RRIET and the PIPER

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Harriet Field, twenty-eight years old and beautiful, is the social secretary of the flirtatious Mrs. Isabelle Carter, at "Crownlands," Richard Carter's home, and governess of 17-year-old Nina Carter. Ward, twenty-four years old and impressionable, fancies himself in love with his mother's attractive secretary. Mrs. Carter's latest "affair" is with young Anthony Pope, and the youth is taking it very seriously.

CHAPTER II.—Presiding over the tea-cups this summer afternoon, Harriet is profoundly disturbed by the arrival of a visitor, Royal Blondin. Next day, at a tea party in the city, Blondin makes himself agreeable to Nina, and leaves a deep impression on the unsophisticated girl.

CHAPTER III. — Harriet's agitation over the appearance of Blondin at "Crownlands" is explained by the fact that he had been a disturbing element in her life ten years before, and she fears him. The man is an avowed adventurer, living on the gullibility of the idle rich. He frankly announces to Harriet his intention of marrying Nina, who, as the daughter of the wealthy Richard Carter, is a highly desirable "catch," and urges her to aid him. She is in a sense in his power, and after pleading with him to abandon his scheme agrees to follow a policy of neutrality.

CHAPTER IV.—Harriet visits her married sister, Linda Davenport, with whom she had had her home during her unfortunate acquaintance with Blondin, and tells her of his reappearance. The two women, realizing the unscrupulous nature of the man, view the future with apprehension.

CHAPTER V.—Knowing the tender feeling she has inspired in Ward Carter, Harriet is tempted to marry him for the position and wealth he can give her, though realizing she does not love him. Blondin has ingratiated himself with Madame Carter, Richard's mother, and she is whole-heartedly in favor of his marriage with Nina. Ward urges Harriet to marry him at once. She procrastinates.

CHAPTER VI.—Angered at his wife's too open flirtation with young Anthony Pope, Richard Carter markedly shows his resentment. Isabelle, ardently returning her youthful lover's attachment, elopes with him on his yacht, and pursuit is useless. The news of the sensational affair, exaggerated, of course, by gossip, is kept as much as possible from being public property.

CHAPTER VII. — Ward Carter again urges Harriet to marry him, but she cannot bring herself to an alliance with him merely for the sake of self-advancement, and refuses. The fact of Mrs. Carter's elopement becomes public. Harriet's capable managing hand is more than ever needed at "Crownlands," and despite the complications she foresees as inevitable she decides to remain.

CHAPTER VIII.—Blondin puts pressure on Harriet to forward his marriage with Nina, but she makes up her mind to defy him. Richard Carter questions her concerning her knowledge of Blondin's intentions, and she counsels active opposition to the match. The family, with Harriet, move to a summer establishment on Long Island.

CHAPTER IX.—In the new home Harriet, with Madame Carter and Nina, settle down for a vacation. In a frank talk with Nina Harriet endeavors to show her Blondin's unworthiness, but it has little effect on the infatuated girl. On Richard Carter's insistence, Harriet is installed as mistress of the household, but finding her position untenable, declares her intention of leaving. Richard makes an offer of marriage, as a way out of the situation, but Harriet, considering such a thing impossible while Mrs. Carter (though divorced) is still alive, refuses, and leaves the house. To her old-fashioned ideas, the fact that Richard Carter has been granted a divorce from his erring wife does not free him from his marital ties, and marriage with him is impossible.

CHAPTER X.—At her sister's home Harriet helps to bring her small nephew safely through an attack of diphtheria. Linda cordially approves Harriet's stand on the question of marriage with a divorced man. David Davenport, Linda's brother-in-law, warmly presses his suit, and Harriet has about made up her mind to accept him when Richard Carter appears with the announcement that Isabelle is dead and no obstacle to his marriage with Harriet remains. The girl yields, and the marriage is quietly solemnized. Harriet offers to tell Richard the circumstances of her entanglement with Blondin, but he refuses to listen.

CHAPTER XI. — The news of their mother's death, shocking to Ward and Nina, is softened by Harriet's comforting. The three take a trip to Bermuda, and on their return Richard Carter realizes that he is deeply in love with Harriet, though their marriage has simply been one of convenience.

CHAPTER XII.—Formal announcement of the wedding is made, and Madame Carter somewhat grudgingly welcomes her new daughter-in-law. Harriet's close friends, however, many of them prominent in society circles, willingly accord her a place, and extend sincere congratulations to Richard.

CHAPTER XIII.

Royal Blondin presently came to pay his respects to Harriet in her changed position. Nina had told her that he had been forbidden the house, in December; they had seen him only two or three times since their return from Bermuda, and then accidentally. Harriet was thankful to believe the affair between him and Nina well over. The girl was growing up now, there were other men in her world, and for the list of her eighteenth birthday party she had merely mentioned his name among others.

Three days before the garden party that was to mark the girl's anniversary Royal drifted in with the assurance that was quite characteristic of him. He rarely accepted an invitation, or waited for one. Perhaps he was clever enough to know that half his acquaintances detested him theoretically, but were glad to have him about. Nina and Harriet came in from an afternoon at the club to find him playing with languid hands at the piano, and he lazily rose to greet them. While Nina was there, his attitude toward both was pleasantly impersonal, but his suggestion, which was more like a command, that she run upstairs and dress early, so that they might have a talk before dinner, sent the girl flying, and he and Harriet could speak more freely.

"Well, Harriet, I congratulate you! How does it feel to be a married woman? I saw your name in an evening paper; of course I was delighted for you."

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"My first sensation," Blondin went on, "was one of satisfaction. I thought to myself that my own cause, with Nina, was safe now. That you trusted me, and I had every reason to trust you."

Harriet looked away for a brief silence, brought her eyes to his face. She felt suddenly sick.

"Roy, you're not still serious about Nina?"

"I have never been anything else," he said, delicately.

"But—but why?" Harriet asked.

"I like the girl," he reminded her pleasantly. "I hope she is not entirely indifferent to me—"

"Indifferent! She's at the age that marries anybody!" Harriet said, indignantly.

"You give me hope," Royal said with a bow.

"Her father very violently opposes it," Harriet said, after a troubled silence.

"I am well aware of that, my dear. Her father forbade me the house last December. I submitted; the girl submitted. But we made our plans. I fancy we will not have any difficulty now."

"You mean that you are engaged?"

"An understanding. We have corresponded, seen each other now and then through Ida Tabor. It's," he smiled, dreamily, "extremely romantic, of course," he said.

Harriet felt she could have killed him.

"You understand that she won't have one penny, Roy. I know her father. He won't yield. He'll forbid it; he'll not hesitate. If she does it against his will, she will have to wait three years for her money. Three years—! Roy, she wouldn't be happy three weeks! Mr. Carter spoke to me about it the only time we've spoken of you. He said that he was glad the affair had ended naturally; that you were not the man to make Nina happy, and that he would rather have her suffer anything, and find out her mistake at once, than have her heart broken, and her money wasted, through several wretched years!"

Blondin had listened to this quietly, his eyes moving from her lips to her own earnest eyes, and wandering over her animated face.

"I count on you to be my advocate, my dear Harriet," he said, after a moment's silence. "Richard Carter believes in you; he has great faith in your judgment. If you represent to him that you believe this to be a wise step all round, we shall have no further trouble—"

"I can't honestly tell him so, Roy!" the girl interrupted.

"Can't you?" Blondin said. He looked across the open hallway to Nina, descending in fresh ruffles and ribbons, and raised his voice. "Here she is—looking like the very rose of girls! Come on now, Nina, you aren't going to belong to anybody else but me for a while!" he said. But as he turned to leave Harriet, he added again: "Can't you? Think it over."

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The girl thought it over with a maddening and feverish persistence that presently caused her a sensation of actual sickness. Vague speculations churned and seethed in the weary brain that could find no beginning and no end to them. To have made a clean breast of the whole matter months ago would have meant a delicious sense of freedom from responsibility now, but then under those circumstances would she, Harriet, have been here now? Certainly, even in the present purely technical sense, she would not have been the second Mrs. Richard Carter, nor would she have held her present position of trust and responsibility.

While Nina and her lover murmured on the terrace Harriet brooded on these things, and after dinner that evening she gave Richard so sharp a warning that he sent at once for Nina, and with a clouded brow and angry eyes briefly requested Harriet to be present while he spoke to her.

Nina came at once, with an innocent expression on her rather heavy young face. She seated herself near Harriet, and her father went to the point at once.

"Nina," he said, seriously, "you saw Royal Blondin this afternoon, didn't you?" And as Nina answered only with an ugly glance at Harriet, the betrayer, he added, "Didn't I ask you not to see him any more, several months ago?"

"Yes, you did," Nina said, in a low tone, and with a heaving breast.

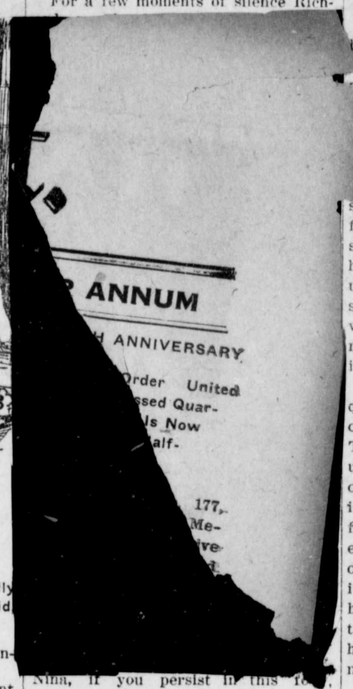
"I hope, and we all hope, that you will marry some day," Richard said. "But you are too young now to make a wise choice. And until you are a little older, you will have to take my word for it that such an affair would only lead you to misery and regret."

Nina mumbled something bravely.

"I didn't hear you," her father said.

"I said, I didn't see what you could do about it!" the girl repeated, desperately.

For a few moments of silence Rich-



Nina, wildly, turning for flight, "cause I'm going to kill myself!"

Harriet only waited long enough after her dramatic exit to give Richard a reassuring nod. Then she hurried after Nina.

The girl was sobbing on her bed, and for awhile she answered Harriet's soothing touch of voice and hand only with angry jerks. Then they fell to talking, and Nina confided for the first time fully in the older woman. Royal's letters, his exquisite cards, sent with flowers, the poems he had written her; here they all were. Harriet sympathized, sighed, and consoled her affectionately. Presently she was able to suggest a new thought to Nina, one that could not but be palatable to the girl's hurt spirit.

(To be continued.)

The New Member.

Put the new member at work. Let him understand that he is a part of the lodge. Don't treat him as a stranger, but take him into a full fellowship once. If your lodge is as active as it should be there will be something for every member to do. If your offices are filled with has-beens, who are too lazy or indifferent to do their share, put the new member in an offices are filled with has-beens, who insist on his learning his part. Use him on the team or where you can best use him. Or give him a committeeship. Let him help on the programs which are provided for entertainments. There are hundreds of ways in which his services can be utilized.

The new member is a valuable acquistion, if you only realize it. He comes with an ability in some line. Try to discover what it is, and then use that ability.Get him to express his opinion on the floor by asking him for it. He may blush and stammer the first time and perhaps be somewhat embarrassed, but if he finds that his opinion is desired, and that you value it, the time will gradually come when he will not choke up when asked to tell you his judgment on a matter, and he will speak as freely as any other member.

Interest yourself in him and in what he is doing, outside the lodge. Show that you want to be a true neighbor to him in every way. There will always be found a ready response to interest in another man's welfare. Nothing will so quickly and certainly gain the confidence of a new member and place him at ease as a manifestation on your part that you are really interested in him beyond the contributions he may pay the clerk. And nothing will make him feel at home in a lodge room quicker than to ask him to assist in its work.

Don't let him get cold. Get your hold on him the first night and see to it that several of the members get in touch with him. It is a wise thing to have a committee on new members, whose duty it shall be to see that they are made welcome by little attentions to them on the night of their adoption. This committee should go further and keep in touch with the new neighbor for a few weeks or months, urge on them that they attend camp and then see that they are not wallflowers while they are there. Ask the venerable consul to give them attention in the appointment of committees and otherwise. It will not be difficult to enlist them for the war by this process.—Modern Woodman.

BETTERTON

The monthly business and social meeting of the Epworth League was held in the Sunday School room last Monday evening. Pleasing features of the social hour were numbers given by the Mandolin Club and a piano recital by Mrs. Arthur Harris.

The Ladies Aid Society held a successful supper in the church basement Thursday evening. The menu consisted of fried oysters, chicken salad, Md. biscuits; cake and ice cream were also sold.

Miss Jessie Willis, a senior of the Chestertown High School, has been quite ill at her home here but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brice entertained a few friends at their home on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clark entertained some friends on Tuesday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Brice is spending some time in Baltimore.

Miss Lou Jewell, who has been away from home during the winter, has returned.

Lenten services are being held every Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock at the Episcopal chapel.

Asbury M. E. Church, Millington, Rev. O. H. Connelly, pastor. Tomorrow at 10 a. m. the regular session of the S. S. will be held with Supt. H. L. Higman in charge. We would be glad to see all former records broken as to attendance. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m., using as the subject,"His New Name in Their Foreheads." At 7 p. m. the E. L. service will be in charge of Olan C. Duling. Don't miss this service. A male quartet will sing. Preaching by the pastor at 7.30 p. m on the subject, "The Transmission of Blessings." The Junior E. L. will meet on Friday at 3 p. m. The prayer meeting will be held on Friday at 7 p. m. The official board will meet to make final reports this (Saturday) evening at 7.30 o'clock at the home of Joseph Mallalieu.

—Mr. Thomas Bryan, who recently lost his entire herd of cattle because of the tuberculosis test, is restocking his farm ith a herd of the best cows he can purchase. It is said that the disease cost him last year more than $2000, some of the animals which he lost being very valuable.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

William F. Russell, Esq., made a visit to Baltimore and Annapolis, on important business, last week.

Mr. Norman E. Peterson, of the Kent News force, is able to be out again, after a month's illness, following an operation on his nose and throat at the Mercy Hospital, Baltimore.

Mrs. Thomas Ayres has returned to Chestertown.

Mrs. Lawrence Brown paid a visit to Philadelphia and New York friends this week.

Mr. Clarke Davis was given a surprise party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Davis, on Tuesday evening last.

Miss Rebecca Kendall, of Wilmington, was hoem fore the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Keithley and family, of Chester, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown.

Mrs. Elmer Sterling, of Church Hill, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seney have removed to Milton, Del.

Miss Mary Flemming, who has been ill with pneumonia, is convalescing, we are glad to state.

Miss Grace Nickerson, of Chesapeake City, was home for the week-end.

Mrs. Earle Gitt and children, of Baltimore, have been the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Clark.

Mr. Henry Brown and wife, of Philadelphia, have been the guests of his mother and sisters here.

Mr. William Blyman and friend, of Philadelphia, were home for Sunday. Mrs. Ida Blyman returned with him for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McIntire have both been confined to their beds with the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Copper are entertaining Miss Margaret Anderson, of Wilmington.

Betty, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lewis, returned home from Easton hospital last week, but owing to a rise in temperature was compelled to return.

Edward, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Collins, narrowly escaped being killed or injured badly on Monday evening, when he ran in front of an auto and was knocked to the ground. No bones were brokn, but his foot was badly bruised.

Mr. J. F. Thompson is housed with the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl N. Bordley are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a fine daughter.

A license was issued in Baltimore last Saturday for the marriage of Norman S. Crouch and Miss Ida O. Smith, both of Chestertown.

Mrs. H. C. D. Wilkinson, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hodgkin, Jr., are reiving congratulations upon the arrival of a fine daughter. The stork also left Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Derringer a fine daugther recently.

Miss Nan Lloyd is spending the week with Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Clarke.

MILLINGTON

Florence Virginia, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McFodden, of near town, died last Tuesday at their home of double pneumonia and was buried on Wednesday at Templeville. Mr. J. A. Tobin was the undertaker.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Logan last Saturday and left a fine daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Duling accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Price Johnson, of Sudlersville, visited their son, Mr. Ross Duling, of Goldsboro, last Sunday,who is quite sick in the Emergency Hospital at Easton.

Rev. O. H. Connelly spent last week with his father-in-law, Mr. Theodore Dempsey, of Galena, and attended the funeral of the latter's wife in Olivet M. E. Church on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Freeman, of Wilmington, were guests last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burris.

Mr. Olan Bamberger, of Philadelphia, spent a few days last week with relatives in town.

Mrs. I. Johnson returned last Sunday to her home in Chester, Pa., after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Higman. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Miss Booth, who had spent the past two days in town.

Mr. Albert Griffith, of Greenwich, N. Y., is visiting Mr. John A. Tobin.

Mr. W. H. Price, of Philadelphia, spent the past week-end with his sister, Mrs. Mary A. Vansant. She has been confined to her room by sickness for the last two months, but is much improved now, we are glad to state.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Jones entertained a number of relatives and friends at their home, "The Elms," near town, last Saturday evening, the occasion being the tenth anniversary of their wedding.

The boys and young men of our town had a fine time last Wednesday night serenading Mr. and Mrs. William Rolph at their home on S. Crane St.

—A new and dangerous counterfeit $2 Federal Reserve note is being circulated, according to advices from Washington. The note is on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and has the check letter "D" and a portrait of Jefferson. In the circular issued by the Washington authorities, it is described as a deceptive photo mechanical production on two pieces of paper, between which very fine silk threads have been distributed. The whole note has a faded appearance, this being particularly true of the back.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Maryland Legislature Nearing End Of Session—Happenings Of Interest That Have Occurred Since Our Last Issue At The State Capital

Expenditure of nearly $25,000,000 by Maryland counties and municipalities will be authorized by the present General Assembly if it passes all the bills now before it calling for bond issues, sale of stock and borrowing of money. This figure includes the Baltimore city school loan of $15,000,000. But aside from that the money that different communities would spend, in addition to the state loans to be created by bond issues, is surprisingly large. The bulk of the money, if the bills are passed, will be devoted to schools, water supplies, streets and roads construction and general improvements. Cost of the improvements will fall in the shape of increased taxation on the local communities profiting by the improvements and will not affect the tax rate of the state.

The new recording bill introduced by Senator Legg, to apply to Queen Anne county only, is now a law. It requires that before any deed can be received by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for recording it must be taken to the Co. Commissioners office and the property transferred from the name of the seller to the name of the purchaser and the deed must be so endorsed on its back.

The bill providing for a longer season for shooting squirrels in Maryland will doubtless become a law. Under the new bill the season will open on Sept. 1, instead of Nov. 10.

Senator Legg, of Queen Anne's Co., was the one Senator from the Eastern Shore who stated on the floor of the Senate Tuesday night that he intended to vote for the referendum on the Enforcement Act. He stated that his one ambition was to be judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, comprising Caroline, Kent, Queen Annes, Talbot and Cecil, and that he was risking his political future by so doing.

Senator Russell introduced a bill in the Senate on Tuesday, amending the local road law of Kent county.

ROCK HALL

Judge and Mrs. Henry Thompson received word of the death Saturday of their grandson, Ringgold Calder, 12 years old, of Baltimore.

Local fishermen are making preparations for a big season.

Mr. Stevens, an elder in the S. D. A. Church, is holding a series of meetings for ten days.

Wesley Chapel Sunday School increases in interest and is having a fine attendance.

Mr. Millard Shreck and sister, Miss Myrtle Shreck, of Baltimore, were Sunday guests of their brother, Mr. Alvin Shreck and wife.

Mrs. Willard Dodson, of Worton, is on a visit to her parents.

Mrs. Bennett Willson and daughter, Virginia, have returned home.

Mrs. Mary Linder, who spent a couple of months with her sister, Mrs. Abram Casey, has returned to Baltimore.

Mrs. Louis Ayres, of near Tolchester, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. T. Downey and Mr. Downey.

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KENNEDYVILLE

Miss Mary Loud, of Michigan, formerly of Kent Co., spent Sunday with Mrs. Emma Shafer.

Miss Kathryn Hessner, of Philadelphia, spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Hessner.

Services this Sunday afternoon at Grace Presbyterian Church at 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Harry Stanley led the Christian Endeavor. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Mr. William Clendaniel was a visitor to our town the past week.

Mrs. Margaret Duyer, of Worton, spent several days the past week with Mrs. August Money.

Those on the sick list are Mr. Thos. Van Dyke, Mrs. Richard Haggerty and daughter, Miss Helen. Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Staats, Mr. and Mrs. James Weer and Mrs. Elias Othoson.

We are glad to report Miss Kathryn Pennington, who has been real sick during the week, improving at this writing.

Mrs. W. D. Pennington and daughter, Miss Louise, spent several days Mrs. E. B. Pennington.

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