

"The VANITY CASE"

A Tale of Mystery and Love

By CAROLYN WELLS

BEGIN HERE TODAY

In Harbor Gardens, Long Island, in an elaborate bungalow, lived PERRY HEATH and his wife, MYRA. The story opens the Heaths were entertaining as house guests: LAWRENCE INMAN, a distant relative of Myra's, and, aside from Perry, the only man to her considerable fortune, and BUNNY MOORE, a young, golden-haired, old friend of Myra's. Myra Heath was a peculiar woman. She was cold, sarcastic and decidedly not in love with her husband. She never used cosmetics or dressed in colors. She had a passion for collecting rare old bottles, and her latest was an old whisky bottle which she was quite proud of but which aroused her artistic husband to scorn. There is a growing intimacy between Inman and Myra Heath and between Perry and Myra. Myra becomes provoked at the invitation for her husband and declares that she has made her will in favor of Inman, cutting Perry off. It develops that Perry is a candidate for presidency of the Country Club and his chief opponent is a man named SAM ANDERSON. Bunny, thumping through a portfolio of Heath's drawings, runs across a card marked "The Work of Perry Heath."

That night, after Perry and Inman retire, Myra Heath alludes mysteriously to her husband's "secret." When Perry goes to bed, Inman comes downstairs, and he and Myra are in each other's arms when Perry Heath discovers them.

CHAPTER IV

IT WAS characteristic of Myra that she showed no surprise or embarrassment. She remained in Inman's embrace and turned her face to her husband with a slight frown of irritation at the intrusion.

Larry, too, was apparently undismayed, and stood his ground, as he took his cue from Myra. "Then it's now a case of the time, the place and the loved one all together," he said lightly. "Go ahead, Perry, have your say." "There's not much to say," Heath lighted a cigarette. "But as an interested bystander, I'd like to know what you two propose to do."

"That's only natural, I'm sure," Inman remarked, "what are we going to do, Myra?"

"You're going to do what I tell you," cried Heath, suddenly wrathful. "You, Larry, will go to your room at once, pack your things and get out of here the first thing in the morning."

"And if I refuse to obey?"

"You won't refuse. You are at my mercy. I have caught you down here holding a clandestine meeting with my wife. I find her in your arms. I have a right to shoot you!"

"Why don't you?" asked Inman, with maddening coolness.

"You're not worth it!" Heath glared at him. "You're a coward, the powder and shot it would take to kill you. Get out, I tell you! Go upstairs, and before I am down in the morning, you are to be far away from here and never come back! Get that?"

"Yes, Heath, I get that."

"Go, then," and Inman went, and again the husband and wife were alone together.

Mrs. Prentiss always sat down to her breakfast at half-past eight o'clock. If truth were told, she would have preferred an earlier hour, but Harbor Gardens people were late risers, and eight-thirty was just about the earliest one could breakfast with decency.

Most of the Gardeners liked nine o'clock better, and many were later still.

This summer, her nephew, one Todhunter Buck, was spending the month of June with her. And as he was a docile and good-tempered chap, which she had lost from babyhood on, she ruled him with a rod or iron, at least regarding her household appointments.

So Todhunter, whose awkward ancestral name had long since been reduced to Toddy, almost always beamed at his aunt across her maternal table.

In available weather, this table was laid on the pleasant bungalow porch, which gave on the Western landscape and commanded a fairly

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VALENTINO AT CRISIS STAGE

Actor's Temperature Mounts to 103, Then Drops Back to 100—Widespread Sympathy Shown.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Rudolph Valentino, a young Italian who studied farming, but became the flappers' idol of the movies, today was on a threshold, on one side of which was life and health, and on the other, doubt.

Physicians believed this to be the critical day of the actor's illness, which began with his sudden collapse and a quick double operation for gastric ulcers and appendicitis Sunday.

Reports from the sickroom were encouraging this afternoon, although physicians refused to predict the outcome for at least twenty-four hours more.

During the night, Valentino's temperature mounted to 103, but

dropped gradually down to 100 at 10 a. m. His pulse, which was 100 early this morning, reduced to 90.

Polycyclic hospital authorities have been forced to install a special "Valentino information desk."

Among the actor's gifts received were twelve Bibles, one elegantly bound, another, evidently the cherished possession of an elderly person, showing marks of long use.

A girl in Chicago sent a copy of "Snowshoe Al's Bedtime Stories for Grown-Up Guys."

A cablegram came from Winifred Hudnut (Natcha Rambova), in Europe, who recently divorced Valentino in Paris, wishing him well and asking to be kept informed as to her former husband's illness.

Pola Negri, actress, telephoned the hospital twice during the night from Hollywood, Cal., and among the messages arriving at daybreak was a second cablegram from Doug Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, who are in Europe, and a telegram from Syd Grauman, Los Angeles theatrical magnate.

"I am very much pleased," Valentino said when informed of the hundreds of inquiries.

'Side Yard' of House Used by Motorists

Motorists on Capitol Ave. today were using the "side yard" of the famous house of Robert Hackney, which now is proceeding majestically down the avenue to 2318 Capitol Ave.

The house, which was turned from Twenty-Seventh St. late Tuesday, occupies most of the thoroughfare, leaving a narrow lane for a single line of motor traffic.

Traffic Inspector Lester Jones ordered a traffic officer to regulate the flow of vehicles about the wandering domicile. North-bound traffic will be halted for a time until south-bound motorists purr through the gap, and vice versa.

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HARAKAS DID NOT KNOW STEPHENSON

Man, Paroled From Prison by Governor, at Work.

Nicholas M. Harakas, 24, who received a thirty-day parole from the Indiana State Prison from Governor Jackson, despite the fact he has resided in State penal institutions almost continuously since 1919, had no acquaintance with D. C. Stephenson, former political ally of Governor Jackson, during his stay at Michigan City.

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CITY FAIRLY HEALTHY

Infant Death Rate 70 White, 123 Negro Babies Per 1,000.

EARTHQUAKE REPORTED

Intense Shock Said to Have Jolted Island of Tenerife.

INVALID TRAPS BURGLAR

Blocks Robbers' Path of Escape With Her Wheel Chair.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:

No woman is as bad as she looks to her enemies.

SEES CROP LOSS FROM MORE RAIN

Wet Spell Damages Wheat, Oats in Shock—Causes Grain to Sprout.

Loss of thousands of dollars in wheat and oats crop will result if the rainy spell continues several days, William H. Settle, Indiana Farm Bureau Federation president, declared today.

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\$1.035 CITY TAX RATE SUBMITTED

Buser Draws Up 1927 Budget for Consideration of City Council Members.

LOWER THAN THIS YEAR

Provides City \$6,748,200 on Estimated Valuation.

Making drastic slashes in many departments, City Controller William C. Buser today submitted to city council a budget of 1927 city expenditures which provides for a city tax rate of 1.035.

The city tax rate for this year, set by the Shank administration, is \$1.05. The rate for 1925 was \$1.55. Buser estimated that the assessed valuation of Indianapolis property for 1927 will be \$625,000,000. On this valuation the tax rate will net the city \$6,748,200. This year the \$1.05 rate was collected on a valuation of \$644,000,000, netting the city a \$6,762,000 revenue.

According to these estimates the present administration will be spending \$13,800 less next year than this. Buser also declares that the Shank administration appropriated for this year \$120,000 more than the \$1.05 tax rate provided, and that much of this amount must come out of next year's revenue.

Council can slash the budget items, but cannot raise them. Unless city council acts upon the budget on or before Sept. 6 the 1926 rate of \$1.05 will prevail next year, according to the law.

Councilmen plan to hold a public hearing on the budget, Buser announced. The budget probably will be referred to committee at a special session of council tonight.

SALARIES CUT

Thorough pruning of estimates submitted by department heads involving reductions in salaries for many employees and elimination of a number of position features the budget.

The park board bore the brunt with a reduction of 3 cents from the amount sought and of 1 cent from this year's allowance.

The offices of park board and recreation department attorneys, now held respectively by Telford Orison and State Senator William T. Quinn, are eliminated.

Buser also fails to provide compensation for the office of attorney for the board of sanitary commissioners, now held by Joseph J. Daniels, and for attorney for the board of health, State Representative (Turn to Page 1.)

NO 'POLITICIANS'; HE IS SET FREE

Judge Is Lenient With Injured Prisoner.

Because he had suffered physical injuries and because "about forty politicians" did not seek his release, as is usually the case, Frank Regans, 50, of R. R. H. Danville, was set free by Judge Pro Tem Earl Cox in municipal court today.

Judge Cox, taking judgment under advisement in the case of Regans, charged with drunkenness, operating a motor vehicle while drunk and blind tiger, said he felt sorry for the man.

Regans, at the time of his arrest, was in an auto accident, and was in the hospital for some time. "But if you had been selling liquor it would have been different," his honor said.

A short time before, Cox had fined Clarence Ten Eyck, 702 1/2 E. New York St., \$200 and costs and given him thirty days on the Indiana State Farm on a blind tiger charge, brought after he was arrested again this week on the same charge.

3 ESCAPE; 7 REMAIN

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 18.—Authorities are searching for three Negroes who saved their way out of the Vigo County Jail Tuesday night and escaped. Seven other men in the same compartment refused to leave the jail.

Whose Little Boy Is He?

Juvenile Court attaches are trying to locate the parents of a about six, held at the Detention Home since Saturday when it was alleged he took forty newspapers to sell.

Investigator Charles Downey said the lad first said his name was Paul Peterson. Then Robinson, then Paulson. The lad said "Jim." His father, worked at the Link Belt Company and he lived in a flat on Illinois St. None of the lad's stories have been substantiated.