

Her Beautiful Rival

When They Met Again In After Years

By LUCY MEDFORD

"You got up very early to see Jim," said Jim Lancaster's little wife as she handed him his cup.

"I guess I have. My hat blew off just before quitting time, and I wouldn't come down from the racks for it." He leaned back in his chair contentedly. "Mr. Holman has company," he announced.

"Has she? Who?" Nan looked eager.

"You can't guess." He was teasing her.

"No, I can't. Do not lead me guessing. Tell me!"

"Well, it's Mrs. Abner McClure. Nan sank back in her chair.

"You mean Molly Stewart?" she asked.

Jim nodded.

"When did she come?" Her voice had changed.

"This morning. She brought a trunk, so I judge she is going to stay quite a spell."

Nan caught her breath and looked at her husband, eating his supper and apparently all unconscious of the strife which he had suddenly renewed in her heart. Long ago, very long ago in the days when she had only loved Jim and never expected to be his wife, Molly Stewart had been his sweetheart.

A wave of jealousy surged through Nan's whole being. A feeling she had not experienced since the old days, when she used to look upon Jim's sweetheart as some one who was keeping from her the one man she had ever loved.

In those days Molly Stewart was a rare beauty—of those to whom nature has given and given until it seems she can add not one thing more. And she had had no other girl could charm as she could, or dance or sing or laugh.

Nan had never known what came between him and Molly. He said he had not asked Molly to marry him, and she had hinted that he had and that she would have none of him.

Nan remembered the first time he walked home with her from church and how the people stared. She was not pretty, like Molly, and she had not Molly's good clothes or Molly's way of wearing them. She was just a sweet, demure-looking girl, with a heart capable of love and happiness. Jim had always been her ideal, her hero. When he turned from Molly Stewart to her she could not understand it.

Molly had married Abner McClure soon afterward and had gone away with him. She had now been away seven years, and still people remembered and spoke of her young beauty, which had reached its transcendence point on her wedding day. Now of a sudden she had come back. The news oppressed Nan. She did not know why.

"I didn't tell you, did I, that Abner McClure's dead?" Jim asked later in the evening.

"No. Is he?" Nan returned in what she tried to make a careless tone. Then she rose and went into the next room for something.

A little while after he said, "You needn't put on any livery for me tomorrow. I'm going to eat at Holman's." There's some time there that I promised to look long ago, and I guess I'll do it to-morrow."

The hot day subsided itself into a hot night. Jim slept heavily, but Nan could not. She lay looking out the window at a certain star which struggled worthily to free itself from a cobweb of cloud in which it had become entangled. Varied and sore bitter were her thoughts.

Molly had come back a widow. Nan could see her in her black things, with her wavy face and copy hair. It was said Abner McClure had money, and Molly always would dress well anyway.

Nan had heard of what a beautiful widow may do, and tomorrow Jim, her Jim, was going back to Holman's, straight into the old net that had ensnared him. She clenched her hands in the darkness and prayed.

Toward morning she fell asleep. At 6 Jim aroused her. He had been up an hour.

"I let you sleep as long as I could," he said. "Don't fuss over the breakfast. Just make me a cup of coffee and give me some bread and butter. I'm in a hurry today dear."

Nan got breakfast. She did not eat any herself. She kissed Jim passively at the door.

"What's the matter? Aren't you

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CASTLE WILLIAMS.

History of the Ancient Fortification on Governors Island.

All New Yorkers and most visitors to the city, especially those who approach it from the sea, are familiar with the old round fort on Governors Island in the city's upper harbor. This name of the fort is properly Castle Williams, although it is frequently and erroneously called Castle Wilham. The history of the ancient fortification, now valuable as a city defense, is given in "Military History of Governors Island," by Edmund Banks Smith. Castle Williams was begun in 1807 and completed in 1811, as the first of a series of forts on the eastern shore of New York Bay. It was designed and built by Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Williams, engineer in the army, and was the first of a series of forts on the eastern shore of New York Bay.

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Something in the Eye.

There is something in the eye of the man who is looking at you. There is something in the eye of the man who is looking at you.

Natural Curiosity.

There is a natural curiosity in the mind of the man who is looking at you. There is a natural curiosity in the mind of the man who is looking at you.

Idle Gossip.

In the quiet of the winter of 1900, a man was sitting in a room. He was sitting in a room and he was sitting in a room.

Why She Wept.

The wedding ceremony had come to a close. The mother sniffed contentedly and the bride dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief.

Crushed.

The late St. Charles Hammond was addressed at a meeting during a general election, at which he won a seat in New York.

Perforated Stamp Sheets.

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The X Ray.

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European Tattooers.

Tattooing is not by any means confined to savage peoples. There are races in Europe which make it a regular practice, and men, women and children bear on their bodies ornate and queer, although not as extensive as markings on the bodies of the south sea savages.

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