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# UNMASKING

By FLOYD WHITE.

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It was, then, to be a marriage of convenience. The Girl resented it from the uttermost depths of her nature.

"I have been a slave for all these years," she cried, "with no word of love from parent or kindred. I have been faithful and obedient, and now that I am through, I must marry a man whom I never saw, with never a chance to know whether there is anybody else whom I prefer to marry. It is wrong and cruel and I hate it—yes, I hate it, and I hate you who are conspiring to cheat me out of a chance to be happy."

"But, Myrtle, dear, have we not all done all we could for you and are we not trying to arrange it so you will make a happy marriage?" asked her aunt in aggrieved voice.

"Oh, yes, you are all wrapped up in my happiness," replied the girl sarcastically. "I can see that. If I understand the situation correctly my father left ample means for my education and maintenance—yes, and a goodly dower on top of it all, I have not quest oned y u: a cwar s ip of th money and I will not unless you try to make me miserable. Then I will fight—so I will."

"But you never have seen Mr. Montague," replied her aunt, trying with the tact for which she was famous, to smooth over this threatened breach. "Why make your decision until you see him. He is as handsome as a picture, of one of the very best families, has plenty of money, and is the son of your father's dearest friend."

"All that is what makes me hate him so cordially," eve aimed the girl "You all seem not to be able to understand that a girl may have ideals and desires wholly independent of the friendships and alliances of the generation before." Then she continued, passionately. "You have shut me up in a convent all my life. I know nothing of the world, its joys, excitements and sorrows. And now you pr pose to order all my life to come w thout giving me the tiniest bit of a chance to choose for myself."

"Why, child, we are acting for your good only," answ r d her aunt gently. "Wha experience have you had that would fit you to make a choice that would affect all your future?"

"And why not?" asked the Girl scorntully. "You have used the autnority given you in my father's will to keep me shut up in a convent all my life until I know nothing of the real things of the world. And now that I am barely out of prison you want to select a husband for me and settle my life for all time. I tell you it is not fair and I will not stand it."

"But Tillson Montague is esteemed the handsomest young man of the younger set, and is distinctly eligible, of good habits, old family, ample fortune, and a great favorite in society."

"Why, you little ingrate," continued Aunt Eleanor, with indignation "After all the thought given this matter in order to find the very best man suitable for you—to act in that way it is scandalous—" and Aunt Eleanor sought refuge in tears.

Before anything could happen the bell rang and Mr. Tillson Montague was announced. Aunt Eleanor rallied at once, and said hurriedly:

"Now don't, for pity's sake, do anything rash that will drive him away. At least wait until you have a chance to become acquainted with him.

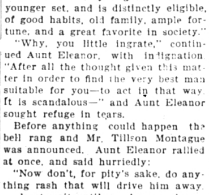
And so presently they swept into the parlor to greet Mr. Tillson Montague, designed by the decree of Myrtle's aunt and Montague's mother to become the husband of the young heiress.

Myrtle was silenced but not convinced—far from it, as was demonstrated when, after the introduction had been duly accomplished, she led him sweetly to the conservatory, and having gotten him into a corner opened up the entire situation.

"I guess you are a very nice man—everybody tells me so," she said, "but I do not love you a little bit, and never could. I would ha e you to know the fact that I don t b lieve you c l helyourself in this pickle. Now let's be good friends, but marry whom we please."

The young man emerged at once from his apparent lassitude.

"By Jove, you're a brick!" he exclaimed cordially. "Hanged if I want to be disinherited or anything



'You are conspiring to cheat me out of a chance to be happy."

of that sort—but hanged if I want to marry a girl I never have seen. By Jove—I beg your pardon, you know, but I mean—that is, I mean—that is I don't mean——"

"I understand," she interrupted, merrily. "And I guess we understand each other all right. We will be good friends, but they can't make us marry, can they?"

"Never," he replied, fervently. "Why, hang it all, I want my fling first, don't you know."

"And I, too," she replied. "And I need it more than you because I have spent all my life in a convent." And so they parted.

Now it happened that Myrtle was a full blooded little creature, with all the spirit that the full, ripe lips and clear, red cheeks indicated. And all her life she had been shut up in a convent with no vent for her ardent young animal spirits excepting through the medium of her imagination—fed only by surreptitious reading of smuggled novels. But that was sufficient to people the young mind with knights and lovers and champions galore.

And it came to pass that the great Masquerade ball of the sons of the Seventh Daughters was held soon after Myrtle came home. It was to be a swell affair, and Myrtle was crazy to go. But Aunt Eleanor was horrified and vetoed the bare suggestion.

Then the spirit of the dead father arose in the daughter and Myrtle resolved to go whether or no.

And she did. It took plenty of scheming and—alas, some lying, but she went that day to spend a couple of days with a girl friend, and arranged with her so she could slip in upon her

"I do not love you a little bit."

return. Of course it was a very naughty and a very dangerous thing for a girl to do—and especially a young girl just out of a convent, but only such a one would have the nerve to attempt it.

She appeared as a lady of the Elizabethan period, and was one of the striking figures of the ball. No sooner had she appeared than a Knight of the Crusades approached her and paid violent court. He was a most persistent knight and was not to be satisfied with one dance, but haunted the Elizabethan Lady most ardently. And he was good to look upon and most devoted and princely in his manner, and Myrtle's blood ran through her veins as it never had before. This for oth, was life. Marry Tillson Montague? Never. She would find a knight of her own who would choose her for her own charms, and not because mammas and aunts and dead people had willed it—and she went whirling off on another delicious waltz with Sir Knight.

All too quick it came to an end—as all things do, even a girl's first ball. And when the time for unmasking came he was standing before her, begging for the next dance.

"Ah, my Lady, I am at last to see your face," he exclaimed.

"No, no," she replied hastily, "really I cannot unmask. Please take me to the dressing room."

He offered his arm, expostulating all the time that it was his privilege to see the face of the lady who had permitted him to be her knight all the evening, and who had become the mistress of his heart. But she was obdurate and they started toward the dressing room.

Alas, for the honesty of man—he guided her, not to the dressing-room at all, but to a cosy corner, far from the throng drunk with the excitement and surprises of the unmasking.

"Fair Lady," said he, "I am but human. I am mad with the intoxication of your presence. If I do not see your face, if you escape me now I will spend all my life in a fruitless search for you. You are the one woman in the world for me and I cannot let you escape."

"Oh, please do not," she cried, throwing up her hands to protect her mask from his threatening hands. "You must know that I have no right to be here; I am promised to another."

"And so am I," he responded triumphantly, "and that's why we are both here—to escape a bondage we hate. Ah, this is a dispensation of providence. I will protect you from any attempt to force an unwilling lover upon you—any lover but me—if you will let me, dear."

And with a bold move he tore off both masks. There were two quick gasps of surprise, for there, face to face stood Myrtle Vernon and Tillson Montague.

The girl was the first to recover. "A comedy of errors," she exclaimed, bristling with laughter, not unmixed, however, with vexation.

He gazed at her a moment with open mouth and staring eyes. Then a warm flush came over his features and he said:

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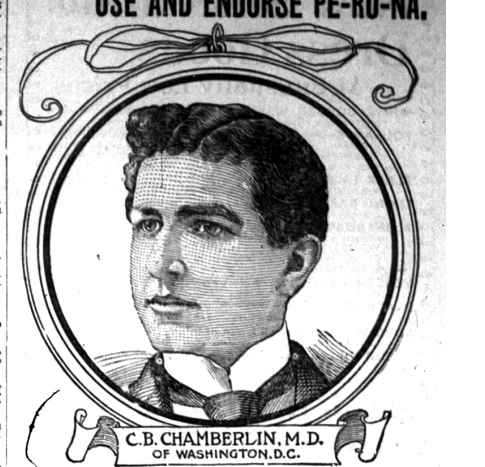

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