



# The GIRL in the MIRROR

By Elizabeth Jordan

Copyright  
The Century  
Company  
WNU Service

## THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—Barbara Devon's wedding and departure on her honeymoon leaves her brother "Laurie," successful playwright but somewhat inclined to idleness, without her restraining influence. His theatrical associates, Rodney Bangs and Jacob Epstein, promise to "keep an eye on him."

CHAPTER II.—Laurie, who is wealthy, refuses to settle down to work, announcing his intention of resting and seeking "adventure." From his window in New York he sees the reflection of a beautiful girl in a mirror in the house opposite.

CHAPTER III.—Devon learns from the elevator boy in the girl's house that her name is Mayo. Again in the mirror's reflection he sees her with a revolver and fears she means to commit suicide. He breaks into her apartment and, winning her confidence, induces her to lunch with him, though she warns him of "danger."

CHAPTER IV.—Perceptibly agitated by the arrival of a man in the restaurant, she mutters that he has "found her." Learning that she is unmarried and the man has no claim on her, Laurie, incensed, accuses the stranger.

CHAPTER V.—Accusing the man of annoying Miss Mayo, Devon warns him to end his espionage. The stranger is politely sarcastic, but from him Laurie learns the girl's first name is Doris. She tells him her persecutor is Herbert Ransome Shaw.

CHAPTER VI.—To Louise Ordway, his invalid sister-in-law, and firm friend, Laurie admits he is "interested" in Doris, not revealing her identity.

CHAPTER VII.—Doris resolutely declines to meet Mrs. Ordway, and firmly vetoes Laurie's suggestion of applying to the police to protect her from Shaw.

Theoretically, of course, his plan would be to wait until night and then, sheltered by the darkness, to approach the house, like a hero of melodrama, and in some way secure entrance. But even as this ready-made campaign presented itself, a dozen objections to it reared up in his mind. The first, of course, was the delay. It was not yet two o'clock in the afternoon, and darkness would not fall until five, even unwisely assuming that it would be safe to approach the place as soon as darkness came.

In three hours all sorts of things might happen; and the prospect of parking time during that interval, while his unbridled imagination ran away with him, was one Laurie could not face.

On the other hand, what could he do in broad daylight? If he were seen, as he almost certainly would be, he would be almost certainly arrested. He would take no chances which might make impossible the night's work of rescue. That, of course, assuming that Shaw was still at the house among the cedars.

Was he? Laurie pondered that problem. Undoubtedly he had personally taken Doris there, he and the secretary. But the chances seemed about even that, having done this, he would leave her, for the day at least, either in charge of the secretary or of some caretaker. In that case—in that case—

The young man sprang to his feet. He would waste no more time in speculation. He would know, and at once, who was in that house with Doris. He swung back to the garage with determination in his manner, and entered the place so unexpectedly that Burke, who had fancied him a mile away, started at the sight of him. Then, with a contented smile, he filled his nerves and kept his eyes on the bill the visitor held before him. "See here," said the latter. "I want to do a tramp act."

"Sure you do?" Burke promptly acquiesced.

"Can you find me some ragged trousers and an old coat and cap? The worse they look, the better I'll like it. And while you're about it, get me some worn-out shoes or boots. How soon can you have them here?"

"I-I dunno," Burke was looking somewhat overwhelmed. "You're pretty big," he mentioned. "Nothing but mine'd fit you."

"Great Scott!" exploded the other. "I don't want 'em to fit! I'm not going to a pink tea in them."

"But you want to get 'em on, don't you?" Burke demanded, with some coldness.

"I do."

"Well, look at yourself, young fella, and then look at me."

Laurie obeyed the latter part of the injunction. The father of seven was at least five inches shorter than he, and his legs and shoulders were small in proportion. No coat or trousers he wore could possibly go on the young Hercules before him.

"Oh, well," urged the latter, impatiently, "get some, somewhere. Here. Take a run into town. Use my car if you like. Or go to some one you know who's about my size. Only,

thing he could say about them college lads: they was usually ready to pay well for their nonsense. With a forgiving grin he hurried off.

Left alone, Laurie removed his coat and cap, searched the garage successfully for grease, oil, waste and shoe-blackening, and then, establishing himself in front of a broken mirror in Burke's alleged office, removed his collar and effected a startling transformation in the appearance of his head, face, hands, and shirt.

Beginning in his college days, and continuing throughout his more recent theatrical experiences, the art of make-up had increasingly interested him. The people in his plays owed something to his developing skill, and even one of the leading ladies had humbly taken suggestions from him. But never in any stage dressing-room had young Mr. Devon secured a more extraordinary change than the one he produced now, with the simple aids at hand.

When Burke returned he found his garage in charge of an unwashed, unkempt, unprepossessing young ruffian whom he stared at for a full minute before he accepted him as the man he had left there. The ragged trousers, the spotted "reefer" buttoned high around the neck, the dirty cap pulled over the eyes, and the wholly disreputable broken shoes Burke had brought with him completed the transformation of an immaculate young gentleman into a bear-eyed follower of the open road.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

## GENEVA NEWS

Dr. W. J. Ayers, dentist, has sold his office and location to Dr. Gorman.

McKean, and will give possession immediately. Dr. McKean's parental home is at Linn Grove. He was graduated from Indiana Dental College, Indianapolis last spring and has been in an office in Fort Wayne since that time. Dr. Ayers will locate in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Diffendorfer, of Fort Wayne, are the parents of a boy baby, Jimmy Ray, born last Sunday, at the St. Joseph Hospital. Mother and babe are doing nicely. Mrs. Diffendorfer formerly was Miss Madeline McCollum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mho McCollum, of this city.

Henry Decker, who underwent an operation for the removal of his right eye ball at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne last Saturday, was able to return to his home near here Wednesday. Mr. Decker's eye had been

bothering him for only about six weeks, the specialist diagnosing the case as hardening of the eyeball. The unfortunate man has been recuperating fine since the operation.

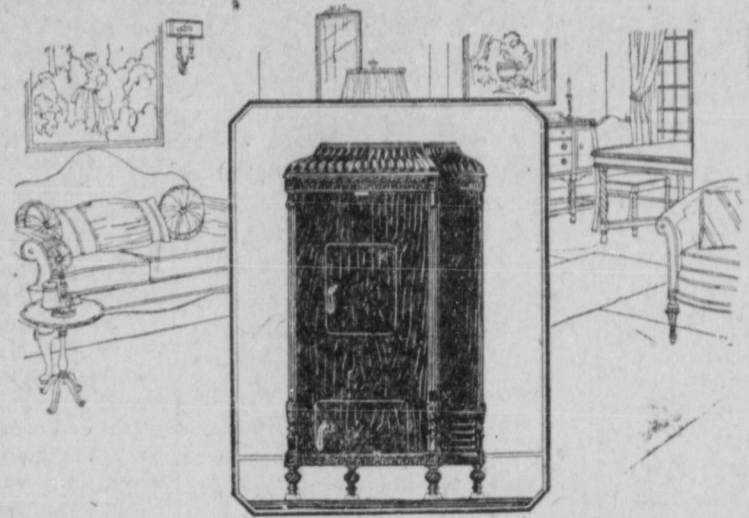
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zerkle, of Berne, are the parents of a ten-pound

boy baby, born Monday. The mother formerly was Miss Marie Burd, daughter of Mrs. Rachel Burd, of this city. The new boy has been named Kenneth Gene.

A commercial air service linking all the principle cities and towns of Saxony will be promoted by the government.

The blade of a new screwdriver is equipped with an adjustable grip to hold a screw or nut when it is set in place.

Get the Habit—Trade at Home, it Pays



## MUELLER FURNACETTE

Wouldn't you rather look after one Furnacette than two or three heating stoves?

The Mueller Furnacette gives more comfortable, and more uniform heat than any stove, has a heating capacity equal to two or three ordinary stoves, and yet uses no more fuel than one.

The Furnacette is the most economical of all heaters from the standpoint of heat produced from fuel burned. It heats the whole house comfortably,—by air circulation like a warm air furnace—not by radiation, like a stove.

And it's a handsome addition to your living room, at the same time!

Convenient Monthly Payments.

## A Stove at your OWN PRICE

Here is something new! Look! Read! We will receive sealed bids on this stove up and until

Saturday, August 21

Come in and look it over, study it and then place your bid. The highest bidder gets it. A real opportunity to buy at your own price.

Stove sells for \$165.00

Does the Work of Three Stoves—  
at Fuel Cost of One.

## LEE HARDWARE CO.

Decatur, Indiana

## Varicose Veins Reduced or Money Back, Says Smith, Yager & Falk

Simple Home Treatment That Is Giving Amazing Results.

The world progresses. Today ailments that took weeks to cure can now be ended in a few days. If you have varicose veins or bunions you can start today to bring them back to normal size, and if you are wise you will do so.

Just get an original bottle of Moone's Emerald Oil at any dispensing pharmacist and apply it night and morning to the enlarged veins. It is very powerful and penetrating, and only a little is required.

After a few days' treatment the veins will begin to grow smaller and by regular use will soon reduce to normal.

Moone's Emerald Oil is also a marvelous healing agent. One application for instance stops the itching of eczema, and a few applications causes the eruptions to dry up, scale off and completely disappear. It is equally as effective in barber's itch, salt rheum, redness and inflammatory skin trouble.

People who want to reduce varicose veins, or get rid of eczema, ulcers, or piles in a few days should not hesitate to get a bottle at once. It is so powerful that a small bottle lasts a long time. Any pharmacy can supply you. Smith, Yager & Falk, Druggists.

**SUNBURN**  
Apply Vicks very lightly—it soothes the tortured skin.  
**VICKS VAPORUB**  
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

## We Believe

that a bank's business is to help farmers get started in the right direction, and we are always ready to back up the farmer's efforts in ways which a good bank can. We are constantly improving our understanding of farmers' needs. We are making this the kind of bank a farmer likes to do business with.

**First National Bank**  
Decatur, Indiana

## FOR PLEASURE AND SERVICE

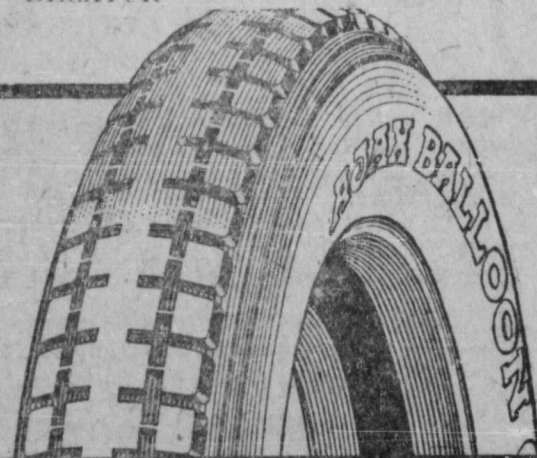
### Ajax Is What Its Dealer Is

A TIRE manufacturer is what his dealers are.

The Ajax dealer has chosen Ajax and Ajax has chosen the Ajax dealer because he knows tires and tire facts.

He is your community's service center, to benefit you with what he knows.

He is  
**ACE TIRE & BATTERY CO.**  
Harry Staley, Prop.  
DECATUR INDIANA



**AJAX BALLOONS**

The Tread That Resists Wear

## School Time is Nearly Here and the Young Fellow Will Want to Start in Again in a New

## Longie Suit

We don't blame him! We have just placed in our stock a wonderful selection of new Longie Suits for school wear. New models tailored to the approval of the young fellows in a large variety of patterns. The selection is unusually large and the quality the finest.

Get ready now. Don't wait until the last week. We'll be glad to show you.

Longie Suits Range in Price From

**\$7.85 \$8.50 \$10 \$12.50 \$15**

Speaking of new things for Fall we want to call your attention to our fresh, new stock of

FALL HATS

FALL CAPS

FALL NECKWEAR

FALL SHIRTS

All are here awaiting for your choosing.

Come in any time.

**Vance & Linn**

