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The Mysterious Signature

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The modern bungalow is a delusion and a snare.
Suburbans are an unneighborly, churlish lot.

This did Harriet and Pierce Elkins respectively sum up their first month at Meadow Manor, where, on the advice of old family friends, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rogers, they had taken a picturesque bungalow for the season.

Harriet based her judgment on warring doors and a shortage in books and other small domestic essentials, summing up with the announcement that when women turned architects houses would be properly planned.

Her brother found his criticism on the fact that the young woman whom he had nominated as the Meadow Manor beauty had so far ignored his very existence. She boarded the 8.30 train with him five days out of seven and yet seemed to busy herself about, not only from him, but from other masculine creatures.

She was a most competent young person and never gave him the least opportunity to do her a service. In his determination to make an opportunity for knightly service he ignored the friendly overtures of other neighbors.

At last opportunity appeared on the horizon. Pierce had taken the 2.30 train home in hopes of getting a turn on the links to counteract the depressing effects of falling stocks, and there, walking briskly ahead of him under the arching trees of the quaint village was the impossible beauty. And in the dust at the right of her daintily uplifted skirt lay a handkerchief. Pierce Elkins darted forward.

"I beg your pardon, but I think you dropped this."
The girl glanced first at the man, then at the bit of cambric in his hand, and smiled.

"But I did not drop it," she said, and in verification of the statement pulled her handkerchief from her sleeve.
Mumbling inaudible words of apology, Pierce turned down the opposite street toward home. Even golf did not improve his humor, and the next morning at breakfast his mood had not changed.

"Will you have two lumps?" asked Harriet as she was pouring the coffee.
"Seventeen," growled Pierce.
"Seventeen! all in one cup!" cried Harriet in amazement.

Markwell with some emphasis about the links.
"You see I've such a fearful cold from that leaking roof," he explained, "that I thought I better stay home and nurse it."

Miss Markwell bit her lip.
"I do hope Miss Elkins," she said, "that I may be allowed to see this much-talked-of roof while I am here. The fact is," she continued with rather halting speech—"the men in, oh, bother—the your landlord."

Pierce took a firm grip on the table to keep from losing his balance. Neither he nor Harriet spoke and the beauty was forced to close the subject.
"Is the 'terrible Turk,' I'm 'Mike Murphy' alias Muriel Markwell, alias 'M. M.'?" She seemed quite relieved that the awful news was out.

"Who would think it?" This from Harriet.
"You see, I built these four houses as an investment with some money that father left to me," explained "M. M."
"Ah, now, Mr. Elkins, if you will come with me, we will hunt up a roof man and have the repairs done right away. I am tired of agents. I want to be an old-fashioned landlord and take good care of my tenants."

Monday found the men at work, and "M. M." dropped in to see how things progressed. Tuesday morning she looked for Elkins on the 8.30 train, but he was not in evidence. Wednesday it was the same story, and that afternoon Muriel thought she would make another tour of inspection. Harriet met her at the door with rather a long face.

"The calling bell in Pierce's room on Monday night and his arm is broken," was her greeting.
"O, Miss Elkins!" cried Muriel. "I feel for all the world like a murderer at large. What am I to do?"

"Suppose you come up and see Pierce. Perhaps he can suggest a way out of it," said Harriet with sisterly interest.
They found Pierce lying back in a Morris chair reading the latest issue of "Farm Life." He made a very interesting picture with his handkerchief and his smoking jacket thrown about his shoulders.

"What can I say?" said Muriel as she reached forth a supplicating hand to meet his free one.
"I don't know what you can say, but there's a heap of things you can do," boldly asserted the invalid.

"Anything—anything!" cried Muriel.
She sat down for one thing. "I am sure," said Pierce as he pulled a chair very close to his. She sat down beside him, and was twitted when she reached the left side of the chair.

"It was a matter of comment in the neighborhood that Mr. Elkins nursed a woman named 'Mike Murphy' in his room. When neighbors inquired of the local doctor how the patient progressed the doctor shook his head and smiled.

POLICE COMMISSION FOR FREDERICTON No Scott Act Inspector Appointed by the City Council

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 5.—Fully one thousand Scott Act enthusiasts attended the meeting of the city council this evening. The room was packed and as regards the attendance of spectators, it was a record breaker for this city.

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The principal canvass used against the late government was the road act, called by the provincial secretary as the 'Highway Act'.

Woman Arrested on Arson Charge BANGOR, Me., May 5.—Mrs. Ella Nelson of Glenora, who was arrested two weeks ago, charged with the burning of the same building on Pothole Lake, a year ago, was again arrested today, charged with arson in the case of the Christopher Tools store.

MAXWELL WAS ABANDONED PROPOSITION; HE STANDS FOR STRICT PROHIBITION

FREDERICTON, May 5.—In the legislature today Mr. Tweeddale continued the debate on the address which was conducted by Hon. Mr. Maxwell in a speech entirely remarkable for the way in which he swallowed his prohibition professions and for his denials upon the Liberal government at Ottawa for its alleged neglect of St. John.

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HARVARD STUDENTS PROTEST AGAINST FACULTY INTERFERENCE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 5.—The Harvard undergraduates' petition, signed by 1,000 students, protesting against any radical interference with the present conditions of intercollegiate sport in the university, was late today presented to the Harvard faculty of arts and sciences.

The definite aim of the petition was to persuade the faculty to withdraw from the position it has taken in the matter of reducing intercollegiate contests in all sports to a minimum which in general called for the abolishment of all intercollegiate contests between the close of the football season and the spring recess in April.

The faculty accepted the petition and referred it to the Harvard athletic committee. The faculty issued a statement in which it commended the students for their co-operation in the discussion of the matter and their desire to abolish existing evils and recommended in referring the petition to the athletic committee, that the committee confer with the student body or its representatives in taking final action.

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