

the neighborhood of Arn-
following the Rhine
among fields like a wide
of silver worked into a
brocade. Its high waves,
huge side-wheel steamers,
the Lek; and so, past
ies and a great crowded
here Alb used his Club
straight to the fine old
one hears and knows
than of any other in

to a little painting here,
don't seem to take an
posing pictures as in
out the meanings of

man never can hope to
en; but even a woman
to understand another
stance, goaded by un-
y to know, not only
t everybody else's fate,
as tempted to take ad-
hewhood, and put the
t, to the L.C.P.

tell her what I over-
e girls on their balcony.
st know," I said, "that
Phyllis."

was Nell," said she.
a while; but I've dis-
Phyllis. And I shall
lged to you if you can
t. In fact, if you can,
Ronny will present his
ond ring."

I tell you what you
be what you honestly

a diamond ring," said
sed me extremely. It
e anything worth hav-
tioned which she did
usually, ask for.

en," I suggested in
a pearl one—or any
can save yourself the
through a long list,"
ho is engaged to be my
"But go on, and ask
ing to ask. Anything
as an aunt, I will. I

oser and curloser," as
to remark in her ad-
ving embarked upon
ent on—
think Phyllis meant
f trying to learn to
seemed to love her?

Buren, perhaps you
cut in the L.C.P.
an him," I answered
esty forbids me to
in my mind."

ven to you by your
n. Will it make you
I say I don't think
in her mind?"
o bear it," I said.
shall be unhappy."

be unhappy lately,"

of course," she re-
ould I be unhappy?

re it; but so do we

, but necessary," I
used to you. We
a taste for you, I
how. But you have
like fascination of
all feel. At times
pain."

will soon be over,"
Utrecht now. Soon
eland, from Zealand
and that's the end
engagement. It will

it would be good-by
sighed. "I never

se two," said she.
g who dropped the
adow."

please?—though to
s be ungallant to
ven't dropped either
is lost to me, I
fall back on Nell,
seems to claim at

"?" murmured the

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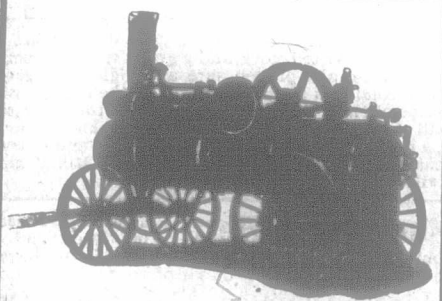
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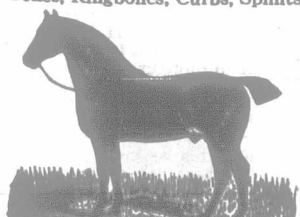
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The L.C.P. laughed. "Enough to put a saint in a rage," said she. "And Nell isn't a saint. But they've been more devoted to each other than ever, since, so she must have repented and apologized, and been forgiven, before the moon went down. Oh, you poor puzzled creature! I wouldn't be a man for anything!"

And that was all the satisfaction I could get out of her. I remain as much in the dark as ever. But Robert van Buren, his sisters, and his fiancée are arriving immediately, and perhaps I may get enlightenment during the visit. I ought to have some reward, since it is through me that the Viking is coming with the females of his kind, at this particular time.

In a moment of quixotic generosity at Enkhuisen, I promised Phyllis, as a newly adopted, if reluctant, brother, that I would make everything right for her. Afterward, I was inclined to repent of the plan which had sprung, Minerva-like full-grown and helmeted, from my suffering brain. But it was too late then. I had to keep my word, for I was sure that, deep down in her mind, Phyllis was expecting me to perform some miracle.

Rather than disappoint her—and lower my self-esteem—I had a talk with Robert the day he was leaving. Not an intimate talk, for we aren't on those terms; but I managed to get out of him that he was parting from us before he had intended because of a letter from the fiancée.

"Young ladies are a little exacting when they are engaged, I suppose," said the poor fellow. "They feel they have more right than others to a man's society."

Then it was that I asked why he didn't bring Freule Menela, chaperoned by the twins, to Utrecht instead of waiting until we had got as far as Zealand, which the fiancée might think too long a journey with such an object in view. He said that he would ask her.

"Don't seem too anxious," said I, airily. "And don't tell her you want her to be better acquainted with your cousin and step-cousin. Just remark that it will be a jolly excursion, eh? And you might add that Braderode and I—particularly I—are awfully keen on seeing her."

"Very well, I will give that message," said he. And I think he probably did give it, or something like it; for Nell had a telegram from him, while we were still doddering about in Friesland, asking if he might bring the ladies on a visit to Utrecht.

Now, it is "up to me" to carry out that plan made on the impulse of an unselfish moment.

Moral: do not have unselfish moments.

(To be continued.)

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