

# THE LADY EVELYN

A Story of Today  
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"Then I imagine as much. He has some hold upon your father, obtained by that which happened in Bukharest many years ago. Do you know precisely what his claim is?"

"His father's liberty. The old Cavalier Georges Odin is a prisoner in one of the mines on the borders of the Black Sea. The Count declares that this is my father's work. I cannot tell you if it be true or false. If it is true, I will see that we leave no stone unturned to set Georges Odin free. I wish I could be so sure that his liberty will bring no peril upon my father."

"The men were enemies, then?"

"I have understood as much. They were rivals for my dead mother's hand."

"And your father profited by his enemy's political misfortune?"

"I must believe it, since he is afraid to give this man his liberty."

"A natural fear—in Roumania; not, I think, in England. Will you let me ask how your marriage with the young Count would help your father in his difficulty?"

"I do not know, unless it is assumed that as Georges Odin's daughter-in-law, I should pay the debt my father owes."

"And save him from a purely imaginary danger?"

"Would you think it purely imaginary when you remember the guests we entertain in our Park?"

"The gypsies—could the police say nothing to them? Remember we are living in England, where all the fine sentiments preached in Southern Europe are so many heroics to be laughed at. If a Roumanian were to chal-

## THE MARKET TREND

(Business Feature Service.)

**STOCKS.**  
The market abundantly fulfilled predictions when it recently entered a period of dullness and irregularity from which it is not expected to emerge until after the new year, although sporadic rallies of a speculative nature may occur. While loaning repeatedly at six and seven per cent, call money has not been plentiful and bankers still take occasion to emphasize the money stringency, inasmuch as the position of the Federal Reserve banks has improved but little, and deflation outside Wall street has made but little headway, the present seems an unpropitious time for any considerable speculative advance. Underlying industrial and political conditions likewise hold the market in check, among which may be named the tangle over the peace treaty and demoralized exchange, the possibility of war with Mexico, and the crippling effects of the coal strike.

**GRAIN.**  
Producers of corn who intended holding may find it too late to change their opinion of the market and release their stocks. Cans are very scarce and the acute shortage of coal has handicapped the carriers.

Bullish sentiment recently passed its crest, the feeling is, light offerings, the possible railroad tie-up, and the Mexican tangle were powerful bull factors. Foreign exchange rates have fallen to new low records and many foreign orders of American corn have been canceled. Trade has been slow and the outlook uncertain.

Wheat prices have reached the highest prices of the season in some markets. Oats have sympathized with corn to a great extent. Large sales for export were rumored with the seaboard a good buyer. Some trades touched the highest price this season.

### LIVESTOCK.

Hog quotations have been unusual of late. At times there is stubborn resistance against movement either way, while occasionally sharp jumps have been witnessed with no apparent reason. Packers have balked at paying higher prices on the advance and the whole situation is weak.

### WOOL.

The element of strength injected into the wool market persists. Firm prices are expected at the last series of Colonial wool sales held in London this year. Another government auction opens in Boston December 9, and still another January 7. Foreign markets are all strong. American manufacturers used 69,000,000 pounds of wool in October, the largest consumption since May, 1918. Fortunately Australia has large supplies of fine grade wool and importations will help supply the unusual demand for better grades. The domestic supply of medium and low grade wools is large.

lunge me to avenge the honor of my ancestors by cutting his throat in the Carpathians, I should put his letter among my curiosities. Vendettas and secret societies and sub absurdities have no place among us outside the theatre. That's why I say that this matter should be dealt with in an English way. If your father has done any man a wrong, he, as an English gentleman, will do his best to put it right. All the rest is merely talk. It should not even be taken into account, and would not be, I think, unless there are circumstances of which I know nothing. That is why I speak with reservation. I know so little of your father, and he is one of the most difficult men to know that I have met."

Evelyn shook her head.

"Every man is difficult to know and every woman," he said philosophically; "those who seem most superficial are often the people we understand least. Here am I talking to you as I have never talked to anyone in all my life, and yet you know nothing about me whatever."

"I differ from that entirely."

"Indeed, it is true. If it were not, you would not have asked me why I let them say that I am going to marry Count Odin."

"You let them say it because it is too foolish to contradict."

"Nothing of the kind. I let them say it because my mother would have married his father had her wishes been consulted. Oh, I know that so well. Every day my inheritance speaks to me. I am afraid of him, and yet am drawn toward him. I detest him and yet go to him. Do you wonder that London seems my only way of escape—the theatre where Etta Romney can come to life again and Evelyn be forgotten?"

She spoke with some excitement as she always did when the silent voice within told her again of those triumphs awaiting her upon the stage in London whenever she had the mind to seek them. Gavin thought that he understood her; but her confession troubled him none the less. Almost formal as their conversation had been, there was that in the timbre of their voices, in their steps, their gestures, their looks, which declared the pleasure of their intimacy and would have betrayed the mutual secret to any who might have overheard them. Love, indeed, laughed aside at the prim phrases and the mock sophistries—and none realized this more surely than Gavin.

"I hope it would be as a last resource," said Gavin presently, still thinking of her threat to return to the theatre. "You must not forget that your friends may have something to say in the matter."

"My friends! Who are my friends?" she exclaimed hotly. "The chattering doctor, who is always looking for an excuse to feel my pulse. The vicar, who is so dreadfully afraid of his wife hearing the nonsense he talks to me. Young John Hall, who can speak of nothing else but Yorkshire cricket scores. I have no friends—unless it be the dogs."

Gavin drew a little nearer to her, and confronting her suddenly, he said: "Then here is a new breed of hound and one that will be faithful."

She turned away her head, forgetting that the darkness hid her crimson cheeks from him.

"I must not listen to you—I, who am to be Count Odin's wife," she said.

### TO BE CONTINUED

#### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

(Chicago News.)  
A kiss in time may prevent nine.  
The noblest result of woman is a honest man.  
All work and no plagiarism is apt to make a dull sermon.  
A humorist says the joke that isn't private is no laughing matter.  
The sneer of the jealous fool is apt to proclaim the wise man's merit.  
Many a man who knows his own mind has a somewhat limited acquaintance.  
Boarding houses are probably so called because a man is expected to plank down in advance.  
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