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Their race against the whites, but all far above the blanket Indian of the reservation.

They come quietly and peacefully to the enrollment places, making of the enrollment days a sort of picnic. Most of them, even the fullbloods, wear the dress of civilization. One of the men who will become a citizen of the United States is Zeke Proctor, a Cherokee and a bad Indian. Several years ago he killed seven men near Westville and shot the deputy marshal who tried to arrest him. As a rule the fullbloods are docile and even kindly, but they have not the ability or energy of the halfbreeds, and it is probable that they will soon become extinct. At present the five Tribes are the placetrats of the American Indian race. What they will be after they have come into their full heritage is a problem upon the solution of which may depend the government's treatment of all its other wards. Should this scheme of naturalizing these Indians prove a success it may be repeated with other tribes.

And So They're Engaged

The Romance of a Misdemeanor Luncheon in Town.

THE head waiter pressed a button in the wall and rose-colored electric bulbs blossomed like flowers upon the ceiling, filling the great dining-room with soft, still radiance and showing the white tables surrounded with ornate high-backed chairs, now eloquently empty. The air from the avenue stirred the lace that screened the open windows and made the blooming marguerites in great high tubs about the room move on their fragrant stems.

It was barbarously early for dinner, but ridiculously late for luncheon, but it had suited the mood of the man and the maiden who had met by accident and had been spending a delightfully unchaperoned day in town. Besides that there were trains to be taken back to a fashionable resort, where breakfasts, luncheons and dinners made such informal meetings as this quite impossible. So, as the girl said, it was all the more fun. They were not even dressed for dinner and the head waiter, who was punctilious in such matters, glanced somewhat disapprovingly at the girl's linen shirt waist and her bamboo hat with a pout of blue, tilted down over her brows. The man was a well-dressed, well-tubbed specimen.

The room was almost deserted except for those two and the occasional cackle of a waiter was all that broke the silence except their own discreetly-lowered voices. A small East Indian man picturesquely turbaned and robed in white came toward their table bearing a chafing dish upon a silver tray from which he served them noiselessly with rice and chicken while a waiter poured wine into two pale greenish glasses. The service had all the dignity and importance of a rite.

The girl's face took on a look of intense satisfaction as she tasted the first morsel. As her sun-kissed hands moved over her plate the man thought that she was one of the few women who ate gracefully. As a rule, they were too nonchalant or too enthusiastic. But this girl's appetite had all the repression of a Duse.

"Isn't it funny?" she said. "Funny?"

"Why, of course, it's too funny for anything! To think of our meeting, by accident, at all places, at church! Tell me—why do you go to church?"

"To kill time, I suppose. Then the music there is admirably good and the sermons—"

"Admirably short!"

"Exactly! Why did you go?"

"I always go. It's become a habit with me. But it is the very last place I should have expected to see you. It is a remarkable coincidence that we should have drifted there. Don't you think things happen oddly at times?"

"What kind of things?"

"Coincidences—for instance?"

"Please don't call our meeting a mere coincidence. I call it the result of an educated mind wave."

"Mind wave?"

"Yes—a brain current. You know in India—"

"That's where you go hunting lions, isn't it?"

"No—tigers in India."

"But you hunt lions, too—don't you?"

"Never have. I gave one a run once, though."

"Oh, how perfectly lovely! Tell me about it."

"It wouldn't interest you. You see, I was running first."

"Ha! ha! ha!"

"Funny, wasn't it? Well, in India, where they live on this sort of thing—rice and chicken—"

"And sauterne?"

"Er—well—no animal food—you understand—they get their souls cultivated to such an extent that they can communicate with each other across long distances."

"Anybody can?"

"Oh, you must be educated up to it. An American doesn't take it as quickly, but the natives believe in it. It is a part of their religion. They can perform all sorts of magical tricks. I have no doubt that the man who cooks this—the little chap in the turban—talks without words."

"I noticed he didn't speak. And do you know—as he moved about so still and quiet—I felt—"

"Jarrred?"

"No—chilled—just as though I were under a spell. He has such mysterious eyes. Did you notice?"

"Never notice men's eyes. Waste of time."

"Ha! ha! ha! I wish he would come in again!"

"He probably will."

"Hush!"

"What?"

"Oh—here he comes! He has another dish."

"Good!"

"Don't let us pretend to notice. Yes, as you were saying, I quite agree with you, that the day has been a pleasant one—but what would people think if they came in and found us dining together—at five o'clock. I, in a sailor hat—you—"

"In a sailor hat also—"

"And Chappy—"

"Twenty miles away!"

"But if we hadn't met—ah! He's gone away! Never spoke a syllable. M—m—m! This is another of those soul foods! It's the same, but different! I wonder what it is?"

"Suppose we ask him?"

"No, it might break the spell. Look on the card. It must be there some place."

"Er—er—er— Here it is! 'The Curry of Enchantment.'"

"What do you think of that?"

"I think he's a wonder."

"But it is getting more mysterious, don't you think so?"

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