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Miss J.—Your bedroom must be a very healthy place, dear.
Miss P.—What makes you think so?
"Because I notice that when you are downstairs sometimes you are pale but if you go up into your bedroom for a short time you come down with a beautiful color."

Locating Mrs. Porter.

..... By CARL WILLIAMS.

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"Do you know," said Porter, with the air of a person who makes a great discovery. "I think I ought to get married."

For a moment Eda Kirby's heart stopped beating, but Porter continued in his easy, placid tones:

"You see, I am pretty comfortably fixed now, and it is high time I looked about me. I think I shall take a vacation and go to the mountains. I ought to find some one up there who should suit me well enough to be Mrs. Porter. And so I won't be around again. I leave tomorrow night."

He rose heavily to his feet, and Eda sprang to get his hat, forcing to her lips the smile that masked but poorly the quivering of her mouth. For three years she had loved John Porter. For nearly that length of time she had thought also that he loved her.

"Goodby and good luck," she said as he passed through the door. "You will let me know when your quest has succeeded, won't you?"

"To be sure," he agreed. "Take care of yourself and don't get sick."

He patted the slender hand that still lay within his own and turned to the stairs. Eda watched him past the next landing and then stepped into the apartment that had been her home ever since she had been forced to become a wage earner.

It was a tiny enough place, four small rooms opening off a hall the size of a soap box, but it was neat and homelike, and Porter loved to spend



THEN CAME THE TELEGRAM.

his evenings there when other distractions did not offer. He was always certain of finding Eda home and as regularly in good humor. He could not know at what cost she recruited at times her flagging energy that he might not see how hard the struggle was for her.

Now the cheery place seemed dark and lonesome, and, with a sobbing cry, she threw herself upon the sofa and gave vent to the grief within her soul. John Porter had never been a demonstrative man, but she had not dreamed that his calls were merely because he liked to spend a restful evening in her homelike apartment.

Now he had gone in search of a wife, and she should lead her life alone. Long ago the time for making new friends had passed.

Somehow during the next two weeks she managed to keep up her work while always the dull ache was in her heart and the soft color faded from her cheeks and the slender hands became more slender. Porter had not written. He never was much of a hand at letter writing, and she did not even know where he had gone. Then came the telegram that seemed to wring her heart afresh.

"Have discovered her," it ran. "Will be home this evening and will call to tell you about it."

So his quest had been successful. Eda signed the book and stood staring after the departing messenger, wondering what impulse had led her to tip the lad a quarter for bringing her bad news. Womanlike, she seldom tipped, but some impulse had led her to give the boy the money, and even in the first new access of her grief she had wondered at her liberality.

Late in the afternoon Eda roused herself to make the little flat presentable. It would probably be the last time that Porter would ever come. She could not receive calls from an engaged man. She wanted him to remember the place at its best.

It was a very inviting room that Porter entered that evening. The Morris chair was drawn close to the window, and his ash tray was beside it on the table. The shaded lamp sent out a soft glow that did not suggest heat, as did the gas, and Eda in her daintiest gown sat by the side window. Porter looked about him with pleasure.

"This seems like home," he sighed. "Only I wear a dinner plate, this is so tiny. It's different from a hotel room even at a hotel where you are sup-

posed to get the best. They can't make the rooms seem homelike."

"Where did you go?" she asked.

"All over," he replied, with a laugh.

"Surely you did not expect to find your ideal on the porch of the first place you registered," she suggested.

"What is worth having is worth looking for."

"Don't I know!" he admitted. "The trouble is that you don't have to look hard enough sometimes. Then you are apt not to see it. I went to Gienville first. They have the athletic girl there. There was a golf tournament on, and every girl was walking about with a lot of sticks. Some of them were for hitting the ball, and the rest they called men, though they were mostly pretty poor apologies."

"The better chance for you," he reminded. Porter shook his head.

"I think," he said slowly, "that I could catalogue every variety of summer girl there is, and there are lots of them—about as many sorts of summer girls as there are girls."

"And which kind did you select?" she asked quietly.

"I went from there to Ridge Park," he went on, ignoring her question.

"There was no golf there. It was mostly horseback riding. The women were rather more attractive, but I didn't like them, and I hit out for the seashore."

"And there you found a mermaid?" Her voice was light, but she gripped the arms of her chair nervously. She wanted to hear the worst at once. She wanted to get it over with. Then she could congratulate him, and he would go away and leave her alone.

"She's not a mermaid," he answered. "Somehow I never did fancy mermaids. They are rather moist companions, and, being part fish, they are apt to be cold blooded creatures. I did not find her on the shore. I found her up in my own room one night."

"In your room? Not a chambermaid?" cried Eda in horror.

Porter laughed. There was a boyish ring to the laugh that she had never heard before.

"She is not a chambermaid," he assured gravely. "I was all alone. It was one of those hot nights that come late in the season. I could not sleep, so I lighted a cigar and sat by the window watching the sea."

"Moonlight and solitude are dangerous," she reminded.

"Not always," he demurred. "I got to thinking over all the girls I had seen. There were girls all the way from sixteen to sixty—girls to suit every taste but mine. Then I got to thinking of how cool and pleasant it must be in these rooms of yours. Somehow you always manage to keep them cool and shady. Then I looked about the room I was sitting in and I got homesick for this."

"Or a home of your own like it," she corrected.

"That's it," he explained. "A home of my own like it instead of my bachelor apartments. Then all of a sudden I realized a great truth, and I found out what I wanted."

He waited for her query, but Eda was looking out across the green of the back yards, gleaming with a touch of silver in the moonlight. She did not turn her head as he rose and came toward her chair.

"I realized that it was you I had wanted all along," he said. "None of them was like you, and so none suited. We had been friends for so long that I did not realize how I loved you until I got away from you and missed you."

"I'm only a stupid, blundering man, Eda. I am more stupid even than most men. I have no right to expect that after all these years you will forgive my densesness, but don't you think that you can learn to love me, dear?"

"I knew that it was right to give that boy the money," she murmured. Porter puzzled at the words, but she drew his head down against her cheek, and he did not care. He had found Mrs. Porter, and that was all sufficient.

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Warm and Dry to Stay Well.

Now is the time when the doctor gets busy, and the patent medicine manufacturers reap the harvest, unless great care is taken to dress warmly and keep the feet dry. This is the advice of an old eminent authority, who says that Rheumatism and Kidney trouble weather is here, and also tell what to do in case of an attack.

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The native women of Ecuador are so used to strong heat and light that they even do their spinning out of doors in the blazing sun.

Monkey—What makes that graffe hold his head so high?
Owl—He's baldheaded and doesn't want anybody to find it out.

The first settlement in the state of New Jersey was by the Dutch, at Bergen, in 1617. Newark received its first charter in 1713.

An Irishman was asked if his horse was timid. "Not at all," said he, "he frequently spends the night by himself in a dark stable."

The French carpenter going to work protects his street suit by a workman's blue blouse, but he does not wear overalls.

"I will pay your debts today, but it is positively for the last time."

"Oh, dear uncle, then wait at least until tomorrow."—Fliegende Blatter.

A cable's length is one-tenth of a nautical mile (6,080 feet). The longest mile is the Norwegian, which is within a fraction of seven times ours.

Norway is more properly Norea, meaning "North Isle." It is commonly called by the natives the "North Kingdom."

Friend—What's the matter, old boy? You look disappointed. Algy—I thought I had appendicitis, but the doctor said it was only indigestion.

Teacher—Now, Harold, can you tell me what wisdom is?

Small Harold—Yes, ma'am. It's information of the brain.

Cook—Dinks suffers from hay fever, doesn't he? Hook—I should say he does. He can't even pass a grass widow without sneezing.

"Nagg is very fond of entertaining. Isn't he?"

"Yes. His wife has to be pleasant when there's company."—Exchange.

"Does the razor hurt, ah?" inquired the barber anxiously.

"Can't say," replied the victim testily, "but my face does."—Harper's.

Manager—We must put a good deal of realism in this wood scene. Can you get some one to growl so as to resemble a bear?

Assistant—I think so. There are six or seven actors who haven't received their wages for ten weeks. I'll call them.—I'll be up.

"I'm really," shouted the speaker, "to meet mainly any emergency that may arise." At that moment the platform collapsed and the speaker exhibited great perturbation.

"How about that one?" they asked him later.

"That one did not arise."

"What is the trouble, Maggie? You look worried."

"The trouble is with the twins, mum. One of them is crying because he swallowed his rattle and the other is howling out of sympathy, and betwixt the two of them I can't tell which one swallowed the bottle."

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