

Their Hearts' Desire

the landing, his attention arrested by a faint noise in the lighted hall above, and withdrawing into the deeper shadows of a corner, he saw emerge from the guest room next to John's, an angel!

He was sure it was an angel, for it had the light of Heaven in its face, despite the fact it carried a football and a gun and wore a flowing, diaphanous, lace-trimmed negligee.

With throbbing heart, he watched it move towards John's half-open door, and for a moment a wild desire possessed him to confine within his humanizing arms this bit of spiritual glory, football, gun and all; but distrust of what the penalty might be for molesting a celestial being held him back, until the vision disappeared, and then drove him in mad haste to the safety of his room.