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# An Earnest Trifler

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"What an age it is since I've seen you," said Branton Ridgely, turning with enthusiasm to Eleanor Grayson. The pink-skirted candles on Mrs. Courtney's dinner table cast a glow across the pale oval of Miss Grayson's face. From under her dark, delicately arched brows her hazel eyes looked out on the world with stately seriousness.

"The last time we met," he went on, "was at the Van Nestor's tennis tournament on the 15th of September."

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"I accept the rebuke," said Ridgely, meekly.

"Isn't it a pity to waste such good material instead of a leader of men?"

"And isn't it a pity to hide yourself from your friends and stay in that settlement, telling and slaving?"

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"I've even done before," supplemented Miss Grayson, warmly.

"That's all very well, but how am I ever to catch a glimpse of you? I was just beginning to know you last summer, and now your time is taken up with your work, and you haven't a moment to give me. And you'll end," he predicted savagely, "by falling in love with one of the workers there—unless you're already interested in someone else."

"Such frankness merits frankness in return. I am deeply interested in some one. But your first surprise was wrong. The hero in this case is quite unknown. I never even seen him."

"Never mind," growled Ridgely. "I'll show himself soon enough, when he's found you've begun to care."

"Well, then, he'll have to change his present fate," answered Miss Grayson, lightly. "Do you know, it's the most mysterious thing! Each week through the mail I've been receiving an envelope filled with paper money. Inclosed is a printed note which says: 'For the needy,' and it's signed 'E. T.'"

"Strange," murmured Ridgely. "Yes, and there's more—"

"More?"

"I mean each day there's a bunch of violets, too, and the same initial on the card."

"The dealer," said Ridgely, "Well, and what then?"

"Then? Oh, there's nothing more. The flowers continue to come, and the money continues to come, and though I have no clue as to who E. T. is, I continue to accept both."

"How do you know he's a man?"

"What woman would be so systematic?"

"True. And do you wear the flowers he sends?"

"Sometimes."

"Lucky dog! He to be envied!"

"That's so like you, Mr. Ridgely, to think of the flowers first, and forget all about the money that has made it possible for me to carry out one of my pet schemes. This week Miss Elliott and I have rented and renovated a house—number 12 Pearl street, and we're going to live there and run it to suit ourselves."

"Alone?"

"Well, to say it's madness is inadequate. In that quarter of the city—regular slum! If you had parents—"

"I shouldn't be doing it. Probably not. As it is, my friends have expostulated in vain. For I am quite capable of taking care of myself. And I see no reason why I shouldn't make experiments, and do as I please. Besides, Miss Elliott and I aren't altogether alone. We have a very competent German servant, Gretchen. And I'm sure the man who sends the money would be delighted to see to what use we've put it. We have only been in the house a week, and have an inmate already—such a piteous case, a little Italian girl whose stepfather, Grinaldo, forced her to work in a cigar factory, though she was so ill she could scarcely stand. Grinaldo used to beat her if her earnings didn't please him. If you could have seen her poor arms—so wasted and pinched black and blue! Of course it was a case for the societies, but I don't wait for them to interfere. I took her in myself. I want

ed to see those olive cheeks of hers grow rounded out and rosy, and those

scrawny brown hands—do you know, she looks as if she'd gained pounds already! Her eyes are beginning to lose their haggard look, and she doesn't duck her head as if she expected a blow."

"And her stepfather?"

"Grinaldo? Oh, he's disappeared. We won't have any more trouble with him. I fancy. There! I've bored you with talking about myself, but it's going to end, for I am taking the privilege of excusing myself and leaving early. Mrs. Courtney is a lenient hostess!"

"You'll let me put you into your cab?" said Ridgely.

"I would if I expected to take one, but I'm going back to Pearl street via the friendly street car. It drops me within three blocks of the door."

"Three blocks! Oh, I say, Miss Grayson, won't you let me—"

"Thank you, no! I shall be perfectly safe. I've come and gone at my own free will for the last week. The people down there are too busy minding their own affairs to interfere with mine."

A few moments later, swathed in a long dark coat that fitted closely and hid the folds of her dinner gown, Miss Grayson hailed a crosstown car. It was a cloudy evening that threatened rain, and before she reached her destination the storm broke wildly, the great drops falling in gusts against the car windows. The corner at which Miss Grayson alighted was deserted. Faint gleams from half-opened tenement shutters, and the dim, murky yellow of the street lamps were reflected in the streaming gutters, and the sidewalk's miniature pools. Miss Grayson splashed briskly ahead, looking neither to the right nor to the left, till she neared her own abode and turned her head to glance in the window. The partition of what had once been a narrow hall had been removed, and the whole was turned into a spacious sitting room. The corners of a half-painted grail fire threw a softened color over books and pictures, and the dark, thin face of little Tessa, who was seated on the hearth.

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"The Spider," of John McIntyre as Henry Corbett, of A. McCloskey as Frank Selwyn, of Miss Daisy Peterson as Olive Skinner, and in fact, of all members of the cast.

Excellent remarks were introduced between the acts by Miss Josephine Fitzpatrick, Prof. G. D. Davidson, F. J. Harding and LeBaron Dillcock.

The whole performance reflects great credit upon Arthur McCloskey, who directed it.

"The Silver King" will be repeated this evening and should be greeted by another large audience.

## AMATEURS SCORE IN SILVER KING

The A. O. H. Dramatic Club scored a splendid triumph with the presentation of Henry Arthur Jones' old masterpiece, "The Silver King," at the Opera House last evening, before a large and fashionable audience.

The play has been seen here on many occasions, but it is doubtful if the majority of repertoire companies put it on to better advantage than did the A. O. H. amateurs last evening. The parts were all well taken and the staging was of the old parish church of Three Rivers, originally built in 1656 and rebuilt in 1746, is altogether destroyed, except for the walls, which are still standing.

Near the church, the custom house is also in ruins. The latter building is also a historic one, being used as a barracks in the early colonial days.

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# THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS AS RESULT OF FIRE IN THREE RIVERS, QUE

THREE RIVERS, Q. June 22.—At least one thousand people are homeless and more than a million dollars' worth of damage was done by a fire which broke out here shortly after noon today. The heart of the old city has been wiped out of existence, and for half a mile square in the business section only blackened ruins remain with a few gaunt chimneys standing intact, while furniture saved from the doomed buildings is piled up in the public square.

Fanned by a strong southwest wind the fire had in one hour's time developed into a sea of flames, with which the local brigade of six men, assisted by volunteers, had to cope unaided until after three o'clock, when the first arrival contingent from Grande Mere

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