

## COUNTING THEM BEFORE THEY ARE HATCHED

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# THE WOMAN WHO CHANGED

<p><b>Self Reliance.</b></p>	<p>people around us were. She knew everyone. Two or three stopped at</p>	<p>me see that she had seen and understood. I burst into tears, and when</p>
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CHAPTER XLII.

I dressed carefully. I remembered how very particular George was that I should look well the day he took

our cable and spoke to her. One man she introduced, a Mr. Stewart. He seemed very nice and spoke so nicely about George.

Our luncheon was really very good, as she had said it would be. We had

reached home went directly to room.

Monday—The Costume for the Dinner.

to the Elite for luncheon. I wore the same dress, but this time instead of the toque I wore a big, floppy, black hat that was very becoming. "You look very nicely," Mrs. Sexton

and when I joined her down stairs. She herself was beautifully dressed, and so stylish. I wondered why she had to work teaching people how to behave, when she could dress like

"No, I haven't been away. But I haven't been up to my usual form, so have rather avoided going out."

"No wonder you couldn't resist today—with such a charming companion!" and he bowed graciously to the girls.

The head waiter knew her, and to my surprise he was as deferential as I had been to George. Another exploded idea. I had supposed that only men were interesting to waiters. That was wrong. I asked him where, from, and how long he had been in the area. He called him "Flatterer."

I paid scarcely any attention to what they said, after that; my mind was on the dessert question. Finally

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"My cheeks burned, and I was so nervous that my hands trembled when Mrs. Sexton waved the waiter over. I ordered French pastry and coffee. "May I have a cup with you?" he asked, looking at Mrs. Sexton. "This is Mrs. Howard's luncheon, I am her guest," she replied, and, I thought not over pleased.

may with a graceful motion in my direction.

Bowing obsequiously, he moved round to my side and gave me the menu. He had a patient expression on his face, as much as to say: "Why not?"

"Certainly. Bring three coffees, waiter."

After asking me if he might remain, he scarcely noticed me, but kept up his incessant chatter, and I could

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didn't the older woman order?"

I recalled that I must order "brisket," so I started in.

"We'll have some clam bouillon," I looked toward Mrs. Sexton, but she was gazing around and wouldn't let

...a smiling line of conversation with Mrs. Sexton. They talked of mutual friends, etc. I was a bit bored, but tried not to show it.

We had just been served with our coffee when I saw Alerton Gray com-

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"No, bring some peas, and a tomato to en surprise. I will decide the

essert later." I had heard George say that, so I knew I might also.

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"You did very well. I am glad you did not allow the waiter to dictate." "But it is such a simple lunch."

making too much fuss about it.

Mr. Carpenter was very soliditous, fearing I had been burned. But Mrs. Sexton was as quietly calm as if nothing had happened. I wondered if ever I should have her savor faire.

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That is the very reason I am raising you. When you can't do anything elaborate well, never attempt it. Simple things, if properly managed, are never common. The luncheon will be very nice, I am sure."

She then told me who many of the Sexton said on the way home, letting

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