

The dime-a-dance girl

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BEGIN HERE TODAY
ELLEN ROSSITER, beautiful 20-year-old, falls in love with LARRY HARROWGATE, artist whom she meets at Dreamland, a dance hall where she works as hostess. LARRY, a graduate of ELIZABETH BOWER, debutante, but pays attention to Ellen until his fiance returns from Europe.

Believing Larry is lost to her, Ellen agrees to marry STEVEN BARCLAY, 37 years old, a man who has paid hospital expenses for her brother, MIKE, injured in a street accident.

Ellen's parents, who are poor, provide for her mother, MOLLY ROSSITER, and make possible for her sister, MYRA, to marry STEPHEN ALEXANDER.

Barclay has been married and divorced. Scandal accompanied his divorce from LEDA GRAYSON, dancer, and fearing this talk may be revived, he and Ellen leave for Europe, where they are secret until they sail for Europe.

Barclay's wife died in a fortune teller's house, and he has waited until after the ceremony. Barclay's lawyer, SYMES, regards Ellen as gold-digger.

In a double wedding in a small Connecticut town, Barclay marries Myra and Alexander are married.

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The night when Barclay comes to Ellen's bedroom he suffers a fatal heart attack. Ellen, with Sykes, doctors, nurses and Sykes, the lawyer, arrive.

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ONLY FERGUS, THE BUTLER, KNOWS OF HER DEATH. The butler, who has been serving her for two weeks, learns Larry Harrowgate is Barclay's nephew.

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CHAPTER FORTY (Continued)
The doctors had been surprised at her presence, had regarded her, she felt, with contempt. She did not want that, either.

When Fergus came in to pack the newly-initiated bags that she never would use, Ellen wanted to cry out that she would leave her clothes here. She wished never to see the pretty frock again.

She wanted to explain to the silent, impersonal servant why she was here—what had happened. But that she could not do.

She was sworn to silence and to deceit. Sykes had warned her to say nothing. How Ellen hated it all!

Fergus glanced at her from time to time as she packed her clothes. It did not matter what he was thinking, Ellen told herself. Resolutely she pulled on a little felt hat and tucked in the strands of brilliant hair.

IT DID MATTER, OF COURSE. She remembered again and with a sinking heart that she had given Mrs. Clancy's telephone number to Fergus.

How she wished that she hadn't. But all this was foolish! How could such a tiny circumstance be important?

What was Fergus thinking.

"Mr. Sykes is waiting for you in the hall, miss," he said, as he strapped the last heavy bag.

Again that strange, oblique glance. It had been "madame" the night before. Ellen's cheeks turned red.

"I want to see Steven—Mr. Barclay before I go," she said, her throat dry.

"I'm afraid, miss, that's impossible," the butler told her smoothly. "He's been taken to the hospital. It was thought best."

Ellen followed him down the stairs into the dark cool hall. Sykes took her arm and Fergus carried the bags to the car. The butler watched as the limousine rushed down the winding driveway.

HORIZONTAL
1 Pertaining to wings.
5 To pull along.
9 Swarming.
10 Supports.
15 Greatest corn producing state in the U. S. A.
16 Skin.
17 Savelike part.
18 Departs.
19 Hastened.
21 To observe.
22 Cavity.
24 To bark shrilly.
26 Tight.
29 Exclamation of surprise.
31 Workers.
33 Father.
34 Secured.
36 Civil War general who became a U. S. 32 Always.
president.
37 To sink.
38 Greater.
40 To conclude.
41 Tenuous.
42 Three-banded 60 Courage.
12 Native metal.
13 To assume.
14 South America.
20 Mesh of lace.
22 Mather.
23 Tenet.
25 Ship's nautical record.
27 Work of genius.
28 Ranted.
30 Circlet.
32 Street lamp.
33 Part of a window.
35 To cast through.
37 Seats.
39 Before.
41 Away.
43 Far away.
44 Customs.
45 Lawyer's 5 any of the ten charge.
47 To free.
48 The heart.
49 Devoured.
50 Peg.
51 Eagle's nest.
52 Auditory.
53 Splits.
54 Rubber wheel.
55 Reverence.
56 Lease money.
57 Postscript.
58 Scarlet.
59 Fuel.
60 By way of.
61 Eagle.
62 To breathe.
63 To be impelled.
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