

# THE ONLY THAT COUNTS

(BY CAROLYN BEECHER.)

## CHAPTER XXXIX

Then there was Adele. She had cared for him. Might he try—

She hadn't thought of that before. Of all the things that she had thought of, she had missed that one. She tried to thrust it away. Adele could care for herself. She had proved she could.

She was so young when it happened, she knew so little of life. That was why she couldn't take care of her self. How many long years was it since she had taken that step against every one's wishes?

The very thought of it made her ill. When she had that photograph, she had realized that Adele knew him, the shock was like a blow on her heart. It was increased by the fact that she had seen Adele and Adele's mother.

She rose and swiftly crossed the hall. When she rapped on Adele's door and received no answer, she called her name.

"Miss Foster just went out with a gentleman, Miss Westfield," Mrs. Cook told her, hearing the call.

A nausea swept over Helen. Had she gone out with him?

She returned to her room, and to her brooding. Dinner time came and went, but she had no thought of food, or of time. About 10 o'clock she heard Adele.

"May we come in, Helen?"

She braced herself. Had it come—so soon?

She stood waiting. The door opened and in came Adele, followed by her boyish admirer, Bob Kemp. Helen's relief was so great that only by the greatest exercise of will could she keep the hysterical laughter back. She felt like screaming. Instead, woman like, she busied herself with the coffee dish, insisting they must have supper with her, that she was hungry.

Kirk Lansing had not taken his coffee as final. He was a strong man, possessed of a strong man's self-confidence. Also he had the patience of a saint. He had not given Helen up—never would, so he told himself, as long as she was single. Nevertheless men like Lansing have ideas of marriage, austere and perhaps romantic. They give a fairly clear sheet and are inclined to ask a bit more than they give—not less.

Lansing had haunted the studios and other places occasionally frequented by Helen and Adele in the hope of seeing them. But Helen religiously remained in seclusion while Adele, when he saw her, could give him no comfort.

"Why does she hide herself?" Lansing had asked, and Adele had replied: "Search me! I'm sure no one has less cause to. Then, 'I'm sorry, Kirk. Don't think Helen is hiding from you, she isn't, that kind. But I can see things at times without being told. I wish she had—"

"Liked me better," he interrupted. "So do I, Adele. But I shan't give up." "Good for you!" Then more seriously: "I wish you all the luck in the world, Kirk. But—don't hurry her. If she had been asked, Adele would not have been so sure that she had advised Lansing not to hurry Helen. But in a way she was sure that something had occurred in Helen's life that had caused her to refuse Kirk Lansing. Also she was positive Helen cared for him. Often she had seen her flush and her eyes light at his coming, seen many little indications of an interest not at all platonic—at variance with her declaration that she would never marry.

"No, I shan't hurry her—but if it is humanly possible I shall win her, Adele."

Lansing made no apology for talking of his feelings to Adele, either to himself or to her. He had no wish to parade his emotions, neither had he any desire to hide his love for Helen from Adele. Adele had realized from the first that Lansing loved her, that he was serious.

It is the women like Adele Foster who keep the world of people in good humor; people inclined to become impatient, sometimes irritable under delayed hopes and aspirations.

At the shop, although as young as most of the girls, she was the recipient of their joys and griefs; especially of their love affairs. She radiated sympathy and understanding. And perhaps it was this quality in her that encouraged Lansing to speak of his hopes. He, as well as the girl in the shop, recognized her amiability and her ability to enter into the feelings of others.

"That's the way to talk, Kirk! And right now I tell you I'll help all I can. Not that I want to lose Helen! God forbid!" She said the last with so comical an expression Lansing laughed.

"But you two were made for each other. And it's all nonsense for her to say she won't get married. She will—some day. She's the kind that would make a good wife and mother." The last was spoken simply, as if it were the usual thing to discuss with her and motherhood with a young man.

After this talk with Adele, Lansing wrote Helen a letter.

"Dear Helen," he began. "I cannot bear to think I have ostracized myself because of my saying that I could not see you without talking of things that might distress you. Please let me come as I used to come, as a friend. If I find I haven't self-control enough to be just your friend, then I will stay away."

"At this point he crumpled up the letter, pushed it in his pocket, put on his hat and flung out his door.

He crossed the square; he entered the familiar door. "Go right up, she's at home," Mrs. Cook said with a smile. And forgetting his self-inflicted banishment, anxious to see the girl he loved, he climbed the stairs and rapped on the studio door. Hearing a sound within, he opened it.

Helen was huddled in one of her wing chairs. Her face was buried in her hands. She was sobbing great tears, her eyes red and swollen.

"What is it, Helen? Why are you crying so?" He realized she had not heard him rap, that it was a muffled sob he had heard instead of a bid to enter. His emotions, mixed with surprise at finding her weeping, made him almost numb.

"Oh, why did you come!" She dabbed her face with the back of a handkerchief. He took it away all damp with tears, and substituted his own fresh large one. When he stood and waited, finally he dropped on his knees beside her chair.

"Oh, I am so foolish, I—," then with an immense effort she rose, and with a twisted smile, said: "Please be friends, Kirk." For answer he made her read the undisturbed note he had written in his office.

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Women's \$4.50 Value Silk Hose at **\$2.39**

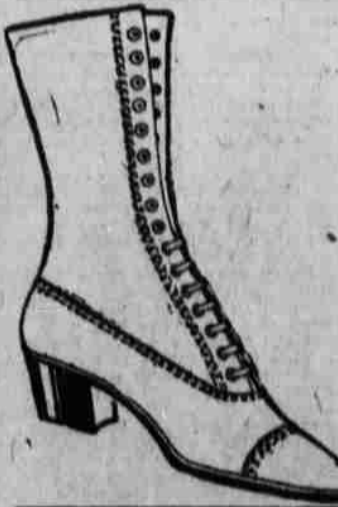
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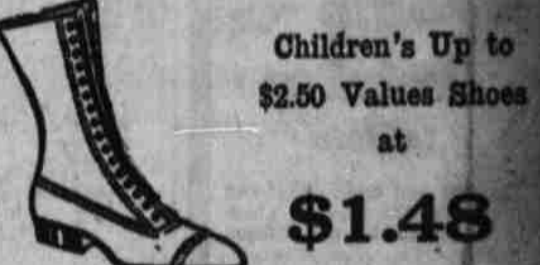


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Children's Up to \$2 Value Felt Slippers at **\$1.39**

Here's some excellent slippers for children; come in red, blue, lavender, pink with padded sole; real good Christmas gifts and some exceptionally good values.



Children's Up to \$2.50 Values Shoes at **\$1.48**

Here's another lot of children's shoes; they come in black, white and brown with colored tops.

Women's Up to \$3.00 Value Felt Slippers at **\$1.69**

A big lot of these felt slippers; just the thing for the holiday gift; they come in all the better colors and with padded soles, ribbon trimmed, or pom-pom on toe; all sizes and several styles to select from.

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## Africa's Christmas Is "Upside Down"

Chicago.—Picture the hottest July day; pavements burning under a blistering sun; sticky atmosphere without a breath of air stirring; streets parched and dusty; women stifling in white summer dresses, men sweating in linen suits and straw hats.

And in startling contrast, Santa Claus halting in the sun all day long in front of every department store—



uncomfortable person in regulation Santa Claus costume, white whiskers, white fur and hot-looking red garments. His sun-burned face steaming with perspiration.

Visualize this topsy-turvy picture—and you have an idea of Christmas in the upside-down land of South Africa.

It's the other side of the equator down there. Seasons are just the reverse of what they are up here, July in midwinter! And Christmas comes in midsummer.

Children do not pray for a "white Christmas." They are used to a hot Christmas. To them snow on Christmas would be even stranger than snow in Chattanooga on the Fourth of July.

Memory of the only recorded fall of snow in South Africa—ten years ago, in Johannesburg.



Even in the high altitude of Johannesburg, I spent last Christmas there. But it's even hotter at sea level—for instance in Cape Town, where I sweltered last New Year day.

White people in South Africa go to seacoast resorts near Cape Town and Durban for the hot Christmas holidays, Muzenbergh, near Cape Town, is South Africa's Atlantic City.

Heat doesn't prevent Christmas celebration, though. Kiddies hang up their stockings and have toys and presents under the tree.

On Christmas eve gay carnival crowds battle good-naturedly in Johannesburg or Cape Town. Everybody is armed with horns, tin cans and other noisiest approach to snow they have.

Some even have Christmas trees, but it's too hot to have a regulation Christmas dinner. I was a guest of a superintendent of a gold mine at Christmas dinner. The piece de resistance was a huge cold ham.

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## NEW YORK TODAY

BY HERBERT COREY

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New York.—One of the New York writers has made the discovery that Charlie Chaplin is the saddest, gloomiest, most temperamental soul alive.

He is crammed with Freud, Nietzsche and morbid worries. He is made wrong side to and inside out, so that he does everything in just the reverse way. He seems to play Hamlet, but he will never attempt it. His soul, he says, is too tragic for the part. Hamlet is a part which can only be well played by a comedian.

Anyhow, he told a good story of his meeting with Caruso. The men are both artists and at the top of their respective heaps. But Caruso takes Caruso very seriously, while the tragic Chaplin laughs at himself in his left-handed way. Some one had told Billy Guard, the Metropolitan Opera company, that Caruso had once referred to Chaplin as:

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