

# The Masked Hostess

by BLAIR STEVENSON

### CHAPTER XXV

Two of the grooms at the club, seated on the edge of the low board fence which surrounds the polo field at Meadowbrook, were watching the man dribbling the ball down the field while his pony bore beside it at a gallop.

"And on a green pony, too," cried one of the grooms, jumping to his feet in excitement. "It ain't human, 'Arry. You've got to doff your 'at to Stefano. 'E's the greatest player in the world." The other groom demurred.

"'Appy Jack could 'old him if he were 'ere—'ad just a paper thin edge on 'im. Not that the Spaniard ain't top 'ole. But two polo players like Jack Van Slack can't be born."

They did not know that he had come out on the field to do some especially intricate and important thinking. And that because the thinking was as important as he deemed it to be he was doing it in Spanish.

Stefano always thought most accurately and successfully on horseback and with a polo mallet in his hand. And as his changes of ponies galloped and turned sharply under him he was thinking about Nathalie—whether he ought to follow his head and gather her to it; or his head and "go wide" till he learned more accurately her worldly situation and the extent of the money which she was to receive in some mysterious way after Ferris had caught up with her.

He was fairly certain, from gossip among polo and hunting men and in society generally, that her free spending father had been pretty close to the end of his money when he died, and could not have left Nathalie a very substantial inheritance. Had she any other expectations? He knew nothing in that direction, but was resolved to learn if he could at Mrs. Pemberton Swayne's where he was to dine that night before motoring over to The First.

Mrs. Swayne, having reinstated him in her plans for Sylvia's future comfort and security, had pressed him to come just before she left The First that morning at the finish of the masked party.

And at the peak of his problem was the difficulty that the two days, at the end of which Nathalie had indicated that she would be ready to listen to him as a lover and remove her mask, would be up that night when he joined her at The First. What if The Firsts, shabby and down and in legal difficulties, was all she had? He thought of the trust they had with a little shiver.

"Wouldn't be fair to her, what?" he said aloud, and in English, so as to cheat his conscience a shade the better. "If it should come out that we were both paupers, then what? Better go wide 'I fancy for another day till I learn what's what." Between 8 and 9 o'clock he drove to Flintstone and the dinner party that was expecting him there.

"And yet," he thought again, as he entered the gates, "from what that bouncer Ferris intimates, she must have money due from some quarter. But I shan't be precipitate till I've looked harder into it. Wonder how I'll set about that part?"

Sylvia got him to herself within a few minutes after he had entered the house.

"Stef, you're a frightfully good egg," she confided, as she leaned back beside him on a sofa, "getting me out to the car and out of the grounds when you found I was as tight as a brick. Did I spill anything?"

"Dear no—"  
"Did dumb old Monty?"  
"Not a thing."



Stefano, Holding His Pony Right on the Ball, Colloped Along It, Across It and Over It.

"Dear old Stef how you love to lie. I can tell from your eyes he did and you're being sporting. But you'll protect me, won't you? I'd be destroyed if it got out. And you should be happy, too, about it, for now you won't have to do it. We never wanted to, you and I, did we?"

"Assuredly not, but I say look here—how're you to manage your two? Nice old Monty without a centence."

Sylvia laughed delightedly. "He has something just as good. He has a headpiece. Monty's not dumb a bit. He has hold of something very good. But that's a secret and I'm not to breathe it."

Mrs. Swayne came over full of graciousness: "Of course I shouldn't interrupt you confidentially—here Sylvia pinched Stefano, "but you haven't forgotten the particular request I left with you last night, have you Captain Stefano, about poor, dear Nathalie. I have been thinking about her incessantly since we spoke of her last night, and it has occurred to me as almost certain that she will visit 'The Firsts' some night; probably when you give another masked party."

Sylvia pinched Stefano again and he had to struggle to keep his mirth down, in light of the fact that to all intents and purposes not he but Mrs. Swayne had given the masked party.

"She is so devoted to dancing," went on Mrs. Swayne, "and it would be so like her for she is just a little bizarre. And there is the other reason that The Firsts belong to her and her curiosity will be aroused about it now that you have made it the most popular rendezvous in society. So be sure to watch for her for I want to see her very much."

After she had gone away Sylvia too begged him to discover Nathalie's hiding place if he could.

"I'm horribly worried about her," she said, "she resented something mother did—and she was absolutely right about it—at Southampton and went away overnight. If you see her tell me for I want to help her. It's frightfully important Stef that some one should find her for I'm convinced she is absolutely without money and I can't imagine how she's living."

"I heard something recently," replied Stefano, "about money due her from source. Know any-

another vehicle was at the door before him. It was a motor truck, well loaded and covered with tarpaulins. A young man in evening clothes jumped down from beside the driver. It was Monty Delafine. He was in that state which made him take off his hat and toss it into a tree. "Bring forth your myrmidons 'n minions, Stef, and have 'em unload what's on my wagon. Champagne old boy. Oceans of it. I put through the deal of a lifetime today and to-night you don't pull a cork." (To be continued tomorrow)

### Fairview

FAIRVIEW, November 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Lucia have returned from Tart where they have been fishing. While at Tart they occupied the McFarland cottage.

Ada Jory and Laura Baldwin were recent callers at the John Jory home.

O. D. Needham has improved his home by a new coat of paint.

Mrs. Budlong and daughter of Salem spent Thursday at the home of Mrs. Hazel Buege.

Mrs. E. R. Jones visited school Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Hartley of Aumsville is a guest for a few days at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Palmer.

Dr. Brank, assisted by Margaret McAlpin, conducted a dental clinic at the school house Friday forenoon.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Day were busy Thursday repairing the telephone line which has been out of order.

Ralph Dent, who tried an experiment in raising carrots for commercial purposes in harvesting his crop. He is well pleased with the yield.

A number of farmers are dressing turkeys for the Thanksgiving market.

Dillon Jones pent Wednesday evening at the home of Wilbur Dent.

Earl Hyatt of Minnesota is visiting at the F. L. Morse home.

Frank Turner returned Wednesday from a visit to Yamhill.

Margaret Turner spent Thursday night in Salem, the guest of Elva Sehon.

### Woodburn

WOODBURN, November 20.—Miss Opal Hodge was the house guest of Miss Genevieve Emmons of Salem over the week end and armistice day.

John Nelson and Pauline Livesay, students at Willamette university, took advantage of the long vacation preceding Armistice day and visited home and friends in Woodburn.

Miss Ruth Shrock visited many of her old friends at Woodburn high school Tuesday.

Among the crowd of spectators sizing up the ability of the Silverton football team at the game between Silverton high school and St. Mary's eleven from Beaverton were Mr. and Mrs. Ray O. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hande, Gilbert Odde, Mrs. Ruth Geer, Harold Gustafson, Gorda Klamp and Lyle Gustafson.

Miss Dorothy Covey was home over the week end from Monmouth normal school.

Word has been received here of the death of Arthur Olson, 12, nephew of Mrs. Bart Alpin, in Portland November 15. The child died of infantile paralysis.

Among the crowd witnessing the smashing defeat Woodburn gave Newberg were several recent graduates of Woodburn high, Eldon Cone, '27, Walter Bomhoff, '28; Arthur Brachmann, '28, Itha Hunt, Ethel Treisdler and Ralph Hulbert, '29. Many of the students brought guests to school for the game.

The Woodburn chamber of commerce will meet at 8:30 in the Ray-Brown assembly for a turkey dinner November 20. The year's work will be summarized and the officers for next year will be elected. Rev. Chas. Tator of Portland will be the principal speaker.

Twenty-one tables of 500 were played at the card party and dance at St. Luke's community hall Thursday night. Mrs. E. F. Wohl-heter won the first prize for the ladies and Al Henkes gentlemen's first prize, and both received turkeys. Miss Verna Ott and Nick Hanauka won the ducks given as second prizes.

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Mrs. W. M. Gray and grandson, Robert Gray Foulkes, of Lakegrove, visited Mrs. H. L. Gill Wednesday.

C. H. Anderson and Jesse Most of Atwood, Kansas, who have been visiting John Pikan and family, left last week for California enroute to Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Settlemyer entertained at a dinner in honor of the 70th birthday of Mrs. Settlemyer's mother, Mrs. C. L. Webb. Guests were Mrs. M. R. Settlemyer of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Settlemyer and daughter of Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Whitteley and children and Mrs. R. F. Finnegan of Portland and the host and hostess and honored guest and daughter, Miss Della Webb.

Misses Marie Sowa and Frances Hertl left Tuesday to visit Miss Hertl's parents in Devil's Lake, North Dakota. From there they will go to Chicago, South Bend and Notre Dame where they will visit Frank Sowa who is a sophomore in chemical engineering.

Rev. R. W. Achor and family have moved from Roseburg to Oregon City where Rev. Achor will have charge of the pulpit in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Achor was formerly of Woodburn.

George R. Lindahl of Los Angeles visited his parents over Saturday and Sunday.

O. L. Withers, accompanied by his brother, J. A. Withers, left Sunday for a business trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Nendel motored to Tacoma Sunday and visited Mrs. Nendel's cousin and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Allen left Friday for Eugene where they will attend the campus movie at the McDonald theatre Friday evening and the home-coming game of Saturday. Their daughter Helen has a prominent part in the campus movie.

Irvin Christensen and Norman Reiling, who are attending the Adcock aviation school in Portland, were home over the week end.

Ralph David, W. H. S. graduate now at the University of Oregon, is receiving high honors in his field. In addition to earning his own way through school he is

### Home-Making Helps

By ELEANOR ROSS.

#### Use Care in Selecting Draperies

THE great temptation in returning these days is to go to extremes. Modernistic devotees there are who are all for the plain solid effects. Something like the gay nineties, only more so. Plain woods of stiff lines, solid colors for draperies—all as solemn as the Victorian living-rooms, though possibly less dignified.

But if you're among those who want to escape the one-color brocades and pompous solid velours, there are fascinating brilliant patterns to choose from. And also a hazard of running to extremes. One charming woman who gloated over the disposal of her dignified old living-room as though it were some oppressive inhibition, amazed all beholders by the lengths to which she went in redecorating. Having set her mind firmly against all solid-color fabrics, she found it impossible to resist each lovely new pattern that came before her eyes. The result is a houseful of patterns that positively make one dizzy. Each piece is beautiful in itself. No doubt about that. But the grand total of flowers and stripes and cubistic lines and angles is rather appalling.

The new patterns are beautiful. The chintzes and cottons are jolly and colorful, and some of them are fine and expensive enough for a most elegant living-room. Others are appropriate for period rooms and there are charming hand-blocked lines and quaint calicoes that are attractive enough to begin with—and build a room around the draperies.

Nevertheless, if more than one kind of drapery is to be chosen either for curtains, covers or cushions, it's essential to have some definite color scheme in mind. It may be quite possible to have two kinds

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of patterns in the same room, either for chair upholstery, or slip covers, or for curtains, and yet have them harmonize. What one has to watch out for in choosing in color-harmonies may be very pleasant rather than confusing.

Many persons have a color sense which naturally guides them to the right choice. Otherwise the safe thing is to go shopping armed with one of the color charts that are supplied by so many of the manufacturers and shops. Also, patterns must be purchased simultaneously if they are different. You have to see the two pieces side by side to know conclusively whether they will blend well in the same room—it's one of the things that cannot be trusted to memory or imagination.

Some of the new fabrics have attractive but positive patterns that need careful harmonizing. Leaping ferns, dashing hounds, bright plumed birds make beautiful many of the silk and cotton fabrics. But the other patterns in a room hung with such active designs would necessarily have to be subdued. The competition for attention would otherwise be most fatiguing to the eye. If it were a room in which one stayed for more than a few minutes at a time.

Patterns that are bright and cheerful may also be exhausting. And some persons have a positive reaction to certain kinds of patterns. Checks and stripes, which so often look alluring, must be used with caution. A lot of them in use, or hung where one must see them constantly, may irritate the eyes. Conventional designs of flowers or fruit of positive pattern are very pleasing to some others find them tiresome very quickly.

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night editor-in-chief of the Oregon Daily Emerald and has recently pledged membership in Sigma Delta Chi, a national honorary journalism fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Allen entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dean at a dinner Monday in honor of the 33rd wedding anniversary of the Deans. Those present in addition to the honor guests and the host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Maupin and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Butterfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman H. Shorey entertained at a dinner party Sunday in honor of the birthdays of their daughter Gertrude and Mrs. Shorey's sister, Irene Riechel. Those who were guests were Mr. and Mrs. August Reichel, Mrs. J. C. Beaumont of England, Miss Louise Shorey of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parkhill of Valstopp and Miss Irene Riechel of Heppner.

Read the Classified Ads.

### POLLY AND HER PALS



### "Orders Are Orders"



### "Then Her Time Will Be Her Own"



### "The Half-Pint Sherlock"



### By CLIFF STERRETT

### TILLIE, THE TOILER



### "The Mysterious Stranger"



### By BEN BATSFORD

### LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY



### TOOTS AND CASPER



### By JIMMY MURPHY

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## Good Circulation—Is the Secret of Perfect Health

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D.  
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NOT long ago I told you about the arrangement of the air cells. They are made so thin that the oxygen of the lungs passes right through this into the blood.

This oxygen, without which we could not live, would do little for us if there was no way of carrying it to every part of the body. Perhaps Nature might have planned the human system, so that the tiny division of the bronchial tubes might have permeated each of its parts. But a better plan was formulated.

The food we take at each meal would do us little good if there was no way to get it from the digestive organs to every portion of the body. In this case, too, Nature might have planned a digestive system that would extend to our very fingers and toes. But here, too, Nature formulated a better plan.

What is this "better plan" of which I have spoken twice? How does the oxygen get to every part of the body? How are the food materials carried there?

The provision for the circulation of the blood solved both these problems. The blood, coursing through the vessels, reaches every last cell and fibre of the body. By means of this circulating fluid, food and nourishment as well as the ryziding and cleansing air element, are carried everywhere.

The heart is in reality a forceful pump. It sends the blood in a cleansing, purifying, nourishing, heating stream to the most outlying and distant parts.

The food is broken up into tiny particles, dissolved by and in the fluids, changed by the addition of digestive secretion, and made ready for absorption by the blood. Circulating through the walls of the digestive organs, this fluid picks up the prepared food and carries it everywhere.

By constant circulation, the blood reaches the air cells of the lungs. Here part of the poisons that have been thrown out of the stream are filtered out of the fluid.

The blood courses through liver and kidneys. In these organs other poisons are extended. The skin is given its work to do. So you see, the blood by its circulation takes away the waste and poisonous substances.

At the same time the valuable food elements are carried everywhere to be picked up and consumed by the cells of the body. So the system is nourished and cleaned by the cir-

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