

For Spot Cash

By Martha McCulloch-Williams

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A WOMAN sighs, "I wish a man should say, 'I will.'" Norris read from an old commonplace book, adding with a little laugh: "Lord, how this generation discounts that fine piece of Bulwer's sentimentality! Women nowadays have got past sighting anything. Instead they say things, and behold, the things are done."

"Which means," if anything, that you're dead sore," Marvin retorted, pulling hard at his pipe. "I don't wonder at it," he went on. "You were so immortally certain Baby Curran would make ducks and drakes of her venture, when, lo, she succeeded in a way to astonish everybody."

"Wrong, as usual," Norris commented. Marvin shook his head, with a lazy laugh, saying: "George, but I'm glad Daddy Curran left nothing but debts and a lively stable to his flock of children. There was nothing for Baby to do except keep on with the business."

"There was. She might have married me," Norris interrupted. "She knew I'd look out for her stepmother and the kids."

"No doubt," Marvin broke in, "but that isn't Baby's way. Don't you remember how at school she wouldn't be told in class or have her sums done for her? Honest independence is her ruling passion—so much so, indeed, I feared to have her go into this. Daddy Curran never thought of doubting anybody's word until he had to. I thought Baby was off the same piece. So she is, but she's got something else in her. Her spot cash conscience, she calls it. I heard her explaining to old Major Axton that the way to avoid bad debts was to have no debts at all and let the bank do all the bookkeeping."

Norris drummed hard on the table. "I'm a fool to keep on caring!" he burst out. "She puts me aside like a last year's bonnet; won't her to marry me until the debts are paid and Benny boy through school and ready to step into her shoes. That means four years at least. Meantime there's the devil to pay with my people. They're not purse proud, but who can blame them if they don't want to welcome as a daughter a headstrong young woman who has made herself the talk of the county, not even though she did it with the best intentions in the world? My mother was at me yesterday, asking me if I wanted a wife who had grown sharp at bargaining with half the horse dealers and teamsters in the countryside. It seems Baby is setting up to buy saddle stock."

"I don't know anybody with a better right. She knows horses better than the most of us," Marvin interposed. "And, all things considered, it is a good thing. She has her market ready made, as it were. Those city folks take everything of class she can find them and pay her a handsome profit."

"You seem to hold a brief for her," Norris said sulkily, a gleam of suspicion in his eyes. "It might be well for you to join hands with her. You might make more at horse dealing than you ever did at the law."

"Very likely—if I had Baby's chance. But certainly I shan't scheme to take it from her," Marvin said steadily; then, flushing a little, he added: "I would be only too glad to join hands with her in anything—and for life. But she has let me know that's out of the question. When she set you free she left herself bound, little as you deserve it."

The last word was sung over his shoulder. He had risen and was striding toward the door. Norris looked after him, half angrily, half shamefully, then glanced about the handsomely appointed office with a scowling sneer. His grandfather had been governor, his father was a senator, his mother led society in Allingham. Naturally she looked high for her only son, much higher than a bankrupt's daughter, who had taken upon her shoulders an unwelcome burden. Still she had not set herself openly against her son's choice. She had even approved, though mildly, his intention of constancy. How, then, should he suspect that she was plan-

ning to upset that intention: a change of the plan was Miss Althea Roswell—a beauty, Miss Althea, if one could have overlooked her nose. Unfortunately it stood out so boldly overlooking it was impossible, even in the effulgence of her many dollars. It was the nose as much as anything else that had made Granville Norris feel so much at ease with her. She had come for a long visit, and Allingham was making much of her, yet somehow she had not been brought face to face with Baby, who had nowadays little time and less money for ruffling it in the town gayeties. Norris himself saw her but in little snatches. She went and came so uncertainly and at such odd times he could not waylay her and calls were out of the question. The little new home was so crowded it was impossible to say anything there without having it reach all ears. Norris felt that there was much which ought to be said, but somehow had not yet brought himself to the pitch of saying it.

He glanced out of the window, his eyes brightening as they fell upon his mother, driving her pony chaise, with Althea snug beside her. He rushed out to greet them and almost dragged them inside. Very shortly thereafter he went away with them—upon an errand he did not in the least relish. Miss Althea had heard of Baby Curran's venture, further, she had lost her heart to a fine saddle mare Baby had just bought and sent out to exercise. She meant to have the creature at almost any price, so Norris, perforce, went along to see the bargaining. He did not go quite blindly. Though he had never let himself acknowledge it, he was not insensible to what he would gain if he could bring himself to marry Miss Roswell. If he meant ever to do that, it was well not to set the new fancy beside the old. He writhed at the thought, hoping against hope for some miraculous chance to take Baby away. But most inconsistently, he felt a flooding gladness at sight of her, smiling a welcome from the door of the neat dingy office.

She was sorry, dreadfully sorry, but Black Lecky was not to be bought. She had been bought, indeed, upon a special order from the city stable and would be sent there as soon as ever she got a little wanted to the bustle of streets. Yes, she had got a fine commission. No, Miss Roswell could not have the mare by doubling, trebling, quadrupling it—not for anything at all. She (Baby) was sorry to seem disobliging, but she could do nothing else. She had given her word and must keep it; had promised the dealer the best horse to be found and, having found one without a match, was bound to let him have it.

Miss Roswell had been silken soft at the outset. Finding herself thus withstood for the sake of what seemed to her a fine spun scruple, she showed a temper as high as her nose and flounced across the stall front, saying to Mrs. Norris in pretended aside: "Isn't it lucky? I didn't really want the mare—only to see what a woman horse jockey is like. She's not bad looking either. You might take her to be quite respectable—unless you knew better."

Baby heard every word, as Miss Roswell meant she should. She stepped back a pace, going white, then red, her hands hanging helplessly at her sides. Norris likewise heard; he flushed darkly and made as if to stand by his sweetheart. But his mother was calling him, likewise his duty as a courteous host. With a look half angry, half apologetic, he followed the two retreating figures toward their carriage. Halfway to it he stopped and half turned about, to see Marvin standing with Baby's hand in his, her face raised to his and her eyes wet. Instantly he flung back to them, but Baby waved him away. When he had gone and the carriage was out of hearing, she said to Marvin, with a little hard breath: "Poor Granville! I ought not to blame him. He has maybe caught my faith in spot cash."

Then, most unaccountably, she hid her face in her hands and sobbed hard a minute, but looked up after it, smiling a brave yet piteous smile. Marvin took her hand again and pressed it ever so little, saying in a half whisper: "Honey, cry all you want to between now and the New Year. We are going to get married then and live happy ever after."

Baby's answer was a blush and silence, but the wedding came off duly a month ahead of the Norris-Roswell affair.

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