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THE Third SEX Called "Pansies" The Truth About the Bride Twice Deserted on Her Wedding Night

Daisy May, willowy, brown and baffling, was ardently wooed and twice married. Each time the groom stormed out of their love nest on the wedding night vowing never to see her again.



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What is the meaning of the amazing revelations made by two men personally unknown to each other, which have just been made in London? These startling revelations involve their mutual bride in the strangest marital adventures of recent years.

And what is the secret of the beautiful, baffling creature who was twice wooed passionately and married for love—only to be abandoned on her wedding night?

The mystery had its beginning about five years ago, when young John Gillespie (later the first husband in this case), was introduced to Daisy May Park. She was a brown beauty of the slender, willowy type. Gillespie, manly young fellow, admired femininity. Thus he fell victim to what he described as "her girlish charm."

After an ardent courtship, they wrenched the bridegroom from the bridegroom left the bride—never to see her again.

Of the marriage that had promised so well and had ended so dramatically, Gillespie never spoke. His lips were sealed until another man's astounding love affair wrung from him an almost incredible tale. About six months ago an event occurred which was destined to reveal the young man's extraordinary experience. On the surface, it seemed prosaic enough, and indeed, amounted to nothing more than the renting of a room to a pleasant faced young man by a Mrs. Fair.

Discovered to Dress as a Woman

The new lodger's name was David Clark. He appeared just an average lodger and the landlady liked him at sight. But what was her astonishment after he had been there a little while to discover that sometimes he dressed as a—woman!

Surprised by her one evening in a beautiful orchid opera cloak with silk stockings and dancing shoes to match and a necklace to adorn the delicate bronzed throat, he explained that he was an actor, a female impersonator. His professional name were married. But that very night, as "The Perfect Lady,"

A little later he told her he would be leaving as he was getting married. It did not occur to her to enquire as to the name of his fiancée. Had she done so she might have been able to prevent the curious love disaster that followed.

"The Perfect Lady," it appears, had attended a ball. In her beautiful feminine attire, she was quite irresistible, and a fellow guest, to whom she was introduced as Daisy May Clifford, instantly fell in love with her!

Then ensued a wooing of rare passion, filled with love-making and kisses, letters, telegrams, phone calls and presents, the two meeting each day and becoming, apparently, more devoted to one another every hour.

Most puzzling is the fact that although young Joe McMechan Williamson enacted with Daisy all the usual love scenes of an engaged couple and was the object of her caresses he was never troubled with doubts as to the wisdom of his choice. Equally curious is it, too, that in the circumstances, Daisy would consent to becoming legally his wife. But the fact remains that she did.

Five months after she met Williamson, her second wedding took place in Scotland.

Were Daisy May's thoughts drawn back to that other man she had loved to the marriage that had terminated so abruptly? On the threshold of this new union, did she not even then realize that for her, marriage, no matter how much she had been loved previously, must finish as it finished with her first husband? Or—d'd she not even know that she was concealing one of the strangest secrets that ever cursed its possessor? Unlikely as it might seem, innocence would, actually, be possible.

Williamson Made an Appalling Discovery

Gaily, happily the bridal pair left the office of the justice of the peace man and wife in the eyes of the world. But that very night, young Williamson made an appalling, a ghastly discovery! So great was the shock that he suffered, so acute his emotion that, all unconsciously he followed his predecessor's actions and fled the house, wearing that he would never see Daisy May again!

And what was the discovery that arms of the bride and sent him horror-stricken into the shelter of the dark streets? Why was he reduced to a shattered wreck within twelve hours of the wedding ceremony? This was the reason—

The young husband discovered that Daisy May was really—David!

Could there be a more uncanny revelation? Would it be possible for a man to find himself in a more desperately perplexing situation?

Eventually the distraught youngster sought the help of his father. As a result, legal steps are now being taken to annul the marriage. Poor duped Williamson was still further harrowed when John Gillespie, reading of these events in the papers, came forward and proved himself the first victim of Daisy May or David Clark.

Historic Cases

Daisy's—or David's—marriages are unique. Nevertheless there are on record a few cases extraordinary in themselves but not altogether dissimilar which from time to time, have occupied the attention of scientists.

A famous historic instance of a man who would have preferred to be a woman and consequently lived most of his life as though he were is described in a book recently translated from the French of O. P. Gilbert and just now published in London.

This extraordinarily interesting volume tells of the Abbe de Choisy who played an important part in the

politics of France and whose one and only joy in life was to make believe he was a woman. His mother had greatly regretted that he was not a girl. A woman of resolution, she did her best to overcome this disappointment and to make him a substitute for the daughter she had wanted. She dressed him in petticoats and corsets and girl's clothing and taught him all the little feminine aids to beauty, gradually implanting the idea that the aim of his life should be to seek admiration.

He Had a Bodice Embroidered

That she succeeded is shown by the Abbe's own diary, with the confession that one would judge could have been written only by a woman!

"I had," says De Choisy, "a bodice embroidered with natural flowers on a silver ground—a shirt that was fastened up on both sides with yellow and silver ribbons . . . the bodice high and padded out . . . my black hair was done in large curls . . . I had big diamond earrings and a dozen patches" . . . and so on and so on!

He had numerous love affairs but when the Abbe eventually fell seriously in love, he insisted that he retain his feminine mode of living. While Mademoiselle de la Grise, his sweetheart, was persuaded by him to play the part of a man and go about even in public, in masculine attire. This did not scandalize the Court and he was sent by King Louis on a special mission to Russia.

A Ducal Flapper

Phillipe, Duke of Orleans, brother of Louis XIV, lived much the same existence, delighting in pretending

to the world and to himself that he was a very pretty woman; in fact, a flapper-va-va.

A Soldier and Woman

The Chevalier d'Eon, a celebrated courtier of the eighteenth century, lived a strange double existence, fighting as a soldier—he was extraordinarily brave in battle—and amusing himself as a woman under the name Comtesse de Barres. He became mixed up in the intrigues of the Court and the politics of France. Louis XV, who had employed him on secret missions, disguised as a woman, forced him for reasons of state to declare himself such. But when he died, the half-forgotten truth about his sex was proved.

Discovered at Death

Another strange creature of which Gilbert gives a vivid picture was

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Large cities have "Pansy" clubs of young men whose special delight is to dress in women's garb and regard themselves as women. Above, photo of four men