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Charles Burr Todd, in The American Magazine.

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But, with a little thoughtful pause,
Mid blushes of the deepest pink,
She answered: "Not this year—becau
You know what folks would think!"

'That Girl in Black." BY MRS. MOLESWORTH.

And Maisie's ears must surely have been preternaturally sharp, for through the buzz of voices, through the hostess's amiably expressed reproaches, they caught the sound of her own name, amy dear Despard," she said, "what the sound of her own name, and stepping out, quickly slipped her hand through Mr. Norrey's arm.

"My dear Despard," she said, "what arid of it for you?"

"Oh, dear no. Quite the contrary, "Oh, dear no. Quite the contrary,

But she was scarcely prepared for the rejoiner.
"I won't contradict you, Miss Ford, if you like to call yourself names. No, I should have been both surprised and disappointed had you not been here. I have felt sure all day I was going to

ed more, in fury at herself.
"Fool that I am," she thought. contemptible, how absurd! Does he selfish enough brute always, I know, really imagine he can take me in ?"

She raised her head proudly and looked at him to show him that she life, and among the people that suited in the show him that she life, and among the people that suited in the show him that she life, and among the people that suited in the show him that she life, and among the people that suited in the show him that she life, and among the people that suited in the show him that she life, and among the people that suited in the show him that she life, and among the people that suited in the show him that she life, and among the people that suited in the she will be shown that the she was the she will be shown that the she will be she

"What an actor he would make!" she thought. But a little quiver of some curious, inexplicable sympathy which shot through her as she caught those eyes, belied the unspoken words. "I am giving far more thought to the man and his moods than he is worth," was the decision she had arrived at by the time they reached the dining-room door. "After all," the wisest philosophy is to take the goods the gods send us and enjoy them. I shall forget it all for the present and speak to him as I would speak to any other pleasant man I happened to meet."

And for that evening, and whenever they met, which was not unfrequently in the course of the next few weeks, Maisie Fforde kept to this determination. It is a selfish brute," and now she smiled a selfish practically.

Mrs. Selby hardly let him finish.

"No, no, I am blaming myself more much—much better than you know, Despard. You are not selfish, really. The would be what I call poverty. And I am selfish, I know. The best of me won't come out under those circumstances. I've no right to marry, you see—that's what's been to merty, you see—that's what's been to merty. But if a she likes to face it—would not that bring out the best of you?

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Lion. It was not difficult, for when he chose, Despard Norreys could be more than pleasant. And—"Miss Ford" in her third personality was not hard to be pleasant to; and—another "and"—they were both young, both—in certain directions—deplorably mistaken

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in their estimates of themselves; and Mr. Norreys looked rather embar-

And Despard?

PART III.

ANDREWS and been displayed to be say," he said to himself as he looked after her. "If she had been still with Gertrude Englewood I might, perhaps, have got one or two people to be civil to them. But I dare say it would have been quixotic, and it's the sort of thing I dislike doing—putting one's self under obligation for no real reason."

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The had heard what Maisie Fforde was thinking to herself as she made her way quickly to her cousin!

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HERCH, What a pity! "she thought.

"What a real pity that a man who must have had good material in him should have so sunk—to what I can't help thinking vulgarity of feeling, if not to externals—to such contemptible self-conceit and affectations! I can understand, however, that he may have been a nice boy once, as Gertrude—to hear her chast turned out ! I must never let ker know how impossible I find it to see him thoroughly humbled! The worst of it is, that when he becomes a reasonable being, as he does now the say it is, and a repeated to his friends, and with even more insistance to himself, a great many, indeed a very local were to himself, a great many, indeed a very local were to himself, a great many, indeed a very local were to himself, a great many, indeed a very local were to himself, a great many, times, during the last hot, dusty week of the poor season's extended very listence. He wanted to get off to to how any in a friend's yacht for some fishing, he said; he seemed for once really eager about it, so eager as to make more than one of his companions smile, and ask themselves what had come to Norreys, he who always took things with such imperturbable equaminity, what had given him this mania for northern fishing?

And now the fishing and the trip were things of the past. They had been land on the fishing and the trip were things of the past. They had been land on the fishing and the trip were things of the past. They had been well chosen; Lennox-Brown, the washer had been fine to himself, a great many, times durer for once fishing, he had lea say," he said to himself as he looked so, at last, he had repeated to his after her. "If she had been still friends, and with even more insistance

been preternaturally sharp, to the buzz of voices, through the hostess's amiably expressed reproaches, they caught the sound of her own name, and the fatal words, "that girl in black."

"My dear Despard," she said, "what a sigh! It sounded as if from the very depths of your heart, if," she went on trying to speak lightly, "if you have one, that is to say, which I have some one, that is to say, which I have some was agreed to her, and he laughed. "Not being civil to her," and he laughed. "Not being civil to her," she remaided. "And you were falling in the said of it for you a speak lightly, "if you have being civil to her," and he laughed. "Not being civil to her," she remaided. "And you were falling in the said of it for you?

pard approached to take her down to But he threw back no joke in re-"I have never given you reason to doubt it, surely, Maddie?" he said half

reproachfully.
"No, no, dear. I'm in fun, of

course. But seriously——"
"I'm serious enough."
"Yes, that you are—too serious.
What's the matter, Despard, for that Maisic felt herself blush, felt too there is something the matter, I am that his eyes were upon her, and blush oonvinced?"

He did not attempt to deny it. "Yes, Madeline," he said slowly, "He is going to play now at making "I'm altogether upset. I've been false me fall in love with him, is he f How to all my own theories. I've been a

looked at him to show him that she was not afraid to do so. But the expression on his face surprised her again. It was serious, gentle, and almost deprecating, yet with an honest light in the eye such as she had never seen there before.

"What an actor he would make!"
"And that's the best even you can be these that the state of the surprised here."
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she could not so perfectly have carried out the end she had, in the first fire of her indignation, vaguely proposed to herself. For the time being she was, so to speak, "letting herself go" with the pleasant insidious current of circumstances.

Yet the memory of that first evening was still there. She had not forgetten

And Desnard?

These pills were a won one's the tworse for my selfishness—oh, yes, don't interrupt," he went on. "I know will always be thankfully the pleasant insidious current of circumstances.

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And Desnard?

you guess?"
And his at all times sweet vo

peated. "And you were falling in love with her? How do you mean?" "That was afterwards. I was brutal-

ly uncivil to her at first. That's how t began somehow," he said discor Mrs. Selby felt utterly perplexed. Was he being taken in by a designing girl? It all sounded very inconsist-

"Despard," she said after a little s lence, "shall I try to find out all about her from Mrs. Englewood? She would not refuse any information if it was for your sake."

He considered.
"Well, yes," he said, "perhaps you'd "And-" she went on, "if all satisfactory——"

"You will go through with it ?" "I—suppose so. Although satisfactory it can't be. I'm fairly well off as a bachelor, but that's a very different matter. And—Maddie—I should

hate poverty."
"You would have no need to call it

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"And you are sure she would?"
asked Madeline, suddenly awakening to the fact that Miss Ford's feelings to the fact that Miss Ford's feelings in the matter had been entirely left.

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The girl was no longer acting a part! had she been doing so, indeed, she could not so perfectly have carried to any one else; if no one's any the could not so perfectly have carried to any one else; if no one's any the could not so perfectly have carried to any one else; if no one's any the could not so perfectly have carried to any one else; if no one's any the last of the could not so perfectly have carried to any one else; if no one's any the last of the could not so perfectly have carried to any one else; if no one's any the last of the could not so perfectly have carried to any one else; if no one's any the

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The London season was over. Mr. Norreys had been longing for its close; and into his eyes stole a, look Madeline her. "If she had been still friends, and with even more insistance free her. "If she had been still friends, and with even more insistance to her was a still friends, and with even more insistance to her was a still friends, and with even more insistance to her was even up you have, fallen in the sweet voice, sweetened and softened as he spoke, and into his eyes stole a, look Madeline had never seen there before. "Despard," she exclaimed breathless to have very can you have, fallen in

He nodded.

"Oh, dear Despard," she exclaimed, "I am so very glad. It will be the making of you. That's to say, if—but it must be somebody very nice."

"Nice enough in herself—nice," he repeated, and he smiled. "Yes if by nice you mean everything sweet and womanly, and original and delightful, and—oh, you musn't tempt me to talk about her. But what she is herself is not the only thing, my poor Maddie."

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