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That Livingston Girl

By CONSTANCE CAMERON

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A certain golf club on Long Island has a pretty mite of a house with a deep veranda, a room with a huge fireplace and another where the game will be discussed across snowy tables.

Miss Molly Blake had gone out on the veranda to see if her aunt's carriage was coming. Far and near, through the early October dusk, the mist was gathering.

A staid young figure in golf clothes came up toward the veranda, wading to his knees in the mist.

"Couldn't find it," he said.

"Oh, pehaw," answered Miss Blake, who was pulling on her gloves.

The dainty pink thumb, which had been a trifle obdurate, went in all right and



"Oh, Dick, I-I've been so miserable," she smiled sweetly.

"Well, no matter, Dick. I'll get one of the caddies to look for it tomorrow."

"Tomorrow? And I won't be here tomorrow, Mollie." Dick came slowly up the steps and stood beside the little figure in the long carriage wrap.

In the sky a few stars were struggling through the clouds. Behind them in the chubrooms the fire leaped as high as Dick's shoulder, making the veranda doorway a searchlight that could be seen far down the road.

Dick dextrously led Miss Blake out of the doorway into the shadow of the ivy vines.

"Mollie," he said, "you know I'm leaving in the morning before your head's turned twice on the pillow. I'm in dead earnest tonight. You've got to give me some sort of a definite answer. I'm not over six feet tall, I love you, and I want you to be my wife, and I'm willing to wait till you've had all the tripping around you want, but I must have an answer, straight."

"If you're playing with me, say so, and we'll call it quits, but don't keep me dangling on like this."

"Dangling on? Why, Dick? Miss Blake's pretty voice had in it a distinct note of reproof, and she lifted her little nose daintily in the air. "Anyhow," she addressed condescendingly, while diamonds ran riot, "it's absurd of you to talk of marrying—absurd! Why, ever since I wore pigtail and you wore kilts we've played together and been inseparable. I'm as used to you as I am to dinner 505 days in the year."

Dick listened courteously with his head bent, slowly scraping a putter along a crack in the veranda floor.

"Anyhow," he retorted, "you like me or you wouldn't have been bored with having me around all these years. I've fact," he forgot the putter and looked up at her dangerously—"you know you like me—bully well too! And you're perfectly well aware that I worship the ground you walk on."

Miss Blake toyed with the folds of her carriage wrap a bit uneasily and gazed far out on the sound with wistful eyes. "I dare say you think you do, Dickie, dear," she admitted. "And as for me—well, I'll be frank enough to say that I care an awful lot for you. But, you see, I've been thinking gravely. And, Dick, it's nothing in the world but propriety."

"Propriety?" echoed Dick vaguely. "Uh-huh," confirmed Miss Blake, nodding the chiffon ruffles in her lingerie hat. "When two people live all their lives on the same street together—next door to each other, in fact, like you and me—why, don't you see, it's quite natural when they grow they should imagine they loved each other."

"Fold-de-roll! Stuff and nonsense!" threw in Dick disdainfully.

"Of course," observed Miss Blake coldly, "you can poke all the fun you want at my theory of propriety, but—definitely—that doesn't alter the case."

"Now, look here, Mollie," Dick volunteered, "I've never for a single second imagined I'm in love with that Livingston girl, and she's lived on the other side of her home almost as long as you have. And a dandy attractive girl she is too."

Miss Blake tilted her little nose up and until she looked almost dignified. "But she's quite—quite another sort

that Livingston girl!" she replied stily. "She's not!"

"Not?"

"Your style," finished Miss Blake promptly. "You know there are girls and girls."

"Yes," agreed Dick reflectively.

Down the roadway carriage wheels began to crunch the sandy ground.

"Here comes Aunt Martha," announced Miss Blake. "I'm a bit sorry I let her see the tonight, Dick, 'cause I'd have liked awfully much to have you see me home. Then I could have talked to you sensibly and convinced you of this 'propriety' business."

"Of course I didn't mean to marry you," she said grimly as he led her down to the carriage.

"Now, don't be silly," admonished Miss Blake with exasperating serenity. "Just forget everything you've said to-night, like a good boy, and we'll go on as we've always done, being jolly good friends—oh, Dickie!"

After he had shaken hands with Aunt Martha and the carriage had started off Miss Blake called back gayly over her shoulder:

"I'll be coming home in another fortnight myself, you know."

Dick stood for a while on the veranda after the sound of the wheels had died away. He was a substantial chap with brains, and he reasoned with himself seriously. "She isn't flirting," he said to himself, "but she's wild and doesn't want to be tamed. However—now for a new game."

Some weeks later, after Miss Blake had returned to town, Dick began to drop in at the Blake home again. It was only intermittently, though, and he was not confidential as to where he spent the numerous evenings he did not drop in. Miss Blake would sooner have had one of her fetching dimples spirited away than ask him to be so curiously changed from annoyance to wry.

"I say, Mollie," observed Dick casually one evening, lighting his pipe and looking absently at the sweet Miss Blake, "I dare say it's being with her so much that—"

Miss Blake half jumped to her feet from the deep armchair in which Dick had piled up for her a sea of pillows.

"What's that?" inquired Dick, setting down his pipe tersely and referring to the jump.

No answer. The lamps hadn't yet been lighted, and it was the dark end of twilight, so he couldn't see her face very clearly. But as he piled the two pillows which had slipped to the floor behind the demure little figure with the sweet peas again he caught a tremulous intake of breath. As a matter of fact, the girl in the deep chair was struggling desperately with aggregated emotions of the past month and tears weren't very far away.

"Why—why, Mollie!" Dick exclaimed in some alarm. Then, with both firm hands under the dimpled chin and turned the little face toward him.

"Oh, Dick, I—I've been so miserable," stammered she faintly.

"I've been miserable, too, sweetheart," whispered he, settling himself on the arm of the chair. And then, somehow, those pretty sweet peas got a bit crushed.

"And you don't really care for that Livingston girl?"

"That Livingston girl? Humph!" cried he in astonishment.

Even Perslan Cats Per.

Perslan is the name of a four-year-old daughter of a missionary to Persia, born in that land of oriental ease and hospitality, and her little mind was imbued with such ideas of mutual compliment and her little tongue so given to graces of speech that her New England grandmother had to say a shock.

The morning after the little girl arrived at the grandmother's home the old lady was brushing out Phoebe's curls, glistening over her after the fashion of grandmothers.

"My little Phoebe bird!" she said over and over again.

"Why do you call me Phoebe bird?" asked the child at last.

"Here in America we have a bird that says 'Phoebe, Phoebe,'" explained her grandmother.

The child smiled, and her mother, standing by, knew what was passing in Phoebe's mind. Not so the grandmother, who finished her task and raised up the child and then stepped down for a kiss.

"In Persia," said Phoebe in her most caressing tone, "I have one old cat who says 'Dranna! Dranna!'"

Christmas Waits in England.

Christmas waits are a very old institution. The word "wait" was originally the name for a musician or one who played on wind instruments.

Waits were at first attached to the king's court and sounded the watch every night and in the winter paraded the streets to prevent invasions and theft.

A regular company of waits was established at Exeter in 1400.

The word is also thought to be connected with the old German "wacht," a vigil or watching.

"Waits" has also been considered as a corresponding word with the Scottish word "waith" which meant wandering or roving. In allusion to the ancient "menstrales" of that country. A remnant of the custom still exists, for magistrates annually grant a certificate to a few musicians, generally blind men, who perambulate the streets at night during December playing on violins the old Scottish melodies. At the beginning of the year they call upon the people whom they have serenaded and receive a small subscription.

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He leaned upon this candy cane. Red striped and very neat. And once or twice took a bite. And found it very sweet.

So sweet it was that Freddie smiled. And gazed about his head. "I'll eat it up and then 'twill be my staff of life," he said.

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One of the most fascinating pieces of furniture in the modern kitchen is an old fashioned settee. Its high back lifts up and rests on the sides to form a table or ironing board, while the seat, when raised, reveals many compartments and drawers ingeniously devised for cooking utensils.

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