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felt subjectively surprised at the number of people in the world. It drew them together, even as the wilderness had drawn them. These people were free, happy, and independent. It was visible on every face. This was his own right and that of the girl he loved. He wondered whether a practically penniless man could settle down here and compete with these multitudes. Then his mind turned to the treasure house of Dubawnt Lake, and he swore a great oath that he would not desert the fortune that by now was buried beneath arctic snows.

"Natalie," he begged, impulsively, "we must be married, now—I implore you. I can't wait, dearest. We have escaped, and you are perfectly safe. Don't you understand, darling, that I can't do without you any longer?"

"Dearest," she answered, slowly, with a tremour in her voice, "if a week from to-day we have not been discovered I will marry you. I need you just as much as you need me, and if in spite of all I have told you you still want me—" she paused, and a vivid blush mounted to her cheeks.

Pearson's grey eyes grew misty with emotion. "I shall live for you, you only."

That night they were very daring and went to a moving-picture theatre. The reel was of Northern life. He turned to her and laughed. "How little they know of the real North. We could tell them a thing or two, couldn't we?"

Her shoulder pressed against him. "I want to forget the North."

They said good night in the narrow hall of the boarding house. Their drab surroundings had suddenly been transmuted into gold. He caught her close in his arms. "Mine, mine, mine!" he said. Then his lips fastened hungrily on her own.

CHAPTER XV.

IN the lives of most men there comes at one time or another a period when their highest hopes are crushed and the treasure ships of their hearts are wrecked. Thus it was that the Pearson who descended next morning was not the man who had held the girl to him in the shadows of the hall the night before. This man's face was drawn and lined, and in his sleepless eyes was anxiety and fear.

He ate little, and hardly looked up till Natalie entered. Then their eyes met.

Her face, too, had changed. The brightness had gone, and it seemed that age had descended overnight. Her lips moved, but she did not speak.

The room emptied, and at last they were alone. Then Pearson slowly laid a slip of paper in front of her.

"You, too!" he said, under his breath.

The girl shuddered and put another crumpled scrap beside his hand. "It was under my pillow."

He nodded despondently. "Under mine, too."

"How did it get there?" She was deadly white.

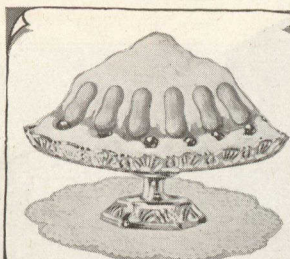
"I don't know. I'd sooner not ask. I only know I thought we had escaped." Then he added bitterly: "But we haven't."

He took the slips and laid them side by side. "I will be at Florio's restaurant in New York to-morrow night," he read, slowly. That was all. There was neither date nor signature.

"Well," he continued, grimly, "I think I will go to Florio's and finish it there."

Her hand trembled as she laid it on his arm. "Jack, dear, we must be very wise now. You can see now how impossible it is to slip away. Is it not better to know the worst than to be always tortured with suspicion and uncertainty? The truth, after all, may not be as bad as we think. This is either the end of everything, or," she hesitated, "the beginning."

Pearson's gaze was as cold as steel. "Very well, we will go together. If he tries to take you away from me he must stand the consequences. He is a strong man, but I will break his back like a stick. It's you and I together now—no matter how soon the end comes."



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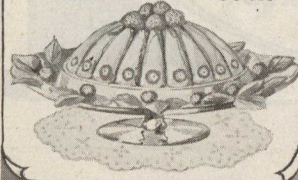
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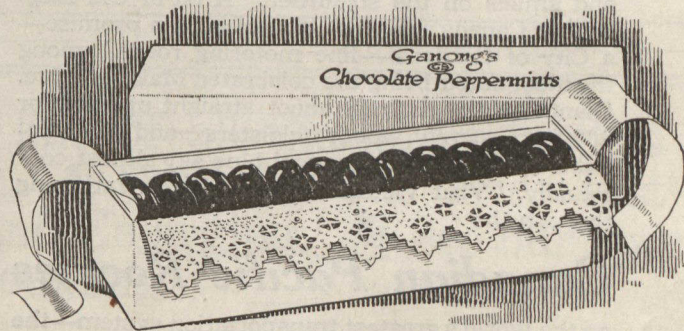
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