

# JOANNA

## Story of a Modern Girl and a Million Dollars

Beautiful JOANNA MANNERS, clerk No. 27, is summoned by HARKNESS, the lawyer, and MR. GRAYDON, who delivers an overwhelming message. Some one who knew her says for her in AN- deposited \$1,000,000 for her in ANDREW EGGLESTON's bank in New York, and offered to make her fiance with JOHN WILMORE her fiance, but he is determined to earn his own way and be independent.

At a brilliant social affair, wealthy FRANCIS MARSHAL, the hand- some son of a banker, introduces her to YVONNE COULTANT, society divorcee, whose son RODDY KENILWORTH, romantic ideal, admits he will try his hand for Joanna. He knows Brandon is the only thing Yvonne desires that she has not got.

Joanna goes to live with Yvonne in Paris, where she meets MR. MARSHAL, MR. PENDLETON and LORD TEDDY DORMINSTER, who know nothing of her secret.

John learns Joanna's coming out party and realizes that her new setting has been arranged for her.

In Eggleston's library hangs a large old painting of girl who resembles Joanna.

Arrow of Jealousy passes at Villa Amette, and Joanna has not lost her heart to any of her admirers, not even PRINCE MICHAEL.

Lord Teddy calls to take her for a morning ride.

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 Martha 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 regular.

Even riding togs needed Celeste and Marie. Celeste knew every wave and curl and vagrancy 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 their 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 pose 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 eyes, 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 Teddys Dorminster had piloted her with Yvonne remaining in London, to the country homes of many of his distinguished rela-

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What is the position of the chorus in the second act?

Last puzzle answer:

Station WHT played the wedding march for 64 couples in June and for only 16 couples in October. The amount in October is 24 short of 40, while the amount in June is 24 over 40. June's amount is 4 times as large as October's.

lives; and through her wild revels in Paris. Each time she recognized it at her suggestion, with Joanna Yvonne and Joanna were inseparable and yet there had been few confidences between them. People had gone 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, someday. And, always, she wanted to be prepared for it.

Brandon, still sinister shadow who had ever been in the background; had toyed with her in New York, had sniled ironically whenever she reproached him and gradually, had wrapped some sort of 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 bat-

tered 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."

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 bridle 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.

"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 expenditure 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."

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HEN 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 watched 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.

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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 Cape Martin, a low, rambling house of balconies, trellised windows, and wide, state verandas. Its broad acres stretched back on the slopes of the hill in tiered terraces that lost themselves in groves of olive, orange and mimosa. Below was the dense blue Mediterranean. Gardens of pink blossoms, and squares of red and white roses overhanging the sea and bordering 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.

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