

ANNALS

Story of a Modern Girl and a Million Dollars

Beautiful JOANNA MANNERS, clerk No. 27, is summoned by HARKNESS, the lawyer, to the office of her employer, MR. GRAYDON, who delivers an over-the-hill message to her. She is told that her father, who is now in the hospital, has been named as executor of the will of the late Mr. Graydon. She is to go to the bank and get the money. She is to go to the bank and get the money. She is to go to the bank and get the money.

By H. L. Gates
CHAPTER XXII

Gossip

THE dressing of Joanna Manners, each morning, when that young person condescended to put herself in the hands of her maids, was an important ceremony. It was not a matter for Mrs. Graydon alone. Martha had never ceased to be the ever dependable, ever patient, personal servitor. Capable fingers were required for the toilet rituals of one who was now a regnant beauty.

Even riding togs needed Celeste and Marie. Celeste knew every wrinkle and curl and wave of the shimmering brown hair, and the precise point at which the red lips must arch and retreat. Marie was an encyclopedia of what went with what, and when the ensemble was worthy of its details. Between the precision of both of them the mistress found ample time, each morning, to scan her daily portion of mail.

Always, of course, there were cards from jewelers, milliners and florists. To be a purveyor to the needs of the Mademoiselle Joanna was, along the Riviera, something like a patent from royalty. It was Marie's duty to put all bills in a bunch, when her mistress had glanced at them, and send them to the bank, in New York.

Celeste watched over the engagements her mistress made, and was in a hopeless mess over them. Once, when she was in such dismay that she pleaded with her mistress for help, Joanna told her: "You must learn, Celeste, that I am not to be asked to do anything I say I'll do. It would be thoroughly impossible."

So, while Lord Dorminster waited someplace on the spacious ground of Villa Amette, Celeste and Marie prepared her for her riding togs and Joanna ran her morning's post through her fingers. Only one letter interested her. When she came to this one she dropped the others into a tray held by Marie, and put the one on to her dressing table. Then, Celeste having finished with her eyelashes, she closed her eyes.

Through all that lapsed year Joanna watched, each morning, for the envelope that bore the familiar legend of the bank, in New York. It came to her regularly, before she left New York with Yvonne for London, during the long months in England, where Teddy Dorminster had piloted her with Yvonne remaining in London, to the country homes of many of his distinguished relatives.

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tives; and through her wild reveals in Paris. Each time she recognized it among her letters she carefully went through a set ritual.

She would put it aside until her maids were finished with her, or until she could dismiss whoever was near at the moment. Then she would close her eyes and sit, very still. Her mind would leap backward and out of her memories summon a procession of things that had happened. She was very careful, in her marshaling of this parade. She omitted nothing. In every letter she received with that mark of the bank on the outside she feared there might be the wiping away of all the mystery of her money, or perhaps, its explanation. She knew, although Eggleston had not encouraged her in this belief, that the explanation would come, somehow, always, she wanted to be prepared for it.

Brandon, still a sinister shadow who had ever been in the background; had toyed with her in New York, had smiled ironically whenever she repulsed him, and gradually, had wrapped some sort of a net about her which, almost strangled her. Kenilworth had been devoted to her, sentimental, brooding, sometimes earnest and sometimes passionately bitter, but Brandon had never lost his head. Kenilworth had said, that first night in New York, that he was going to "play for her." She had accepted the challenge. He had ceased playing and was frankly struggling to break through her battlements.

But Brandon controlled her. This she must always admit. In the end, once or twice, she would remember, they had a conflict. She had drawn upon every item in her store of artifice and had gambled her lure against his mastery, and each time, she had almost been the victor. Both times she had brought things into his eyes that were revealing, and too dangerous for her to fight against. His obscurity, but seemingly malicious power dominated her again, because she would not risk tempting him.

When she had measured herself through the passing of the year and weighed the meaning of each step and its influence upon her, she would open her letter and read it.

As usual, what she feared, was not in the one that Marie had handed her, while Teddy Dorminster waited some place out on the grounds. It included, however, a paragraph which she read over and over again. All these letters from the bank were dictated by Eggleston himself. He was always the same, cold, precise, formal. Invariably he began: "Dear Miss Manners," she read:

"I enclose herewith a statement of your account as of this date, separated, according to your instructions, into two divisions. Perhaps you will check the longer one, which includes items paid by your order. I have carefully checked the expenditures listed on the second statement and find them correct."

"You will notice that with these statements your account would be seriously depleted, but I am to inform you that your benefactor has notified me that a substantial further deposit will be made to your credit. You may assume, therefore, that any requirements you may have will be met promptly. I remain

"Yours very truly,
"ANDREW EGGLESTON."

WHEN she understood the meaning of that last paragraph, that she needed more money and it was being given her by the same unknown, and in the same unexplained way, Joanna hastily glanced at the shorter of the two statements. She did not examine the listed items, but only the total. Then she crumpled this portion of her accounting into a wad and called Marie. "Bring me a candle, lighted, please," she commanded.

While Marie held the tiny flame before her Joanna held the crumpled wad of paper over it until her fingers were scorched, then dropped it into the candle stick. She waited until the paper ball had burned. Before she would let Marie take the ashes away she stirred them into powder with her finger, as if she would run no risk of prying eyes seeking out a secret from the cinder paper.

The other accounting sheet, which bore a long list of bills paid for her by the bank, she tossed into a drawer. Then, with her riding crop slapping smartly along her leg, she went out.

Villa Amette had long been one of the show places of the Riviera, one of those splendid miniature palaces which nestle in the semi-tropical foliage of the base of Cap Martin, a low, rambling house of balconies, trellised windows, and wide, stately verandas. Its broad acres stretched back on the slopes of the hill in series of terraces that lost themselves in groves of olive, orange and blossoms. Below was the dense blue Mediterranean. Gardens of pink blossoms, and squares of red and white roses overhung the sea and bordered the paths that wound through pergolas heavy with fragrant clematis. Only the very rich, and of these only those whose whims were for splendor, ever had braved the cost of a season's rent for the Villa Amette.

Yvonne once before had tenanted

this palatial estate. Now she shared it, at her suggestion, with Joanna. Yvonne and Joanna were inseparable and yet there had been few confidences between them. People had learned that to approach the Golden Girl they first must win the favor of Yvonne Coutant. And they wondered a great deal, because of this circumstance.

WITH a groom holding the brides of the two horses, Dorminster awaited Joanna at the steps of a great door that opened on to the driveway. By the time she came out to him he was sullen. Joanna's eyes danced when she saw his mood. He helped her mount, tossing her to her saddle as easily as if she were a feather and they turned their horses into the road that either crossed the frontier and went on to San Remo along the sea, or led back to Menton and Monaco.

"It is too late," Dorminster grumbled, "for as long a ride as San Remo. Shall we go the other way, down into the valley?"

"We'll go no place," she assured him, "unless you decide not to be glum. I want to be talked to this morning. I haven't any particularly engaging thoughts."

"I have," he answered shortly. "It's my thoughts I wanted to talk to you about, this morning. Especially after last night."

"Are you going to remind me again of such foolish things as I may have said to you last night? If so I shall go straight way back. Roddy will be around some place by now, wanting his tennis."

She made no effort to turn, however, and they rode for a while, horse to horse, silently. Joanna, buoyant with her youth, took long breaths of the scented, lazy breeze that stole up from the sea. But when Dorminster spoke at last she swept him with a quick glance.

"The thought of last night that bothers me is not so much your forgetfulness, as the memory of others. That's what I want to talk about."

She didn't reply, nor did he continue. They rode in silence again, until they turned into a bridge path that went in among the trees in the Condamine, a path that once had guided the Romans under Caesar to the hiding place of the Christian slave who has since become St. Devote, the patron saint of a sanctuary erected over the spot where she was captured and killed. It is a narrow path. The horses brushed each other as they threaded it. Suddenly Joanna said, softly:

"You love me very much, don't you, Roddy?"

And he answered, again shortly, "Yes."

"It's true, almost, isn't it?" she asked, still softly, "that you have stopped loving other women and being loved by them because of me?"

He glanced at her, to see if she were tricking him. He decided she wasn't. "I used to think," he said, "that my mission in life was to love women, but I was mistaken. I've learned that it is better to love one woman, and put whatever qualities I have in her trust. So far I have considered women my duty. I've wanted you to be my refuge. But I've said all that before, haven't I?"

"You have," she agreed, "but you always put some new inflection into it. You are good to look upon. Teddy, about as handsome as a man ought to be, and you are good to listen to when you say you are in love. If I were married I couldn't resist you, I know."

Anger flamed in his eyes and he muttered an oath.

"Oh, I am not fooling with you," she protested earnestly. "I am just reasoning about you. You always make me take you seriously, you know, and I wonder why."

"The obvious answer is, because I am actually serious. So much so, that I don't like what they are talking about today from one end of the Riviera to the other—your escapade last night with Prince Michael, Kenilworth's fascination for you, and the affairs of Yvonne. It's getting nasty! I'd like to get you out of it."

JOANNA'S eyes surveyed the countryside, slowly, deliberately. The sparkle went out of her face, but there was no other sign that she was perturbed. When she was satisfied with her examination of the landscape, she turned again to the man who rode beside her.

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Another man might have hesitated because of the irony hidden in the girl's voice, but young Dorminster was filled with his grievance.

"The usual thing," he answered, "about the incident of the Russian. You left the grounds with him at 11 o'clock, just when his party was at its height, and you didn't show up until hours later. The Prince invariably mixes some vile Russian concoction in his punch, and in his brandies, and every one had more than enough of both. Their brains were receptive to only one conclusion when you showed up again. Especially when you took him away from Yvonne."

"Why 'especially' for that, Roddy?"

"It gave them a chance to figure up again how many of Yvonne's lovers you have taken away from her. Prince Michael was the last of them. You've got them all now, the crowd concluded, and they are celebrating your climax in every whispering boudoir and every club barroom from Cannes to Ventimiglia. They make an uglier scandal out of it because they know that when Yvonne gets ready to turn, there'll be some kind of a crash. That's all."

"Not all, Roddy. There's Roddy. You mentioned him. What are they saying about him—and me?"

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He waited a minute, moodily biting his lips, but whatever his hesitations he stubbornly put them aside. "Yvonne Coutant," he said, "is Kenilworth's handiwork. She was a decent sort until he shaped her to fit his fancies. Whenever she struggles to get free of him he bends a finger and she breaks. It's generally agreed he is planning to do that to you."

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