

"The Masked Hostess"

by BLAIR STEVENSON

CHAPTER XXXVI.

In the library at Flintstone, Sloan, behind the big desk and with a telephone instrument at his ear, said:

"What did I tell you, Monty? The first bid is two hundred thousand. And that's just a beginning."

"I know," retorted Monty, "but you and Nathalle ought to be over there. You'd not catch me sitting guzzling liquor in here if a piece of my property was being auctioned under the hammer. I got a headache, Jack."

"Keep quiet a minute," responded Sloan. "Two fifty. That will be Pound through a dummy."

"You ought to be there," insisted Monty. "Something may slip up."

"That's just what would scare them off," retorted Sloan. "They'd think the family was protecting it."

"Three hundred," announced Sloan. "Ferris talking. Through an agent of course. Ferris doesn't care for Long Island air just now."

"Where is the swine, anyway?" put in Stefano, smiling at Nathalie, who was standing by the open fire with Sylvia.

"Under cover somewhere," Sloan answered him. "He has a police brain and thinks if he keeps out of sight until I have accepted a price and called off the witnesses against him he may 'beat the case,' as he calls it."

"He hasn't any brains of any kind," Stefano insisted. "What a swine. And an ass too."

"Oh, I don't know," declared Monty Delaine. "Pound is an important witness. His memory will wobble for money."

"And fifty," interrupted Sloan. "Pound isn't wobbling much right now. That's his bid."

"Three seventy-five. Ferris again," supplanted Sloan. "Pound will cover that with four hundred and then they'll begin to fight. Yes, there he goes. Four hundred."

Monty groaned. "They'll begin to fight is right. Why ain't you over there? The bidding will begin to crawl up now and when it hits the upset figure of one of them the other will cop. Do you think a couple of second-raters like Pound and Ferris have all the money in the world?"

"Now, Monty," interrupted Sylvia, "do remember that mother is represented at the sale. You know she is a wonderful business head. She has explained over and over again to you and Nathalie and John and all of us that she would be silly to buy the place instead of letting it go to auction, because after the sale today Nathalie will get everything it brings instead of having to wait years to sell until the road goes through."

"Mother said just that," she added turning to Stefano.

"She would," said Monty, and they all laughed, even Sylvia.

"Four hundred and ten," announced Sloan at the telephone. A servant entered the room a little hastily and put a fresh log on the fire. Mrs. Swayne appeared directly after him.

"How is the sale going?" she inquired, addressing Sloan but not heeding the answer he gave her. She walked over to the

NEATNESS USUALLY A SIGN OF EFFICIENCY

Take Advantage of the Many Aids to Cleanliness and Health, Urges Dr. Copeland, for "Soap and Water" Has Landed More Than One Good Job.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D. United States Senator from New York. Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

"CLEANLINESS is next to Godliness," is an old saying that has more truth than fiction in it. With all their bad habits, even the ancients realized the value of cleanliness. Never has the world had greater facilities to aid in this so necessary habit of cleanliness than it has today.

I saw the other day the heading to a newspaper article. It read, "Landing a Job with Soap and Water." The story went on to tell how a busy employment expert read the character of applicants for positions from their appearance. He complained particularly of untidiness among some of the girls seeking gainful positions.

What are the standards set up by the employer today? Without exception we might say that preference is given to the individual who is well-groomed, tidy, clean! Ability? Yes, certainly that is very necessary, but invariably the appearance is a pretty good test of character and of ability.

One employer said: "In selecting prospective employees, we of course aim to take only those who appear to be naturally clean and neat. Untidiness in dress and personal appearance generally denotes a person careless and slipshod in other respects. The neater employees in the office and factory are the more efficient."

The girl whose clothes are neat, not necessarily expensive, and whose face is made clean before make-up is applied has a good chance to win. Well arranged and shining hair tells of immaculate care. This will be noted, as well as hands that are clean and well-kept. A person of this description will receive notice wherever she is.

The young man whose every movement denotes ability and keenness of mind almost unforgetfully presents a good appearance as to dress and cleanliness. He is the person, too, who gets the most out of life at every turn.

Every facility is given us today to promote cleanliness and good health. You cannot have health and cleanliness, the one without the other. They are twins. Never before has the world had so many aids to cleanliness. There are private and public baths, public and private offices, department stores and factories in which to work.

Given fresh air and sunlight, clean hands and good health help but, radiate the right sort of personality. These are worth much more than dollars and cents. They give security in the work you have and the home that may be yours.

Answers to Health Queries
W. F. S. Q.—What do you advise me to do for my hair, which is very thin?
A.—I would advise frequent shampooing with a good pure soap and warm water and the use of a stimulating ointment. For particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question.

ROAD PATROLS HELD ON WANE

Three Districts in County to Abolish System if Plan Is Carried Out

The probable abolishment of the district road patrol system is seen in the action of tax payers of three county road districts in appearing before the county court for advice in the matter of discontinuance of road district patrolmen. According to reports emanating from the county court, road districts located at Pringle, Sidney and one near Turner are contemplating the abolishment of their patrol system.

RUM BUYER HELD BY ALABAMA LAW

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 6 (AP)—The state supreme court ruled today that sellers and buyers of intoxicants are equally liable under the state's "bone dry" liquor law.

POLLY AND HER PALS

WAL, PAW, NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A LOAD OF COUSIN CARRIE AN' OFFSPRING, DYE BLAME ELMER FER WALKIN' OUT ON 'EM?"

TILLIE, THE TOILER

(HELLO, MR. WHIPPLE - OH, THAT WILL BE MARVELOUS WE'LL BE RIGHT UP - TOODLEOOO

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY

OOCH - WHAT A BUMP!! - AND THOSE KIDNAPERS ARE TRAVELING FAST - THERE IS NO TIME TO LOSE!

TOOTS AND CASPER

INSOMNIA WON THE INTERSECTIONAL DERBY!

invalid because the state statute did not specifically prohibit such purchases.

ALL BUT THREE OF BOATS ARE RESCUED

ST. JOHNS, N.I., Dec. 6.—(AP)—With the rescue at sea of the crew of the schooner Cander Deal today by the liner Republic and the sighting of the schooners Effie May Petite, Merry Widow and Jean Blockwood, all but three of the fleet of ten fishing vessels which disappeared from here in last Friday night's storm have been accounted for.

RIVER WORK WAITS KORELL DECLARES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Representative Franklin D. Korell, republican, Oregon, in a formal statement today said stories published in some newspapers setting forth the opinion that work would be started this winter on a project to widen and deepen the channels of the Columbia and Willamette rivers in Oregon were too optimistic.

"The Hero Worshiper"

LISTEN ELMER OLE SCOUT, I TAKE BACK EVERYTHING I EVER SAID ABOUT YOU BEIN' A WIFE AN' CHILD DESERTER!

"A Picture Of Prosperity"

GET YOUR COAT AND HAT ON MUMSY - MR. WHIPPLE HAS THE NEW OFFICE ALL FIXED UP WITH FLORAL DECORATIONS AND HE WANTS US TO COME RIGHT UP AND HAVE OUR PICTURE TAKEN QUICK, MUMSY

"The Idle Weapon"

COOSH - I CAN'T EVEN SEE THEIR NUMBER PLATE - WELL, THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO - I'LL RIDDLE THEIR TIRES WITH BULLETS!!

"The Shopping Expedition"

WE WON OUR MONEY JUST IN TIME, CASPER! I HAD TO BUY SOME NEW CLOTHES! I WAS GETTING TO LOOK CROOKED IN MY SHORT DRESSES!

When Grapefruit and Oranges Are at Their Best

ORANGES have come to be the universal panacea. No matter what ails you—or if you're thin—eat oranges. If you're thin, you need the vitamins. And if you're overweight, oranges are a substitute for more fattening foods.

The Home Kitchen

5 lemons
4 pounds of sugar.
Wash the lemons and oranges, peel and discard all of the white membrane. Slice as thin as possible, place in a large crock or jar and cover with two quarts of cold water for 24 hours.

Man to Phone Mother Weekly Across Atlantic

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Dec. 6.—(AP)—A. C. Blumenthal is a gentleman of fixed habits—particularly when it comes to telephoning his mother once a week.

Adjectives Many In Divorce Suit

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Declaring Helen Simons McClure was sullen, mean, irritable, morbid, disagreeable, nasty, gruesome, cold, bitter, lusty, jealous, heaving, pious, loathsome, insulting, brazen, miserly, gluttonous, temperamental, selfish, contemptuous, inattentive, uncivil and inconsiderate, H. B. McClure today sued her for divorce.

Man to Phone Mother Weekly Across Atlantic

Blumenthal had been located in New York for some time and was one of the transcontinental telephone line's regular customers, but his weekly conversations with Mrs. Barbara Blumenthal of San Rafael were interrupted when he was transferred to London.

JAZZ MUSIC ATTACKED

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—(AP)—To put jazz in the background of American music has been announced as the policy of the Radio Music company.

Read the Classified Ads.

By CLIFF STERRETT

By RUSS WESTOVER

By BEN BATSFORD

By JIMMY MURPHY

Advertisement for 'Soap and Water' by Dr. Copeland, discussing cleanliness and health benefits.

Comic strip section featuring 'Polly and Her Pals', 'Tillie, the Toiler', 'Little Annie Rooney', 'Toots and Casper', and 'The Shopping Expedition'.