



The GIRL in the MIRROR

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"None of the three answered. None of the three could. But in the incandescent moments that followed, the face of Epstein brightened slowly, like a moon emerging from black clouds. Bangs alone, who had best borne the situation up till now, was unable to meet the reaction. In the silence of the little studio he wept on, openly and gulping and unrestrainedly, as he had not wept since he was a little boy."

CHAPTER XVII

A Little Look Forward

"So Shaw told you?" muttered Epstein a few moments later.

"You bet he did!" Laurie blithely corroborated. "He had to, to save his skin. But he was pretty game, I'll give him credit for that. I had to be one shot past his head to convince him that I meant business. Besides, I had said, I thought he was teaching for something. I suppose I was a little nervous. Anyway, we clenched again, and—well—I'd have killed him, I guess, if he hadn't spoken."

He smiled reminiscently. All three were tactfully ignoring Bangs, who had walked over to the window and by the exercise of all his will-power was now getting his nerves under control.

"Shaw didn't do the tale justice, he hadn't time to," Laurie continued, and I was in such a hurry to get back to Miss Mayo that I didn't ask for many details. But on the way to the garage it occurred to me that I had a chance for a come-back that could keep you three from feeling too snug and happy over the way I had copped down your little plot. So I planned it, and I rather think," he added complacently, "that I put it over."

"Put it over!" groaned Epstein. "Meln Gott, I should think you did put it over! You took twenty years of my life, young man; that's von sure thing."

"You'll revive," Laurie turned to Rodney, who was now facing them. "All right, old man?"

"I guess so," gulped Rodney. There was no self-consciousness in his manner.

He had passed through blazing hell in the last twenty minutes, and he did not care who knew it.

"Then," urged Laurie, seeking to divert him, "you may give me the details Shaw had to skip. How the Dickens did you happen to start this framework, anyhow?"

"How much did Shaw tell you?"

"I tried to speak naturally."

"The adventure was a

good one, I assure you and Epstein had had to keep me out of mischief!" Laurie repeated, patiently. "He explained that you had engaged a company to put it over, headed by Miss Mayo, who is a friend of Mrs. Ordway, and who has a burning ambition to go on the stage. He said you promised her that if she made a success of it, she was to have the leading role in our next play. That's about all he told me."

"That's all I know," ended Laurie. "But I want to know some more. Whose bright little idea was this, in the first place?"

"Mrs. Ordway's."

"Louise's!" Unconsciously Laurie's face softened.

"Yes, I went to see her one day," Bangs explained, "and I mentioned that we couldn't get any work out of you till you'd had the adventure you were insisting on. Mrs. Ordway said, 'Well, why don't you give him an adventure?' That," confessed Rodney, "started me off."

"Obviously," corroborated his friend. "So it was Louise's idea. Poor Louise!"

"You bet she did!" corroborated Bangs, eagerly. "I kept her posted every day. She said it was more fun than a play, and that it was keeping her alive."

"Hump! Well, go on. Tell me how it started." Laurie was smiling. If the little episode just ended had been, as it were, a bobolink singing to Louise Ordway during her final days on earth, it was not he who would find fault with the bird or with those who had set it singing.

"The day we saw the caretaker in the window across the park," continued Rodney, "and I realized how interested you were, it occurred to me that we'd engage that studio and put Miss Mayo into it. Miss Mayo lives in Richmond, Va., and she had been making a big hit in amateur theatricals. She wanted to get on the legitimate stage, as Shaw told you; so Mrs. Ordway suggested that Epstein and I try her out."

"Never mind all that!" interrupted Laurie. "Perhaps later Miss Mayo will tell me about it herself!"

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"Rodney spoke briskly. He was

recovering poise with extraordinary rapidity. His color was returning, his brown eyes were again full of life. And, as always when his thoughts were on his work, he was utterly oblivious to any other interest. The second act was to be—"

He stopped and stared. Epstein had risen, had ponderously approached him, and had resolutely grasped him by one ear.

"Rodney," said the manager, with ostentatious subtlety, "you don't know it, but you got a date up-town in five minutes."

His voice and manner enlightened the obtuse Mr. Bangs.

"Oh, er—yes," stammered that youth, confusedly, and reluctantly got to his feet.

"Wait a minute," said Laurie. "Before you fellows go, there's one more little matter we've got to straighten out." They turned to him, and at the expression of utter devotion on the two faces the sternness left young Devon's eyes. "I was pretty mad about this business for a few minutes after Shaw explained it," he went on. "You folks didn't have much mercy, you know. You fooled me to the top of my bent. But now I feel that we're at least broken even."

"Even! Meln Gott!" repeated Epstein with a groan. "You've taken ten years—"

"You've got back ten already," the young man blithely reminded him.

"That's fine! As I say, we're even. But from this time on, one thing must be definitely understood: Henceforth I'm not in leading-strings of any kind,

however kindly they are put on me. If this association is to continue, there

must be no more practical jokes, no

more supervision, no more interference with me or my affairs. Is that agreed?"

"You bet it is!" corroborated Epstein. Again he wiped his brow. "I can't stand the pace you fellas set," he admitted.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

EX-SERVICE MEN AT STATE FAIR

Indiana State Fair Assumes Military Aspect As Veterans Gather Today

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 7.—(United Press)—The Indiana state fair assumed a military aspect today as thousands of ex-service men came to participate in the American Legion day festivities.

A squadron of battle planes soared over the fair reservation and units of infantry and artillery went through drills. A military parade was held in front of the grand stand at the fair grounds and a flying exhibition was scheduled for the afternoon.

Members of legion posts from all over the state participated in the parade.

Attendance on Labor Day broke all records for Monday at the fair. A total of 70,667 visitors crowded into the reservation. The same day last year the attendance was 62,105.

Judging of exhibits was continued today and another program of grand circuit racing was scheduled for the afternoon.

Silver Fox Farm To Be Located Near Berne

Berne, Sept. 7.—Plans have been made for the establishment of a silver fox ranch on the E. C. Stucky farm, four and one-half miles southwest of Berne. The ranch will be owned by E. C. Stucky and Noah Stucky of Grabill. The latter has been manager of the "Hoosier Silver Fox Farm", at Grabill, where the two men are incorporated for \$60,000 for the purpose of raising high grade silver foxes.

Much material to be used on the fox farm in this county has been purchased already. Operations will begin at once, it is said, and business will be started with ten or fifteen pairs or possibly more. The two men expect to incorporate for \$25,000. The two men are experienced in the fox business and they expect to obtain much profit from the sale of the foxes and furs.

Gerald Buckmaster, of Fort Wayne visited friends here Monday.

PREMIUM AWARDS AT THE FAIR

Agricultural And Horticultural
Jesse H. Franklin, Decatur, R. R. 5:
Corn, Y. Dent, 1st prize.

Theo. Bleeke, Decatur, R. R. 8: 10
years, Y. Dent, 2nd prize; 1 pkg. tim-
othy seed, 1st prize; Starke apples, 1st
prize; Winesap apples, 1st prize; Ger-
man prune plum, 1st prize; Burbank
plum, 1st prize; Bellflower apples, 2nd
prize.

Harold Johnson, Decatur, Ind.: 10
years, Y. Dent, 3rd prize; 10 ears Rice
pop-corn, 1st prize; 1 pkg. smooth
wheat, 2nd prize; 1 pkg. bearded
wheat, 2nd prize; 1 pkg. red clover
seed, 2nd prize; potatoes, E. Ohio, 2nd
prize; potatoes, Rural, 3rd prize; cab-
bage, R. head, 2nd prize; cucumber,
2nd prize; Kohl Rabi, 1st prize; pim-
ento, 1st prize; summer crooked N.
1st prize; squash, G. Hubbard, 1st
prize; squash, green Hubbard, 1st
prize; squash, Banana, 1st prize;
turnips, 1st prize; Stonell Evergreen
1st prize; apples, Transcendent, 1st
prize; peaches, Elberta, 1st prize;
Health Cling, 2nd prize; Siberian, 2nd
prize; Orange quince, 1st prize;
plums, Lombarks, 1st prize; Wickson,
1st prize; green Gage, 1st prize;
green grapes, 2nd prize.

William Rupert, Monroe, Ind.: Corn
1925, 2nd prize; corn, 1920, 3rd prize;

sugar beets, 1st prize; sugar beets,
2nd prize; Red Mangelswurzel, 1st
prize; 1 pk. barley, 2nd prize.

D. E. Robinson, Decatur, Ind.: 10
years, Parl pop-corn, 1st prize; cabbage,
flat head, 1st prize; cucumbers, 1st
prize; muskmelon, lg. type, Y. flesh,
1st prize; muskmelon, lg. type, Y.
flesh, 2nd prize; peppers, large, green,
1st prize; pumpkin, swt. pie type, 1st
prize; pumpkin, field type, 2nd prize;
Golden Hubbard Squash, 2nd prize;
Banana squash, 2nd prize; largest
squash, 1st prize; Stonell's Evergreen
corn, 2nd prize; large green water-
melon, 1st prize; dark green water-
melon, 1st prize; white onions, 1st
prize; apples, Snow, 1st prize; apples,
Wolf River, Golden Grimes, 1st prize;
apples, None Such, 1st prize; rural
group potatoes, 2nd prize; cabbage,
round head, 1st prize; beets, round,
2nd prize.

Israel Bender, Decatur, Ind., R. R. 9:
Corn on stalk, 1st prize; peck oats,
2nd prize; apples, Tilman Sweet, 1st
prize.

Albert Burke, Decatur, Ind.; Corn,
10 on stalk, 2nd prize.

Carl Noll, Decatur, Ind., R. R. 9:
Corn, grown 1925, 1st prize; 1 peck
oats, 1st prize.

Otto Holle, Decatur, Ind.: 1 peck
smooth wheat, 1st prize.

Mary Peeple, Decatur, Ind., R. R. 6:
1 pk. bearded wheat, 1st prize; 1 pk.
Alike Co. seed, 1st prize.

Lawrence Noll, Decatur, R. R. 7:
1 pk. barley, 1st prize; 1 peck Red
Clover seed, 1st prize.

Violet Shipley, Pleasant Mills, Ind.:
1 pk. Soy beans, 1st prize; 1 peck
timothy, 2nd prize.

Walter Metz & Son, Portland, Ind.:
First and largest sunflowers, 1st prize;
hubbar, 12 stalks, 2nd prize; 17
matured red, 1st prize; onions, red,
1st prize.

Mrs. Fred Bender, Pleasant Mills,
Ind.: Early Ohio, 1st and 2nd prizes;

Rural group, 1st prize; 1 peck red
yams, 1st prize; peppers, large green,
2nd prize.

J. F. Rupert, Monroe, Ind., R. R. 2:
Cabbage, flat head, 2nd prize; red to-
matoes, 2nd prize; yellow onions, 1st
prize.

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Rep. G. P. Hunt, Phoenix, Ariz.:
1 pk. Soy beans, 1st prize; 1 peck
timothy, 2nd prize.

Arizona Voters At Polls
Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 7.—(United
Press)—Arizona voters went to the
polls today to nominate a Governor
from a field of five candidates, includ-
ing Governor W. G. P. Hunt, who seeks
re-election for a sixth term.

Governor Hunt, a democrat, is op-
posed by R. K. Ellingwood, retired
banker, and corporation attorney, and
J. J. Cox, state senator.

Republican candidates for the post
are: W. E. H. Harlan, of Phoenix, and
Thomas Maddock, engineer.

ELKS NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Elk's
lodge at the Elk's home Wednesday
evening, at 8 o'clock. Initiation cere-
monies will be conferred, also. All
members are urged to be present.

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Mrs. Lawrence Walters, Decatur,
Ind.: Muskmelon, large, green flesh,
1st prize.

Harve Koos, Deratdr, Ind., R. R. 8:
Pumpkin, sweet pie type, 2nd prize;

Morris Bleeke, Decatur, Ind., R. R.
8: Rhubarb, 12 stalks, 1st prize; ap-
ples, Baldwin, 1st prize, Ben Davis,
1st prize; Blue Rambo, 1st and 2nd
prizes; Northern Spy, 1st prize; Rhode
Island Greening, 1st and 2nd prizes;

Jonathan, 1st and 2nd prizes; Straw-
berry, 1st and 2nd prizes; Walbridge,
1st and 2nd prizes; Bismarck, 1st and 2nd
prizes; Gravenstein, 1st prize; Mann,
1st prize; Tulpehocken, 1st prize;
Golden Pippin, 1st and 2nd prizes;
Greening, 1st and 2nd prizes; Wine-
sap, 2nd prize; Alexander, 2nd prize;
Sweet Bough, 1st prize; None-such,
2nd prize; Canada Red, 1st and 2nd
prizes; Magna, 1st prize; Newton
Pippin, 1st prize; Red Romaine, 1st
prize; Benfont, 1st prize; Holland
Pippin, 1st prize; Paradise Sweet, 1st
prize; Forry, 1st prize; Domine, 1st
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Dessert, 1st and 2nd prizes; plums,
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MINISTERS PLAN FOR WINTER WORK

Members Of Ministerial Association Hold Meeting At Reformed Church

The members of the Decatur Ministerial Association met for their monthly business session in the Zion Reformed church parlors yesterday. Plans were made for the fall and winter work of the city churches.

Rev. Dr. Halley, of Chicago, ren-

owned Bible student and reader, likely

will be secured during the month of

November to give a series of Bible

readings, which he quotes from mem-

ory. Mr. Halley appeared before a

Decatur audience a few Sundays ago