

The Adventures of Mr. Peter Ruff

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The Perfidy of Miss Brown

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(Continued from yesterday)

"We have very valuable aid," he said. "There is below us the 'Double-Four'—the eight gentlemen now present, an executive council composed of five of the ablest men in France. They take their orders from us. We plan, and they obey. We have imagination, and special sources of knowledge. They have the most perfect machinery for carrying out our schemes that it is possible to imagine. I do not wish to boast, Mr. Ruff, but if I take a directory of Paris and place after any man's name, whatever his standing or estate, a black cross, that man dies before seven days have passed. You buy your evening paper—a man has committed suicide. You read of a letter found by his side, an unfortunate love affair—a tale of jealousy or reckless speculation. Mr. Ruff, the majority of these explanations are false. They are invented and arranged for by us. This year alone, five men in Paris, of position, have been found dead, and accounted for excellent reasons, suicides. In each one of these cases, Monsieur Ruff, although not a soul has a suspicion of it, the removal of these men was arranged for by the 'Double-Four'."

"I trust," Peter Ruff said, "that it may never be my ill-fortune to incur the displeasure of so marvelous an association."

"On the contrary, Monsieur Ruff," the other answered, "the attention of the association has been directed towards certain incidents of your career in a most favorable manner. We have spoken of you often lately, Mr. Ruff, between ourselves. We arrive now at the object for which we begged the honor of your visit. It is to offer you the Presidency of our Executive Council."

Peter Ruff had thought of many things, but he had not thought of this! He gasped, recovered himself, and realized at once the dangers of the position in which he stood.

"The Council of Five!" he said, thoughtfully.

"Precisely," Monsieur de Fonceulles replied. "The salary—forgive me for giving such prominence to a matter which you doubtless consider of secondary importance—is ten thousand pounds a year, with a residence here and in London—also servants."

"It is princely!" Peter Ruff declared. "I cannot imagine, Monsieur, how you could have believed me capable of filling such a position."

"There is not much about you, Mr. Ruff, which we do not know," Monsieur de Fonceulles answered. "There are points about your career which we have marked with admiration. Your work over here was rapid and comprehensive. We know all about you checkingmate the Count von Herin and the Comtesse de Pilitz. We have appealed to you for aid once only—your response was prompt and brilliant. You have all the qualifications we desire. You are still young, physically you are sound, you speak all languages, and you are unmarried."

"I am what?" Peter Ruff asked, with a start.

"A bachelor," Monsieur de Fonceulles answered. "We who have made crime and its detection a life-long study, have known many matters concerning it to almost mathematical exactitude. Of one thing we have become absolutely convinced—it is that the great majority of cases in which the police triumph are due to the treachery of women. The criminal who steers a clear course through the meshes of a greater danger than the detectives who dog his heels. It is for that reason that we choose only unmarried men for our executive council."

Peter Ruff made a gesture of despair.

"And I am to be married in a month!" he exclaimed.

"There was a murmur of dismay. If those other seven men had not once intervened, it was because the conduct of the affair had been voted into the hands of Monsieur de Fonceulles, and there was little which he had left unsaid. Nevertheless, they had formed little circles around the two men. Every word which had passed between them had been listened to eagerly. Gestures and softly murmured exclamations had been frequent enough. There arose now a chorus of voices which their leader had some difficulty in silencing.

"It must be arranged!"

"But it is impossible—this!"

"Monsieur Ruff amuses himself with us!"

"Gentlemen," Peter Ruff said, "I can assure you that I do nothing of

the sort. The affair was arranged some months ago, and the young lady is even now in Paris, purchasing her trousseau."

Monsieur de Fonceulles, with a wave of the hand, commanded silence. There was probably a way out. In any case, one must be found.

"Monsieur Ruff," he said, "putting aside, for one moment, your sense of honor, which, of course, forbids you to even consider the possibility of breaking your word—supposing that the young lady herself should withdraw—"

"You don't know Miss Brown?" Peter Ruff interrupted.

"It is a pleasure to which I hope to attain," Monsieur de Fonceulles declared, smoothly. "Let us consider once more my proposition. I take it for granted that, apart from this threatened complication, you find it agreeable?"

"I am deeply honored by it," Peter Ruff declared.

"Well, that being so," Monsieur de Fonceulles said, more cheerfully, "we must see whether we cannot help you. Tell me, who is this fortunate young lady—this Miss Brown?"

"She is a young person of good birth and some means," Peter Ruff declared. "She is, in a small way, an actress; she has also been my secretary from the first."

Monsieur de Fonceulles nodded his head thoughtfully.

"Ah!" he said. "She knows your secrets, then, I presume?"

"She does," Peter Ruff assented. "She knows a great deal!"

"A young person to be conciliated by means," Monsieur de Fonceulles declared. "Well, we must see. When, Monsieur Ruff, may we have the opportunity of making the acquaintance of this young lady?"

"To-morrow morning, or rather this morning, if you will," Peter Ruff answered. "We are taking breakfast together at the Café de Paris. It will give me great pleasure if you will join us."

"On the contrary," Monsieur de Fonceulles declared, "I must beg of you slightly to alter your plans. I will ask you and Mademoiselle to do me the honor of breakfasting at the Ritz with the Marquise de Sogrange and myself, at the same hour. We shall find there more opportunity for a short discussion."

"I am entirely at your service," Peter Ruff answered.

There were signs now of a breaking up of the little party.

"We must all regret, dear Monsieur Ruff," Monsieur de Fonceulles said, as he made his adieux, "this temporary obstruction to the consummation of our hopes. Let us pray that Mademoiselle will not be unreasonable."

"You are very kind," Peter Ruff murmured.

Peter Ruff drove through the gray dawn to his hotel, in the splendid automobile of Monsieur de Fonceulles, whose homeward route lay in that direction. It was four o'clock when he accepted his key from the sleepy-looking clerk, and turned towards the staircase. The hotel was wrapped in semi-gloom. Sweepers and cleaners were at work. The palms had been turned out into the courtyard. Dust sheets lay over the furniture. One person only saved himself and the ungladly-looking servants, was assisting from a distant corner which commanded the entrance, he saw Violet stealing away to the corridor which led to her part of the hotel. She had sat there all through the night to see him come in—to be assured of his safety! Peter Ruff stared after her disappearing figure as one might have watched a ghost.

The luncheon-party was a great success. Peter Ruff was human enough to be proud of his companion—proud of her smartness, which was indubitable even here, surrounded as they were by Frenchwomen of the best class; proud of her accent, of the admiration which she obviously excited in the two Frenchmen. His earlier enjoyment of the meal was a little clouded from the fact that he felt himself utterly outshone in the matter of general appearance. No tailor had ever suggested to him a coat so daring and yet so perfect as that which adorned the person of the Marquis de Sogrange. The deep violet of his tie was a shade unknown in Bond Street—inimitable—a true education in color. They had the bearing, too, these Frenchmen! He watched Monsieur de Fonceulles leaning over Violet, and he was suddenly conscious of a wholly new sensation. He did not recognize—could not even classify it. He only knew that it was not altogether pleasant, and that it set the warm blood tingling through his veins.

It was not until they were sitting out in the winter garden, taking their coffee and liqueurs that the object of their meeting was referred to. Then Monsieur de Fonceulles drew Violet a little away from the others, and the Marquis, with a meaning smile, took Peter Ruff's arm and led him on one side. Monsieur de Fonceulles wasted no words at all.

"Mademoiselle," he said, "Monsieur Ruff has doubtless told you that last night I made him the offer of a great

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Mrs. V. Rand was a business visitor to West Point one day last week.

H. C. Johnson left yesterday morning for Three Oaks, Mich., to look after interests there.

A. Dorsey of Lewistown, Illinois, was a business visitor to the city the first of the week.

Miss Pearl Griffith is visiting friends in Quincy this week.

Attorney Wm. H. Damron was transacting business in the city Monday.

Miss Minnie Gray of near Burnside spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Carroll.

E. A. Wilcox was in Springfield last week and attended the Lincoln banquet.

Mrs. Blender and children returned Sunday from a visit with homefolks at Columbus Junction, Iowa.

C. C. Callig of Keokuk accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Cooper to Carthage Thursday evening.

Miss Bessie Grooms of Basco visited with her sister, Miss Maude, the past week.

Senator and Mrs. J. F. Gibson visited last week with the lady's sister, Mrs. Geo. Rhea, of Jacksonville.

Marriage Licenses.

Mark D. Crank, Lima, Miss Mary Marshall, Elvaston.

Isaac Winfield, Augusta, Goldie K. Atwood, Carthage.

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Earl Mosley, Carthage, Dorcas Long, Carthage.

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MASONIC.

Hall, corner Fourth and Main Eagle Lodge, No. 12—Holds its regular meeting the first Tuesday evening of each month.

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Hall Seventh and Main Streets. Keokuk Lodge, No. 13, meets regularly Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Geo. Hardin, N. G.; Otto Anschutz, Recording Secretary.

Pucketchuck Lodge No. 43, meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. L. E. Wittich, N. G.; Geo. W. Immegart, Permanent Secretary.

Herman Lodge No. 116, (German), meets regularly every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. A. H. Linenburger, N. G.; Albert Kiefer, Rec. Sec.

Pucketchuck Encampment, No. 7, meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month. Wm. C. Kummer, Scribe.

A. O. W.

Keokuk Lodge No. 256—Meets every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at hall over Keokuk Savings bank, corner Fifth and Main streets. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Ed. Vaughn, M. W.; A. A. Baur, Recorder.

K. of P.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 5—Meets Fifth and Blondeau, K. of P. building Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. C. C. Koepf, Chancellor Commander; J. A. Burges, K. of R. and S. Visiting Knights fraternally invited.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY, KEOKUK COUNCIL, No. 1039.

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ORDER OF OWLS.

Regular meeting of the order of Owls the first and third Tuesdays of each month at their hall in the Schlitz building, corner Third and Johnson streets, third floor. Visiting Owls are cordially invited. F. M. Ballinger, worthy president; Ed W. Kiser, secretary.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES.

Keokuk Aerie, No. 632—Meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Eagle's hall, corner Eighth and Main. Visiting brothers cordially invited. Frank Moeller, W. President; C. A. Noakes, secretary.

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Original Notice.

State of Iowa, Lee county—ss. In the District Court of said county, at Keokuk.

Winnie (Mrs. Frank) Mans, plaintiff, versus Patrick Fitzpatrick, widower, James Fitzpatrick, Edward Fitzpatrick, Jerald Fitzpatrick, Nellie (Mrs. C. J.) Curless, Elizabeth (Mrs. John) Conlump, Agnes (Mrs. J.) Livingston, Margaret (Mrs. N. E.) Hagadine, defendants.

You are hereby notified that a petition is now on file in the clerk's office of the District Court aforesaid at Keokuk in behalf of the above named plaintiff, against you and claiming a decree of partition and for the sale of lot 3 in block 117, in the city of Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa, and the division of the proceeds thereof among plaintiff and defendants, as heirs and widower of Annie Fitzpatrick, deceased, the said property being incapable of division. Patrick Fitzpatrick, widower of said decedent is the owner of an undivided one-third of said real estate and plaintiff and the other defendants are the owners of the remaining two-thirds thereof, or of an undivided one-twelfth thereof each. For further particulars see petition.

And unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next regular March term of said court, to be begun and holden at Keokuk on the thirteenth day of March, A. D. 1911, default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon as prayed for in said petition.

W. J. ROBERTS,
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CARTHAGE, ILL.

Misses Jessie and Grace Bellville went to St. Louis Saturday evening to spend the week.

Mr. Turnbull, of Monmouth, was a business visitor to the city Tuesday.

J. F. Gray of South Dakota, returned last week to be with his sister, Mrs. Johns, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Willis, of Joetta, visited a part of last week with

SALEM.

The marriage of Miss Frances Bickler to Iowa Powers of Pulaski, was solemnized Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bickler. Rev. H. C. Druse, pastor of the M. E. church, officiating. The bride and groom will reside at Salem. Mr. Powers will engage in the grocery business, he having leased the A. C. Pigeon building on the west side of the park.

A surprise party was given Thursday evening in honor of Max Kester, who celebrated his twenty-fifth birthday anniversary. Mrs. Kester invited a merry crowd of the young friends of her husband, and in due time they gathered at the pleasant home and delightfully surprised the host. All present enjoyed a jolly time and the evening passed rapidly away. Games and various other amusements were indulged in. The hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Etta Baty, who has been visiting relatives, the Davidsons, at this place, departed Friday evening for her home at North Platte, Nebraska.

A miscellaneous shower was given Mrs. Iowa Powers Friday evening, at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Bickler.

Mrs. T. B. Sater and infant son, following a visit to the parental home,

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No. 8, daily, arrives 11:05 am

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*No. 10, Quincy and Hannibal, arrives 8:25 pm

No. 10 leaves 8:25 pm

North Bound.

No. 7, Chicago, St. Paul and points west, leaves 2:35 pm

No. 13, Chicago, St. Paul and points west, arrives 7:35 pm

No. 13, leaves 7:35 pm

*No. 3, Burlington, Chicago and east, leaves 1:55 pm

*No. 1, Burlington, leaves 7:25 am

*No. 51, Donnellson, C. B. & K. C. and North Road leaves 3:30 pm

C. B. & K. C. & North Road, arrives 11:30 am

*No. 1, K. & W. west, leaves 9:05 am

*No. 5, Centerville, leaves 7:35 pm

*No. 4, from Centerville and points intermediate, arrives 1:15 pm

*No. 2, from Centerville and west, arrives 9:10 pm

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10:15 am	10:30 am	10:50 am
12:05 am	12:25 am	12:45 am
2:23 pm	2:45 pm	3:00 pm
4:00 pm	4:15 pm	4:30 pm
6:10 am	6:25 pm	6:45 pm
7:45 pm	8:00 pm	8:20 pm
9:30 pm	9:45 pm	10:00 pm
10:45 pm	11:00 pm	11:15 pm

West.

Leaves	Leaves	Arrives
Warsaw 6:40 am	Hamilton Jr. 6:50 am	Keokuk 7:00 am
7:45 am	8:05 am	8:20 am
9:20 am	9:40 am	9:55 am
11:00 am	11:25 am	11:40 am
12:45 am	1:05 pm	1:20 pm
3:10 pm	3:30 pm	3:45 pm
4:30 pm	4:50 pm	5:05 pm
6:45 pm	7:05 pm	7:20 pm
8:45 pm	9:05 pm	9:20 pm
10:05 pm	10:25 pm	10:40 pm
11:20 pm	11:40 pm	11:55 pm

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Train 470—Arrives Keokuk 1:05 pm

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