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want that a master mind was dealing the cards of fate and that he must fight, and fight desperately to overcome the subtle methods of an invisible foe.

In the meantime, society was again afforded much curious speculation when Clarice Oliver verified a rumor of her broken troth to Theodore Ashton, and announced her engagement to J. Francis Bolton, against her father's vehement opposition.

As the news of the Negrolian Life Insurance Company's affairs became public, its indebtedness caused by its building program, together with the reported defalcation of its cashier, the directors were taxed to their capacity to prevent bankruptcy. Creditors and policy-holders came forward

with demands for immediate protection. Stockholders cried for guarantees.

President Oliver fought valiantly against the rising tide of sentiment favoring the substitution of Bolton as president in his stead. A small element called for vigorous punishment of the cashier, and that a receiver be appointed. Harry Bruce, the bookkeeper, was discharged.

Theo is Released

Bolton continued to entertain lavishly at his palatial home and at his club. Various groups of influential persons enjoyed his hospitality and his beautiful ward was put to a sore test to meet the ever growing demands upon her services as hostess.

When the examiners had completed their audit and announced a shortage of only ten thousand dollars, the furor, which had all but swamped the company, began to subside, and at the psychological moment, Wm. E. Kingston, Theo's personal attorney, came forward and had Theo admitted to bail.

At home again, Theo was greeted most affectionately by his mother. They chatted a short while and then she left him to hasten to the kitchen to oversee the preparations for dinner. As Theo rose and started for his own room, his movement was arrested by a rustle of silk. As he turned he stood face to face with Marcia, in all her radiant loveliness, beaming a joyous welcome. Like a homing pigeon, she rushed into his outstretched arms.

"It's good to see you again. I just had to be here with Mother to welcome you home," Marcia confessed gaily, as she nestled her head against his broad shoulder.

"Marcia, dear, I think this is about the happiest moment I have spent since I learned that you love me. Truly it is good to be home again and to be greeted by the two dearest women on earth. No man could ask for more, but the fact that you and mother have evidently become pals is more than I had dreamed of," Theo admitted.

Theo Learns of Marcia's Faithfulness

"But you don't know the half of it," laughed Mrs. Ashton from the dining room where she was arranging the snowy table. "That dear girl has either been here or called me up every day since her debut. I don't know what on earth I would have done, during all this suspense, if it had not been for her."

"And now I can begin to understand some things. No wonder mother hasn't had any hysterics because I was in jail," Theo surmised, pressing the happy girl to him. "You took all the worst out of the terror and made it very easy for me."

It was a happy trio that sat down to the sumptuous meal, and those few moments fully compensated Theo for the weary hours he had spent in jail. While Theo related his experiences while imprisoned, as well as the details of the events leading up to his arrest, Marcia remained studiously attentive.

With the completion of Theo's narrative, Marcia discussed her own affairs briefly. "You see, I am utterly confounded by the baseness of Mr. Bolton's duplicity. He seems now to be dragging in every available human in his attempt to further his nefarious schemes. And while he treats me with every courtesy, he is also beginning to bring pressure to bear in connection with our affairs. I am watching his every move, and I confess some of them are very mysterious, but I hope to be able to defeat any of his plots. Only a few months remain now for his guardianship, and he will have to act quickly to prevent my coming into my own. An open rupture with him might tie up the estate indefinitely."

The door bell rang and the maid answered the summons. "Mr. Ashton, Miss Oliver wishes to speak to you," she informed Theo when she returned.

The three happy diners mutely expressed their surprise, and Theo rose from the table to receive his visitor. As he entered the living room, Clarice advanced to greet him. She was stunningly gowned and assumed an air of regret.

Returns Engagement Ring

"How do you do, Theo?" she greeted, proffering her gloved hand. "I truly sympathize with you and sincerely hope that most of your troubles are over."

"Thank you," replied Theo, as he waited for her to make known the cause of her visit.

"And how is your mother?" Clarice asked, as she removed one of her gloves.

"I don't think I have ever known mother to enjoy better health and spirits than now."

"My visit at this particular time will no doubt be a surprise to you, and certainly it is not the most pleasant one I ever made. However, Theo, considering the situation from its many angles and conforming to

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PITY THE POOR TEACHER

Many parents whose children have come home from school with poor marks fail to appreciate how difficult it is for a teacher, no matter how willing she may be, to give very high percentages in all cases.

The Washington Post some time ago gave the following quotations from school examination papers in Baltimore, Maryland. If you were a teacher, how would you mark such answers?

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Interesting Side Lights On the Egyptians

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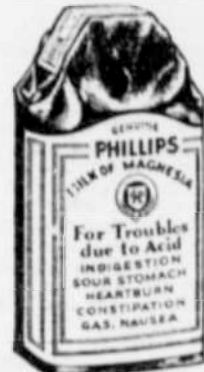
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