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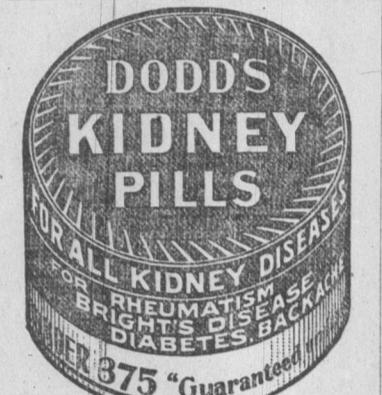
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Amidst with: Thompson's Eye Water

## Zelda Dameron

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CHAPTER VI.—(Continued.)

Merriman tapped his riding boot with the whip he had kept in his hand.

"Yes: the war's over," he said, "our war. There's been another since, but it's preposterous to call that Spanish dress-parade and target practice war."

The two men went out together, and Major Congreve twitted Merriman about the thoroughbred's pedigree.

"I'll see you again before you go. Luncheon to-morrow at the Tippecanoe Club? That is well. Good-morn-

ing!"

As Merriman rode out toward the street, Captain Pollock came from the storehouses and walked briskly across the grounds in the direction of the office. A curve in the path brought him face to face with Rodney Merriman, who saluted him with his right hand.

"Good-morning, Mr. Merriman!" and the young officer lifted his hat.

Captain Pollock's eyes followed the houseman to the gate.

"I don't know who you are, Mr. Merriman, or what you do," he reflected, "but the sight of that horse makes me homesick."

"He's a nice little fellow," Merriman was saying to himself, as he passed the gate and turned toward the city. "He's a nice little fellow; and so was his father!"

As the thoroughbred bore him rapidly back to town, Rodney Merriman several times repeated to himself abstractedly: "He's a nice little fellow!"

CHAPTER VII.

It is no longer so laudable for a young man to pay his way through college; and Morris' Leighton had done this easily and without caring to be praised or martyred for doing so. He had enjoyed his college days; he had been popular with town and gown; and he had managed to get his share of undergraduate fun while leading his classes. He had helped in the college library; he had twisted the iron letter-press on the president's correspondence late into the night; he had copied briefs for a lawyer after hours; but he had pitched for the nine and hustled for his "frat," and he had led class rushes with ardor and success.

He had now been for several years in the offices of Knight, Kitteridge & Carr at Marionia, only an hour's ride from Tippecanoe; and he still kept in touch with the college. Michael Carr fully appreciated a young man who took the law seriously and who could sit down in a court room on call mornings, when need be, and turn off a dummy without paraphrasing it from a text-book.

Mrs. Carr, too, found Morris Leighton useful, and she liked him, because he always responded unquestioningly to any summons to fill up a blank at her table. Young men were at a premium in Marionia, as in most other places; and it was something to have one of the species of an accommodating turn, and very presentable, within telephone range. It was through Mrs. Carr that Leighton came to be well known in Marionia; she told her friends to ask him to call, and there were now many homes besides hers that he visited.

An errand to a law firm in one of the fashionable new buildings that had lately raised the Marionia sky-line led him one afternoon past the office of his college classmate Jack Balcomb. "J. Arthur Balcomb" was the inscription on the door. Leighton had seen little of Balcomb for a year or more, and his friend's name on the ground-glass door arrested his eye.

Two girls were busily employed at typewriters in the anteroom, and one of them extended a blank card to Morris and asked him for his name. The girl disappeared into the inner room and came back instantly followed by Balcomb, who seized Morris' hand, dragged him in and forth to the door.

Several men were waiting to see Balcomb in the outer office and he shook hands with all of them and begged them to come again, taking care to mention that he had been called to the Central States Trust Company and had to hurry away.

He called peremptorily to the passing elevator-car to wait, and as he and Leighton squeezed into it, he continued his half of an imaginary conversation in a tone that was audible to every passenger.

"I could have had those bonds, if I had wanted them; but I knew there was a cloud on them—the county was already over its legal limit. I guess those St. Louis fellows will be sorry they were so enterprising—here we are!"

And then in a lower tone to Leighton: "That was for old man Dameron's benefit. Did you see him jammed back in the corner of the car? Queer old party and as tight as a drum. When I can work off some assessable and non-interest bearing bonds on him, it'll be easy to sell Uncle Sam's Treasury a gold brick. They say the old man has a daughter who is finer than gold; yes, than much fine gold. I'm going to look her up, if I ever get time. You'd better come over soon and pick out an office. So long!"

Leighton walked back to his office in good humor and better contented with his own lot.

CHAPTER VIII.

"Well, I butted in all right," said Balcomb, cheerfully. "I suppose you're saying to yourself that it's another case of the unfailing Balcomb cheek."

"You're a peach, Jack, and no mistake, as I've said before. I wish I had your nerve—"

"But say, they just had to have me in this show! It proves how every little thing helps as we toll onward and upward. You know I was tenor on the glee club at college, and you'll remember that when we came over to town and gave that concert for the benefit of the athletic fund I was a winner, all right. Well, I'm going to throw my whole soul into this thing."

"You'll leave an aching void if you do."

"Thanks, kindly. As I was saying, I'm going to do myself and Mrs. Carr proud. She's one of the grandest women we ever had in this State. Mrs. Carr knows that all this woman's suffrage business is so much Thomas Rot. She works her sisters just for fun, and they never catch on a little bit. She just has to be president of things, and she's an ornament in the community."

"And then, you remember," Balcomb went on, in enjoyment of his own reminiscences. "I woed the law for a

Carr had discovered her tenor without his help. He and Balcomb were standing in the Carr library, where the last dress rehearsal of "Deceivers Ever" was about to begin. Leighton, who was stage manager, also sang in the chorus, which appeared in one act as foresters and in the other as soldiers. Mrs. Carr always had a reason for everything she did. Her reason for insisting that the Dramatic Club, of which she was president, should give a comic opera was thoroughly adequate, for at this time she was exploiting a young musician who had lately appeared in Marionia, and who was not let it be remembered, a mere instructor in vocal music, but composer as well. He was a very agreeable young man, who wished to build up a permanent orchestra in Marionia, and Mrs. Carr was backing this project with her accustomed enthusiasm. Nothing could help matters forward so well as a comic success for Max Schmidt. He had written an opera, which many managers had declined for the reason that the music was too good and the book too bad.

"Deceivers Ever" was the name of the work, and Mrs. Carr was preparing to produce an abridged version of it on the night before Thanksgiving. The scene was set in Germany, and there were six men—the gay deceivers—all of them officers in the army. The chief girl character was the daughter of a new commandant of a post, but at a ball given in his honor she changed places with her maid, and no end of confusion resulted. Mrs. Carr had urged Zelda to take the principal role, and Zelda had consented, with the understanding that Olive Merriman was to be elected a member of the club and given a part in the opera.

While Leighton and Balcomb stood talking in the library, Herr Schmidt, in the drawing-room, lectured the rest of the company in his difficult English. He now fell upon the piano with a large amount of money and tickets. The fire in that section is now under control. Several small farm buildings in Otonagon and Keeweenaw counties are reported destroyed. The fire is now in the valuable timber lands in Baraga county.

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Liquor, procured at Birch Run, is said to have been responsible for the alteration. Eight others were interested in the battle but escaped arrest.

Flint.—When a Pere Marquette train arrived here a fire of rather unique origin was discovered in one of the cars between the mail and the baggage cars. The blaze was caused by friction between two steel plates which extend from one car to the other and overlap. The train was delayed until the crew carried water in pails and extinguished the blaze. The damage was slight.

Battle Creek.—The state Christian Endeavor convention closed here after a successful session. At the churches Sunday delegates of the convention occupied the pulpits and in the afternoon mass meetings were held. Rallies and meetings of various departments occupied all of Saturday, when the greater part of the business of the convention was transacted.

Grand Rapids.—Interfering while a man and his wife were fighting, Grace Obrien lost her right eye. William Root is alleged to have hurt a cur at her. The piece of crockery also cut a hole in the woman's cheek that required 15 stitches to close up. Root and two others in the party are under arrest.

Grand Rapids.—After a desperate struggle with a friend who tried to restrain him, W. H. Titus of Oklahoma City, Okla., jumped overboard from the steamer Holland en route from Chicago to Holland, Mich., and was drowned. Titus, who was thirty-nine years old, was suffering from nervous prostration.

Charlotte.—F. W. Pike, known as "Tiger Bill," proprietor of a road wagon show, was badly injured in a fall at Bristol, Ind., caused by the breaking of the axle of a stage coach used in the circus. The injured man was brought to his home in this city.

Cadillac.—Rev. J. Frank Green, field superintendent of the Church of Christ Disciples of Michigan, who is stationed here, will in August start an institutional church in the automobile factory district of Flint. He will then put in a new pastor there.

Grand Rapids.—Arthur J. Brown twenty-four, who came here from Detroit May 28, was drowned while canoeing on Grand river with a companion.

Battle Creek.—Charles E. Clipper of St. Charles, was elected great sachem of Michigan Red Men. Lansing was chosen as the place for the next biennial meeting.

Northville.—The Michigan Vacuum Cleaner company has just been organized and has its factory on the top floor of the Union Manufacturing & Lumber company's building.

Mount Pleasant.—The Ann Arbor railroad has settled a damage suit for injuries sustained in a wreck by Miss Ruth Newberry of this city, by paying her \$6,500.

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