

A MILLION A MINUTE

By Hudson Douglas



CHAPTER XVIII.—Continued.

"What can we do now?" asked the other querulously. "The joker's played against us. We haven't a card left."

Arendsen tugged at his beard, and blinked at the candle, frowning. He was counting the chances that remained, and saw more than one.

"Why don't you think, instead of talking," he asked angrily. "I'll give you a start. What's to hinder us finding out whether this due of hers won't stand in with us. There are ten millions to go round, and most of those fellows would sell their souls for a third of that. We might upset the marriage, get him to disown it—there are half a dozen cards left to play if you'd only get busy and pick them out."

"Now what was she doing all by herself in America, eh? Had they separated already? There might be something in that!"

Seager stared at him, with the dawning of a renewed hope in his eyes.

"Gad, you're great, Dirck," he said. "We'll go straight up and ask her. Then we'll tackle the duker. If he'd only sit in with us, it would be easy money all round—and come on. We'll go straight up and ask her."

When they knocked at the studio door again no answer was vouchsafed them, but they found their prisoners safe enough when they entered, and both on their feet, defiant.

"I'm sorry I spoke so—so sharply just now," Seager said, addressing himself to the duchesse. "And Mr. Arendsen has almost convinced me that you are really the duchesse des Reves. But what were you doing alone in America, so soon after your wedding, eh?"

He looked at her cunningly, as though that were a weak point in her story, and she fell into the trap, flushing painfully, as she explained the reason which had led her to leave her husband within an hour of her marriage. She was hopeful that, once they were satisfied of the validity of her position, they would release her and give up whatever wild project they had entertained. But in that she was doomed to quick disappointment, for Seager informed her with much assumed sympathy that she must stay where she was until he should have absolute proof in support of her statements, alleging solicitude for her welfare as his moving impulse.

"I'll find out everything about this due des Reves within twenty-four hours," he assured her, "and then, if all's well, you'll go back to him none the worse of knowing that he's treated you on the square—which is more than he's done in

a good many cases. It's my plain duty to see you safe before I leave Paris, so you needn't thank me.

"Meantime, you'll be quite comfortable here, and we shan't disturb you again till late tomorrow. Nothing more that I can do for you? Good night, then, and pleasant dreams."

"I turned that rather neatly, I think," he told Arendsen as they went back to their own quarters, "and I'll tell you what, Dirck—I feel that I need a quencher. I'll run around to the Blue Rabbit for one, and be back before you can—"

"We'll go together," said Arendsen, gruffly and knowing that it would be vain to object. "And we needn't come back here tonight. The sooner we strike the duker's trail the better, and he's sure to be a night bird."

They spent half an hour in the brasserie, and do what he could, he could not prevent Seager, whose spirits were once more rising with undue rapidity, from pushing through to the concert hall, where he claimed acquaintance with two young men at one of the tables. At that moment also their useful friend, Jules Cheval, looked in, and afflicted Arendsen for ten long minutes with specious reasons for his presence there at that hour.

And then, when he at length got Seager quietly outside, that jovial blade insisted on returning to the studio forthwith, there to claim a kiss which, he alleged, his cousin had owed him since the occasion of his first meeting with her. It was with the greatest difficulty and at the exercise of all the patience on which he plumed himself that Arendsen finally got his fellow ruffian to start with him on the trail of the due des Reves.

CHAPTER XIX.

THE STRANGE ENCOUNTER THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE BRASSERIE OF THE BLUE RABBIT.

Within the grand reception room at the Elysee, in the midst of the brilliant throng gathered there, Quaintance stood swaying, with bent knees, like one on shipboard, as if he would presently collapse altogether.

"Hold up, old chap!" said O'Ferrall anxiously. "Hold up! Don't lose your head, or you'll make a scene."

His warning proved efficacious where words more weighty might

well have failed in their object. Quaintance had all a quiet man's horror of what is described as a scene, and, to escape such mischance, he braced his slack muscles, threw back his head, stood erect, gazing, half blind, across a sea of color, to where he could see dimly on its surface that fair face for which he had staked everything, and lost.

For that was what it had come to now. He had yielded entirely to a fond infatuation which had whispered that he must achieve success at all hazard, that he could not fail. He called to mind how he had once told the girl, on the sun-kissed sands at Stormport, that he never failed, and had to choke back the groan which had almost escaped his lips. He had failed so abjectly in this most essential instance. He had strained every power to the utmost, and with this result. He felt as though the mainspring of life had snapped within him.

But tragedy must wear the mask of mirth in modern society, and there was nothing to be gained by crying for the moon. His dream was shattered, and although in its downfall he was suffering hurt all most beyond endurance, he could still set his teeth, repress the outward signs of his great inward agony. His dainty duchess had recrossed his path, as he had prayed she might, but now there was a real duke with her! She was no more the blushing maid in whom his fondest hopes of happiness were centered, but a grave bride with an unsmiling groom beside her! It was time to write fits on that page and turn a fresh one, on which he would pen rapidly the story of a wasted life.

(To be continued.)

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The house was packed last night to welcome Pessie Shirley into vaudeville, and as her own playwright. Her sketch is named "The First Woman Governor," to whom Miss Shirley's ingenuity has given the hard task of refusing her own son a pardon when she knows he is guilty. C. F. Ralston played the son, with George McQuarrie and Less Greer in the cast. The sketch will become stronger when it has worn into the acting a little and Miss Shirley seems assured of as much success in vaudeville as in stock. She goes from her to Butte and will later make the coast circuit. Her reception last night was most encouraging.

WASHINGTON.

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TRIPLE TRAGEDY

(By United Press) SAN JOSE, Cal., June 25.—A. Cleve Urllin, newspaper solicitor, shot and killed Evans Dent, saloon keeper, and seriously wounded Mrs. Schiel, divorced wife of a beauty doctor in this city, in the woman's room early this morning. Urllin then fired a bullet into his own brain, dying instantly. Urllin

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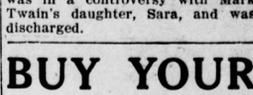
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