

### Everybody's Friend

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TO THE CIVIC ELECTORS OF ST. JOHN'S.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN:—As you were kind enough to give me your valued support on the many previous occasions I sought election at your hands, I have decided to again solicit your esteem and confidence for four years more as one of your civic representatives.

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A SPECIAL WORD TO THE LADY VOTERS.  
You may have many friends to choose from ladies, but as a special favor will each one of you please be kind enough to record a vote for me.

**James T. Martin**  
EVERYBODY'S FRIEND.

### The Mystery of Rutledge Hall

—ON—

#### "The Cloud With a Silver Lining"

CHAPTER XLII.

The gray dawn broke slowly in the east; the busy population of the quiet street were already rising to pursue their morning duties. The old woman who had shared Stephen's vigil softly left her seat, turned out the lamp, and drew up the blind. Over the tops of the houses the golden gleam of the coming day crept slowly upward; the eyes of the dying woman opened, and followed it as it came.

"The day is here," she said faintly—"the last dawn I shall see. Stephen, do you—forgive me—all I have made—her suffer?—for she has not been happy."

"I forgive you fully, as she would, were she here," he answered, earnestly. "But it is not our pardon you should ask, Sibyl."

"Yours is an earnest of that other," she said, more clearly than she had yet spoken. "Heaven cannot be less merciful than man."

There was a little silence then. "Poor Frank!" she whispered, her last thought for the man whom she had wronged and who had suffered for her. "I am sorry—How dark it grows! Louise, why don't you light—Ah, it is not night, but death! Louise, you have been so good! Ah, Heaven!"

And so, looking upward into the face of the old woman who had been so good to her, with the light of the newborn day upon her face, she died.

CHAPTER XLIII.

For six days Stephen had been away from home—six days, during which his wife had had no direct tidings from him. Mr. Daunt whose usual daily visit to the daughter-in-law whom he had grown to love, and who loved him with much of the same affection she had given her own father, had ceased suddenly—had indeed sent two little tenderly worded notes, telling Sidney that her husband was well and busy, and that afternoon a tele-



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gram had come announcing his return that evening.

That the sudden summons which took him from home related in some way or other to the topic which occupied all minds in Ashford was certain. Nothing else would have taken him away at such a time; and Sidney had suffered such an agony of that hope deferred which maketh the heart sick that she looked frailer, more shadowy than ever.

"Even Dolly seems to have deserted me," she said, trying to speak lightly. "No wonder! Perhaps she guesses what I thought! Oh, Aggie, it seems to me that I shall never overcome this feeling of shame and humiliation!"

"You are a foolish child," Agnes answered smilingly—she was a year younger than Sidney, but she had at once assumed the role of elder sister. "As for Dolly, you know she has been busy with Aunt Eva!"

"I wonder how Christie is?" Sidney said presently. "I think of her so often, poor girl; and I always remember how I shrank from her because she accused Stephen. Why should she not doubt him when I—his wife—Oh, Aggie, Aggie!"

The beautiful head-sunk now, and tears came plentifully. Agnes took the slender shaking form in her tender arms, and did not try to stop the tears she knew they would bring relief.

But they had ceased, from exhaustion, when the sound of wheels coming swiftly up the drive struck on the stillness of the quiet room. Agnes felt Sidney start and shudder through all her frame; she stood upright, quietly disengaged herself from her friend's arms, and moved forward a few steps; then suddenly she stood still, pressing both hands to her side. The sound ceased, there were voices without and hurried footsteps, and Agnes moved hastily to Sidney's side, fearing she would fall. But even Aggie's gentle touch was unbearable to Sidney in her agony of expectation; with a movement of feverish intense impatience she pushed away the tender hands which sought to take hers, and made another step toward the door; but her strength failed her, and she sank helplessly into a chair, her face, white, eager, beautiful, turned toward the door.

A minute or two passed; they might have been hours to Sidney in her feverish excitement. Even Agnes was trembling with agitation at the delay, short as it was; and her heart began to throb fast as the drawing-room door opened and Mr. Daunt came in, followed by Stephen, looking haggard and worn and travel-stained. Agnes moved forward kindly, but Sidney did not stir—she sat motionless, as if carved in stone, only her burning eyes showing that she lived.

Mr. Daunt took Agnes in his arms and kissed her kindly on the forehead. Stephen went to Sidney's side, and looked down at her with eyes that dark eyes in which was a world of tenderness and reproach.

"My wife," he said huskily, his voice giving evidence of his great bodily fatigue and of the suffering and anxiety of the last few days, "will you doubt me now?"

(To be continued.)

### Lord Wharton's Niece

—AND—

### The Heir to Regna Court

CHAPTER I.

A young girl stepped out upon the balcony which ran along the tall first floor windows of Court Regna, and lightly resting her clasped hands upon the rail, gazed straight before her.

Her name was Claire Sartoris. She was on the verge of twenty, and she was very beautiful.

A girl must be extremely good-looking nowadays to attract attention, to say nothing of admiration, because there are so many good-looking girls about, and they have all learned the art of setting forth their beauty to the best advantage. No man—or, for that matter, woman—ever passed Claire without taking a second glance, and many a man carried the remembrance of her face about with him for days, sometimes for years, afterward.

Her face was oval and colorless. It had been likened to old ivory; it had also been likened to a peach with the bloom off it; neither simile was a good one. Her hair was dark, black indeed, but of soft texture, and inclined to curl and ripple above the low brow. Her brows were rather heavy for a young girl, and under their shadow the gray eyes sometimes looked black, and sometimes violet. It was, indeed, rather difficult to tell, without close examination, what their color really was. Her mouth was not particularly small, and the lips were delicate, rather than full, but exquisitely shaped. They were expressive lips, and the expression they wore conveyed to the observer the impression that their owner possessed a strong will and had learned the secret of how "to suffer in strength and silence."

She was slim in figure, but supple, and her attitude as she bent forward, slightly over the rail, was full of that grace which is one of God's best gifts to woman. She was dressed in plain black merino, relieved only by an edging of white lace at her throat and at her wrists, which, though it was not particularly fashionable, suited her marvelously.

From where she stood she could just see above the tree tops a slice of greenish-blue sea, over which the sun was shining redly. Below her lay wide and velvet lawns, studded by well-kept flower beds, glowing like patches of rubies and amethysts set in a surrounding of emerald. Beyond the lawns rose the trees, which in a dark line stretched away to right and left, sloping up to the cliffs, which they clothed and hid.

It was one of the loveliest views in England, and quite unique of its kind. For the cliffs of Old Albion are mostly bare of foliage, but these of Court Regna were clothed as by a rich garment. But, though she appeared to be looking at it, Claire did not see it. She was absorbed in thought. For one of the most wonderful things that had ever happened to a young girl had happened to her, and although it had occurred to her a fortnight ago, the wonder and the marvel of it still held possession of her, and day and night she thought and pondered over it, sometimes asking herself whether it was really true.

For, a fortnight ago, Lord Wharton had died, and left Court Regna, with its miles of land, its substantial farms, the village of Regna, everything in the great house from cellar to garret, everything in the vast stables, from a worn-out broom to the costly horses, to Claire Sartoris. And as she stood on the balcony, with her eyes fixed dreamily on the setting sun, her half-parted lips were saying:



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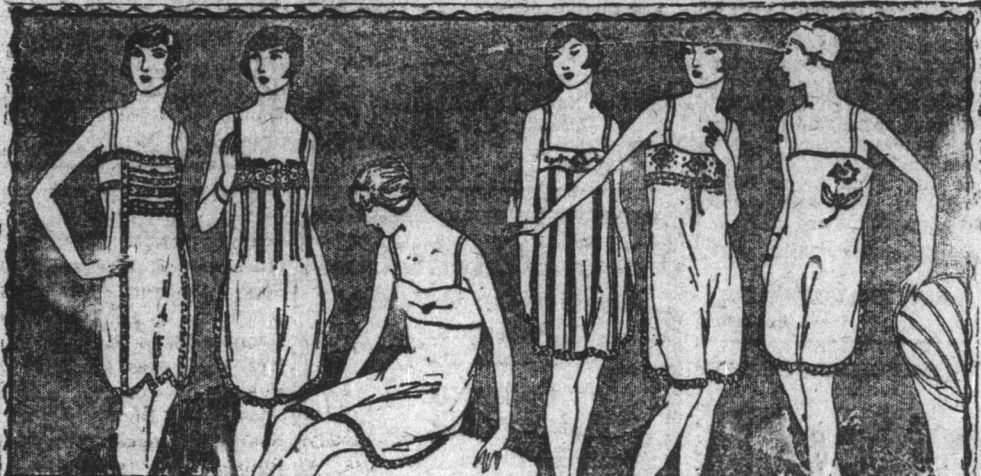
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### LAND RECEIVES CON VOTE

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### THE STATE AND ULSTER RIVE AT A SETTLEM

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