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The Man With Two Wives.

I met him several times before I met her. He was big, and self-confident, and declamatory, even in his clothes. Someone introduced me to him at the horse show, that annual torment for which one of my well-to-do parishioners sent me tickets that I felt bound to use, and he astonished me by announcing that he intended to take a box in my church. I gasped, but recovered myself in time to assure him that he would be welcome. Later I learned that he had recently moved into the biggest house in town, having made his money in the life out of some patented kind of soap. The next Sunday, just after the first hymn, I saw him at the rear of the church apparently arguing with the usher, who conducted him at length down the aisle and seated him at the very front.

At the close of the service he was the first to speak to me.

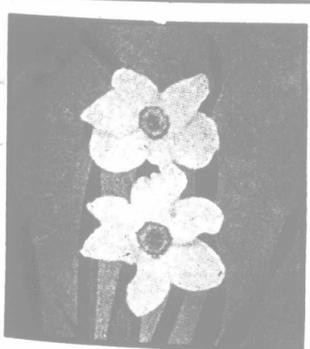
"Fine, Doctor, simply splendid!" his voice boomed out like the biggest pipe on the organ. "I want to come here regular: wish you'd put up my name for membership. And I'd like to have you come to my house sir. When will you come?"

For several weeks I was so busy with other duties that I could not find time to redeem my promise. Then one morning I missed him from his place at the front; and thus reminded of my neglect I determined to make my call that week.

A butler opened the door—the only butler, I believe, that our little city boasted—and I was ushered into a reception-room finished in mahogany and crowded with gold furniture. The butler disappeared upstairs and returned after a few minutes to report that Mr. Dives was absent from the city, but that Mrs. Dives would be down. It was the first time I had heard that there was a Mrs. Dives.

A little later her footsteps pattered softly on the padded stairway, and then stopped suddenly, commanded by a querulous whisper that was shrill enough to reach my own ears.

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It was a girl's voice, apparently the daughter of the house. I could sense the mother's hesitation and self-consciousness; she stopped, took a step back, and then, as though acting with unaccustomed resolution, continued down.

I suspect that she knew I had heard, for her face was flushed and embarrassed as she stepped through the door and held out her hand to me. She was a little woman whose clothes fitted her badly. Her hair was drawn tight across her forehead, but there was a wistful sort of tenderness in her face which was attractive. I remember thinking that a little care on the part of someone that understood such things might have made her very attractive.

The hand that she held out to me was large in proportion to the rest of her body, but it was well formed.

"Mr. Dives is away," she began, and stopped.

"I am very glad of the opportunity to meet you," I replied. "I have not yet had a chance to welcome you to our services."

I thought she might say something in explanation and, indeed, she started to, but ended with an embarrassed little laugh. I changed the subject quickly. They had been in the city only a few months, she told me, having come from the little out-of-the-way town where her husband's factory was located. He had sold his interests, which had left them free, and so here they were, in a big house, realizing the dreams of their youth. One guided into these more familiar channels the conversation ran smoothly, with now and then a bit of sparkle. Indeed, my estimate of Mrs. Dives's charm and intellectual ability grew as our talk proceeded, and I found it easy to credit the rumors which had assigned her a large contribution to her husband's success. She was really a very unusual woman.

As I prepared to leave I ventured to repeat the hope that she might be present with her husband at our Sunday services; and again, suddenly, her face clouded. The sparkle died out of her manner; she became somehow dull and reserved. It was as complete a transformation as I have ever seen. The woman who had charmed me by her vivacious intelligence vanished, and left the timid creature who had stood shrinking in the doorway, in her place.

"I should like to come," she said. "I want—" and then, suddenly—"Doctor, may I come to see you sometime at your study?"

"Assuredly," I answered. "Come Monday morning."

"Thanks—thank you—thank you so much," she stammered. I wondered what she meant.

Monday morning I looked up from my desk to see a carriage draw up before the door, and after a moment she descended from it, dressed as I had seen her at the house with the addition of a hat strangely unbecoming. As I watched her walk toward the door I wondered which woman was coming to me—the self-reliant, clear-thinking woman of whom I had caught a glimpse at the house, whose keen mind had planned out her husband's success, or the shrinking, timid creature who had drawn back within herself when I suggested that she come with him to church.

I had not long to wonder; the half apologetic knock with which she announced her arrival testified that she came in fear and trembling.

"I'm going to help you," I said, when she had settled herself and while she was casting about in her mind as to how she would begin. "I'm going to tell you why you came to me."

She looked at me half fearfully, half gratefully.

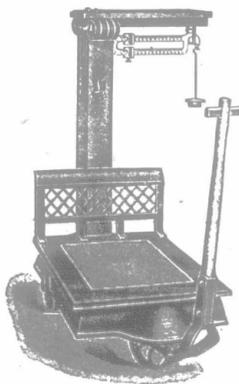
"You want to tell me that you can't come to church with your husband because he doesn't want you to come."

It was a long, dangerous chance to take, but I knew instantly by the look in her eyes that I was not mistaken, though the almost brutal frankness of my statement shocked her into pained protest.

"You mustn't say that, Doctor. Mr. Dives—my husband is very, very kind to me."

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