

The Paris Pepper-Pot

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EUROPE and especially Paris and Berlin, is the home of many rich American divorcees, drawing fat alimony. These women, as well as many others who come over for a good time, get awful lonesome at times. To make matters worse they are in countries whose language they do not speak.

And this is where the gigolo, or male vamp, comes in. Of course, in America he is known by a shorter and uglier name.

These male cocottes are of striking figure—handsome, immaculately dressed and with patent leather hair. Few, if any, are blond. I have seen dozens of gigolos, and the noticeable fact about them is that they are all dark. Most women would be proud to be seen with men of such appearance.

As to their manners, they are the smoothest and most insinuating. They know feminine psychology as the hand knows the path to the mouth.

A lady, entering a night club, unattended, has but to summon a gigolo. He dances with her—dances ravishingly—and she gives him a minimum of fifty cents a dance.

Rich women, especially of middle age, have been known "to fall" for these sheiks. They sometimes take one of them to the best establishments and suit him out thoroughly. He becomes her guide when she tours the Continent. Usually he is a Russian and speaks several languages.

Sometimes it is the husband who employs one of these gigolos for his wife. He has come to Paris or Berlin for a good time himself. Friend wife may be in the way, and so he hands her over to a "giggy" who takes her to all the gay spots, while he hits it up elsewhere himself. Again hubby may not care to dance or to stay up late, or for a dozen other reasons he may wish to be alone.

Women also have been known to pick up one of these sweetbacks in the hope of being cured of some love affair.

Needless to say some of these Don Juans are tricksters, and numerous are the tales of rich American women being robbed. Recently, a rich dowager from New York, wandering alone about Montmartre, picked up a handsome and dashing young man of perfect manners. He took her to one or two night clubs and after she had drunk a bottle or two of champagne, he escorted her to a taxi. That same morning at three she found herself in a lonely spot twenty miles away without a cent. The gigolo had put her out of the cab after taking some \$15,000 worth of jewelry from her, in addition to a large sum of money.

Another was recently robbed of her jewels by her gigolo, a member of the former Russian nobility. A few weeks ago, after a sensational trial, one gigolo was sentenced to death and another to prison for life. They had attacked two rich old women, killing one of them when she resisted. At the trial, several rich women who had danced with these men came to swear that they were "perfect gentlemen." Both, by the way, were from the French West Indies.

Sometimes these sheiks are to be found in establishments that have all the appearances of an elegant salon. Lonely women are presented in these places by agents whose

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