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[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.] Lucia looked grateful and content; then she took Phil's arm, and whispered rapidly, "We'll take a side; all you need will do to be with the head couples carefully, and do exactly as they do, when our turn comes."

"But if I blunder?" "Then I'll forgive you. What more can you ask?" "Nothing," said Phil, his heart warming, and his face reflecting the smile that accompanied Lucia's promise. The quadrille was really as easy as had been promised; indeed, Phil found it almost identical, except in lack of grace, with an alleged calisthenic exercise which a pious teacher had once introduced in Haynton's school.

The motion of swinging a partner back to position by an entrancing arm puzzled him somewhat as he contemplated it, but Lucia kindly came to his assistance, and "was done" so quickly, in fact, and although he honestly endeavored to analyze the wickedness of it, and to feel horrified and remorseful, his mind utterly refused to obey him.

"Anything would be easy, with you for a teacher," Phil replied. "Thank you, Lucia, with a pretty nod of her head. "And I'm ever so much obliged to Miss Dinon for urging me to try," continued Phil. "Agnes Dinon is a dear old thing," said Lucia, fanning herself vigorously. "Old" echoed Phil. "A woman like Miss Dinon can never be old."

Lucia's face stopped suddenly; again the strange jealous look came into her face, and she said: "I could imagine you had been smitten by Miss Dinon." "Nonsense!" Phil exclaimed, with a laugh. "Can't a man state a simple fact in natural history without being misunderstood?"

"I forgot that you were always interested in the deepest and most far away side of everything. Here comes that stupid little Lay-brough, who has my next walk. I'm going to depend upon you to take me down to supper." By 10. A minute later, and Phil sobered again, for again Lucia was floating about the room with a man's arm around her waist. Phil took refuge in philosophy, and wondered whether there was sufficient cause to explain why a lot of modest girls, as all in Miss Dinon's parlors undoubtedly were, could appear entirely at ease during so immodest a diversion. During the waits he leaned against a door casing, evidently some one was occupying a similar position on the other side in the hall, for Phil distinctly heard a low voice saying:

"Wouldn't it be great if our charming hostess were to set her cap for that young fellow from the country?" "Nonsense!" was the reply. "she's too much the older to think of such a thing." "Not a bit of it. She'll outlive any young girl in the house. Besides, where money calls, youth is as good as engaged to Miss Tramlay," said the first speaker. "Indeed! Umph! Not a bad match. Has he got any money? I don't believe Tramlay is more than holding his own." Phil felt his face flush as he moved away. He wanted to resent the remarks about his hostess, an implication that his friend Tramlay was other than rich, and still more, that any young man could be led to the marriage altar merely by money. If people were talking about him in such fashion he would be might be out of sight. He would return to take Lucia down to supper. He could at least hide himself, for a little while, in the gentleman's room up stairs. Thither he went, hoping to be alone, but he found Mrs. Marge sitting at her dressing table with his special possession for an instant when he recognized the well dressed young man before him.

"Anybody here?" drawled Marge. "I'm here," said Miss Tramlay, said Phil, in absent minded fashion, "and lots of other people, of course." "Marge looked curiously at Phil's averted face and went down stairs. Phil remained long enough to find that his mind was in an excited state, and that apparently nothing would compose it but another glimpse of Lucia. As supper was served soon after he went down, his wish was speedily gratified. From that time forward his eyes sought her continually, although he tried to speak again to every one to whom he had been introduced. How he envied Lucia's father, who was to escort the little witch home! How he wished that in the city, as at Haynton, people walked home from parties, and stood a long time at the gate, when said man and woman were pleasantly acquainted! He saw Lucia go up stairs when the company began leave talking; he stood at the foot of the stair that he might have one more glimpse of her before she disappeared. He saw her picture, though none the less, in the evening, in her wraps. And oh, blissful as he saw him and said:

"So me to the carriage, Phil, and then find papa for me." Lucia's hand was banded her down the carpeted steps! He had seen pictures of such scenes, and tried to conform his pose with those he recalled. He opened the carriage door. Lucia stepped in, but her train continued to follow at its own volition, so Phil had the joy of lifting the rustling mass that had the honor of following the feet of divinity. Then he closed the carriage door regretfully, but a little hand kindly stole through the window as Lucia said: "Good night. Don't forget to send papa out."

"I won't," said Phil. Then he looked back quickly; the door of the house was closed, so he raised the little hand to his lips and kissed it several times in rapid succession. The hand was glowing; but Phil's imagination was not. CHAPTER XI. DREAMING FROM MORNING. ASTER Philip retired from his second evening in New York with feelings very different from those which his second evening and head had carried down to Sol Manring's sleep only a short week before. No one called him "country" or looked curiously at his attire; on the contrary, at least one lady, in a late party that boarded the elevated train on which he was returning to his hotel, regarded him with evident admiration. For many days before, even this sort of attention would have made him uncomfortable, but the experiences of his evening at Miss Dinon's had impressed him with the probability that he would be to a certain degree an object of admiration, and he was already prepared to accept it as a matter of course—very much, in fact, as he had been taught to accept whatever else which life seemed sure to bring.

"What could it be before I could think of all 'twas all over and he was in the house." "That country boy a flirt!" exclaimed Lucia, going off into blankness again. "He isn't a flirt at all," replied Marge, sharply. "You ought to have learned, even in the country, that Philip Hay is in earnest in whatever he says or does." "Oh, dear!" moaned Marge; "I don't want countrymen making love to my sister." "I tell you again, Marge, that he's simply a splendid gentleman—the handsomest and most stylish of all whom Agnes Dinon invited—and I won't have him abused when he's been so kind to me."

"I told you again, Marge, that he's simply a splendid gentleman—the handsomest and most stylish of all whom Agnes Dinon invited—and I won't have him abused when he's been so kind to me." "What else can I think?" said Lucia, without moving her head. Her sister looked at her in silence a moment, and replied: "A good deal more, you dear little wretch; you can think you're in love with him, and what is more, you are thinking so very minutely. Confess, now!" "I tell you again, Marge, that he's simply a splendid gentleman—the handsomest and most stylish of all whom Agnes Dinon invited—and I won't have him abused when he's been so kind to me."

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