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DOMESTIC DIPLOMACY

Joyce swung jauntily into the dining room, took from his wife's lips the usual peck and, seating himself at the table, was soon doing justice to the dainty meal she had prepared for him. He kept up a stream of conversation and was busy with a detailed description of how he had secured an order for his house in spite of the best efforts of a rival concern to land it, when it suddenly dawned upon him that he was not getting the attention that his story merited. Then it crept into his mind that all his remarks had

been answered in monosyllables.
"Are you sick, dear?" he asked his

No." The answer was brief enough, "Worried about Johnnie again?"

Joyce began to think in earnest. In all the ten years of their married life he had never known his wife to be so economical of words unless she had reached the stage where she was too angry to talk.

"Did things go wrong today, little woman?" he asked in his tenderest

"Nothing went wrong today, thank

you," freezingly.

Joyce knew now that the partner of his sorrows was really angry. Freezing politeness was a sure sign of anger with his wife.

"Are you having trouble with the

"The girl is a jewel Mr. Joyce."
"Then, if nothing is wrong, for the love of Mike, grin and show your

Joyce was getting nettled. "I might grin and show my teeth till doomsday and you would not notice

"So," thought Joyce, "that's it, is

Now he had the key to the situation! Mrs. Joyce had bought a new gown, or some other fixing, and he had not noticed it. Joyce's absent-mindedness was only equaled by his lack of observation. He had been badgered by his friends so much about his failings that he tried to keep all knowledge of them from his wife.

"So you thought I didn't notice it, did you, little girl?" he said, with an air of raillery. "Well, when you catch Louie T. Joyce overlooking any bet like that, just put it down in your diary that he's asleep."

"But you never mentioned it." Mrs. though visibly mollified, was still a little vexed.

"Of course I didn't mention it. Would you have me come in and shout about it like a schoolboy?"

"N-o-o, but you might have said something about it. You might have let me know whether you liked it or

All this time Joyce had been looking his wife over to see if he could discover the new thing she had on, but her attire looked as usual to him.

He came out of his abstraction to

hear his wife say: "Do you think it suits my complexion?"

Ah! Now he had it! It was her

"That dress is just too corking for aything, dear. You know I always anything, dear. You know I always liked you in yellow; it sets off your brown eyes so well, and—" "Always is a good word," his wife

cut in, "seeing that I have worn this dress for two years. But what has that got to do with it?" "In bad again!" thought Joyce, men-

tally kicking himself.

Well, it has really nothing to do like to know since when a fellow has been barred from complimenting his wife if she looks particularly sweet, ause she isn't

as strong as if he meant it.

"Oh, of course, dear," said his wife.
"I did not mean to offend you, but I was wondering if you'd like it with my light hair."

Joyce grabbed at the hint like the proverbial drowning man at a straw. What an idiot he was not to have no-ticed that ribbon thing and buckle arrangement on her hair!
"Your hair, my dear, looks lovely, as

I have often remarked, whether it is adorned or worn plain, but I think you ought to have another one for the-er

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Joyce patted nimsel on the back for that clever speech. "Louie Joyce!" His wife was sur-prised. He could see that. "What in the world could I do with another one, and how in the name of common sense could I adorn my hair with it?"

Plainly Joyce was out of his depth. "Of course, you dear little goose," he said, "I don't mean for you to wear it on your head, but I want you to have another one-or anything else you want. So I'm going to write you out a check and you can go downtown

out a check and you can go downtown tomorrow and spend the money."
"But, dear—" Mrs. Joyce began.
"Not another word about it! I am running this show. If I want my wife to spend a little money I guess she can do it."
Then his wife out her agreement.

Then his wife put her arms around his neck and nestled her face against his as she said: "You wise old owl. was trying to surprise you, but it seems I never can.

"No, you can't fool papa," Joyce said. This very airliy, while to himself he said: "Now, what in the world did she get?"

Meanwhile his wife, with her cheek pressed against his, was thinking: "I'm so glad he likes this new

so glad he likes this new green rug in the dining room."

The Man She Hated

Miss Carrie Thornton and her had bought their seats at the last mo ment, but they were good ones. They were comfortably seated, and the curtain was about to go up, when an usher and a gentleman came down the aisle and paused before them, and speaking to the daughter the official

"Beg pardon, madam, but you have this gentleman's seat.

"It can't be. Here is my coupon." "But he has one also. There has been some mistake at the box of-

"Which shall not incommode the ladies," added the gentleman as he turned away.

Two weeks later Miss Carrie took the train for a suburban town to visit a girl friend. She reached the depot with a few minutes to spare and sat down in the waiting room. In a way she realized that she sat down be side a man, the room being crowded, but she paid no sort of attention to him. When the man with the megaphone called out her train she rose in haste to go to the gates.

"Beg pardon," said a voice at her bow, "but I think this belongs to

It was the man of the theater, and he held out the shopping bag she had left on the seat in her haste.

"Thank you," was her curt answer.
"And this," he said, holding out her silver purse, which had been carelessly laid down.

This time she only nodded, and he saw a flash of vexation in her eyes. Carrie Thornton and young lady friend, at the latter's home, had revived the ancient game of croquet and were playing it on the lawn which ran down to the highway. In making a vigorous strike at a ball Miss Carrie's opponent lost her hold on the mallet and Miss Carrie was knocked senseless.

There was weeping and wailing and wringing of hands when an auto made its appearance and came to a stop. The gentleman sitting beside the chauffeur saw that an accident had happened, and he came to the rescue. Miss Carrie was lifted up in his strong arms and carried into the house and was found to be more frightened than hurt. She might have a headache for two or three days and then be all right. She opened her eyes just as the gentleman bowed himself out.

"That man again! That man!" was her tragic exclamation.

"How did he come here? What right has he to say that I'm not hurt much? Oh, I hate him-hate him!" "Why, dear," said her friend, "that is Professor Bannister, of our univer-

"I don't care if he's the professor of peanut shucks! He knows I don't like him, and it was a piece of impudence his coming along here."

After a week, and after her convalescênce was complete, her girl friend was sent uptown for certain paints and patterns. They had planned to decorate the ceiling of the dining room. Wih thair down and an old dress on and a towel tied around her for an apron, Miss Carrie decided to make a commencement during her chum's absence. The cook brought in the stepladder and stood by to hold it, and the artist began work. She had become very much interested when a voice from the floor beneath reached her ears:

"I beg pardon, but you did not hear my ring? I left a book here the other day, I think.'

That man again! That Professor was smiling and bowing! And Miss Carrie Thornton, The indignation in Joyce's voice was , who hated him, was not only a scarcrow in appearance, but was perched on a stepladder like a goose roosting on a fence. She blushed. She stammered. She tried to say something and then she tried to get down. Of course she fell, but she was not killed outright. But her feelings were hurt as he stepped forward and caught her in his arms and stood her on her feet and departed with that patronizing smile on his face.

> When the ceiling had been finished and admired it was a long jaunt in the runabout. Things went well for a long 15 miles. Then an old cow brought a change. She figured that she could cross the road and bite at a bunch of grass and get back again before the machine got along. She was two seconds out of the correct calculation, as the profession of mathematics later informed her. Down went the cow, and over went the runabout, and of course the young ladies screamed for the police and all other departments within or outside of hearing.

And it was that man-that Professor Bannister—that impudent intru-der—who came driving up in his auto to extend aid and sympathy and say: The machine is so badly broken that I will have to take you home in

'I-I will walk!" sobbed Miss Carrie, "But I won't, for I can't with this sprained ankle," protested the other. "There will be no walking," quietly announced the professor, and there

That was only a little over a year ago, and if the society papers are right she is to become Mrs. Professor Bannister very soon now. No woman will hate a man unless she is inter-ested in him and is mad that she is

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