

it's quite true that 'when the gods arrive the half gods go.'

"I'd like some of the old luxuries, I wish we were going to have money and social position, and I know, as well as you do, that most of the women who have gone in for the 'all for love and the world well lost' stakes have come dreadful croppers; but, all the same, I haven't any misgivings. I buried them all under a juniper bush.

"I'm the happiest girl in the world, Babs, and it's fast colour. Just come and see. Do please come, dear. You and Tom are all of the old life I really must take with me into the new; and you'll both feel much better after you meet Teddy—and the Bonners. The Bonners diffuse an atmosphere that would make the maddest of doings appear altogether normal—and they've been heavenly good to me.

"But, Babs, I haven't told Teddy about my criminal past. He thinks I was born to the kitchen—bless him!

"I don't believe he'd throw me over if he knew the worst; but it might make him unhappy and doubtful about his ability to make *me* happy; so I'm going to wait until it's too late for him to be noble and over-modest. I'm counting on you and Tom, remember. There's no one else. Don't fail me—JEAN."