

THE MAN HATER

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"What has come over me? What ails me lately? I don't feel a bit like myself," thought Gwendolyn Ritchie, as she sat pondering on the edge of the bed, staring absently into the mirror before her. "It can't be jealousy. I was never jealous of Fran in my life, and yet, why am I so opposed to Hal, all of a sudden—and just since he put that ring on her finger? Goodness knows, I want to see my little sister happy and I know she loves him—so what is it? Jealousy? That awful word—could it be that—but how could it, for I never loved Hal—in fact my affections have never been inclined to any mere man, and never will be. They are a bother and quite troublesome. I know what it is," she finally added to the perplexed reflection in the mirror. "Hal is taking Fran away from me. I will be all alone."

The thought of being all alone, separated from Fran, who had been her only pal and confidant since their great loss had come upon them, leaving them two orphans to face the ups and downs of life alone. They had been inseparable and in fact only one subject had ever come between them to cause dispute, and that was Fran's everlasting persistency that men were quite essential, and she liked them. "I just know, Gwen Ritchie, that the morning will come when you will wake up and find yourself head over heels in love with the only man in the world of men," Fran had said time and time again to Gwen. Gwen had argued with Fran to the contrary, but without result, for Fran was firmly in favor of the male sex.

It was in this mood that Fran, with flushed cheeks, sparkling eyes and all excitement burst into the room, with "Oh, Gwen, isn't it wonderful! Hal just got the marriage license. I am so happy."

"Yes, dear, I'm glad for you," choked Gwen.

"But, Gwen, you are crying. What is it, dear?"

"Nothing much, only I dread the thought of giving you up to a man. Marriage may be all right, but I don't believe it. I hate men and will have nothing to do with them."

"I'm not silly, Fran; it's just my nature. Perhaps you're right. We can't get along without them, but I guess I am not like other girls, for they mean nothing to me but hard feelings and hatred."

"Gwen, I will give you just one month to meet and fall in love with the one and only. Remember, just one month."

"But, Fran—"

"No hints about it, and what's more, you are going to that dance tonight with Hal and me. His chum has just returned from a hospital where he has been recovering from injuries in the service. Although he can't dance, he will be there. His leg was injured and he hasn't the use of it to the extent of dancing—but anyway, I promised Hal you would be there to entertain him so that's final."

"So I should play nurse to Hal's pals? Oh, well, if you insist. Perhaps I could do you one more favor, and fall in love with him."

"All right, we will make it a bet," dared Fran.

For hours after the dance was over and the two sisters were snuggled under the covers, Gwen tossed and sighed.

"Gwen, for goodness sake, what is the matter with you? What's on your mind?"

"Nothing much—only a man—I mean I was wondering if Hal had ever been in love? I mean isn't it too bad Ray was injured, for he is such a fine fellow? So different from the rest—the most individual male I ever met."

"Oh, well, let's go to sleep and forget it—but remember, it is not love, but only sympathy for his poor leg."

"Sympathy and understanding spell true friendship, and that is the seed of love."

"You are certainly a sentimental little mite, but don't you be so sure that I am falling in love—I'm not." The next three weeks were busy ones for Fran, preparing for the all-important day that spelled happiness to her. True, she had noticed flowers and letters coming to Gwen, but in her excitement had not given her prediction a thought.

The night before Fran's wedding had arrived Gwen showed much interest in the final touches of her sister's trousseau. "I'm so glad, Fran, I only wish tomorrow were my passport and date for happiness."

"You mean you'd like to marry Hal, yourself?" questioned Fran.

"Hal, nothing—his pal—Ray. Love is wonderful, after all," she pondered.

"Oh, Gwen, I'm so glad."

"Glad? What for—what have I been saying?" stormed Gwen. "Don't remind me, Fran, I was just talking silly."

"Please, Gwen, you know you were the first to know of my engagement," coaxed Fran, and then sternly. "Remember, Gwen, you have just four days more to get engaged. How about it?"

"Oh, Fran, I believe it's all your fault, but I've truly gone and done it."

"That's funny; it took Hal seven days to ask me to marry him, and you only four days for Ray to ask my little sister. Guess you win, for you are different, after all."

WORDS OF WISE MEN

Nothing comes fairer to light than what has been long hidden. The fiddle makes the feast.—German Proverb. With the gospel men become heretics.—Italian Proverb. A hero is only known in time of misfortune.—Hebrew Proverb. A dinner lubricates business.—Lord Stowell. Fortitude is the mean between fear and rashness.

Naturalist Describes and Names Eighty-Six Species of Browns and Grizzlies

All the Alaskan brown bears look very much alike, says Dr. William T. Hornaday, in Boys' Life. To be more exact, they strongly show the distinguishing characteristics of their group. Some are light brown, some are dark brown, and some have dark legs and light bodies. If I should try to name even the best-known species, and give their characteristics, no one would remember them for two hours. It is not amiss, however, to give here the names and places of the species that are at this moment living in our zoological park collections; and in doing so I will begin with the most southerly species we have and work northward.

Admiralty bear, Ursus eulophus, Admiralty Island. Yakutat bear, Ursus dalli, Yakutat bay. Kodiak bear, Ursus middendorffi, Kodiak Island.

Peninsula bear, Ursus dalli gyas, Alaskan peninsula. Kobuk bear, Ursus innuitus, Kobuk river.

Last year a startling thing happened. For a full quarter of a century, Doctor Merriam has been collecting bear skulls and studying North American bears. And then, all of a sudden, out came from him an innocent-looking little pamphlet describing and naming 86 species of Alaskan brown bears and grizzly bears! And Doctor Merriam declares that the skulls before him left him nothing else to do.

Of course we cannot follow up the devoted 86 species, and become personally and permanently acquainted with each one. It is about all I can do to keep step with the five live species daily before me.

Lincoln's Wealth at Time of Death Was \$110,296.80

Do you know that Abraham Lincoln was a bit of a bloated bond holder in his day? He was. That is when you consider the purchasing power of a dollar in his time to that of the present. Old records in the county court at Springfield, Ill., list the martyred president's accumulated wealth at his death at \$110,296.80. That was a pretty good lump in 1865. President Lincoln left no will. The money was equally distributed among three relatives—Mrs. Lincoln, Robert T. Lincoln and Thomas Lincoln, each receiving \$36,765.60. The money was in bonds and cash. Notes for money loaned approximating \$5,000 are listed in the administrator's papers as "worthless."

Lack of Water in Blood May Increase Temperature

A new theory as to what fever is caused by is propounded by the New York Medical Journal. Recent studies prove that a lack of water in the blood may bring about a rapid and high increase in temperature, even as high as 120 degree F. Other investigators had reported temperatures of this abnormal height in rare cases of hysteria, but these had not been accepted generally, it being believed that such temperatures were physically impossible. Their certification by later observers has aroused discussion of the question of the cause of fever.

ASSORTED CHIPS

- The smile of adversity is rather lovable. As a rule lazy people lie the most. Some men, like monkeys, lack horse sense. All the world practices the art of acting. Yet the bunko man's game is only skin deep. A book agent is often a woman with a history. Love of man for himself never grows less. Only fools answer questions before they are asked. A wise man never questions the age of a woman. The smaller the man the harder he tries to get even. Men make money and women make them hand it over. Self-interest and sympathy have nothing in common. Hunger is sure to come to those who eat down and wait. Adversity is an egg from which experience is hatched.

Basel Sample Fair Will Have Permanent Building; America May Have Exhibit

Basel, Switzerland, grows toward being commercially one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world. Into stations come the railway lines from London, Paris, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Christiania, Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Berlin to the north and west; and to the south and east from Italy, Poland, Austria, and the Balkan states. Thus Basel sits conveniently at the center of the newly arranged commercial map of Europe, and becomes its natural market place. One may date this state of affairs from the beginning of the annual sample fair at Basel two years ago, and the increasing number of firms that see the advantage of bringing their samples show that the exhibition has a more and more important place in the business life of the contributing nations. The state government of the Canton thinks so well of the sample fair that some 12,000,000 francs have been expended to erect a permanent building for it; and manufacturers in England have gone farther and are projecting a permanent exhibition in Basel of English-made goods. Although no mention is yet made of the United States, it is hardly likely, in the awakening of American exporters and manufacturers to the possibilities of European trade, that the sample fair will go on indefinitely without an American section.

Who May Become Members of the American Legion

The constitution of the American Legion reads:

All persons shall be eligible to membership in this organization who were in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, and all persons who were in the military or naval service of any of the governments associated with the United States during the world war, provided that they were citizens of the United States at the time of their enlistment in such foreign service, and are again citizens at the time of making application to become a member of this organization, and providing that any person or persons making application for membership shall prove their eligibility; that no person or persons shall be eligible to membership who were separated from the service under terms amounting to a dishonorable discharge or who refused to perform their military duties on the grounds of conscientious objections or were discharged on account of being an alien, whether friendly or enemy, or guilty of self-inflicted wounds, and that either or any of such causes shall bar the person from the right to become a member of this organization.

Rabbit Skins Used to Imitate Almost Any Fur

Rabbits, though a great agricultural misfortune to Australia and New Zealand, fetch to those communities a very considerable annual revenue from the sale of their pelts. The latter furnish the bulk of the commercial material for felt hats and are largely used for fashionable furs. There is hardly any fur in the market that is not imitated by the skillful preparation of rabbit skins, the art having attained so high a perfection that they are made to counterfeit even seal, otter and ermine.

Winter of Starvation Now Facing People of Germany

Germany faces a winter of starvation even worse than the black winter of 1916-17, according to government statistics. The decreased percentage of foodstuffs is thus rated: Potatoes, 12; cabbage, 14; beet fodder, 17; sugar beets, 31. The previous year supply was 27,000,000 and has been reduced to 7,000,000. Officials are pessimistic that the decreased food production has weakened German workers.



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Delay Return of U. S. Dead

Bodies of Americans May Not Be Sent Home Until 1922.

The 65,000 American dead in France must be left in the graves they now occupy until the French are ready to exhume their own dead, which may not be before January 1, 1922.

The foreign office had promised to consider the formal request of the American government for the return of its fallen soldiers, but later the following official announcement was made:

"It has been definitely decided that the allies who fell together for the same cause should remain together until circumstances permit of the returning of the bodies to the families for whom they sacrificed themselves."

The proposed law forbidding the exhumation of the soldier dead for three years did not pass at the last session of the chamber of deputies, but the foreign office expects that it will be adopted soon.

French families also want their dead, but there are so many thousands unidentified among the dead and transportation is inadequate to move the 1,500,000 bodies in the various cemeteries. The British and Belgian governments are urging the return of their dead, but France considers it only fair to treat all countries alike.

HINTS FOR POULTRY GROWERS

At this season of the year fowls are likely to have colds. It is true that the weather is pleasant as a general rule, but that does not keep fowls from disorders more or less annoying to them.

The most common head and throat troubles of fowls are colds and catarrh. The symptoms of colds are running, dirty and stopped-up nostrils. The symptoms of catarrh are difficult and rapid breathing, with mouth open, and whistling or bubbling in throat due to phlegm. These troubles are most common in fall and winter, and are easily overcome.

Simple colds and catarrh can be prevented by removing the above causes and breeding constantly for health and vigor. To treat, search out and isolate in separate quarters all infected fowls and give stimulating food seasoned with cayenne pepper, or the following tonic:

Pulverized gentian, one pound; pulverized ginger, quarter pound; pulverized salsaparilla, quarter pound; pulverized iron sulphate, quarter pound. Use two to three tablespoonfuls of the tonic to ten quarts of dry wash.

Custom of Wig Wearing Was Started in France

The custom of wearing a wig as a recognized part of the costume dates from the early days of the seventeenth century. It started in France when Louis XIII, being greatly struck with the "long, fair locks" of the Abbe in the River, attained by the simple means of a perwig, adopted the style for himself, and so set the fashion. By the time of Charles II the wearing of the perwig, or peruke, or perriwig, had become general. Pepys records the fact that he paid £3 for one; but it was not until the time of Queen Anne that periwigs, or wigs for short, really came into their own. Then did they appear in the full glory of an ever-changing though fast-stabilizing fashion.

Source of Cryolite

Cryolite—a source of aluminum, used also in making soda and glass—is nearly wholly imported from Ivigtut, a small Eskimo hamlet on the southern coast of Greenland.

If justice were really blind she wouldn't be able to wink at her favorites.

People who haven't very much to say certainly have it on most of those who do.

If men were serpents women would all want to be professional snake charmers.

If you would have a good servant praise him in public and reprove him in private.

A sermon that everybody likes has had all of its teeth pulled and won't harm a flea.

Chicago has a pugilistic auctioneer who recently knocked down a row of brick houses.

Do not hang your religion up in the closet with your Sunday clothes. Use it every day.

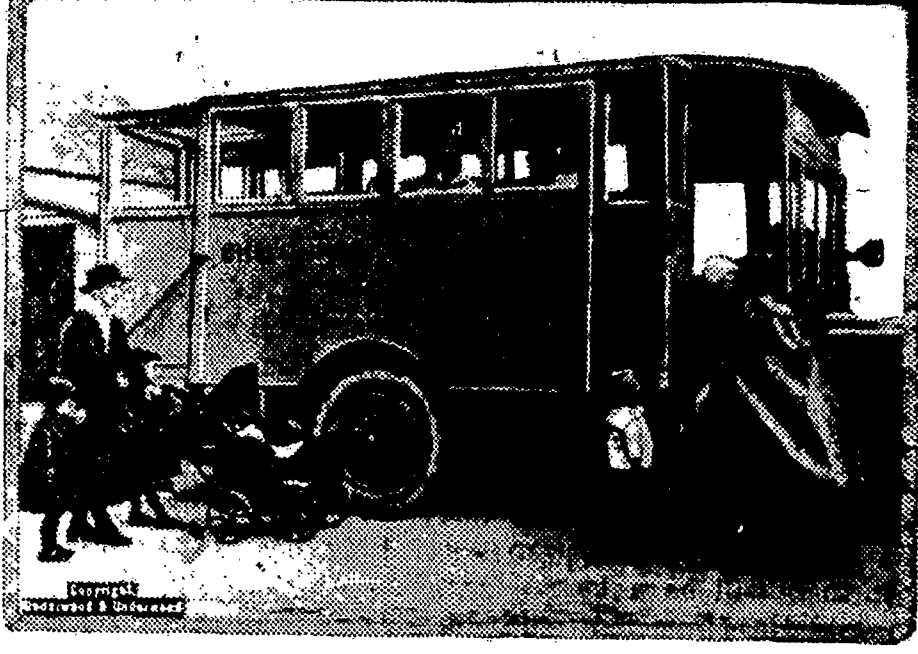
Both the bride and the groom may be timid, yet they always stand up for their rites.

Nothing will take the fun out of a fellow quicker than for the teacher to step up behind him.

The young man who gets married nowadays must have either lots of money or lots of nerve.

Making America Safe for Babies

The Child Welfare Special. All Aboard for Healthy Town.



This big automobile truck, equipped as an up-to-date "well-baby clinic," has been sent out by the U. S. Children's Bureau to test the value of a traveling health center for remote communities. No medical aid is given by the government doctor and nurse in charge, but babies are examined to see if they are growing as they should, and mothers are given advice and instruction in child care.

\$4,473,696,358 U. S. Expenses for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1921

The total estimates of appropriations for the expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, are \$4,473,696,358.62 as submitted to congress.

Total estimates, exclusive of sinking fund requirements for 1920, are \$4,865,410,031.62. Moneys payable from the postal service to the extent of \$391,713,673 are deducted, leaving a total, exclusive of sinking fund requirement for 1920, of \$4,473,696,358.62. The estimates for 1921 by departments are as follows:

Legislative establishment, \$0.025-207.25; executive, \$11,583,301.77; judicial, \$1,634,190; agriculture, \$37,628,102; foreign, \$11,243,250.91; military \$899,578,657.20; naval, \$542,031,804.80; Indian affairs, \$12,094,404.27; pensions, \$215,030,000; Panama canal, \$18,245,391; public works, \$265,070,410.17; postal service, \$391,713,673; miscellaneous, \$833,717,637.90; permanent annual appropriations, \$1,423,407,752.20.

Some of the estimates are as follows:

- For expenses to enforce the national prohibition law, \$4,000,000. Development of foreign trade through motion pictures, department of commerce, \$69,000. Eradication of foot-and-mouth and other contagious diseases of animals, department of agriculture, \$1,000,000. Air service of the army, \$60,000,000. National Guard, \$45,448,000. Aviation, navy, \$35,000,000. Increases of the navy, construction and machinery, \$105,000,000. Increase of navy, torpedoes boats, \$23,748,000. Increase of the navy, armor and armament, \$40,000,000. Increase of navy, ammunition, \$7,500,000. Army and navy pensions, \$215,000,000. Pay of letter carriers, \$46,190,000. Total for postal service, \$391,713,673. Total for shipping board, \$447,773,061.

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