

Two's Company

By MARGARET GUION HERZOG

The Characters
 Nina impulsively married David and is trying to forget her intense love for her stepfather.
 Richard, the charming, well-to-do stepfather, shamelessly talks of love to Nina.
 Honey, Nina's gay, plump, youthful mother, is wild about Richard, her newly acquired husband.
 David, a bright young auto salesman, adores Nina and strives to make her happy on his small salary.

Chapter 21

The Young Irishman

BUT the footsteps were not Richard's.
 A tall young man, using a stick and leaning heavily on the arm of an attendant, approached from the far end of the conservatory.
 The attendant, who was short and bow-legged, and looked like a retired jockey, raised his eyebrows in an inquiring way, and glanced at the empty chair, next her.

"Of course..." Nina sighed that he might have it, and the young man lowered himself to the cushioned seat, slowly, and with evident pain.
 "Thank you, miss," said the attendant; and the young man said: "Quite certain I'm not intruding?"
 In a nice voice that had more than a touch of Celtic to it... "All right then Masters, I'm set for a while. Thanks."
 The orchestra played a slow waltz, and for a while they sat together in silence.
 It began with the matter of cigarettes.
 "Will you have one?"
 "Thanks, I will."
 "May I?"
 "Please..."

As he held out his lighter, Nina was struck with the young man's fine, sensitive features.
 She was also struck with the fact that, though his invalidism looked like a very permanent thing, there were none of the discontented, drawn lines, one so often sees on the faces of cripples. He was dark, with a healthy brown skin and heavily lashed eyes, which Nina was certain were Irish blue... though they were lowered at the moment, and when the flare of his lighter went out, it was too dark to tell. He must have been in his early thirties.
 "Quite a party," he remarked cheerfully.
 And Nina said: "Yes... and you sound as though you had come to it from very far off."
 "Ireland... Galway... is far off, isn't it?... To... to come to a party."
 Something about the way he said it attracted more of Nina's attention than she had hitherto given to the conversation.
 She made an inquiring, encouraging sound, which she hoped would urge the young man to continue.
 It did.

The Lesser Of Two Tumbles

"WELL, you see, as a matter of fact, it means more to me than just a Hunt ball," he smiled. "We have a few ourselves, in Ireland, you know. No. It brings back the past—a very happy one—before all this, of course." His gesture indicated his crippled self.
 "I was over here, a good many years ago, visiting... Did you happen to know Hester DeMold?"
 Since she had been in Medford, well, she had four weeks of hunting such as I'll never forget—DeMold was the first M.F.H.—and then the Hunt ball here at The Manor... before my little tumble."
 "You mean here?" Nina was astounded. "You were...?"
 The other nodded.
 "Just at the edge of Scarborough wood. Know it?... There's a clearing, with a brook running through it."
 Scarborough wood... where she had watched the sun rise that morning...
 "But... but, I must ask you, if all this happened to you here... mean... well, frankly, how can you want to travel so far to revisit this place?"
 The young man grinned.
 "Because that tumble wasn't the biggest thing that happened to me, by any means. Fact it was the lesser of two tumbles."
 Nina found herself tremendously interested.
 She said: "Ah-h-h—a girl, in her simple direct way."
 And he said: "Right you are. I became engaged here..."
 It was impossible to avoid him further, but she did not have to. Her companion had caught the fact that she was sincerely interested, and it was plain he wanted to talk.
 Nina forgot to wonder what was keeping David.
 The young Irishman sat without moving, staring, staring out at the ballroom.

He said: "It was just one of those things as you say over here. We met and fell in love immediately. She was visiting, too, just out of school, and the loveliest thing that ever drew the breath of life." He was absolutely unself-conscious. "I was going to take her home with me..."
 Nina took note of that "I was going to..." and waited.
 Lillith danced with Tommy, and waved; Hester, too, but she didn't see them in their darkened retreat.
 "Scarborough wood ended all those ideas, of course."
 Nina thought: "What sort of a girl would let him down at a time like that?"
 And, as though in answer, the young man went on.
 "I must tell you," he said, chuckling, "that I am a ballet dancer now, compared to what I was after four horses had piled up on top of me... and it has taken 10 years, and practically all my inheritance, to bring me to this lively state! No. No. It was I who wouldn't have it. Sailed for home as soon as possible."
 "Galway, you say?"
 "Yes, Masters, my former head groom, looks after me very nicely at Glymrock Castle, my home. We're very cozy there, the two of us." He laughed—actually a merry laugh. "He sleeps in the kitchen, and the servant's dining hall is my bed-sitting room... the other 56 are closed!"
 Nina thought: "What an amazing plucky fellow!"
 She said: "You could teach a lot of us a thing or two—about courage, young man."
 And when he only smiled: "But tell me, did you never try to get in touch... I mean, now that you're so much greater one... you can see... to lose track of her completely was the only way I could be sure of keeping my resolution. It would have been so easy to send for her, in a weak moment... and she would have been so certain to come..."

"You Didn't Recognize Me?"
 For the first time, a wistfulness, a hint of all he had suffered, crept into his voice. It made Nina realize that there were other tragedies in the world—greater ones, perhaps, than her own.
 "Sick... poor... lonely... and yet how valiant, was this young man!"
 She went back to her home, near Boston, he was saying. "DeMold's wife died, and he moved away... I... I shouldn't have come if I had thought there was any danger of meeting her. I only wanted to relive it again, a little... To carry back fresh memories... It was so long ago..."
 Because they were being so frank with each other, Nina said, gently: "I should think you were inflicting unnecessary suffering on yourself..."
 But the Irishman shook his head. "I don't look at it that way," he answered, quietly.
 They were silent.
 The music had stopped for an intermission, and still David did not appear.
 Nina could see Hester and her partner across the floor. She spoke a few words, and left him, walking slowly—with her peculiar, languid grace—toward the door of the conservatory. She had seen them.
 She came and stood in front of their two chairs.
 She smiled at Nina's companion... giving no sign of recognition. She held out her hand... and still he failed to respond.
 "Rian..."
 Instantly, he jerked to attention.
 "Hester... forgive me, I... Why, hello, Hester."
 He groped about for his cane, and struggled to get to his feet. So they were friends, evidently.
 Hester said: "Rian... my dear... to be seeing you again!... No, don't get up, I'll lean you, if I may."
 She looked at Nina for the first time, and gave a little laugh.
 "We're old friends, Nina... very, old friends, Mr. McHugh and I..."
 Nina gave up her chair and pulled over another one.
 "You... you didn't recognize me, did you, Rian?"
 "It wasn't that, Hester." He laughed, shortly. "It... well, you see, the old vision... He passed a hand before his eyes, in an expressive gesture.
 Blind, as well as all the rest! So that was why he had stared straight in front of him... That was why he had failed to recognize his friend..."
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Hester takes a courageous step that amazes her friends, tomorrow.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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WOMAN OF MANY WORDS!
 IRMA WRIGHT—of Toronto, Canada, HAS TYPED 50 MILLION WORDS!

WORLD'S AMATEUR TYPING CHAMPION IN 1926, SHE HAS WON THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 4 TIMES!
 (Record: 118 words per minute)

BLACKMAIL WAS ORIGINALLY PAID IN LABOR, GRAIN OR METALS OTHER THAN SILVER OR GOLD...

CENTRE COLLEGE ENDED TWO CONSECUTIVE FOOTBALL SEASONS WITH THE SAME SCORE, 77-7 VICTORIES... 1919-1920 vs. Georgetown and Texas Christian U.

THE IDENTICAL UNION FLAG THAT WAS LOWERED WHEN FT. SUMTER SURRENDERED TO THE CONFEDERATES ON APRIL 14, 1861, WAS RAISED OVER THE FORT ON APRIL 14, EXACTLY 4 YEARS LATER...

BLACKMAIL ORIGIN.
 Blackmail, a favorite source of illegal income of modern, organized crime, was, strange as it seems, originally nothing more than ordinary rent!

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TAILSPIN TOMMY—Dirkman Utters a Prophecy!

TIME OUT By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

SHOUTS "TIME OUT!" AND CALLS TEAM BACK FOR A PEP TALK

STARTS SPIRITED TALK ABOUT SHOWING MORE FIGHT

TELLS BUD BEMIS, WHO HAS MUTTERED HE WANTS A DRINK OF WATER, TO SHUT UP

RENEWS FIGHT TALK, STAN WEST REMARKING THEY'D GET SOMEWHERE IF HE'D LET SOMEONE ELSE CARRY THE BALL

TELLS STAN TO SHUT UP AND BEGINS PEP TALK ALL OVER AGAIN

EARL WHITELY MURMURS HE READ OF A TRICK PLAY IN THE PAPER THAT THEY MIGHT USE. TELLS EARL TO SHUT UP

ALSO TELLS OPPONENTS, WHO ARE SHOUTING TO PLAY BALL, TO SHUT UP

SAVES HE HOPES, AFTER THAT TALKING-TO, THEY WILL SHOW SOME FIGHT, AND CARRIES BALL FOR A SIX-YARD LOSS

GLUYAS WILLIAMS 11-17 (Copyright, 1937, by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

S'MATTER POI By C. M. PAYNE

POP, MAY I POINT?

NOPE, IT'S STILL BAD MANNERS!

BUT ONE OF MY FINGERS WANTS TO, POP!

SORRY!

OH, WELL, JUST THIS ONCE!

AW-W-W-

OLD TIMER IS MONKEYING WITH YR HINT!

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STUDENTS FINED FOR VANDALISM UNION ROW DELAYS ALASKANS' SANTA

BERKELEY, Calif., Nov. 22.—(AP)—Three youths arrested in street disturbances prior to the California-Stanford "big" football game were sentenced to \$200 fine or 100 days in jail here each today.
 Police Judge Oliver Young set the trials of three others, who pleaded innocent, for December 9 and planned to hear the cases of 10 more later today.
 Those sentenced were: Matthew Walker, 19, junior student at the University of California, charged with turning a hose on firemen; Hubert P. Brett, unemployed, charged with setting a fire in a street; and Robert de Gollis, 19, student at the university extension division, charged with adding fuel to the fire.
 Virgil Robinson, 25, accused of disturbing the peace, forfeited \$50 bail.
 The arrests were made Thursday night during celebrations on the eve of the "big game."

SEATTLE, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Seattle postal officials today expressed doubt if some Alaskans will get Christmas packages on time, because of the tie-up here, including a controversy between steamship operators and the cooks and stewards union. The lines have cancelled passenger sailings because the union demanded that cooks and stewards rotate jobs aboard ship.
 The lines contended this would cause a changed personnel each voyage and they would not be able to abide by federal safety regulations.
 Some Alaskan mail will be sent north tomorrow aboard a Canadian vessel out of Vancouver, B. C., if the controversy is not settled by that time.
 The English university city, is 80 miles from London.
 Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

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 Principal objection expressed at the budget hearing is that the overhead of justice courts is allegedly out of proportion to the revenue.

TAILSPIN TOMMY—Dirkman Utters a Prophecy!

YOUR SEAT IS NUMBER SEVEN, MR. BLURTZ

THANKS! ERR... AS I WAS SAYING, I MADE A BALLOON FLIGHT IN A STORM ONCE. IT WAS...

PAROON ME SIR BUT HAVE YOU EVER BEEN AFRAID?

WHO? ME? NAW! AFRAID OF WHAT?

OF SUDDEN DEATH!

UH, W-W-W-WHY SAY WHAT KIND OF A FELLER DO YOU THINK I AM? I'M NOT AFRAID OF...

WE SHALL SEE, MY FRIEND... BEFORE THE NEXT HOUR

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BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—The Chase!

STRALE HEARD ME! WHERE IS HE GOING DO YOU SUPPOSE

LORD BLESS US, I KNOW!

HE'S GOIN' AFTER OUR TWO PRECIOUS LAMBS—THEY'RE MAINTAININ' SERVICE ON THE NUGGET LINE WITH THE SPARE INJINE, MR. JORDAN—

TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME, MR. JORDAN—WE'VE ANOTHER HANDCAR!

GOOD! LET'S GET IT!

GET EVERY OUNCE OF SPEED YOU CAN OUT OF THIS CONTRAPTION, JAGON!

DON'T WORRY, SIR! THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M DOIN'!

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THE NEBBS—Who Robbed Bruce?

HELLO, YOU LUCKY GIRL—GOT YOUR BONDS BACK, DIDN'T YOU?

YES, I GOT 'EM BACK BUT IF YOU KNEW ALL THE NIGHTS THAT HAD NO SLEEP IN 'EM FER ME YOU WOULDN'T CALL ME SO LUCKY!

I'M SORRY—I WAS MAD AT YOU FOR TELLING ME THE TRUTH ABOUT BRUCE BUT I LOVED HIM SO MUCH I DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR NOthin' BAD ABOUT HIM. THANKS FOR ROBBING MY BONDS & BACK

ME? I HAD NOthin' TO DO WITH IT!!

I MAY HAVE DONE A LOT OF THINGS IN MY LIFE BUT IT DOESN'T INCLUDE HOLDUPS SO DON'T LAY THAT AT MY DOOR

I AIN'T GOIN' TO SAY NOthin' MORE ABOUT IT—YOU NEEDN'T BE AFRAID OF GETTING ARRESTED BECAUSE I'M GOIN' TO KEEP THE IDEA HID IN MY HEAD

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