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## Miss Araminta's Wooing

By CLARISSA MACKIE

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"WHEN I was a girl," remarked Miss Araminta Freer, with a sidelong look at her pretty niece, "it was considered very forward and bold if a young lady invited a young gentleman to spend the evening with her—"

"But it was only Bob Perkins—I've known him all my days!" protested young Araminta, looking pinkly indignant. "He wanted to come and see me and talk over old times before we went to college—and everything—so I told him I would let him know when I would be free."

"It was my place to write to him—or your Aunt Orpha's," explained Miss Freer. "As we have adopted you, since your dear parents' death, now that your education is finished and you are home with us, we stand back of your social activities."

"You have both been lovely to me, aunties," faltered 'Minta as they called her, but suddenly her face lifted and a delicious dimple appeared in one cheek. She slowly tore to bits the note she was writing and dropped it into a waste-paper basket. "Suppose you write to Bobby for me, and we will start right—it's never too late to mend, dears."

Orpha Freer looked rather suspiciously at her niece. Her sister—Miss Araminta, here—had been just as pretty as young 'Minta, and had the same devastating dimple in one cheek.

Miss Araminta felt no foreboding; she was immensely gratified with 'Minta's ready response, and elated over her easy victory. "Very well, my dear, I will write a note to Robert now, and tell him we will be very happy to see him tomorrow evening. Four will make a nice table of bridge." She went to her desk in the corner and wrote a note on her special monogrammed paper in a spidery hand.

My Dear Robert: Although I have not seen you since you were quite a small boy—in fact, since you fell from my white-heart cherry tree and broke your left leg—my sister and I will be very happy to have you come over and spend the evening with us tomorrow, Thursday, evening. You will be interested to learn that our niece and adopted daughter, Araminta Loring, has returned from college and is living with us. With kind regards to your mother,

Yours sincerely,
ARAMINTA FREER.

Here is Bob's answer:

My Dear Miss Araminta: Thank you very much for your kind invitation to spend tomorrow evening at Rose cottage. I shall be happy to come and renew my acquaintance with you and Miss Orpha—I never have forgotten her delicious ginger cookies—and also to meet your niece, Miss Loring. My mother is in England at present, but my bachelor uncles—Fred and Percy—insist that they are coming with me—they are visiting me. They say they knew you well years ago.

With deepest respect, I am,
Faithfully yours,
ROBERT PERCY PERKINS.

"I wonder where he ever tasted one of my ginger cookies," mused Miss Orpha, and so absorbed was she in this problem that she failed to notice that the dimple had reappeared in 'Minta's cheek, and that her eyes were dancing.

"Of course I remember Fred Perkins—and you must remember Percy, Orpha—you were—almost engaged, were you not, my dear?"

Orpha's black eyes softened. "Yes—we were actually engaged, and we disagreed about my wedding dress. Percy wanted me to wear white and I insisted that I had always planned a pearl gray silk—so we parted."

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Shortly after the supper was over that Thursday evening, Bob Perkins and his two uncles appeared to call upon the Misses Freer and their charming niece. The uncles were jolly bachelors and naturally fell into place beside their old sweethearts. Soon the four were settled down to bridge and reminiscences, while Bobby and 'Minta sat in a corner and talked in low tones.

"Tell me, what's up?" begged Bob, holding fast to one of 'Minta's fingers on which gleamed a diamond ring; "don't they know we're engaged?"

'Minta told him, the dimple coming and going. "Of course they know it was a co-ed college, but they seemed to think me immune!"

"Let me tell them that we have been engaged for three weeks and two days—then I can kiss you!" urged Bobby.

"Very well, dear—but promise that you will never ask me to wear anything but white at our wedding," said the girl earnestly.

"I wouldn't want you to," agreed Bob dizzily, so hand in hand they approached the card table.

"So soon?" gasped Miss Araminta when she saw them.

"Good work," breezed Uncle Fred.

So they confessed how they had met two years before, loved and were finally engaged, with the hope of receiving the blessings of aunts and uncles.

"Araminta and I say, 'Bless you, my children.'" said Uncle Fred, and he glanced at his brother.

Percy reddened, but he and Orpha looked very conscious. "We say the same things, my dears," said Percy, "and be sure to wear white," he added.

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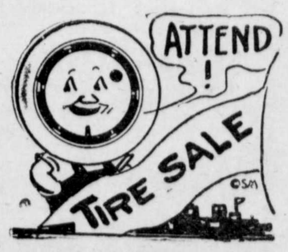
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Delaware Trust Company et al vs.
Edward M. Vaughn, Admr. et al.

ORDERED, this 12th day of November in the year nineteen hundred and twenty five, by the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, that the Creditors of Elizabeth I. Vaughn, deceased, be, and they are hereby directed to file their claims with the proper vouchers thereunto attached and authenicated, with the Cleck of the Circuit Court for Kent County, on or before the 16th day of January, 1926; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once a week in each of three successive weeks before the 16th day of December, 1925.

LEWIN W. Wickes.

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Herbert E. Perkins, Extr. of R. Groom Parks, Decd. vs Edward Barlow.

ORDERED, this 6th day of November, 1925 by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the sale of the mortgaged Real Estate mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Herbert E. Perkins, Executor, under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in mortgage from Edward Barlow to R. Groome Parks, dated February 8th, 1919, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 9th day of January next; PROVIDED, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 7th day of December next.

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