

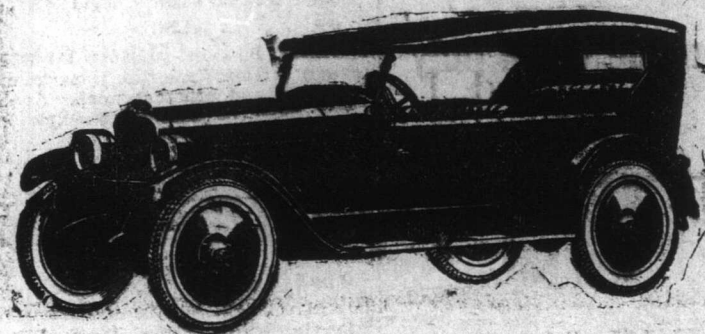
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Lord Cecil's Dilemma

The Picnic

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CHAPTER VII.

After dinner the gentlemen smoked the usual post-prandial cigar, and the ladies retired to discuss the question of making the remainder of the evening thoroughly sociable.

An hour later they met in one of the large reception-rooms, and Sir Charles found himself face to face with Lady Gladys. He had not spoken to her yet. In his bitterness of heart he had avoided her, but now he stands, trembling with some emotion that for the moment completely masters him. What is that which he reads in her misty, reproachful eyes? Is he dreaming, or mad? Can she be a perfect mistress of the art of coquetry, or—?

She placed her hand in his saying, softly:

"I am pleased to see you, Sir Charles."

"And I," he stammered, "and I am glad to be here, Lady Gladys."

They looked into each other's eyes, and both knew that they had met their fate, for weal or woe.

"I thought that you did not wish to speak to me," she said, her face glowing. "You have not attempted to approach me!"

He had no reply, but stood for a few moments like a man in a dream. The words that Lord Cecil had uttered to his mother rang in his ears. "I proposed to her yesterday, and she accepted me!" He could not believe it now. He would ask Lady Gladys point-blank, by and by. He forgot his own dreadful secret; he forgot the curse that was upon his house, and he replied:

"I cannot deny it, Lady Gladys. I will tell you why some day."

"You have made me curious, Sir

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lovely. The moonlight is upon every thing. The world is like a poet's conception of fairyland!"

He left her, and she saw him go out on to the lawn. He was waiting for Gladys, and Lady Marcia wondered what he had to tell her beautiful niece.

CHAPTER VIII.

Through the windows of the brilliantly lighted reception-room, Sir Charles could see all that was going on as he paced the lawn. Lord Cecil was talking to Lady Craythorne and her daughters, and waiting impatiently for Lady Gladys Howard. Now and then Ada Craythorne cast an expectant glance toward the doorway. She fondly believed that her beauty and captivated Sir Charles Hastings.

While the young baronet was studiously evading her, she was momentarily expecting him at her side.

The Earl of Swinford and Lady Marcia left the room, and Lord Cecil rose impatiently to his feet. He could not very well leave the Craythornes until the vicar came to his relief, and the vicar was adjusting a wrap about the head of Mrs. Nixey, a youthful widow that few men could withstand.

"Flossie, darling," exclaimed Lady Craythorne. "These serene summer nights are treacherous. Do not go out with Lord Cecil unless you are much cooler than I am."

After a speech of this kind what could Lord Cecil do but await the pleasure of Miss Florrie Craythorne. She looked somewhat shyly at him, for she was a timid, retiring girl.

She was fair, while Ada was dark; she was smaller, weaker, and the two differed as night differs from day. Flossie was two years older than Ada, and Lady Craythorne feared that Lord Stanhope was her last suitable chance.

"Do you prefer to remain indoors, Lady Craythorne?" asked Lord Cecil. "The night is lovely. I like to smoke a cigar in the moonlight."

"And I adore the odor of tobacco in the open air," confessed Flossie. "Then run away, you children. I will join you in a few minutes."

At that moment Ada saw the glint of a white satin dress on the lawn, and two figures crossed a broad belt of bright moonlight. The wearer of the white dress was Lady Gladys, and her companion was Sir Charles Hastings.

"Come," she said to her mother. "We are the last in the house!" Her eyes glowed with disappointment and rage. Sir Charles had evidently misused her. So far she had never regarded the earl's daughter as a possible rival.

They followed close upon the heels of Lord Cecil and Flossie, and were just in time to see Sir Charles Hastings and Lady Gladys disappearing into what was known as the White Lady's Walls. It consisted of a perfect maze of turns and twists, and in the center there was a beautiful bower of lilac, clematis, jasmine, and roses.

To be continued.)

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"Something to tell her?" repeated Lady Marcia.

"Yes," he replied. "The moon is



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Some of them point it out to me—Sin and shame where it shouldn't be. Hurt and pain on a little cheek. Strong men driving their bargains cold. Struggling only to have and hold. And they say: "You're fed and you sleep all night. And you tell yourself that the world's all right."

It's hard to answer the cynic's sneer, Because it is true there is sin down here.

It's true some suffer and some go wrong And the weak must bow to the brutal strong.

And it's also plain and it's also true There is plenty of work for the brave to do: But some of the wrong men here have gone. And the signs are clear that we're getting on.

God takes time when He shapes a man, And ages are only a moment's span, And thousands live, as they think, in vain.

Suffering poverty, grief and pain, Yet surer and surer along the way We see the dawn of a better day And a kinder world to dwell upon, For the signs are clear that we're getting on.

Not by one man nor a single age Can we change the record of history's page: Not by one day nor a single year Can we change the current of life down here.

There are sin and shame for us all to view, And selfish deeds which the people do, But the wrongs are being righted, one by one, And slowly, but surely, we're getting on.

A Sea Yarn With Thrills.

TARANTULA SLAYS MAN EATING SHARK—ANOTHER STORY FROM NEW YORK.

New York, June 18.—A tarantula killed the leader of a pack of man-eating sharks! Believe it or not, the sailors aboard the United Fruit steamship Tivives, which arrived from the canal zone to-day, will take off jackets and fight anybody who says it is not true.

When the vessel left Jamaica last Saturday, seventeen whales, coming from all parts of the ocean, mobilized at that port and swam with the ship for a whole day. The next morning, Sunday, the whales met a school of sharks, fourteen well-managed sharks, the leader of which ruled his followers through intimidation. He said something to them and they deployed to starboard and to port and attacked the whales from the rear. The whales fled, leaving two of their number dead on the sea of battle!

Some of the passengers got nervous when the sharks insisted on staying forward, while the captain was aft, and took some old canvas, some black and white paint, and drew the figure of a man on it. Then it was filled with a lot of banana stems and topped off with a perfectly nice tarantula, which when they "sawed him up" it got even wilder than the leader of the sharks.

Then they threw the dummy overboard. The shark leader grabbed it and ripped it from stem to stem, liberating the tarantula which by this time was cross-eyed with anger. When he saw the shark he thought he was responsible for his being sewed up. He jumped on that shark venomously, savagely, with all his feet. The water was soon red with the shark's gore and the weak flapping of his flippers soon showed that he had flopped.

The sailors did not say what happened to the tarantula. It is thought that he's looking for the other thirteen sharks.

Big Salvage Undertaking

ENGLISH EXPERTS DOUBT SUCCESS.

LONDON, (ASSOCIATED PRESS)—The statement cabled from New York that an American Salvage Co. were going to try to raise the Lusitania has aroused keen interest here. But most of those who speak with authority about lifting ships from the bottom of the sea are sceptical as to the Lusitania ever being floated. Sir Frederick Young is strongly of the opinion that it will never be done. He has charge of the Admiralty Salvage section during the war, and brought into port nearly 500 ships that had become torpedoed and a considerable number had been sunk. No one knows more about raising sunken ships.

Maritime Co.

TRANSFERRED ASSETS TO NEW ORGANIZATION.

At a special general meeting of the Maritime Motion Picture Company

held on Wednesday afternoon last it was decided unanimously to transfer the assets of the company to a new company, which will be known as the Canadian Maritime Motion Picture Company, Limited. The meeting was large one, shareholders from many towns and cities being present in person. The opposition which had developed into an application to the supreme court for an injunction to prevent the proposed transfer was wholly dissipated by the judgment of Mr. Justice Ritchie who refused to grant the restraining order. The resolution to form the new company was adopted unanimously and enthusiastically.

When the company was formed originally its charter granted to the company the right to manufacture films only and did not provide for the distribution of them. The charter of the new corporation will include much wider powers and will permit the company to carry on the different branches of the industry through which a picture must pass before it reaches the exhibitor.

The final arrangement for the organization of the new concern which will take over all the assets and liabilities of the original company are now being completed. Transfers of stock will be made on a favorable basis, all holders of the old stock will receive a greater amount of stock of the new concern in exchange for it. Sydney Post, June 10.

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