

Democratic Watchman

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A DILEMMA.

Mr. Bertram Lamar sat on the arm of a chair in the hall of the hotel at Scarborough and idly swung his foot.

Ladies passed—old ones, who swept up the dust with trains, and who creaked as they moved, as if they wanted oiling; young ones in light frocks and wide, flowered hats cast a shadow over the clearest eyes.

When she had searched everywhere she straightened herself with a sigh, threw one last reluctant look about the room, and calling to the pug, "Come along, dearest; it isn't here," departed.

Mr. Lamar was not bored that afternoon. He was consumed with perplexity. How could he return the lost treasure to the owner without causing her embarrassment, without making her his enemy for life?

But fate would otherwise. As he entered the room he saw something on the floor near the table. He picked it up. It was a hand about an inch and a half wide, covered with puckered yellow ribbon, and with one end running through a clasp of dull silver showing a monogram in small diamonds.

Mr. Lamar was not perturbed to mingle with the gay, loud voiced, laughing crowd. He wished for solitude and directed his steps toward the little writing room. He had not wrapped the treasure in paper, nor tied it with a ribbon from his handkerchief case. He had not done anything with it. He did not dare. The sight of its owner might inspire him to the desperate pitch of boldly offering it to her; or suggest to him some cunning way of returning it without betraying the identity of the finder.

The gas in the writing room was not lit. Mr. Lamar went to the open window. Just outside it on the balcony was the young lady who had worn the yellow shoes. She was reading and rocking her pug in her lap, and if she was pretty in her flannel morning dress words cannot describe her in a mist of fine black gauze cut square around her neck, and showing her arms to the elbow. Her skin was as white and flawless as a blanched almond.

Lamar looked around. She turned the pug, disturbed, rose to its fore paws, gazed at her with an expression of idiotic fondness, and tried to lick her chin. She avoided this demonstration of affection by moving her chin from side to side, keeping her eyes still on the book. The pug continuing, she struck it gently, observing, "Don't, you bad, little, abominable dog!"

"I beg your pardon," said Lamar suddenly from the window. The lady looked up with raised eyebrows of polite inquiry. "I have something of yours, said the young man desperately and in a low tone. "Yes? What is it?" "I—don't quite know. Or rather—Well—But—Um! I didn't like to leave it at the office. I thought!" He leaned out of the window with his closed hand extended. "Here it is."

There was light enough to see her face distinctly. She did not exhibit a sign of embarrassment, not the ghost of a blush. Lamar felt a sudden chill of disappointment. "I found it there?" she said, indicating the writing room, and looked at him with frank, candid eyes. "Yes, there's where it was lost."

"I suppose so," said Lamar, with a wan smile. "I looked for it myself this morning all over," she continued, "under everything, but it was gone."

"Yes," said the young man, with a fatuously inquiring air. "If she knew I was behind the paper she'd ask me why I didn't give it to her then and there, and what the deuce would I say?"

"I value this very much," she went on, turning it over in her hand. "I should imagine so."

"You see, there is only one like it. There is not a single duplicate anywhere."

"Only one—did you say?" he managed to articulate in a faint voice. "Only one," she repeated, nodding her head. "It was made to order."

There was a moment of silence. Lamar made no comment, but continued to stare vacantly at her. He was thinking: "It must have been an accident. She can't be a veteran of war."

"When you have only one, and that such a pet," she continued, "not noticing his silence, you like to have everything as pretty as possible."

"Yes, yes. Of course, of course," ejaculated Lamar, laughing idiotically with vivacious interest. "What kind?" Lamar looked askance at her alarmed silence. Was she doubly afflicted? She was stroking the pug with the tips of her fingers, and there was nothing in her placid expression to suggest mania of any form.

"The same as everybody else," he answered with some hauteur. "Are the people in this part of the country in the habit of managing with one?"

"As a rule, they have only one; it's so much less bother. Though, to be sure, I have a friend who has—let me see—yes, eleven."

"She must be a centipede," thought Lamar. "I seem to be encountering remarkable freaks of nature. There is a fortune waiting here for any one who wants to start a museum."

He remarked aloud, regarding her with his head on one side, a tolerant, fond smile on his lips. "There must be quite an 'embarrassment of riches,' especially when you're walking."

"The 'you get in the way,' admitted the young lady, "but most of them are well trained."

Very clever of them, I am sure," murmured Lamar, feeling that he was about to swoon.

There was another short silence, during which the girl continued to examine her restored treasure. Presently she said, musingly: "I see the threads are broken. She has broken them once before, for I don't see how she can possibly do it."

Lamar only started and swallowed. She held his glance with a horrible, eerie fascination.

"You know she loves to run to me," she prattled on. "She ran away from this morning, and when she came back it was gone. She must have crept under the table and not come out until she had got it off."

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