

Masked Longing

SYNOPSIS: When an accident happens, Alleen Gray, musical comedy star, has to leave the stage, but Jimmy Crane, who loves her, helps her become a "masked" radio singer.

Chapter 21 KRONBERG REAPPEARS Vivienne was on edge the night of Alleen's debut. She would have given anything to be in New York, and not for the world would she miss a note when Alleen began to sing.

The night before she had tried the radio she had bought on the installment plan for just one purpose. She envied Channing and Jimmy Crane who could be in the studio.

Aside from the fact that she was still more or less in hiding, her going would not have been wise. One unguarded remark on her part might reveal Alleen's identity and that would not do.

"That you, Miss Gray?" Her landlady's voice called as Vivienne in. "A gentleman phoned a while ago, but didn't leave any name."

"A New York call?" She wondered if Jimmy or Channing, perhaps, might have tried to get her. What if something was wrong with Alleen! The thought was maddening.

"No," said Mrs. Perkins. "It was someone here in town, and he said he'd call again. Is it terribly cold? You'd better sit down and let me make some coffee."

Vivienne was cold and it would seem rude to decline the invitation, but she wished she could shut her door and keep to her own room. "I was wondering if you'd listen to this new mystery woman," Mrs. Perkins said as she poured coffee into the percolator.

Vivienne sighed as she realized that she was in for it. She would have to spend the evening listening to this woman—and she wanted to be alone.

She wished she had some idea of who had telephoned. It could hardly be any of the men she had met in Philadelphia, for Vivienne had considered it best to refuse every one who had asked her to dine or go to the theater with him.

As Mrs. Perkins chattered on she forgot about the call. Then Vivienne finally heard what she had been waiting for.

"This evening, ladies and gentlemen, you are about to enjoy a new and unusual feature of the air brought to your homes through the courtesy of Emil Gluck et Cie, creators and blenders of perfume extraordinary for milady's dressing table.

"Well, I am sure it's no affair of mine," said Mrs. Perkins. "Of course, you understand, Miss Gray, that I never permit my guests to receive gentlemen in their rooms."

Whether or not she came back that night, she would leave the place in the morning. The woman was inausferable, had been all the evening. This simply capped the climax.

But the thought that she might not come back that night disturbed her as she closed the door and went slowly down the stairs. If only Jimmy—or Channing—were there! She knew no one in the city to whom she dared tell her story—to whom she might turn for help.

Well, since she'd brought this on herself, there was nothing to do but face it.

"Now, that's right pretty!" exclaimed Mrs. Perkins. "Sounds almost like—"

'Once a Gentleman' Is Holly Comedy



Edward Everett Horton, in 'Once a Gentleman.'

James Cruze personally directed his latest production, the hilarious comedy, "Once a Gentleman," with Edward Everett Horton and Lois Wilson, at the Holly theater.

"Once a Gentleman" is a joyous tale of mistaken identity, and concerns a valet who takes a month's vacation to play gentleman. Un-

usual comedy situations, bright dialogue and expert acting combine with Cruze's brilliant direction to make this one of the gayest of screen comedies.

Even the petty business carried on by unscrupulous officers of the law and prohibition snobs in disposing people of their property without consideration and reselling to the public is a matter not to be overlooked from a monetary and moral standpoint.

In the first place it is robbery, and any law that legalizes robbery is not only not respectable, but contemptible. I have made a very careful study of the evolution of the Volstead act and prohibition force and at no stage have I detected anything better than a kindergarten school, for crime.

Does it really matter how much or how little wine is used in the country? It is normal nourishment for the human system and surely not a crime to use it up to the limit of its virtue. Why waste time arguing more or less Volstead or pre-Volstead? The Bible refers to "wine that maketh glad the heart of man"; "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities."

"Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto him that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more." And, don't forget that Christ used wine in his process of developing orators out of dumb fishermen. Take your choice between the wisdom of the Bible or the Volstead act! If you believe in one you can NOT believe in the other.

"Why, be this juice the growth of God, who dare Blaspheme the twisted tendril as a snare? A blessing, we should use it, should we not? And if a curse—why, then, who set it there?"

One of our modern students of psychology made the remark that only about seven per cent of the people had the mental capacity to reason and originate a thought!

The rest are mere parrots—mere tools of the few leaders, which probably explains why this prohibition force has been so slow in fostering, so I would ask those who feel that they are gifted with the mental capacity to think and reason right from wrong to read both the Declaration of Independence and the Volstead act; compare them and think hard—and I repeat it, think hard again!

So long as our constitution was made to conform to the Declaration of Independence we were on an inspiring foundation, but in substituting financial not law the Volstead act for the high ideals of the Declaration of Independence, we are like a ship without a rudder.

Volsteadism has failed completely as an inspiration for nobler thoughts and higher ideals, but the number for the political party in power continues to increase from year to year. The Bible tells us that "The love of money is the root of all evil," and you may rest assured that if the graft and plunder are eliminated from our present prohibition force, that the Volstead act would soon find its way to the scrap heap along with many other useless laws that have been sold to the public.

Business survives in the coun-

try, not by legislation, but in spite of it. Laws are made more for political arguments and vote-winning than anything else, and some times require the aid of our keenest lawyers to find ways for business to survive in spite of legislation.

Even the liquor industry thrives most gloriously in spite of the Volstead act, and I read in one of the newspapers that our federal tax collector boasted of receiving \$5,000,000 in one year for its share of the bootleg profits in New York City alone.

Why ask us to respect a law that our government officials do not respect? The few laws that are in fact noble in motive are always respected and abided by the American people. Why bother with such corruption as the 18th amendment? Blot it out and forget it. EDGAR F. SMITH, Box 215.

"The Truth Is Out!" The gang war of last Thursday evening, declared upon the newly-weds said by gang, "To have been married in a barn Thursday night," is not truth. Being married on the 23rd day of January, 1931 in the beautiful home of the bride, which is a pride of the community, was a war of broken hearts over the successful courtship of the groom.

After several futile attempts to capture the couple for brutal purpose of revenge and charging surrender to the crowd. To show his sportsmanship he hailed his bride the length of Main street in a wheelbarrow. While still in an exhausted state he fell upon him rest and the mob fell upon him beating him severely and tearing his clothes off. And thinking he was warm they put him in a car with the river as their destination.

His bride coming to her mate's assistance was halted by the able kang leader. After passing of kicks and hair pulls, the gang leader fled to the middle of the street, flooding it with tears.

After the bath of the groom, to show his appreciation he furnished them with a swell feed, which was enjoyed by all those present.

The gang leader's able lieutenant after a strenuous gable battle by his superb strength was able to reach his daughter before fainting! This is straight truth, from AN ONLOOKER.

Radio Program KMED (Mail Tribune-Virgin Station)

Tuesday 5 to 6—Lewis Super Service; news and markets by Mail Tribune

Wednesday 7:30 to 8—Breakfast Broadcast of news by Mail Tribune

Thursday 8 to 9—KMED presentation; News Digest; Murray and Harris UBC

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HARRIETT CAMPBELL TAKES LEAD IN HIGH CARNIVAL QUEEN VOTE

After trailing in second place during the first week's voting, Harriett Campbell, superior candidate for Junior Carnival queen, took the lead by a wide margin over Lillian Hammett, junior nominee, at the close of voting at the local high school yesterday afternoon.

Miss Campbell held a commanding lead over her nearest rival, having 42,700 votes to Miss Hammett's 32,000. Thea Moore, freshman, with 19,000, was closely pressed by Vivienne Meader, sophomore, with 17,700 votes.

Coronation of the successful candidate will take place at the annual junior carnival to be held at the high school Friday evening from 7 to 11 o'clock.

Table with columns: County Clerk's Semi-annual Report, For the Six Months Ending December 31, 1930. Includes items like County Court & Commissioners, Circuit Court, Justice Court, Sheriff's Office, etc.

Table with columns: STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON, FOR SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1930. Includes columns for Balance, Issued, and Net Balance.

Table with columns: Balance in County Treasury, STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON, SS: D. Della Stevens Meyer, County Clerk of the County Court in and for Jackson County, Oregon.

Table with columns: THE FOLLOWING RECAPITULATION IS MADE UP FROM THE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1930. Includes columns for FUND, BALANCE, DEBITS, CREDITS, BALANCE.

Table with columns: Semi-Annual Report of Receipts and Disbursements. Includes columns for 1925 Taxes, 1926 Taxes, etc.

Table with columns: Recapitulation of Balance. Includes columns for Certificates of Redemption, Cash and Assets, etc.

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