

Their Hearts' Desire

He found everything quite equal to his expectations, in some regards quite exceeding them, since the beautiful and artistic had not figured in his speculations. And there were many of the boys and girls he knew at school and while they, like himself, were at first in the semi-hypnotic state induced by parting injunctions and the fear of wrecking the family honor should any one of these by chance be forgotten, a rollicking game of "Blind Man's Buff" had awakened all dormant sensibilities and put to rout abnormal moral conditions.

It was as Blind Man that he first saw Her, and that was really the beginning of things.

Now John loved the beautiful in everything, and *She* was beautiful—beautiful as the Princess in a fairy tale, in her white gown; and her soft brown hair, radiant smile and the dimple in her chin fascinated him; while the scarlet bandage covering her