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**Knock-Out**

By **MARTHA WILLIAMS**  
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"Misfortune's child—that's what I am," Patty said, her tone plaintive, though her eyes danced. "Born on a Saturday—and you know: 'Saturday's child must work for its living'—and then named Martha, which means bitter, the same as Mary and Marah."

"You shouldn't know so much," from Antony, reflectively. "Things unknown never hurt us—and the knowing is such waste effort."

"Tony—you have brought laziness the level of art," Patty flung at him. He nodded, sighing a huge sigh—that, however, ended in a suppressed giggle. Checking it, he went on: "Pursuant to the indicated program, what new woe eats you right now, Patty? Have you, like Cleopatra, 'No men to govern in this wood'? And does that make your only woe?"

"Young fellows shouldn't ask imper-  
tinent questions. 'Specially when they  
are consecrated to the ministry," Pat-  
ty retorted, with a bewitching grimace.  
"Tell me—how d'ye like that prospect,  
old dear? It quite fascinates me—in  
grown and bands you'll be just too  
sweet for anything. And won't the  
little boxes expand, and the missionary  
efforts thrive?"

"They shoul'y will—when I'm a cur-  
rate," Antony retorted, sticking out his  
chin. "Whether or no you can keep  
a secret, here's one due shortly to  
break. I'm cutting college cold—"

"Tony! You mustn't! With all the  
honors waitin' for you to yank 'em  
in?" Patty protested. Antony's face  
lost its merry mockery. "A fig for  
'em—for all the middle and middle of  
it! I'm dead sick of the whole thing  
—especially at the price."

"What price?" Patty asked, her  
mood changing to match his. Tony's  
jaw set. "Dad's freedom," he said.  
"I found out this morning by way of  
a slant. My benefactress may learn  
to be my stepmother or else covet the  
governor as an article of 'bigotry and  
virtue'—but she shan't have him—  
that's flat. I'm not going back after  
Easter—I shall leave here in a day or  
so, to seek my fortune. Depend on it,  
though, before going I'll beard the  
lioness in her den—and tell her she'll  
get back all I've cost her—with inter-  
est, to say nothing of gratitude—  
but that I feel myself unworthy the high  
calling she has chosen for me—so I'm  
going my own gait—"

"Does dad know?" Patty Interrupted,  
anxiously. Antony shook his head.  
"Nor ever shall," he said. "The old  
trump would carve himself into mince-  
ment for a scapegrace such as I am.  
When I think of what he has endured,  
what he meant to go on enduring for  
such a lummoz, I get murderous."

"Things so unequal to the same  
thing ought somehow to be equal to  
each other," Patty propounded, so-  
lemnly—so solemnly Tony laughed.  
She frowned at him, running on: "I  
know that's not mathematics; but I  
know, also, it is equity. Take Mrs.  
Benchly and yourself, for instance—if  
she had just enough money to contrive  
comfortably on, she'd be a real bene-  
factor to all about her. So would you  
—if you had a million—it takes genius  
absolute. I am sure, to spend that  
kind—doing good with it, without do-  
ing harm—"

"Flatterer!" Tony ejaculated, turn-  
ing away his eyes. "I might make a  
mess of things," he went on, after a  
dead breath. "But, honestly, I'd try  
not to. Being human, I'd love money  
for itself—if I got it by fair, clean  
ways so it stood for something done.  
I'd love it better, I think, for the ser-  
vice I could bring from it—that re-  
minds—how shall I choose a way to  
make it? Quickly? I'm wavering be-  
tween becoming a movie idol or a  
heavyweight champion."

"You could be either, of course,"  
from Patty, with mild irony. Tony  
roared, expanded his chest, flexed his  
arms, bent in a half-circle backward,  
then picked up his sole spectator, sat  
her upon his palm and stretched his  
hand, upholding the full arm's length  
from him. "You weigh, I think, ex-  
actly a hundred and nine pounds; but  
if you stay put five minutes you'll  
weigh a hundred and ninety."

"What has that to do with the  
case?" Patty asked, as she slid down  
upon the rug.  
"Nothing immediate," Tony re-  
turned, carelessly. "Only, do please  
remember not to quarrel with me—at  
least not until after the honeymoon."

"It can't shine for us until the lion-  
ess is paid. I'm going to help," Patty  
flashed back at him. "Now I know  
why I'm Saturday's child—it's so I can  
work for a living, and something be-  
sides—and never kick about doing it."

"Going to marry me—no matter how  
I feel about it?" Tony said, his head  
the least bit aside, but his eyes very  
tender.  
Patty nodded, but put on a look of  
amazement, saying: "Dear me! Didn't  
you know that? Why else would I  
have taken such pains to bring you up  
well?"

Notwithstanding the lioness raged  
her wildest, Tony vanished—that was  
the only word for it. Even his father,  
Major Wake, had no inkling of his  
plans. If Patty Rayne was wiser, she  
kept the knowledge a dead secret.  
Oddly enough, though, she began to  
read the sporting pages of all the pa-  
pers she could lay eyes on with avid  
interest. Thus, after three months'  
drawing blank, she was rewarded by  
several mentions, at first brief and  
casual, later overrunning the half-col-  
umn, of a new and promising aspirant  
for ring honors. He had managed  
somehow to keep himself dead dark,  
save for private exhibitions, to the  
men higher up, until he was matched  
for a weighty purse, offered by a club  
beyond reproach. His managers had  
not haggled over division of it—indeed  
they had accepted almost an appren-  
tice share for their man. Nobody "in  
the know" wondered much at that—  
evidently the unknown was some-  
body's protege, out for a reputation.  
Even as a good loser that would be an  
asset.

As to the boy's making good—it was  
unthinkable. So said every dollar of  
the educated money—which went up  
against his chances in scads, and at  
juicy odds. Patty reckoning the odds  
—she had somehow taught herself all  
about such things, smiled softly—then  
caught her breath—hard. Strange,  
she a gentlewoman born, and not the  
least sportsy in taste should be so en-  
grossed with the coming fight—but  
women, it is well known, live and die  
by the rule of contraries.

Patty didn't sleep the night of the  
encounter, until radio broadcast:  
"Muggsy Bean knocked out in eleven  
round—Young Hardcastle, new cham-  
pion gets a wild ovation." There was  
a lot more but that was enough for  
Patty—she went down on her knees,  
buried her face in the pillows, and  
cried hard and happily for ten min-  
utes—every tear a prayer of thank-  
sgiving.

Mrs. Benchly came in state three  
days later, saying faintly to Dad:  
"My dear Major Wake, what do you  
make of this?" exhibiting a draft for  
Tony's expenses, figured down to a  
penny.

"O!" said Dad, his head high;  
"Nothing—except that the boy has  
made good. I was sure he would—so  
sure I never troubled to ask him how."  
Mrs. Benchly waved away the draft  
he would have returned: "Do put it  
to some other good use," she cooed  
—but Dad was adamant. When they  
had got rid of her he turned a puzzled  
face to Patty, asking plaintively,  
"Money—can you guess how he did  
it?"

Patty laughed: "By a happy com-  
bination—good friends, and a good  
punch which they backed for the  
knock-out. Muggsy Bean got a hard  
one—but Sister Benchly's is harder.  
I'll let Tony tell you the rest of it—  
he'll be home next week."

"Enormous Profits Made  
by Dealers in Antiques"  
The proposition that antiques in-  
crease in value isn't all nonsense.  
You hear some wonderful stories as  
you buzz around heckling these poor  
dear innocent antique dealers. One of  
them told me this story, and he men-  
tioned enough names and circum-  
stances to make its verification sure  
and easy:

In his travels he came across an  
old negro woman who had in her cabin  
the most part of what he thought was  
a genuine very rare Seventeenth cen-  
tury American-built court cupboard in  
oak. He bought the piece for \$10.  
Then he communicated news of his  
find to one of the largest museums in  
the North. They sent an expert to  
see it and the museum paid the dealer  
\$2,500 for it. The dealer's profit, if  
you let me save you some intricate  
arithmetic, was \$2,490. Not so bad,  
not so bad! A very fair increase, you  
must admit.

Just the other day I received from  
a dealer, also in the South, a photo-  
graph of a tallboy made in America  
in the late Seventeenth century, at  
which time it cost probably ten  
pounds to build. The dealer's price,  
I was relieved to learn, is only \$5,000,  
and he will doubtless get it, or over  
near it.

A year or so ago a highboy made  
in Philadelphia in the Eighteenth  
century sold at a New York auction  
for \$4,950.  
And I could go on and on from here  
with stories of increases just as won-  
derful as those. Of course, and ob-  
viously, your profits are not always  
quite so staggering. Sometimes you  
are forced to be satisfied with an  
increase of \$1,000 or 85 cents or less  
or even minus. We draw the veil—  
Saturday Evening Post.

**Sister Gives Her Away**  
"You remember a few weeks ago  
when all those meteorites were fall-  
ing? Well, Jack and Edith were out  
on the lawn and Jack told her that  
every time he saw one shoot he would  
claim a kiss."

"What did Edith do?"  
"She blushed and stammered that she  
hoped none would shoot."  
"The idea! Did she keep that senti-  
mental all the evening?"  
"Hardly! Later on, when all the me-  
teors had been exhausted, we heard  
her asking Jack if there was any  
chance of the moon shooting."—Boston  
Transcript.

**Fixed It to Suit Him**  
Man—What will you be when you  
grow up?  
Boy—A soldier!  
Man—But you might get shot to  
bits!  
Boy—Who would shoot me?  
Man—The enemy!  
Boy—Then I'll be the enemy!

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Chew it after every meal  
It stimulates appetite and aids digestion.  
It makes your food do you more good. Note how it relieves that stuffy feeling after hearty eating.

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**Diamond Jubilees.**  
There are two diamond jubilees—  
one when you are married 75 years,  
and the other, later, when you get  
the last installment paid on the ring.

**First Tea in Europe.**  
When tea was first drunk in Europe  
nobody thought of mixing it with milk,  
though it was customary to serve it  
with sugar or sugar candy.