsured him, "and if only for that out any business in the bank ex-Did you know the woman you took I'd find out what I could about me away from was my aunt?" She him and so took down his car's kept her pose indolent, as he had license number from the window warned her to, and kept her voice while Pound and I were talking. at a high pitch to match the pose. When right afterward you came when I though she'd bothered you number too. I was sure-positive

that your cousin Sylvia and Monty have gone sweet on each other." back," Sloan warned her. "It's a Ferris." fact. But not one of the facts I "And

came here to talk to you about." Nathalle had to hear a little about it, though, "Are they really meaning to marry? She asked, full of interest about it. "Aunt Olivia'll go mad. When? And on what?

"Oh, on some of Monte's land when he sells it. When if ever. But so far as your cousin's concerned Captain Stefano is out of the picture. Which brings us back who each other is. Just as we to business again for it's Stefano I want to talk to you about."

Her mask covered most of the blush that rose to Nathalie' face quin, "now don't move out of your and in any case Sloan missed it in the colored light. "He has been charming to me,"

she said-quickly, "Charming and Sloan caught her tone and noted

it but went on nevertheless. "I'm sure of it. And I like him. myself with a mask on and danced | But over at Brookville where I with her and she didn't know me. | was working, as I told you if you Do you consider that playing remember, and so taking notice of everything there was around I au-An Indian who had taken his tomatically took down the number fill of the firewater that was be- of the car you came there in and ing served inside came out on the it isn't Stefano's car. That is un-

Sioan lowered his mask and let "A policeman?" Nathalie half him between them and have put which will be held Sunday will Southampton flashed into her mind. Then the reflection came to the relaxed pose-hold it. Just her that the next day she would be free to draw against her bank balance and she sank back among

new number. It belongs, or did

"A chap named Ferris," Sloan and let you know what they were. ly interested in me since he had Fortunately this isn't a particul- a man follow me from Brookline know Monte Delaine very well and not have known anyone was right in and looked me over while "And rescued me from a fright- I was talking to Pound. He was so I'm frightfully glad to see you. cept to watch me, that I thought "Certainly," he said, "She pro- to the bank, and while I was in moted this party. I crashed you the street, I wrote down your car

CHAPTER XXIV. | enough. And she didn't recognize | —the man was checking up on me Nathalie and the hariequin in you. You can be sure about that. | when he left his car in Brookville. I was watching her eyes. I'd like right where it was standing, and took the same train as I did to New York, So I shook him off at Pennsylvania station-it wasn't at ave gone sweet on each other." all hard—and later checked up on Nathalie sat up straight. "Sit the ear numbers. Both belong to

> "And who is Ferris? asked Na-thalie. "And why should Stefano drive his car?" Her voice shook a little but she managed to centrol it reasonably well.

"A one-time policeman, as said," Sloan answered, "who is now rather well off and has a finger in a number of pies. He has owned gambling houses and has an interest in a night club and has been in a number of real estate deals and owns a good deal of property. Some of it on Fifth avenue even. But nevertheless, he still does detective work. I found out about him through a law firm he does what he calls 'investigat-

ing' for.' Sloan paused a moment. "But the point is," he said then, "that don't know why Stefano has his car, unless Stefano has hired it from him. It appears—this will surprise you and will a lot of people when it gets out-please keep casual-Stefano is hard up."

"Your'e not mistaken? You

must be."

Sloan shook his head. "No. I've been cabling South America and he is. So my theory is that he either has Ferris's car because Ferris rented it to him, or else that Pound and Ferris in some way him in here. I don't think he be reported upon. knows at all what they're up to. I can't believe it of him. I cer- for San Francisco where she will

imagine Stefano, who is proud and L. M. Larson and R. A. Cowden were fishing this week at has been entertained by everybody on Long Island, has snapped at the chance to come in here Thursday evening with the limit. and splurge and so pay his social dèbts, Meantime you watch here and I will watch outside and perhaps between us we will hit on the solution and save this property for you. We had better go in-

side now, I think." He left some time during the daylight breakfast which the par-ing with the health sur ty broke up and just before the mawa this past week. general unmasking which preceda general going away.

Stefano, still filled with amanement at his discovering who Nathalie was, watched her in suppressed excitement during the upregrious breakfasting, imagining | much changed in Norway since the that when all masks were lowered she might, inadvertently, remove

But she still had it on when he drove away, and as he headed the ard ranch and will be used to run yellow car toward Meadow Brook e was pondering what interest Ferris could have in her and what he meant by the "piece of change" which he and she were to divide. And how big that might be. (To be continued tomorrow.)

### Silverton

Clara Rowell left Friday morning ery and expect to open in their for Burns where she will open another shop. Mrs. Rowell is proprietor of Milady's Shop at Silverton, Mrs. W. E. Davis, who has been assisting Mrs. Rowell in her local shop, will be in charge here for a time at least.

The American Legion post and the auxiliary will hold their regular semi-monthly meetings Monday evening at the Armory. This is social night and it is expected that a large number will be out. Returns from the Armistice day

Mrs. Tom Riches left this week tainly don't, or even if they're visit with her son, Lloyd and famworking together; but that I pro- ily, for a month. Mrs. Riches is pose to find out. My notion is making the trip down with Mr. generally that Pound, working and Mrs. R. Meeks who have been through Ferris, is trying to boost visiting here for the past two Mrs. E. Morgan.

the value of this place before the weeks as guests of Mrs. Meeks' foreclosure sale and is financing mother, Mrs. Mary Warnock. Mr. Stefane to get it taked about. I and Mrs. Meeks live at Marysville.

Woods and returned to Silverton Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lorence have returned from a 1500-mile evening, November 25, at 8:00 trip which took them into eastern Oregon and Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burgett of Portland accompanied them. Mrs. Burgett and Mrs. Lorence are sisters.

Mrs. Irma Le Riche and Mrs. John Ballantyne have been assist-ing with the health survey at Che-Peter Nelson has returned from Norway where he spent four months visiting. This was Mr. Nel-son's first visit to his farmer

home at Drummond in forty-six years. He reports that he found time he lived there. Fred Womack has purchased 53

acres of land from Rex Russell. The land adjoins the Arthur Hob-The women of the Christian

church are making plans for a tood sale to be held on December

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Feilen have rented the store room in the Worden building next to the Water Street Meat Market, and are preparing it for their bakery equipment. Mr. and Mrs. Feilan are SILVERTON, Nov. 19 - Mrs. proprieters of the Silverton baknew location by December 1st. They are now located on Oak Oak street.

### Auburn

AUBURN, November 19-At a meeting held Thursday evening, November 14, a dramatic club was organised which is to be known as the "Dramatic Club of Auburn." The club will study debate, plays, lecturing and oratory. An invitation has been received to produce a play at Portland.

Duane Griffith was elected pres-Richardson, of Salem, secretarytreasurer.

Portland Friday afternoon for a ber. visit with his parents, Mr. and

### Rickey

RICKEY, November 19 - The Marion county federated clubs will meet at Silverton Monday o'clock. Five directors will be appointed and other important buiness transacted. All members of the Rickey club who can attend are asked to notify the president, Mrs. M. M. Magee.

Miss Margaret Fitzpatrick, a normal student, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Pitzpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Van Cleve of Portland were Sunday guests of Mrs. Van Cleve's father, D. A.

Elnore Edwards, of Lincion and Marjory Drorbaugh of Salem were among the ten red headed girls chosen to act as ushers Wednesday evening at the "open house" held at the Salem high school Miss Edwards is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goo. Edwards and Miss Drorbaugh is a niece of Mrs. O. F. Fryslie of this place.

Miss Edna Fery, the primary teacher, spent the Armistice vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fery of Stayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Westering of Portland were week-end visitors of Mrs. Westering's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphreys. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nuham and son Dean of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. C. Davis and daughter Jane, of Mill City, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Har-

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kelly and family spent the week end at the beach. Mrs. Kelly is principal of the school.

Quits a number from this community attended the funeral of Mrs. Effle Baker held in Salem Monday. Mrs. Baker had her home here for several years, where she made many friends.

Kathleen Fitzpatrick is one of the three in charge of the proident of the club, and Miss Doris duction of the "Wender Hat," a one-act play to be presented by the Snikpoh dramatic society of Edgar Morgan arrived from the Salem high school, in Decem-

> Reginald Rees, who is also in charge is well known here. His

## WORD HUNT

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away. One engaged in banking.

Bound or marked, with a band, Also, united in a company or confederacy. An outlaw; brigand; lawless marauder. A dog kept tied or chained, either as a watchdog or because ferocious. Struck in such a way as to make a loud soles

Also, thrashed; drubbed One that bangs. Also (slang) a big story: a An ornament circlet, as of glass, gold or silver To expel from one's country: exile; drive

Having a bank or banks, as of cars or keys, Also, heaped or piled up; inclo

Forbidden; interdicted. Also, cursed; snatt A cloth bearing a device, suspended from

pole by a coasbar; any flag or standard. A breed of domestic fowl. Also, (colloquisi) diminutive; absurdly com Good-humored ridicule; pleasantry. Pfayful quizzing.

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, a or es, are purposely excluded from Word Hunta.

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mother, Clara Rees, taught here E. LaBranche filling station. two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Brougher The Portland Gas & Coke Co. attended the family dinner at the will run a line in the near future A. S. Brougher home at Scotts from Salem as far East as the A. Mills Saturday.

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"Paw's Reign Over China"

## By CLIFF STERRETT



AW LISTEN, MAW, (IVE NOTIME FER) I ADMIT YOUR PLEASANTRIES, JOB'S HARDER'N PAW IM DUE Y MINE! WOT SAY AT THE OFFICE! WE TRADE BACK, AGAIN?





Illnesses, Says Authority, Urging Cleanliness Be One of First Lessons Taught Children.

this: "Every victory over dirt is a victory over disease. Germs cannot breed where there is utter cleanliness." I wish this were absolutely the fact. If it were, the fight against disease would be much



simplified. Unfortunately, the cleanest of air and the purest of food may become contaminated. To prevent such contamination is one of the

There is little danger of disease production from foods which are cooked and promptly eaten.

Soap and water, sunlight and fresh air, are deadly to germs. The germs even of dread tuber-culosis, are killed by a few hours' exposure to

A few weeks ago I visited the slums of a European city. It is almost unbelievable what I saw there. The floors were littered with paper, rags, remnants of food, shreds of mattresses and even some of the limited possessions of kitchen utensils. A single window opened

coughing and spitting, a victim of the acid foods in this case. Too tuberculosis. The motto on the wall, much sait is injurious to the kidneys associately. Certain and early death faces every member of that filthy home.

E. C. L. Q.—What should a boy

death faces every member of that filthy home.

There is excuse for poverty, but not for dirt and disorder. Many diseases can be wiped out by the practice of cleanliness. Cleanliness, is pounds. Indeed next to godliness, and I say reverently that no home can be blessed by the Almighty unless cleanliness reigns here.

One of the earliest lessons to be

One of the earliest lessons to be taught our children, at least I think so, is the importance of cleanliness.
Clean hands and bodies, clean treth
and nostrils, clean food and drink,
clean clothing and bedding, clean
dishes and clean homes—cleanliness
will prevent many human illnesses
lts practice will add months and
even years to any life.

A—100 should cigh about 146

V F F. Q—What should a girl
weigh who is 15 years old and 6 feet
inches tall?

2.—Can I get rid of blackheads?
3.—How can I reduce?

C. M. F. Q .- What would cause small black specks before the eyes matter of self-control as regards the and a weak dizzy feeling upon stoop-ling or running?

2 -What causes small red blotches on the arms and back? A.—May be due to a circulatory disturbance or billousness. Improve your health in general and keep the

bowels sative.

2.—It would be difficult to diagnose the trouble without examination May be due to hives, constipation, etc. Correct the diet and keep the intestinal tract clear.

YOURS TRULY. Q.—Is it advisa-ble for first cousins to marry? A.—Not as a rule—the relation-ship in this case is too close.

M. E. Q.-How can I reduce

A Clean Body and Home Will Prevent Many Human

INCREASE CHANCES OF

HEALTH—BANISH DIRT

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D. .
United States Senator from New York.
Former Commissioner of Bealth, New York City. N UNCLEAN air and food lurk many dangerous enemies of man-

kiad. Not long ago one of the world authorities on health said

chief duties of man.

It is another story with food and drink served raw or cold. At ordinary temperature the germs. harmless in limited number, will multiply so amazingly as fairly to teem in the food.

But it is a fact that germs thrive in dirty, dark and dusty places. In this sense dirt is a breeding place for the agents of disease and death.

Soan and water, sunlight and fresh air, are

into a shaft that somewhere above
the surface of the earth led to the for an alkaline urine? Could the
surface of the earth led to the for an alkaline urine? Could the
sutside world. But almost no air trouble be due to eating too much
came into the cellar room.

In one such room there were eight
persons, and the stricken father was

A.—Correct the diet; eat more of

A .- You should eigh about 146

Answers to Health Queries A.—For her age and height she should weigh about 121 pounds. 2.—Yes.

3.—Weight reduction is merely a

FRANK 8. Q.—What do you advise me to do? I cannot see well out of my left eye.

A.—Consult an eye specialist for examination and have him prescribe the proper correcting glasses.

C. M. R. Q.—What should a girl weigh who is 15 years old and 5 feet 1 inch tail? 3.—Do you suggest treatment for blackheads and pimples? A.—For her age and height she should weigh about 109 pounds.

W. J. B. Q.—Is sait injurious to the teeth? I like to clean my teeth with it.

matter of self-control as regards the diet. Exercise is, of course, essen-

## TILLIE, THE TOILER

OH, MUMBY - MR. WHIPPLE 18 COMING OVER THIS EVENING TALK TO YOU ABOUT GOING IN BUSINESS MITH HIM 1 DON'T INTEND TO DO FOOLISH,

EARLY LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY

WELL, YES, AND NO! THE FASHION

ARTICLES SAY

THAT DRESSES

CAN BE SHORT

ER IN FRONT

SO I JUST

LENGTHS!

THAN IN BACK

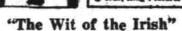
GUESSED AT





SO WAS I.





"The Long and Short of It"

"The Big Attraction"

WHIPPLE

HAS A

SIZGAG





By BEN BATSFORD

By JIMMY MURPHY





I'M DISAPPOINTED -

I WAS HOPKI YOU'D





TOOTS AND CASPER

MY, THAT'S A

LONG DRESS,

TOOTS,

AIN'T IT?

HEN INTERVIEWED SOPHIE HOOFER, WIFE OF COLONEL HOOFER, SAID :- " PERSONALLY I'M SORRY TO SEE THE SHORT SKIRT 40. LONG SKIRTS WERE ALL RIGHT IN GRAND-

MAS DAY, BUT US MODERN MORE DARING STYLES! WHATS WEARING EXPENSIVE HOSIERY IF NO-BODY EVER SEES THEM! NEXT THEYLL HAVE US WEARING



CASPER \$ 150.00 FOR THE DRESS TOOTS IS WEARING SO WE CANNOT QUOTE HIS REMARKS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE NEW STYLES!

IT COST

