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A Practical Wooing

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There could be no doubt about it. Mrs. Rainsford was agitated. Her hands were white, her lips trembled, and in making tea for Leonard Grey, she trembled.

The little social world in which these two figures moved realized that had it not been for Mrs. Rainsford's daughter, Ethel, the tall, clean cut, personable beauty, watching his hostess with narrowing eyes, would long ago have married the pretty widow, with her Genevieve-like figure and her independent fortune, but that it did not know was that Grey was chafing under the long delay and the frequent postponements which had marked the riding wooing.

"Which one," he demanded, "Harry, Jack or Teddy?" "Neither," snapped Mrs. Rainsford. "You may go for a few minutes, Miss Nettie," replied Grey, with an odd smile, and he reached for his desk phone.

"Good morning," "Oh, Leonard, that you!" rippled excitedly along the invisible wires, and he dropped at the clerk's desk when she was safe in her own room, with its rose cretonne hangings shutting out her mother's quizzical, half laughing eyes.

Leonard Grey's private secretary held the telephone receiver aloft, while her right hand was laid carefully over the mouthpiece. "Mrs. Rainsford," she announced interrogatively.

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Mrs. V. ... memories clustered about those canthers through the park on a frosty morning.

Ethel glanced at her mother. What a darling mother she was, in her black chiffon, with touches of real lace and frosty pearls. She was a thoroughbred, was that little mother.

"Nice little girl, you are, Ethel, to make yourself so pleasant to Grey's latest protegee. What is it? The coming Caruso? Or a second Whistler? Or just a common Socialist?"

"Heavily, Dick, it seems the correct thing for you boys to make fun of any one who works for his living."

"So that's the game! You are not thinking of moving down to one of the settlement houses, are you? Run cooking there, the girls tell me."

"Handsome, I presume," mused Grey un sympathetically. "Knows how to wear English riding clothes, etc. How did it happen?"

"I am beginning to believe it was a plot between this wretched man and Bettina, and she had seemed to be such a model governess and companion, so highly recommended. Well, I shall take Ethel abroad next month. Perhaps she will forget him."

"More likely, being a clever youth, Tremayne was that the name?—will smell a rat and persuade her to elope meanwhile. No, my dear Elizabeth, we must think of some better plan than that."

"What? Do suggest something, Leonard, quickly. I declare I have been so unstrung all the afternoon I don't know what callers said to her. It seemed as if every one must know it and be pitying me."

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I do not defend the railroads or the officers of the railroads, because I believe that the mismanagement of railroads has been largely due to the ANTAGONISTIC FEELING that has prevailed against them.

Heard almost dead still. Then it flashed upon her that, somewhere near, another path ran from this deeper into the woods toward a deserted little cabin.

She had a start of several yards and had regained her footing and madly rushed after her. She ran till a pain throbbled in her side and her eyes smarted, never faltering.

Why had Martha run away? Because she hated Billy? Oh, no, or she would not have gone blackberrying with him.

At sight of the limp, bedraggled figure he cried out and fell at her side. She told him weakly what had happened, and, as if with a sudden revulsion, she was able to struggle to her feet.

Then her flesh quivered at the sound of a horrible cry and two almost simultaneous shots, followed by a third. How long she lay there she did not know.

It was a large path, holding five gallons, and was much less than half filled. Not caring to retrace her steps, she crossed the open and pressed on to a blackberry patch farther away, one to which she seldom came.

She had gone but a short distance on the path when a crunching step in the woods started her, and a minute later a man stepped out from the trees, started at seeing her, grinned grimly and walked to her side.

"Lemme carry the path," he said. "It's too heavy for you." "I can carry it," said Martha. "Maybe you can, but I will," he responded and took it from her.

DOCTORS MISTAKES

Are said often to be buried six feet under ground. But many times women call on their family physicians, suffering as they imagine, one from dyspepsia, another from heart-disease, another from liver or kidney disease, another from nervous prostration, another with pain here and there, and in this way they present alike to themselves and their easy-going or over-busy doctor, separate diseases, for which he, assuming them to be such, prescribes pills and poisons.

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