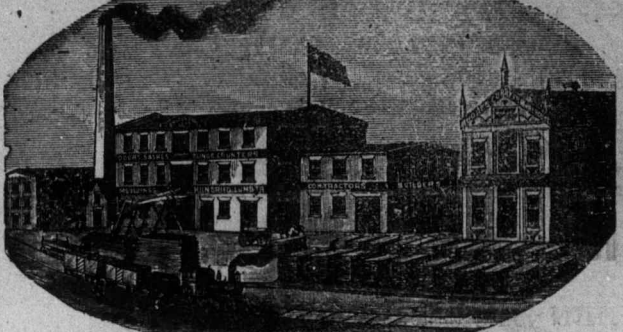


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He failed for sixty thousand,
Took a last look at the wreck,
And when next they found him,
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His creditors said he drank;
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While his moneyed country partner
Simply sat around and sobbed.
But the wily corner
(His brain was extra crazy,
The man was plainly crazy,
For he'd never advertised.

THE INTOXICATED GHOST.

BY ARLO BATES.

Continued.

"Why sir," Irene asked irrelevantly,
"do you seem to be always drinking
wine?"
"Because," he answered, sadly, "I
dropped dead while I was drinking
the health of Lady Betty Rafferty,
and since then I have to do it—when-
ever I am in the presence of mortals."
"But can you not stop?"
"Only when your ladyship is pleased
to command me," he replied, with all
his old-fashioned elaborateness of
courtesy.

"And as to the diamonds," Irene
said, coming back to the subject
with an abruptness which seemed to
be most annoying to the ghost, "of
what possible use can they be to you
in your present condition?"

"What use?" echoed the wraith of
the major, with much reverence.
"They are my occupation. I am their
guardian spirit."

"But," she urged bringing to bear
those powers of logic upon which she
always had prided herself, "you
drink the ghost of wine, don't you?"
"Certainly, madam," the spirit
answered, evasively.

"Then why can you not be content
with guarding the ghost of the McHugh
diamonds, while you let the real, live
Arthur McHugh have the real stones?"

"Why, that," the apparition returned,
"is different—quite different."
"How is it different?"
"Now I am the guardian of a
genuine treasure. I am the most
considerable personage in our whole
circle."

"Your circle," interrupted Irene,
"the shape said, 'I will, with your per-
mission, omit the explanation. If I
gave up the diamonds, I should be
only a common, drinking ghost—a
thing to be gossiped about and smiled
at.'"

"You would be held in reverence as
the posthumous benefactor of your
family," she argued.

"I am better pleased with things as
they are. I have no great faith in
the rewards of the benefactors; and
the people benefited would not be-
long to our circle, either."

"You are both selfish and cynical,"
Irene declared. She fell to medi-
tating what she had better say to him,
and meanwhile she noted with satis-
faction that the candle was burning
blue, a fact which, to her accustomed
eye, indicated that the ghost was a
spirit of most excellent standing in
ghostly ranks.

"To suffer the disapproval of one
so lovely," the remnant of the old-
time gentleman rejoined, "is a mis-
fortune so severe that I cannot for-
get reminding you that you are not
fully familiar with the condition un-
der which I exist."

In this unsatisfactory strain the con-
versation continued for some time
longer; and when at length the ghost
took its departure, and Irene retired
to rest, she could not flatter herself
that she had made any special pro-
gress toward inducing the spirit to
yield the secret which it had so long
and so carefully guarded.

Affection seemed to be set with death-
less constancy upon the gems, and
that most powerful of masculine
passions, vanity, to be enlisted in
their defence.

"I am afraid that it is of no use,"
Irene sighed to herself, "and yet, after
all, he was only a man when he was
alive; and he cannot be much more
than that now when he is a ghost."

And greatly comforted by the
reflection that whatever is masculine
is to be overcome by feminine guile
she fell asleep.

In the following afternoon Irene
found herself sitting on the sofa with
the Lieutenant. She had de-
clined his invitation to come, and had
immediately felt to exult in her
strength of mind which had enabled
her to withstand temptation that she
had followed the refusal with an
acceptance.

The day was deliciously soft and
warm. A thin haze shut off the
heat of the sun, while a southerly
breeze found somewhere a spicy and
refreshing odor, which it diffused
over the water. The river moved
tranquilly, and anyone capable of be-
ing sentimental might well find it
hard to resist the influence of the
afternoon.

The lieutenant was as ardently in
love as it is possible for a man to be
who is at once a soldier and hand-
some, and indeed more than would
have been expected from a man who
combined these two things. The
fact that Irene had a great deal of
money, while he had none, gave to
his passion a hopelessness from his
point of view which much increased
its fervor. He gazed at his companion
with his great dark eyes as she
sat in the steam, his heavy eyebrows
and well-developed moustache pre-
venting him from looking as silly as
might otherwise have been the case.
Miss Gaspie was by no means in-
sensible to the spell of the time and
of the companionship in which she
found herself, but she was determined
above all things to be discreet.

"Arthur," she said, by way of keep-
ing the talk in safe channels and of
finding out what she wanted to
know, "as search ever made for the
McHugh diamonds?"

"Search?" he repeated. "Every-
thing about pulling the house down
has been tried. Every body in the
family from the time they were lost
has had a hand at it."

"I do not see," began Irene, when
he interrupted brusquely, "how you
can say 'no,' 'nobody sees.' The
solution of the riddle is probably so
simple that nobody will think of it.
It will be hit upon by accident some
day. But for the sake of goodness,
let us talk of something else. I al-
ways lose my temper when the Mc-
Hugh diamonds are mentioned."

He relieved his impatience by a
fierce spurt at the oars, which sent
the boat spinning through the water;
then he shook himself as if to shake
off unpleasant thoughts, and once
more allowed the current to take
him along. Irene looked at him
with wistful eyes. She would have
been so glad to give him all her
money if he would have it.

"You told me," she said at length
with a faint air of self-consciousness,
"that you wanted to say something to
me."

The young lieutenant flushed, and
looked between the trunks of the old
trees on the river bank into the far
distance. "I have," he responded.
"It is a piece of impertinence, be-
cause I have no right to say it to you."

"You may say anything you wish
to," Irene answered, while she sat
vague apprehension took possession
of her mind at something in his tone.
"Surely we have known each other
long enough for that."

"Well," the blurted out with an
abruptness that showed the effort
that it cost him, "you should be mar-
ried."

Irene felt like bursting into tears
but with truly feminine fortitude she
managed to smile instead.

"Am I getting so woefully old and
faded, then, Arthur?" she asked.

His look of reproachful denial was
sufficiently eloquent to need no added
words. "Of course not," he said; "but
you should not be going on toward
the time when—"

"When I shall be," she concluded
his sentence as he hesitated. "Then
Arthur why don't you, ask me to
marry you?"

The blood rushed into his face and
ebbed away, leaving him as pale as
a sun-burned face could be. He
set his teeth together over a word
which was strangled in its utterance
and Irene saw with secret admiration
the mighty grasp of his hands upon
the oars. She could be proud of his
self-control so long as she was sat-
isfied of the intensity of his feelings,
and she was almost as keenly thrilled
by the almost, appealing look in his
brown eyes as she would have been
by a caress.

"Because," he said, the McHugh
have never yet been found, and I do not
care to be the one to bring that reproach
upon the family."

"What a vile, selfish way of look-
ing at it!" she cried.

"Very likely it seems so to a
woman."

Irene flushed in her turn, and for
fully two minutes there was no sound
save that of the water lapping softly
against the boat. Then Miss Gaspie
spoke again.

"It is possible," she said, in a tone
so cold that the poor lieutenant dared
not answer her, "that the fact that
the diamonds have never been found
understanding how a woman feels
who has thrown herself at a man's
head, as I have done, and been re-
jected. Take me back to the shore."

And he had not a word to answer.

To have proposed to a man, and
been refused, is not a soothing expe-
rience for any woman; and, although
the ground upon which Arthur had
based his rejection was one which
Irene had before known to be the
strongest, she felt that she was re-
mained a stubborn fact to reckon
in her mind. All the evening she
nursed her wounded feelings, and by
the time midnight brought her once
more face to face with the ghost of
the major her temper was in a state
which would have served her well, if
she had a lady could induce one to
call by even a mild word as uncertain.

The spirit appeared as usual, salu-
ting and tossing off bumpers from his
shadowy wingless and it had swallow-
ed at least a dozen cups before Miss
Gaspie condescended to indicate that
she was aware of its presence.

"Why do you stand there drinking
in that idiotic fashion?" she deman-
ded, with more asperity than politeness.
"Once is quite enough for that sort of
thing."

"But I cannot speak until I have
been asked," the ghost responded
apologetically, "and I have been re-
quested to do something else."

"Drink, then, by all means," Irene
replied, coldly, turning to pick up
a book. "Only hope that so much
wine will not go to your head."

"But it is sure to," the ghost said
in pitiless tone; "and in all my existence
even when I was a man, I have never
been overcome with wine in the
presence of a lady."

He continued to swallow the wraith
of red wine while he spoke, and
Irene regarded him curiously.

"An intoxicated ghost," she observed
disparagingly, "is something which
it is seldom given to mortal to
see; that it would be the greatest of
foes to neglect this opportunity of
getting tell me to go away, or to sit
know, or to do something, the
quandary major pleaded.

"Then tell me where the McHugh
diamonds are," she said.

A look of desperate obstinacy came
into the ghost's face, through which
could not be seen the brass
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