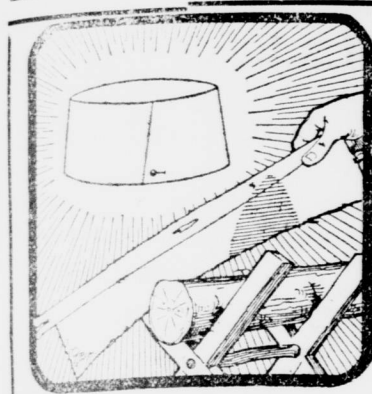


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CHAPTER VII.
"You look for the world like a dirt dealer," this comparison to a kind of road was made from Pole Baker, who had been with him for some time, and he had been brought up with him. "I'll be darned if you don't look like a dirt dealer, though. I've seen you at the pigeon wing over on West street with them big, strapping fellows who had your sights as high as a hawk's." "It's that vest that gets me," said Alan. "I reckon it's cut low, and you can't see my shirt front. I guess you don't do much eatin' with that collar on. It don't look like you'd be able to stir a peg under it."

With a good natured reply and a laugh he did not feel Alan hurried out of the door and up to his room, where he had left his lamp burning. Rayburn Miller sat and light overcoat on the bed. Alan sat down in one of the still backed, split bottom chairs and stared straight in front of him. Never in his life had he suffered as he was now suffering. He could see no hope ahead; the girl he loved was lost to him. Her father had heard of the foolishness of old man Bishop and like many another well meaning parent, had determined to save his daughter from the folly of marrying a penniless man who had doubtless inherited his father's lack of judgment and station.

There was a rap on the closed door, and immediately afterward Rayburn Miller turned the knob and came in. His kindly glance swept the face of his friend, and he said, with forced brightness:

"I don't want to bore you, old man, but I just had to follow you. I saw from your looks as you left the ballroom that something was wrong, and I am afraid I know what it is. You were Captain Barclay's a rough, out spoken man, and he made a remark the other day which reached me. I wasn't sure it was true, so I didn't mention it, but I reckon my informant knew what he was talking about."

Alan nodded despondently. "I asked her to go to church with me tomorrow night. She was awfully embarrassed and finally told me of her father's objections."

"I think I know what fired the old devil up," said Miller.

"Yes, it was that mistake of your father. As I told you, the colonel is as mad as a wet hen about the whole thing. He's got a rope tied to every wheel he got, and he intends to leave fully a good deal of money. He thinks Frank Hildrease is just the thing. He knows that as plain as day. He noticed how frequently you came to see Dolly and scented danger ahead and simply put his foot down on it, just as fathers have been doing ever since the world. My dear boy, you've got a better pill to take, but you've got to swallow it like a man. You've reached a point where two roads fork. It is for you to decide which one you'll take."

Alan made no reply. Rayburn Miller waited a cigar and began to smoke slowly.

"It's none of my business," Miller burst out suddenly, "but I'm friend enough of yours to feel this thing like the devil. However, I don't know what to say. I only wish I knew how far you've come into it."

Alan smiled mechanically. "If you can't look at me and see how far I've come, you are blind," he said. "I don't mean that," replied Miller. "I was wondering how far you had committed yourself—oh, hang it!—to love and all that sort of thing."

"I've never spoken to her on the subject," Alan informed him gloomily.

"Good, good! Splendid!" Alan stared in surprise. "I don't understand," he said. "She knows—that is, I think she knows—how I feel, and I have hoped that—" "Never mind about that," interrupted Miller laconically. "There is a chance for both of you if you'll turn square around like sensible human beings and look the facts in the face."

"You mean—" "That it will be stupid, childish idleness for either or both of you to let this thing spoil your lives."

"I don't understand you."

"Well, you will before I'm through with you, and I'll do you up brown."



"It's none of my business," Miller burst out suddenly.

There are simply two courses open to you, my boy. One is to treat Colonel Barclay's wishes with dignified respect and bow and retire just as any European gentleman would do when told that his pile was too small to be considered.

"And the other?" asked Alan sharply.

"The other is to follow in the footsteps of nearly every sentimental fool that ever was born and go around looking like a last year's bird's nest or, worse yet, persuading the girl to elope and thus angering her father so that he will cut her out of what's coming to her and what is her right, my boy. She may be willing to live on a bread and water diet for awhile, but she'll lose flesh and temper in the long run. If you don't make as much money for her as you cause her to lose, she'll tell you of it some day or, at least, let you see it, and that's as long as it's wide. You are now giving yourself a treatment in self hypnosis, telling yourself that life has not and cannot produce a thing for you beyond that particular pink frock and yellow head. I know how you feel. I've been there six different times, beginning with a terrible long first attack and dwindling down as I became inoculated with experience till now the complaint amounts to hardly more than a momentary three when I see a fresh one in a train for an hour's ride. I can do you a lot of good if you'll listen to me. I'll give you the benefit of my experience."

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