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#### AN ATTEMPT AT PLEASURE

little pleasure? Surely Curtiss had apparently enjoyed himself, self, be guilty of an affair with an-parties." during those long, dreary days, in the society of Letitia Evans. other woman. Then too, I knew that Ellie sat up and pointed a slender Ellie had remarked that Curtiss, himself, was probably looking sometimes things look uglier than finger in my direction. All trace of about for a bit of diverson and although I was sure that she spoke they really are-and yet. I questioned frivolity had gone from he features. of men in general, she had possibly been correct in her supposition myself, why couldn't he make a clean "I'd like to make a prediction. for, right at that moment, he might have been with Letitia Evans. breast of the situation-and why had You'll chaange your views before Thoughts of the freedom they now had of seeing each other made he let me come away in this fashion? Christmas and thank your stars that me most unhappy and yet I had known that this situation would Life was indeed complicated and L you're here instead of in Birmingham exist when I had made my decision to leave Curtiss for the time who had only tasted its sweetest pol- watching Curtiss and his Letitia being. He had said that I should have faith in him when we last len, was now conscious of a sharp Evans having their clandestine lovediscussed the problem and yet it would have been too humiliating sting which seemed also hidden in its affair with you sitting silently by in to stand quietly by and thus lend acquiescence to this inexcusable fairest flowers. flirtation.

These jealous suspicions battled down my first impulse which Tomorrow's mail might bring a letter had been not to go on the party paired off with Howard Wood urging me to return and an explanawhile Ellie had a date with Donald Clements. But, after all, I now tion of his recent aberration. Until of Sallie's domestic problems? argued, perhaps I needed a little attention and certain it was that this did happen it would be impos- In it so generally known that she I had wanted, many times during the summer, to be assured that sible for me to return, for, turning could have heard of it through a let-I was not 'hopelessly unromantic'-- I recalled the words of Letitia. back would be a mute admission that ter? Was it possible, I wondered, if I had allowed myself to get into a I would be satisfied with the old conrun of provincialism and that this sort of life, for a little while, ditions. No, I would stay on, even 1000 VOICES IN was the very thing I needed

The party was over. It was was the line from Othello-"O, God. three o'clock in the morning and 1 that men should put an enemy in thougr it required great courage I sat before the aressing table taking their mouths to steal away their must be firm in my resolution. down my hair and staring at myself brains!" But luckily for me I did not in the mirror. I had not had the good say it!

time I rad expected and, being ever- What had come over me? Where was the laughing care-free analytical, I searcheed around for the reason. I had tried with all my might Sallie that had romped and played ance. to enter into the spirit of the party with Ellie on these same kind of although, in spite of their coaxing, I parties before I was married? Had had refused to drink the gingerale Curtiss made me over so thoroughly highballs which Howard Wood mixed for himself that it was impossible for surreptitiously from a flask which he me to be congenial with these gay produced from his pocket. All the young pleasure-seekers? Oh, I loved poison would be a tonic to the while there was something straining him so!

at my heart strings-something that I realized now that nowhere on even guarded my tongue and kept me earth but in his arms lay peace and from contributing anything to the ris- happisess and protection. I think the que conversation. They asked me for reason I thought of protection was be- sconsing herself on the divan and ada toast but when I looked around at cause on our ride home in a taxi, justing a few silk pillows. their excited eyes and flushed faces Howard Wood had tried in his inall I could think of for the life of me, ebriated condition, to kiss me. I had

# FINAL WINDUP

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#### repulsed him, but only after a strenu- pleasing Curtiss."

ous effort. Ellie and Donald Clem- "You know I'm not, Ellie, I mean his place in West Springfield near the trip. ents had gone on to another cabaret none of us really have freedom. We overhead crossing to John Tebee, who after I had asked to be taken home, are all inexorably bound to some comes to Springfield from Washing. FOR SALE-Carbon paper in large pleading that I was tired.

I felt that I could never again be do is bound to react on their lives as three acre track. the happy-go-lucky person that I had well as ours. Some of the ancient been before I had felt the influence philosophers declare that the finality of Curtiss. Even the conversation of of everything is FREEDOM. They this crowd seemed to be on another hold that none of us are really free plane of existence and their one am here and I believe it, too, now that I bition in life was so obviously the pur- am older."

suit of pleasure. Oh, if I had only re- "Have pity on my aching head and mained with Curtiss! Perhaps, after don't make me think, Sallie," pleaded all there might be some explanation Ellie, "and lease of all do I desire a of his behavior, for surely, I reasoned lecture on duty."

Curtiss, with his high code of morals "I'm not preaching and you know -which he had isstilled into the very it. I'm just trying to explain why I tion began Monday. Mr. Olson and Why shouldn't I go on out, after my dull summer, and have a fibre of my being-could not, him- can't get a kick out of these wild family are going to spend part of the

prideless humiliation."

Perhaps I would hear from Cudtiss.

ing room, reading one of the new

when my hostess made her appear-

Wood," she announced, "I'm going

to murder him for feeding us that

boot-leg Scotch which he was recom-

mending so highly. Compared with it

system! The only reason I even

made the effoort to keep on living was

because it faintly dawned on me that

you were here and I'm a bum enough

hostess as it is," she concluded, en-

sidelong glance at the ill effects it

"Oh yes it is, if it's just half-way

decent. 'Cause you see it takes some-

thing more than a good floor and

"I didn't take any and I'm glad of

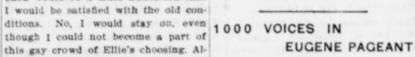
yourself that you added any merri-

ment to the occasion, are you darlin'?

music to pep up a party."

(To be continued)

How does Ellie know all the details



Eugene, Ore., Aug. 5-Eva Richmond, prominent mezzo soprano of The next morning I was in the liv-New York will sing the solo parts in the pageant "Klatawa" to be produced novels which Ellie had recommended here at the Trail to Rail celebration was announced by J. R. Raley, page-"Just you wait until I see Howard ant manager, after a series of confer-

ences with the dramatic soloist. Following a prolonged concert tour of the east, Miss Richmond recently returned to this state to rest. Learning of the originality of the pageant and its depiction of the development of Oregon she became interested in its production. After studying the music of Klatawa with Professor W F. G. Thacher, author, and Mrs. Doris Smith, directress of the pageant, Miss Richmond consented to play Sacaja wea, a prominent character in the "I'm sorry you drank it. It just is- show.

n't worth fooling with, is it?" with a Miss Richmond is a native of the state. Following a course of musical training in Portland she went to New York where continued progress in her vocal study won her admission to the direction of Yeatman Griffieh. After a success ful season in New York and Brooklyn concerts she returned to the west and last year made a brilliant "I guess I know it! I said 'pep up debut in Portland. Since then she a party'-you certainly aren't kidding has filled concert engagements throughout th country.

Honestly, Sallie-Alley, I don't want to largely on the character portrayal of Her interest in the pageant hinges be catty, but you would have been a huge success at the Young Peoples. Sacajawea, Indian maiden whose tragic history is woven into the pagean by Professor Thacher. This part will permit Miss Richmond the opportunity to reveal her histronic ability.

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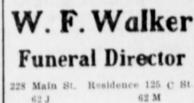
Property Sold-F. B. Dunn has sold time in the mountains on a camping

other person or persons and what we ton. The property consisted of a

To North Dakota-Miss Pearl Nelson left July 27 for Gordanville, North Dakota to visit her sister, whose husband died lately. Miss Nelson plans to have her sister return with her to Springfield.

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are going that it's got our goat! Now we're going to TRY and get YOU folks to spend some of your vacation money HERE so's mebbe WE can take a wee sma' vacation our-SELVES!

is THAT a thought to be sneered at and upon?

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had had on Ellie.

it," I repeated.

Then seeing that I was hurt she continued. "Don't be peeved with me, honey,

You know you couldn't pull any pose that would keep me from being your best buddy."

"But it wasn't a pose this time. Ellie and I'm sorry if I ruined the party."

"It is queer but when a bunch of people are 'partying' together, they rather resent a person not 'partying with them. It's too bad, I know, that a person hasn't the privilege of doing as they choose about drinking on ; party but its just one of the puzzling frailties of human nature. Then too, I was thinking of your stupid evening It just can't be done you know it's just like making mercury and sand ongenial-this going and sticking strictly to prohibition.

"That's just what I think about it. and as long as I can't enter into a 'frisk' like I used to, there's no use in going along and ruining th party."

"I'm not advising you to lap up a lot of fire-water-especially the way your little girl-friend feels this morning-but I would like to know where our Sallie's gone who used to be the 'life of the party'. You certainly have gone from the one extreme to the other. What's the matter with doing things in moderation?"

"It caan't be done, Ellie. There's no such thing as moderation in character-building. You see I never thought much about such things until I met Curtiss. I just took it for granted that there were only two categories-young people and old people -the young did all the gay, alluring things that were tempting and the old fogies-they were all people over thirty-just existed for the sole purpose of making life unpleasant as possible for the younger generation."

I paused for a moment until Ellie's laughter had subsided.

"But now," I continued, "Now I have more serious ideals about living and I don't seem to have the same idea of freedom."

"You mean you're afraid of dis-

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