

The Affair at Flower Acres by CAROLYN WELLS

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BEGIN HERE TODAY
Malcolm Finley, returning from Japan, is invited to Flower Acres by Longfellow, the name of Charles Raynor, husband of Nancy, who is a former sweetheart of Finley's. Finley discovers that the young woman is very pale and is incensed. At Flower Acres are Eva Goddard, friend of Finley; Nancy, her maid; and Marmalade, the dog. Miss Raynor, Raynor's sister; Miss Mattie, and others. Finley realizes that he is responsible for the bad temper and Miss Mattie's cause of the old love affair with Nancy. This—and the constant abuse Raynor has given his wife—makes Finley extremely angry. He overhears a conversation between Finley and Nancy, and orders Finley to leave the house. "I promise that you will remove your presence I will at once transform myself into the most gentle, lovable and kind-tempered of husbands," he sneers.

GO ON WITH THE STORY

"You can never say another word to me of any sort whatever!" And in a fury Finley left them.

He was sure he had made a fool of himself. Sure he had harmed Nancy rather than helped her.

Finley went to his room, but he did not at once begin to pack his things. He sat down by a window and gazed out over the flowers, to the sea and sky, and let his thoughts grow calmer and more practical.

Was there no way he could help Nancy? No task would be too hard, no service too difficult, if he could but make up for the trouble and annoyance he had caused her.

For he had small doubt but that Raynor would wreak on his wife the anger he must feel toward himself. Finley.

A long time he thought and signed as he pondered.

And then, instead of packing his kit and starting for the train, he bathed and dressed and presented himself on the western terrace just as tea was being brought there.

Finley did not look at his host or speak to him, but there were

sky-high. "Who'll walk to the bridge with me?"

"I will," said Orry, who was a born cavalier, and likewise fond of gay little Dolly.

But they tarried until the other

guests had taken leave and then, as they sauntered across the lawn, down toward the bridge over the tiny brook that separated the two estates, the sinister dusk was creeping in from the darkening horizon.

"I'm jealous of your other Prince," Kent bantered, and Dolly said, seriously, "He isn't really mine, he's Nan's."

"Nonsense! What has Nan to do with Princes?"

"Oh, it doesn't matter that she's married to that old hooligan. I mean that can't stop her loving her Prince."

"Don't, Dolly; it isn't nice for a little girl to say things like that."

"Nice or not—it's true talk. You see, Nan ought to have married Mr. Finley in the first place."

"Hush, Dolly," Kent spoke sternly. "Nan's my sister, and I forbid you to gossip about her."

"All right, Orry, I won't. Miss Mattie isn't your sister, is she? May I talk about her?"

"Yes, if you like," and the young man smiled.

"Well, she's a meddlesome Mattie. What do you suppose she's doing now?" She's looking down here at us."

The two were on the bridge now, the little rustic affair that added picturesqueness to the scene. Kent had turned and was looking back toward the house.

"What sharp eyes you have," Kent said, looking, too. "I can scarcely see her. The dark comes quickly."

"Yes," Dolly looked at her wrist.

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WIP, Philadelphia (509 MD, 8 P. M. EST)—Program of negro music.

WEAF, New York (412 MD, 11 P. M. EST)—Lopez Orchestra.

KGO, Oakland (312 MD, 8 P. M. EST)—Stanford California night.

KSD, St. Louis (646 MD, 8 P. M. EST)—St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

SUNDAY

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WEAF, New York (492 MD, 8:30 P. M. EST)—Musical program from the New York Strand Theater.

WCBD, Zion (345 MD, 8 P. M. EST)—Semi-monthly sacred concert.

WLW, Cincinnati (423 MD, 8:45 P. M. EST)—Symphony Orchestra conducted by William Kopp.

Indeed, at first she didn't recognize it as a shot. So often a supposed shot had been a blow-out or a burst tire, that now, when it was really a shot, she naturally thought it something else. For a moment no sounds followed, and then various light footsteps could be heard below.

"How could you see without the lights on?" asked Orville Kent firmly.

Eva Goddard came then, shocked and wondering; Hatfield, the butler, appeared, and several maid servants fuddled in the background.

"Somebody must take charge here," Goddard said, going toward the stricken man; "Perhaps he isn't dead."

"Oh," said Nan, her frightened eyes staring, "isn't he?"

"Hush, Nan," said her brother.

"Will you let me take you to your room?"

"No, no, Orry, I must stay here."

"Yes, Nan," and Kent placed her in a big chair, and then sat near her.

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PLANT TO BE READY SOON

Mayor Harris Fails to Stop Project at Bloomington.

By United Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Nov. 22.—The new Calf Creek water plant to supply the city of Bloomington, will be completed within two weeks, it was announced today as the last touches on the dam were completed.

Work will go ahead to completion despite refusal of Mayor John Harris to sign the bond issue by the city to help the Bloomington Water Company pay for the construction.

One hundred and seventeen citizens and concerns of the city are behind the project and have pledged \$675,000.

CONFERENCE DATE IS SET

Methodists to Meet at Anderson April 15 to 21.

The North Indiana M. E. conference will be held at Anderson April 15 to 21 and Bishop Frederick Leete of Indianapolis will preside, according to word received here from a meeting of the board of bishops in session at Atlanta City. This date is two weeks later than the conference has been held in many years.

"What is it?" he cried, then, catching sight of Raynor's fallen figure, and taking in Finley with the pistol. Kent sprang across the room to put his arm round the shaking form of his sister.

"Move, somebody! Do something!" came from Miss Turner in an hysterical shriek.

"Move, out of the way!"

"Oh, Dougles!" Miss Mattie cried.

The State board of education has appointed a committee to investigate

alleged payment of bribes to A. M. Hannebaum, former trustee at Metamora, Franklin County, by two school teachers in return for teaching contracts. Hannebaum's action was exposed in a recent State board of accounts report. It also is alleged he received money from hack drivers and a Connersville architect.

BRIE QUIZ ORDERED

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4. The first four letters of the name of a fighting word.

5. A thief trainer. (A word that Dickens gave to the language.)

6. Process applied to music to make it jazz.

7. Pertaining to the married state.

8. Edible bulb. (And with a lingering odor.)

9. Legal action not arising out of a contract.

10. A lyric poem of praise.

11. The remainder.

12. Hypercritical.

13. A headgear.

14. Rodent.

15. Form of the verb "to be."

16. Make mistake.

17. The quality of being spontaneous.

18. Moral wrong.

19. Opposite of yes.

20. Preposition.

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23. Portuguese and Brazilian coins. (Also the captain of a Nile boat.)

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25. An interjection, synonymous with "hey!"

26. Once more.

27. Lounges.

28. Moral wrong.

29. Contraction for sister.

30. Identical with 19 horizontal.

31. An interjection.

32. So.

33. A preposition.

34. Once more.

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36. Lounges.

37. (Also the first four letters of the name of a fighting word.)

38. Regular or proper order.

39. Negative pole of a battery; opposite cathode.

40. Rule (noun).

41. Pneumatic wheel cushions.

42. Thus. (The first word of Booth's exclamation upon shooting Lincoln.)

43. Decay.

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