OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

HER FIRST CASE.

BY HARRISON DUPREE.

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"But you have known me less than a month," protested Alice, though it was clear from her tones that she did not resent the statement in a spirit of accusation.

"It is my misfortune," pleaded Howell, "that in less than three months since I first met you—"

"Not a month," she instated.

"But I three," he finished off.

She stamped a tiny foot.

"How could you have known me two years longer than I have known you?"

"I did not say 'known,'" he corrected. "I said 'seen.'"

"Those months ago you were in Denver," she protested.

"I came as quickly as I could," he said.

"But how could you have seen me in New York all the time?"

"The eyes of love are quick and see far," he quoted.

She tip-tilted her nose delightfully. "In fact," she said, with a saucy curtsey, "I beg to decline. It would be disloyal to have for husband a man who would go so far as that."

He caught her hand and drew her down to him.

"Not a time for jesting, little woman," he urged. "I could ill afford this trip to Paradise, and tomorrow I must back to—"

"Denver," she completed for him, her face of one who mentions quite another place.

"To Denver," he repeated, with the accent of one who speaks of home. "I shall take back with me the promise, from the person, of the sweetest little girl in all these United States."

For a moment the love-light flashed in her eyes, but the spirit of mischief held the mastery.

"Sir," she said, with an extra judicial air, "that the plaintiff has not fully stated his case."

"The defendant pleads guilty to having fallen in love."

"We are the plaintiff," she corrected.

"The defendant," he declared stoutly.

"The plaintiff," she insisted.

"Be both or I won't play."

"Silly baby," she commented, surrendering. "Go ahead."

"I plead guilty and await sentence," he concluded.

"I refused," she cried. "The court must appoint a lawyer to plead for you."

"Be the lawyer," she finished, with a laugh from her judicial dignity.

"Your honor, please," she began, turning around from the other side of the table, "the defendant, while admitting his offense, pleads not guilty."

"Admit no offense," he protested.

"If you don't let your lawyer do the talking I'll get the judge to hang you," she threatened, severely.

"I plead not guilty, with extenuating circumstances. You see, your honor, this is my first visit East in some years, and seeing handsomer young women than they have in Denver—"

"A more adorable young woman," he corrected.

"What they have in Denver," she went on, ignoring his interruption, "he foolishly told his friend. You see, your honor, he had no idea that there were such attractive young women as those who throng the streets of our city and—"

"Came East especially because I knew you were here," he interposed.

She faced around to the other side of the table. "The court will examine the witness," she declared. "He has asserted that he came East because he had knowledge of the presence of the prosecutor. Was that information acquired?"

He drew from an inside pocket a leather photograph case and handed it to her.

She opened it curiously and gave a little cry. "How did you get this?" she demanded, forgetting the game she was playing.

"Kate Osbourne painted it on an evening one night just to show me what he could do from memory, and I—or—I came on to see what his memory was worth."

She glanced curiously at the dainty water color her artist cousin had made. It was wonderfully accurate and true to life.

"I shall mark this exhibit A," she announced. "Now, what have you to say in your defense?"

"Your honor," he began gravely, "I can say only that the sole witness who can prove my offense is my lawyer. A man's wife cannot testify against him, and it is her duty, as a good lawyer, to marry me. I love her dearly, and ever since I saw that envelope she has filled my thoughts. I await my counsel's answer."

"I think," said the counsel, tenderly, "that I should win my first case at least." And she came around the table again, to be enfolded in his strong arms.

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SOCIETY

The event of today will be the marriage of Miss Emily Read, daughter of Charles Read, and A. R. Hager. The ceremony will be performed at the home of Gov. and Mrs. Wells, the Rev. Elmer I. Goshen officiating. The hour for the ceremony is 7:30, but at 8 o'clock a number of the friends of the family have been invited to the reception. Later the bride and groom will leave for San Francisco and they will sail from there shortly to Manila, which is to be their future home.

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What a merry holiday season local society will enjoy! Already there scheduled a number of bright dances and family gatherings, with a Christmas reception on Monday and a New Year reception on the following Monday. Miss McCornick will receive at the Christmas afternoon and when Mrs. Marshall and Miss Kirkpatrick entertain for Mrs. Winston and Mrs. Ackland-Hood the men will be asked to assist, and the New Year will therefore be welcomed in the good old manner. The dance at the Knutsford and the Bal Masque at Fort Douglas are being eagerly awaited and with the many club and college events the week will be one round of gayety, which will continue until the greens are burned on Twelfth Night.

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The Bridge club met with Miss McCornick yesterday.

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Miss Mary Drysdale of Ogden and Davir Beauchamp of this city were yesterday married at the home of the bride's aunt, on the east side. The bride is a popular member of the younger society set of the Junction City. The couple will be at home to their friends after January 1 at 12 Church street.

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C. R. Alcy has gone to Louisville and it is rumored that when he returns to the city he will be accompanied by a bride.

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James Salisbury returned to the city yesterday. Walker Salisbury will return in a day or two.

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Dave Tarpey is in the city.

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Roger Sherman will be home today.

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Mr. Fordham has gone East.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. Mahler are at the Kenyon.

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Word has been received locally of the marriage in Buffalo of Miss Mary Agnes Hayes to George W. Feakins, the former well-known railroad man of this city.

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The Council of Jewish Women will serve luncheon at B. B. hall from 11:30 until 2:30 this afternoon.

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Tonight at the exhibit of Utah artists a musicale will be given, with two soloists on the programme who have been studying abroad for some years. Fred Harwood, piano, a graduate of the Philadelphia conservatory, and G. Herman Schettler, violin, a graduate of the Stern conservatory of Berlin. The evening will take on quite a social aspect.

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The United Commercial Travelers of this jurisdiction will give their annual ball holiday week. The date is December 29 and the place Christensen's hall, with the enlarged Christensen orchestra to play the dance and promenade programme. The travelers usually give rare entertainments and this ball will be the finest they have ever attempted. Supper will be served.

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Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Mamie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Israel of 150 East Sixth South street, to Regimental Commissary Sergt. Paul Ehlert of the Twenty-ninth infantry, on December 34. The wedding will be a quiet affair, only the immediate friends of the contracting parties being present. Miss Israel is well known in Salt Lake, while Sergt. Ehlert numbers his friends by the score, being one of the regiment's most popular soldiers. On the evening prior to the wedding Sergt. Ehlert will entertain at a "smoker," to be given to his friends at his quarters at the post.

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THE DRUMMER'S CHRISTMAS

Holiday Cheer Hard to Find at the Big Hotels.

"This will be the fifth Christmas I've spent away from my family, and I'm not getting used to it yet."

The speaker was a well-known commercial man who makes Salt Lake frequently. He was the center of a little group in the Wilson lobby, and nobody was looking cheerful. Every member of the group was planning to eat Christmas dinner with some companion, but none was going home.

"I've just finished mailing a few presents to let them know I'm thinking of them," the speaker went on. "But along with them I sent a letter telling them I couldn't be there after all. I knew it for four weeks, but I hadn't the courage to tell the rest of them till the last minute."

"Travel's falling off fast," said Clerk O'Connell a few minutes later, in answer to a query as to business. "Local travel still keeps up, of course, but every one who can is staying home now, or as near to home as he can, in the hope of getting there next Sunday. Only those who have to are coming across the continent these days."

In all the hotels the same thing is true. Little groups of traveling men can be found scattered about the lobbies. Occasionally a stray tourist, en route to California, may be seen. And frequent parties of Christmas shoppers register to spend the day in the city.

This is the season of the year when those men who spend fifty weeks out of the fifty-two on trains and in hotels feel their position. They sit in the leather-covered chairs in the big windows, during leisure moments and watch the passing throngs of Christmas shoppers. Among these they see no familiar faces as a rule. Their work takes them into certain channels and keeps them there as long as they are in town.

Christmas day generally finds these men and theatrical people in sole possession of the hotel dining-rooms. All of them know it and fight against it, but generally to no purpose. Just now trade is, of course, getting slack and there isn't much to keep them forgetting the fact that they don't belong to the busy, happy crowds they see daily. As a consequence the most cheerful hotel lobbies begin to look gloomy and they continue so until New Year is well past and the work of another season is begun.

NAVY FOR CANADA.

Three Cruisers to Be Constructed by Dominion Government.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—The action of the home government in withdrawing the Atlantic and Pacific fleets from Canadian waters will in the near future result in the construction of three cruisers by the Dominion Government as a start in the naval programme which Sir Wilfrid Laurier has in mind.

For a long time the Premier and his colleagues have felt that Canada should undertake the construction of a navy which in time would afford to the coast line an adequate defense. The training of naval reserves, which is now in progress in West Indian waters, is part of the policy in view, and it is expected that an announcement in this connection will be made at the coming session of Parliament.

Revolutionists Victorious.

ASCUNCION, Paraguay, Dec. 20.—The victorious revolutionary forces have entered the city and met with an enthusiastic reception.

Gen. Caballero and other politicians will leave the country, it is said, not, however, under sentence of banishment.

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