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MOLLIE STERLING rested her elbows on her desk and leaned her head against open palms, the tips of her fingers half losing themselves in the soft, gray hair that framed her face. For ten years she had known the meeting scheduled for three o'clock in the president's office was inevitable. It was now ten minutes to the hour by the little clock on her desk.

Lettie May, her stenographer, swung around in her swivel chair and crossed one silken-clad ankle over the other.

"Sick, Miss Sterling?" she asked.

"No, Lettie. Just tired. Getting old, you know," she finished with a smile.

"You don't look it, Miss Sterling. Gray hair doesn't make a lady old. My aunt dyed hers and she looks a lot older than you do."

"Thanks, Lottie, that is very nice. If you have finished those letters I gave you this morning and your filing, you may run along. I won't need you any more this afternoon."

She did not want to meet Lettie's eyes after that conference in Mr. Buzzell's office.

Lettie closed her desk and over the top of her vanity case, as she industriously powdered her nose, she asked:

"Say, Miss Sterling, is it true that Mr. Conway—is through?"

Mollie Sterling toyed with her pencil. She had expected this since she had seen several bobbed-haired young employees of the Buzzell Manufacturing company grouped about Lettie in the rest room at the noon hour.

"I think it would be better if you girls tried discussing things of which you know something, Lettie," she said kindly. "Run along now and don't worry your head about such things."

Z-z-z-z-z, rasped the signal from the president's office. It was three o'clock. Mollie Sterling's step dragged.

Mr. Buzzell, a white-haired patriarch, nodded at her across the great expanse of mahogany and motioned her to a seat beside him. At one end of the table sat Mr. Risce, vice president, arms folded across his chest, and at the other sat Mr. Wagner, treasurer, busy with a sheaf of papers. Directly across from the president, low in a big leather chair, head bowed, long fingers clasping and unclasping nervously, sat Frank Conway, secretary and sales manager, to whom she was assistant.

Frank Conway, son-in-law of the president of the Buzzell Manufacturing company; Frank Conway, who had eighteen years before broken his engagement to her that he might marry Marian Buzzell; that he might climb, prosper and make a mark in the world.

Eighteen years. Hair touched with gray at the temples, red-rimmed eyes, nervous hands; a wife in Paris obtaining a long-talked-of divorce. Unhappiness and resultant dissipation had left their mark since that night he had told her he wanted to be free that he might marry the "old man's daughter;" told her their engagement had been a mistake—just a boy-and-girl affair that had ripened, through years of association at school and in the same office after graduation, into a mistaken idea of love. She had told him to go to Marian Buzzell and had tried to smile—until the gate clicked behind him.

Eighteen years. She had seen him soar to the coveted position of sales manager and officer of the firm, through merit of ambition and ability. Then—the turning point, and he had gone down—down. Marian's departure for France six months before had marked the end.

Mr. Buzzell was speaking. Molly Sterling came back into the present with a start.

"I will be very frank. We have all been together for twenty years—we understand—thoroughly. Things are not going right. There must be a reorganization—and I have called you together to discuss it. Things have happened . . ," and he eyed Frank Conway across the table, "which makes it necessary to . . ."

Conway came to his feet.

"You are being kind, sir, but I—I can take this off your shoulders by resigning—here and now. I—am to blame."

Mr. Buzzell raised his hand, but his son-in-law had left the room. The men eyed each other uneasily and Mollie Sterling's hands were clasped tight together. He had looked down at her as he passed. Was he thinking, too, of that night eighteen years before . . .

"I am sorry," Mr. Buzzell was saying, "but we all know Frank has been given his chance. He did remarkably for years—I—I intended to keep him on—give him another opening to redeem himself . . . but he has chosen his way out. Perhaps I am to blame . . . perhaps my daughter . . ." and here his voice broke. Mollie wanted to reach over and rest her hand in his.

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Get It Right:

Cranks on pronunciation may be interested to know that the true Norwegian pronunciation of "ski" is "shee." The accepted pronunciation throughout most of the world is "skee" and doubtless the world will go on pronouncing it wrong.

Waves Tell of Storm

Whenever tropical hurricanes are likely to be about the navigator keeps a lookout for an increase in the swell, says Nature Magazine. They often give the first warning of one of these storms, as the storm waves travel much faster than the storm itself.

Home Ties

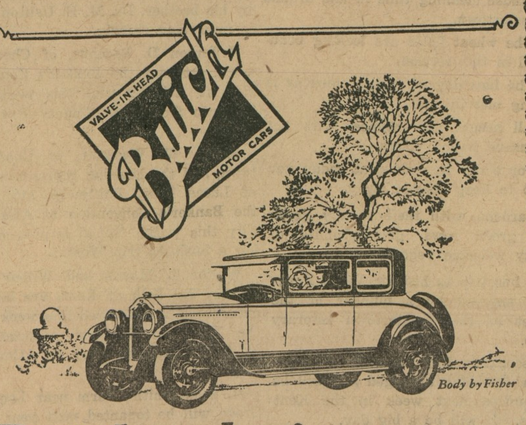
There was a man in our town and he was wondrous wise; he always wore when he left home one of his wife's gift ties. But when he reached his place of work, with all his might and main he changed into a different one till he went home again.—Boston Transcript.

Prepared to "Smoke"

An old Dutchman, Mynheer Van Klaes, had smoking materials buried with him. It is stated that "at his feet were placed a bladder of the finest Dutch golden-leaf and a packet of caporal; by his sides were laid his china-bowled pipe and a box of matches, and steel, flint and tinder."

Light of Sun and Moon

The late Camille Flammarion stated that photometric measures of solar light show that it is equivalent to 1,575,000,000,000,000,000,000 wax candles. The amount of light received from the sun is equal to that of 600,000 full moons.



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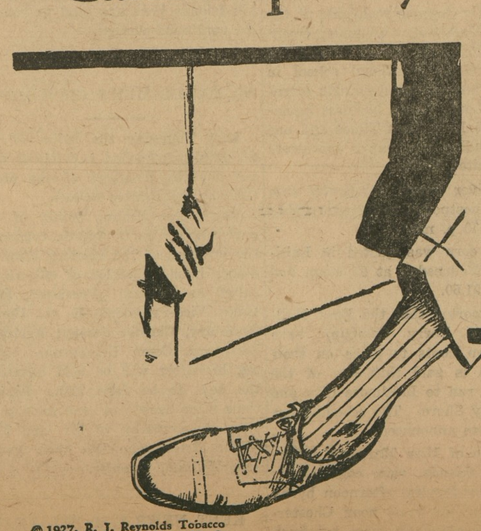

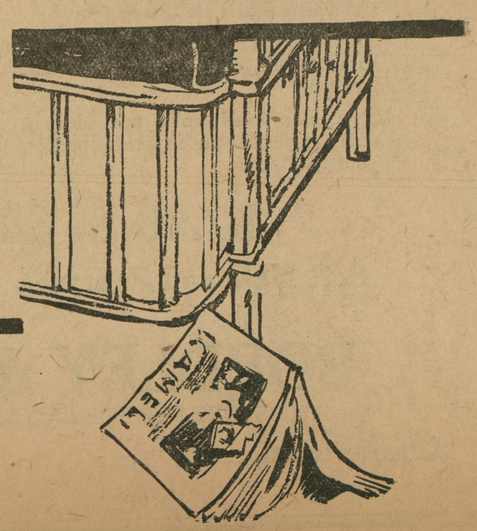

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