

for LOVE or MONEY

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family. There had been two children older than Kitty, both dead.

THE Morans had lived in the same flat for years, protesting against the gradual rise in rents after the subway was opened. In the apartment house Terrence Moran had been something of a figure, his kindly philosophy sought at all times.

His stockinged feet high on the window sill, his eyes twinkling over his newspaper which he read with laboriously moving lips, Dad, in his way, influenced the entire neighborhood.

They came to him for advice. In matters of courtship and weddings, for condolence at the time of death, for encouragement in illness.

He had settled the Casey twins "once and for all" the time they ran away to Jersey and had their mother worried to death. He had arranged—yes, had contributed heavily toward—Tim Callahan's funeral. The night Joe Donahue's baby was born, Dad had walked the streets with him, giving him comfort and assurance that he and Flossie both would live through it—to go through the whole thing all over again, no doubt.

Lottie Carr had sufficient reason for adoring Mona's father. There had been the time her own father had locked her out when she came home late from Coney Island with that Brower boy. Terrence Moran had straightened that out.

Yes, Mona certainly owed it to Dad to stick by the family and not to think of marriage until—until what? Mona's thoughts could get no further with the problem, but Lottie's could—and did.

"Marry a man who'll take care of your family for you," was Lottie's plan.

Such men are few and far between. So are girls like Mona, with trim figures, glowing bronze hair, and best of all, an angelic disposition.

"You are the sort of girl, my dear, whom marry some good-for-nothing some fine day and support him," Lottie averred. "Well, always room for one more! Remember—significantly—you're not getting any younger."

"Why don't you marry?" Mona would demand hotly at this stage of the discussion.

"I've made my plans," Lottie would reply enigmatically. "Meanwhile, why not go out with us tonight and look the eligibles over?"

In spite of carrying opinions on many subjects, the girls were quite friendly.

FROM 8 o'clock, when Ma gently knocked on Mona's door to supplement the alarm, until 8:15 the dark, tiny little gas-lit bathroom down the hall was Mona's sole property. Ma knew it. Kitty knew it. Even Bud—the overlord of the radio, the easiest chair, and the newspaper—acquiesced.

"She supports us all," Ma would say flatly. "If all she asks is a bath hot in the morning, by hook or crook, she'll get that bath."

"And Mona got it. It took a little conniving with the janitor, but that was managed. A rich warm bath, creamy with scented salts given to Mona at Christmas by Lottie, ten minutes' relaxation in the dismal tin tub.

Another five minutes and Mona had dried her slender body, donned the wispy georgette thing she wore under her slip, brushed her bronze hair into its customary waves, deftly turning the ends into a roll at her creamy neck, touched her lips carefully with lipstick, and drawn her tailor-made wool gown over her head, settling the white frills at neck and wrist with a speculative frown.

A delicate film of powder came next. Mona's smart little hat was drawn on carefully. Her purse—there. Her coat and gloves—here. Barring an accident or two, and breakfast in the offing, she was ready.

Other girls at the law office wore silk dresses of flashy color and design. Cheap, typical. They were the dresses offered in many shops on lower Broadway. One could not, it seemed, bring one's salary very far from Wall street.

HORIZONTAL Answer to Previous Puzzle

1 Food

5 Verb

8 Interrogative

pronoun.

13 Weird

14 A stretch.

16 Pain.

17 To scold

18 Constantly

19 Cereal grass

used for

making cereal.

20 Organ of

hearing.

21 Grain

22 To remain.

23 Anger

25 Afternoon

26 Pitcher

28 Thick slice

30 Crescent

42 Aurora

34 Leaves out

36 Forties

39 To opine

41 Eyes

43 To fracture

45 Tiny green

vegetables.

47 Like

49 Large flightless bird.

1 VERTICAL

1 Calcutta is the

1 SMARTEN

2 COASTAL

3 WALRUS

4 FORTI

5 OTTAWA

6 ANU

7 BOBBIE

8 LEAD

9 RIMMER

10 FORUM

11 STORE

12 MANNERS

13 SAMISEN

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19 WISCONSIN

20 PLI

21 THY

22 AERIES

23 ABASE

24 MAPLE

25 PENDOW

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