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A Ring and A Letter

The Latter Was More Valuable Than the Former

By DWIGHT NORWOOD

Going to my room at my hotel one morning after breakfast, I was surprised to see a young lady coming out. I glanced at the number on the door, wondering if I were not about to make a mistake. No; there were the figures 24, and No. 24 was my room.

"Where are you going, sir?" she asked laughingly.
"Into my room."
"Your room?"
"Yes, my room."
"I beg your pardon, this is my room."
"I beg to differ with you."
The young lady was becoming angry. Her cheeks flushed, and her eyes flashed. At that period of my life a pretty girl showing fight was an attractive object to me. Now, an elderly



"Where are you going, sir?" woman under the same circumstances is just the reverse. I was amused at this young lady's heat, especially since I knew she was wrong.

"What is the number of your room?" I asked her.

"No. 24."
"Are you sure?"
"Yes, of course I'm sure. Don't you suppose I know the number of my room?"

What should I do? I couldn't very well go into the room with the lady to investigate matters. Noticing a speaking tube for the use of the employees of the hotel, I said to the girl:

"Suppose you ask the clerk to give you the number of your room."
"I'll do no such thing. Do you suppose I'm going to let him think I've lost my senses?"

"Perhaps I am the one that is mistaken. I'll ask him myself."
I stepped to the tube, whistled, and, receiving attention, said:

"Give me the number of my room, Eldridge."
The young lady was not so far from the tube but that she could hear the reply:

"No. 24, Mr. Eldridge."
The young girl's look of astonishment was very amusing. She came for the tube like a whirlwind, scarcely giving me time to get out of her way.

"What's the number of Miss Chalmers' room?" she asked.

"What name?"
"Chalmers—Marian Chalmers."
"One moment, please."
The girl waited impatiently while the clerk was evidently consulting the records. Presently the reply came:

"Miss Chalmers' room is 34."
I have never seen a madder girl. Without a word to me she strode to a staircase and disappeared. I went into my room. There was nothing of mine in it except a suit case, and that was where it would not be noticed. On the porcelain washstand was a ring and beside it a letter addressed in a feminine

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hand to Charles P. Atwood, U. S. A. It was sealed and stamped, ready for the post. I was not willing to trust my reputation in the hands of so impetuous a person, so, catching up both ring and letter, I hurried downstairs and gave them to the clerk for safe keeping. I told him the circumstance connected with my turning them in and asked him not to notify Miss Chalmers of their receipt till I asked him to do so.

"When the young lady misses them I think we shall have a cyclone," I remarked.

"Quite probably," he said, with a smile.

I returned to my room and had not been there ten minutes when I received a message from the clerk that Miss Chalmers would like to meet me in the public parlor at once. I gave her a little time to cool, then went to the parlor.

"Through my mistake," she said, "I left a letter and a ring in your room. Will you kindly give them to me?"
"Here is the key to the room. You may go or send there to recover your property."

"Please do give me the letter," she said in a pleading tone. "You may keep the ring."

This was adding insult to injury, but it did not irritate me in the slightest. If thus insulted by a man I would have turned on my heel and left him. But I was becoming every moment charmed with this wayward creature.

"You are inclined to be complimentary," I replied.

There was something connected with the letter that deprived Miss Chalmers of any reasonableness she may have possessed in her calmer moments. She plunged deeper into the quicksand.

"Do tell me if you have posted my letter."
"I assure you that I have not done anything of the kind."
This seemed to give her some relief. "I'll do this for you," I said. "I'll go to my room and if I find anything there belonging to you I'll bring it to you."

"Will you? Oh, how kind! I knew you for a gentleman the moment I laid eyes on you."
"Indeed!" I replied with difficulty, restraining a smile.

In order to preserve the letter if not the spirit of truth, I went to my room, then to the hotel office and asked the clerk to give me the ring. He did so, and I returned with it to the young lady, who was impatiently waiting for me.

"Here is your ring," I said, handing it to her.

"The letter?"
"It is not there."
"Oh, heavens!" she moaned.

I don't pretend to excuse myself for my action on this occasion, except on the ground that 'all's fair in love and war.' And this excuse may be far-fetched. From the lady's action, I fancied that this Mr. Atwood was an object of interest to Miss Chalmers, and my own interest in her was developing with lightning rapidity.

"Are you quite sure," I asked, "that you did not post it?"
"No, I did not, thank goodness, but I nearly did. I put it into a letter box, but I held on to one corner and didn't drop it."

"Are you fearful of its reaching the wrong person?" I asked, throwing sympathy into my voice.

"I'm fearful of its reaching the right person."
"Can't you write a letter recalling it?"

"The person for whom it was intended starts for the Philippines tomorrow morning. But that isn't the chief difficulty in the way. To recall it would expose a contemptible weakness."

"A lady is always privileged to change her mind, you know."
"If she says 'No' a change may be excusable, but if she says 'Yes' it's a very different matter."

My conscience, which should have restrained me in holding this advantage over the girl and permitting her to tell her affairs to a stranger, was really growing weaker all the while under the excuse I have offered. For I was becoming very anxious to discover whether all was fixed between my charmer and this army man. Her last statement was a dead giveaway. It was now plain to me that the letter in question was an acceptance and that that acceptance was regretted. Such being the case, the pleasure I had taken in tormenting her ceased, and I began to plan how I could return her property without humiliating myself.

"I have an idea," I said, pretending to think very hard.

"About what?" she asked eagerly.
"What has become of your letter?"
"Do tell me."
"No; should I be mistaken you will meet with a disappointment. Remain here for a few minutes while I make an investigation."

She followed me eagerly with her eyes as I left the room. I went to the clerk of the hotel and asked him to take the letter I had given him to Miss Chalmers' room and leave it on the dresser. He assented, and on his return I asked him to send a maid to the room and bring it to me. When the maid did so I took her with me to the parlor and told her to give it to Miss Chalmers.

The look of relief on the lady's face was a sight to behold.

"Where did you find it?" she asked the maid.

"On the dresser in room 34, miss."
"Are you sure?"
"Yes, miss."
"I can explain it," I said, continuing my Ananias performance. "When you met me this morning you were very much rattled. Indeed, you said some very unkind things to me."
"Forgive me."
"You must have thought you left the letter in my room, whereas it was all the while on your dresser."
"I wonder if I did."
"I am certainly very happy to be the instrument for the return of that which you seem to prize so highly."
"I wish I could reward you for your kindness and make up for my horrid treatment of you."
"You can."
"How?"
"By permitting this episode to result in a permanent acquaintance."
"I live in Chicago, and if you are ever in that city I should be happy to have you call on me."
"I go there frequently."
"I had never been there in my life, but this was the only truth I told on that eventful day, for during the next four months I did go there frequently for no other purpose than to court Miss Chalmers."

After our wedding I made a confession to my wife. I have said that she was mad when she disputed with me about the room in the hotel, but that mad was not a circumstance to the mad she developed at my confession.

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Effects of Time.

Mr. Evans entered a New York restaurant and saw a friend seated at one of the tables.

"Hello, Lovell," he said, "how are you?"
"Oh, pretty well," replied Lovell.
"What are you doing now?" inquired Evans.

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