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Papa Moffatt, choleric and as well upholstered as the heavy davenport upon which he sat, looked up from the evening paper. "Well, it looks as though people were learning sense. Woman suffrage has been turned down in our state," he chuckled.

"Oh, I'm sorry!" exclaimed Dorothy, dutifully doing nothing by the after-dinner lamp. "The girls have worked so hard."

"Hard! What do women know about work?" demanded her father, who spent four hours in his office every day just for the looks of the thing. "Politics would be a nice mess with women in it. I tell you women haven't and never will have the brains of men."

Dorothy, seeing an opportunity, struck while the iron was hot. "Then, dad, if you like men so well why do you object to me having company or going anywhere with a man?"

Mrs. Moffatt looked up from her crocheting horrified. The affair of the Blackmore's nephew, who had visited his relatives and managed to make Dorothy fall in love with him—the righteous rage of Papa Moffatt, who was away on a trip at the time—was a subject religiously avoided by the family. For papa possessed a temper erratic as Vesuvius and as dangerous as a mine. A mere touch and it was off.

Dorothy's remark went home. The mine exploded. "So you think, miss, that because I came home in time to prevent some young whelp from running off with you that you are privileged to be sarcastic the rest of your life. It's a good thing for him he made that train or I'd be in jail now for murder."

"But, dad, you never even saw him. It isn't fair to judge people before—" "That's enough, young lady. Do you think I've spent money on you all your life to teach you music and painting and goodness knows what just to have some young rascal of a nobody steal you? Besides, you're too young. I want you right here at home to be company for me and me till you're twenty-five or thirty. And when you get married I'll pick your husband. Women haven't any brains. I'm glad they didn't let 'em vote."

Still snorting and puffing his cheeks, Papa Moffatt resumed his paper. Dorothy, sobbing louder than occasion demanded, left the room and went to bed, presumably. In reality, the tears dried up miraculously as soon as her door was shut. She got out an immense packet of thick letters addressed to General Delivery and re-read every one with flushed cheeks and shining eyes. "Bertie, dear, there will be some way. I'm going to think harder than I ever did in my life. 'No brains,' papa says. Look out, dad!" "Where's Dolly?" asked Papa Moffatt at breakfast.

"She—she has a headache. She didn't sleep all night," said mamma. Papa tried hard not to look like the criminal he felt. His moments of remorse accounted for many of the wonderful things Dolly now possessed. He looked over his mail. "By George, Katie, I've got to go to New York tonight. I've just had a letter from McConnell. Have my bag ready, will you, and dinner at six instead of seven. Tell Dolly to think up what she wants to cure her headache."

So he departed, and Mrs. Moffatt flew to Dorothy with the news. Dorothy grew thoughtful and helped herself to another roll (she was having a very comfortable breakfast in bed) with no more headache than I have at this minute. Something she wanted! She would make the price high.

So Papa Moffatt found two bags waiting in the hall when he returned, and a trunk besides. Dorothy, dressed for traveling, met him smiling. "Such a good daddy!" coaxed Dolly sweetly. "Mamma told me you said I could have what I wanted, so I decided I'd take a trip this time. You are so good to me. I'm going to New York with you."

Her father had not meant exactly that, but he dared not refuse. "Well, I guess maybe—all right, come along, Doll. Don't know what I'll do with you, but if you want to go, I guess you may. All ready?"

"Yes, daddy," demurely. So 7:30 found them in a Pullman, speeding eastward.

"Let's go to the St. Martin," suggested Dorothy in the morning. "Well," hesitated her father. I always go to the Manhattan, but if you want the other, it's all right."

So to the St. Martin it was. They engaged rooms and Mr. Moffatt looked hurriedly at his watch. "I have a meeting at ten, Dorothy. Now about you—you can't go around alone. I wonder if we can get someone to go with you."

"Let's ask the young man at the desk, daddy."

The young man, very good looking, very obliging and very much interested in Dorothy, thought he knew a way. "I have a sister," he said, "who would be able to go with Miss Moffatt, perhaps. We have an apartment in Harlem, I'll call her up."

So it was arranged that during her three-day stay Dorothy was to have a companion while Papa Moffatt was busy with a deal of great financial importance elsewhere. On the evening of the first day while Dorothy was dressing for dinner and theater later, Mr. Moffatt appeared in the lobby and sauntered up to the desk. The young man was still on duty, although not busy. Soon they were having a friendly chat. Papa

Moffatt had had his appetizer and was feeling the glow. He fairly radiated good will.

"Pretty long hours, eh, young man?" "No, so bad. I'm off in a few minutes now. Did your daughter enjoy her day?"

"Yes, yes, much obliged to you." "Oh, don't mention it. If you don't mind my saying so, she's uncommonly good-looking."

Papa chuckled. "You bet she is. And I tell you I have a time keeping her from getting away from me. I'm going to keep her for a while—keep her for a while." He put his finger tips together and leaned confidently over the desk. Last time I was here she nearly eloped with a young rascal back home—so this time I brought her along."

The young man looked sympathetic, then sighed. "I'd like to get married myself! But it costs so darn much to live I just can't."

Mr. Moffatt looked interested. Romance always is thrilling if the daughter is not yours. "Too bad. You seem to have it pretty comfortable here."

"Oh, it's a right—only the girl's used to everything and her people would make a row." "That is too bad. Well, save all you can and invest in something good. That's my motto. It's the only way to get rich quick."

"I have saved," was the quick answer. "but the thing is to get the inside track on something good. No one cares to give me a tip."

Now it happened that the young man knew exactly what papa's business was in New York, and wasn't it clever of him to blast to the right person? The other picked him right up and gathered him into the fold. Putting one finger against his nose and shutting one eye, he leaned quite close. "Buy Valparaiso Special 7's and 8's first thing in the morning. It's mine, I tell you, but keep it quiet! Hello, Dolly! Ready? Good-by, young man." And in a loud whisper: "Maybe her old man won't mind it so much if you're rich."

The third day and last of New York was a busy one for papa, but when he got back to the hotel before dinner Dorothy had not returned. He went downstairs to inquire, but his young friend was also absent from the desk. The clerk in his place said he was away for a few days, and, remembering something, handed the anxious patron a letter. It was from Dorothy.

"Dear Daddy: Bert and I are on our honeymoon. I hesitated to tell you that he was the young man I've always liked. Wasn't it odd to find him here! And you were a darling to tell him about Valparaiso Specials. He cleared several thousand dollars on your tip. You're such a good daddy. I've bought such lovely clothes for my wedding. We were afraid to ask you, but it was very quiet, anyway. Besides, you said I could have anything I wanted, and it happened to be a husband this time. Lovingly, Dorothy. "P. S.—How about women voting? Do you still think we haven't any brains? Fess up, dad. You may as well be sweet about it.—D." (Copyright, 1916, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

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The production of resistances for electric heating is a new application of the Schoops metal-squirting pistol. It is the resistance of metal conductors to the passage of the current that produces electric heat, and a common form of resistance is a fine spiral wire of copper, nickel and manganese on a heat-resisting base. In the Prometheus resistance, very thin films of the noble metals are deposited on mica by a special process. The squirting pistol uses any kind of metal and projects the finely divided particles with such velocity that they form a coherent coating on the body they strike. At works in Zurich resistances are made with thick or thin films of metal on a foundation of earthenware, clay or slate. The metal may be projected in a zigzag upon this base, but the plan seems to be preferred of covering the entire surface and then fusing away by electric current a certain portion of the coating. The zigzag conductor forms a very efficient resistance. For ordinary heating, such alloys as constantan, German silver and a combination of chromium and nickel are suitable, and for the temperatures required in the laboratory, platinum or iridium may be used.

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To Be Considered.

"Are you in favor of votes for women?" "Well," replied Mr. Meekton; "of course I want my wife to vote. But I'm wondering what would happen if by any chance Henrietta should not be able to control the votes of all the other women."

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