

The GIRL in the MIRROR

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STORY FROM THE START

Laurie Devon, a gay young chap somewhat inclined to wildness, has recently succeeded as a playwright.

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Griggs Gets an Order.

At eight o'clock Laurie found Doris sitting under the shade of a reading-lamp in her studio, deep in the pages of a sophisticated French novel and radiating an almost oppressive atmosphere of well-being.

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"Bob didn't know," she said. "If he had felt the least suspicion he wouldn't have gone so far, or for so long. I thought I had three or four months—"

pose," he defended himself. "I've never taken anything seriously for very long. It's hard to form the habit, all of a sudden."

"You will have to take me seriously."

He made a large gesture of acceptance. "All right," he promised. "That brings us back to where we were. Tell me the truth. If there's anything in it that really menaces you, you'll find me serious enough."

Before answering, she rose and opened the studio door, on which, he observed with approval, a strong new lock and an inside bolt had already been placed. He saw her peer up and down the hall. Then she closed and bolted the door, and returned to her chair. The precaution brought before him a mental vision of Herbert Ransome Shaw prowling about the dim corridor. He spoke incredulously. "Are you really afraid of that chap?"

"I have good reason to be," she said quietly. She sat down in her chair again, rested her elbows on the table and her chin in her hands, in the pose already so familiar to him, and added quietly, "He is the source of all my present trouble."

She stopped and turned her head to listen. "Do you hear anything moving in the hall?" she asked, almost in a whisper. "No. Shall I look?"

"She shook her head. 'Don't unbolt the door.'"

"You're nervous. I'm sure there's nothing there. Please go on," he urged. "Our little friend Bertie—"

"Seeing her expression, he stopped short. 'Forgive me,' he said, humbly. 'But the plain truth is, it's awfully hard for me to take that fellow seriously. Oh, I know he's venomous,' he conceded, 'but I can't help feeling that he hasn't as much power over you as you think he has.'"

"He realized that she was listening, but not to him."

"There is some one outside that door," she whispered. Laurie leaped to the door as noiselessly as a cat, unbolted it, and flung it open. The hall was empty. He had an instantaneous impression that something as silent as a moving shadow had vanished around the staircase at the far end, but when he reached the spot he saw nothing save the descending iron spirals of successive stairways. He returned to his companion, smiling reassuringly.

"It's our nerves," he said. "In a few minutes more I shall be worrying about Bertie, myself."

"Bolt the door again," she directed. He obeyed. She went on as if there had been no interruption to their talk. "It isn't what he is," she admitted. "He himself is nothing, as you say. It's what is back of him that—that frightens me. Why don't you smoke?" she interrupted herself to ask.

Laurie automatically selected and lit another cigarette.

"I know what's going to be back of Bertie pretty soon," he darkly predicted. "Whoever he is, and whatever he is doing, he has a big job coming to him, and he's coming fast."

He laid down the cigarette and turned to her with his most charming expression, a wonderfully sweet smile, half shy, wholly boyish. Before this look, any one who loved Laurence Devon was helpless.

"Come," he said gently, "tell me the whole story. You know it's not curiosity that makes me ask. But how can I help you when I'm working in the dark?"

As she hesitated, his brilliant eyes, so softened now, continued to hold hers.

"And I want to help you," he added. "I want that privilege more than I want anything else in the world."

For a long moment she sat still, as if considering his words, her eyes on her hands, folded in her lap. The strange, deep flush he had noticed once before again stained her face. At last she straightened up with a quick movement, throwing back her shoulders as if to take on again some burden they had almost cast off.

"I am sorry to seem so mysterious," she said, "and so unresponsive. I will tell you this much, and it is more than I ought to say. In the situation we are in I am in his power, horribly so. He can crush me at any time he chooses."

"Then why doesn't he?"

The gentleness of her caller's voice softened the brusqueness of his words. "Because—"

"She stopped again. For the first time she had become embarrassed and self-conscious. She made her climax in a rush. "Lately he insists that he has fallen in love with me!"

Laurie uttered an ejaculation. It was not a pretty one, but it nicely fitted the emergency. "He has hoped that to save myself, and others, I will marry him, the contemptible, crawling snake!"

The listener was impressed by her comparison. Certainly there was something sphidonic about Shaw. He himself had noticed it.

"Then, for the time being, you're really safe," he suggested. "No. His patience is exhausted. He is beginning to realize that I'd rather die."

"Literally," he cordially agreed. "I am grateful to you for what you did and what you wish to do. But I will not meet your more strangers. I will not meet Miss Orleoneff, or any one else. Is that clear?"

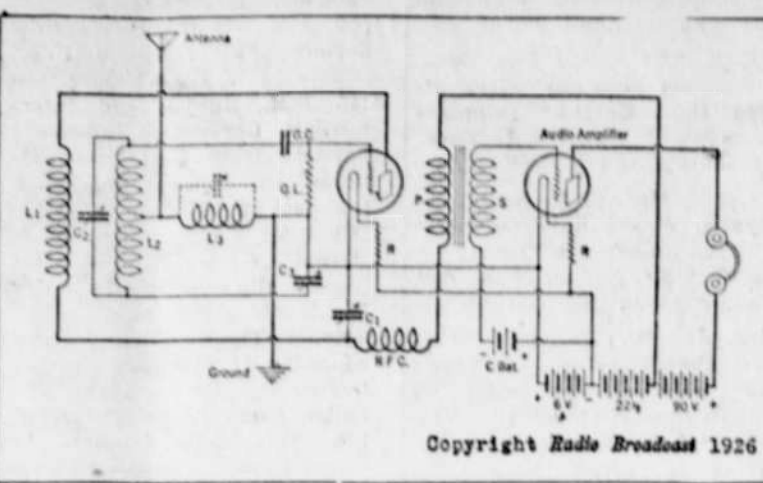
"Oh, perfectly!" Laurie sighed, "Of course you're a crowned head," he mused aloud. "I had forgotten. Would you like my head on a charger, or anything like that?"

She studied him thoughtfully. "Almost from the first," she said, "and except for an occasional minute or two, you have refused to be serious. That interests me. Why is it? Aren't you willing to realize that there are real troubles in the world, terrible troubles, that the bravest go down under?"

"Of course." He was serious now. He had begun to realize that fully. "It's my unfortunate manner, I sup-

pose," he defended himself. "I've never taken anything seriously for very long. It's hard to form the habit, all of a sudden."

RADIO



A Two-Tube Short-Wave Receiver.

Of all the receivers submitted for the judges' approval in the Radio Broadcast Magazine \$500 contest for a short-wave receiver that would not radiate, not a single one of them could meet this latter requirement. About fifteen receivers were selected for consideration out of all those entered in the contest. Exhaustive tests conducted at 2 GY, the experimental short-wave station of Radio Broadcast, showed that all of the receivers submitted by contestants did radiate. To determine those which radiated the least, the following tests were made: At station 2 GY a standard Reinartz receiver is in use. By keying the plate circuit of this receiver, code was transmitted to another receiver in the office of Radio Broadcast, some 400 yards away. Later, when a microphone was placed in the ground lead of the Reinartz, speech was readily understandable at the office. The contest receivers were compared to this set. Those which radiated as badly were at once eliminated. It soon became apparent that not one of the surviving group of the contest receivers satisfied the conditions of the judges. Boyd Phelps, Prof. L. A. Hazelton, Zeh Bouck, G. C. Furness, Arthur H. Lynch, Edgar H. Felix, Dr. Lawrence Dunn, Prof. J. H. Morecroft and Dr. A. Hoyt Taylor, and the designers of the receivers which came nearest to satisfying the conditions, it was decided to award \$100 to the designer of the receiver which radiated the least and which was, at the same time, sensitive. The receiver chosen for the \$100 award was designed by Frank C. Jones, operator of 6ACF, of Berkeley, Calif., and is shown in the schematic diagram. In this receiver radiation is practically eliminated if due care is taken in making the final balance adjustments. There is nothing startlingly new about it except that the principle of the Wheatstone bridge is incorporated.

The Condensers.

In the article in Radio Broadcast Magazine, photographs are given so that the would-be constructor may approximate the layout of the original, but, as Mr. Jones points out, most amateurs will wish to use their own ideas in this matter. The two variable condensers, C1 and C2, are approximately 0.0001 mfd.

Largest Radio Audience Hears Mary Lewis Sing



Mary Lewis.

The largest radio audience that has yet listened to any singer heard Mary Lewis, famous soprano of the Metropolitan opera, when she broad-

Discarded Automobile Batteries Used in Radio

There are many old auto parts which the ingenious radio experimenter finds of value for his radio needs. And they are of especial interest because so frequently they are available without cost.

Probably the storage battery is the automobile item most attractive for a prospective radio economist. A battery that is pretty well worn and which will not turn the starter over on a chilly morning usually will light radio tubes for a long time. Then very often one or two old batteries will be on hand and, by filling each cell with distilled water and placing on charge for 15 hours or so, one can test with the hydrometer and pick out three cells that are in good shape. Old batteries discarded by garages can often be resurrected in this fashion and a good cell or two found in each.

The good cells can be combined in a homemade wooden box fitted with a strap handle, and the cells connect-

ed together properly to make up a useful radio battery.

If the old auto battery is a 12-volt one, as on some cars, three of the best cells can be lifted out and combined into a good 6-volt battery. Although the cells are smaller than found in the ordinary 6-volt auto battery, for radio service the small cells can easily supply the needed amount of current up to perhaps two amperes.

Sweden Widens Radio Use

An extensive system of radio beacons and submarine signaling devices that would cover the entire Swedish coast is being planned, according to advices to the Department of Commerce. The chain of stations would greatly decrease the danger from fogs in waters on the Swedish coasts.

Use Long Wave Lengths

Long radio wave lengths are sometimes used in Europe. Of the 137 European radio broadcast-stations, 28 operate at wave lengths over 600 meters and 109 at less.

HIGHER THAN WOOLWORTH BUILDING

Year's Sales of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



MRS. ED. DAUGHERTY, 1808 ORCHARD AVENUE, MUSCATINE, IOWA.

The Woolworth Building in New York City, which towers 732 feet above the street, is the highest building in the United States. If all the bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound sold in 1925 could be placed end to end, they would make a column as high as the Woolworth Building with enough left over to extend from Lynn, Massachusetts to Cleveland, Ohio. In many little villages across the world, there are glad to tell others about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Women Drivers

Three hundred women in Paterson, N. J., who successfully completed a safety-first course for women drivers of automobiles, have organized to prevent accidents of all kinds. They were also instructed on the prevention of accidents in the home. Membership in the new organization was restricted to those who were able to pass an examination. Practical demonstrations were given in the work of all mechanical parts of an automobile.

Notch for Every Lion

J. Bruce, the official state lion hunter of the state fish and game commission of California, has 250 notches, figuratively speaking, to his rifle, each notch representing a mountain lion bagged by him since his employment.

Learning makes a man fit company for himself.—Young. There are truths which are not for all men, nor for all times.—Voltaire.

Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria advertisement featuring an illustration of a child and text describing the product's benefits for infants and children.

Multiple advertisements for medical products including Mesmerism Does Away With Pain, BOILS, DON'T BE GRAY, and Eyes Hurt?

Large advertisement for Bayer Aspirin, featuring the Bayer cross logo and text: 'Genuine BAYER ASPIRIN. SAY "BAYER ASPIRIN" and INSIST! Proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for Colds, Headache, Neuritis, Lumbago, Pain, Neuralgia, Toothache, Rheumatism. DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEART. Safe'.