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rushed through his veins. Never had of loveliness in an imported gown of heart slowly sank with a lover's hands caressingly upon his knee. lack of frills and furbelows. Rich favors she bestowed upon one or two wishes to be alone," Theo quoted, and mignificent in its simplicity, its social favorites. He was barely con- and smiled in an attempt to appear soft folds clung to the exquisite lines of her perfect body.

Parted in the middle, her glistening black hair rippled down in perfect waves, and was confined in a massive roll at the back of her shapely head. Her creamy complexion, un- dejected and mystified, stepped out submit to such treatment and all dismarred by a single blemish, was flushed, and her large midnight eyes were magnetic in their unfathomable depths. Her only adornment was a pair of pearl pendants suspended from her pink earlobes, and a priceless pearl necklace,

When Marcia beheld Theo, a deep-er blush dyed her lovely features, and eyes glowed, but not a word or ture betrayed her recognition. Only the warm pressure of her small hand reassured Theo of her loyalty. and this assurance, little by little, faded as the evening wore on.

Try as he would, Theo's every at-tempt to get a few words with Marcia proved unavailing. Her dancing program was quickly filled, and

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of literary style which place him in a class by himself among the contributors to the present number of the Advocate." Mr. Sweezy adds:

"He is a thoroughgoing, though far from a blind, disciple of Professor Babbitt. He has in fact done more than accept the Humanist creed; he has taken the trouble to find out what the Humanists are talking about - and has equipped himself to speak with them. And, as I have already indicated, his present contribution gains added consideration from the ease and maturity of the style in which it is composed."

But that is not all. One of the high priests of Humanism, Professor Norman Foerster, says in a personal letter to this nondescript-looking little black boy: "Needless to say. I have read your article with interest and approval... The quality of your thought and style makes me curious about your plans. If you are going on into literary or academic work, I hope you will keep me informed of your activities." Harrison will not have to keep

anyone informed of his activities. I will wager anybody that in less than five years William E. Harrison, now one of the most brilliant students that Harvard College has ever had, will be known in American letters by everyone who makes any pre-tense of being cultured. The only thing that stands in the way of his inclusion among the Most Gifted is his immaturity and (thus far) the narrow scope of his intellectual pur-

My list of the Thirteen Most Gifted Negroes in the United States reads as follows: 1. Albon L. Holsey, business organizer; 2. Louis T. Wright, physician and surgeon; Langston Hughes, novelist and poet 4 Aaron Douglas, painter and ilhistrator; 5. Roland Hayes, singer; 6. Paul Robeson, singer and actor; George S. Schuyler, novelist; 8. eorge W. Carver, scientist; 9. Ern-George W. Carver, scientist; 9. Ernest E. Just, bio-chemist; 10. Elmer S. Imes, physicist; 11. Henry A. Hunt, educator; 12. W. E. B. DuBois, editor and sociologist; 13. Carter G. Woodson, historian.

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when he finally urged his way Oliver. a maiden appeared so ravishingly through an admiring crowd of men. white chiffon, conspicuous for its jealous pang as he observed the scicus of Clarice's aloofness and nonchalant, Bolton's monopoly of her, and he wondered at the sudden burst of now act your part. At least you friendship between the two girls.

Theo is Depressed

During a lull in the dancing, Theo, onto a settee, lit a cigaret, and quickly became lost in thought. It was a warm spring night and the scent the torture which heretofore had and it's my prophecy that before long cashier's happy temperament,

Suddenly a shadow crept across the threshold and a woman joined Theo in the seclusion of the retreat. He started from his reverie and looked

"Why so dejected and alone, Big beautiful to him. She was a vision Her conduct was baffling, and his Boy?" she asked, laying one of her

"There are moments when one

"Well, your wishes are gratified, ought to be quits willing to be-well, may I say, adequately avenged. Just how any real he-man can so docilely upon a deserted balcony. He dropped regard for social conventions is more than I can understand. Clarice's treatment of you is disgraceful, and still you refuse to accept the love of of early flowers seemed to 1. gment life for you. You know I love you, always been a stranger to the young cashier's happy temperament.

Suddenly a shadow crent across the

sciously shivered. His silence was who slipped her rounded arm about his broad shoulders and attempted to her lips reached up to his.

clinging arms. He was disgusted and the thought of his own paralyzed affections softened his reprimand.

Circumstantial Evidence

"Mrs. Oliver—I am indeed sorry for your manifestations to me, but surely you realize the utter futility of your misguided passion. I am sorry, indeed, if your protestations are sincere. I have at no time encouraged other than your profound respect and friendship. Even though I admired you fervently, your ties,

sinister fate creeping about him your wedded vows, would forever pre-He thought of his mother and her clude any such association as you dependence upon him, and uncon- have intimated. No matter what I may be, whether he-man or what, I misconstrued by the young matron, shall never stoop to such license with another man's wife."

"I admit, you have always been a draw him into her longing embrace, gentleman, and-knowing I could Her hot breath fanned his face, and trust you has simply inspired my inspiration. Your reticence, so dif-Theodore Ashton's wandering mind ferent from the majority of men, came back to him with a crash, Real- has fired me to this ignoble confesizing the full import of the woman's sion of desire. But you are not attitude, he quickly disengaged her angry, Theo, and you'll forgive me, won't you?, Some day I'll tell you a would have sorely berated her, but secret; then you won's blame me. However, I shall retain my dreams and hopes that you'll change your

> "Never!" Theo declared vehement-ly And at that instant he looked up into the flashing eyes of his com-panion's husband, and simultaneously with his appearance another figure, heretofore unnoticed, stepped from a dark recess of the balcony to Theo's

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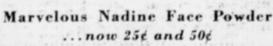
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