

FALSE WITNESS

The story of a man and a girl, and circumstances which were altered through the intervention of a kindly disposed fate.

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DRAMATIS PERSONAE

MAUD PLESSEY, a beautiful girl of 28, well educated and accustomed to travel and adventure. MRS. PLESSEY, her mother, the widow of Admiral Plessey, who was mysteriously murdered when Maud was 17 years old. CAPTAIN ARROL, a man of 44. For 15 years he has been master of the ship, a small trading steamer, though he is a man of birth and education. GILBERT HURON, a friend of Mrs. Plessey's.

The story opens on board the ship, a small trading steamer on the African coast and bound for London. Captain Arrol is in the cabin, and Maud Plessey has just returned from a dangerous voyage of six months, though she is a man of birth and education. Gilbert Huron, a friend of Mrs. Plessey's, is also present.

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She turned her head from side to side and surveyed herself with frank pleasure in the different mirrors that hung from the ceiling. Really it was astonishing how beautiful she was.

She swept down the stairs, perhaps for the first time conscious of her infinite beauty. She entered the drawing room. She was amused to find it had undergone another transformation during her absence.

"Look here, Gracie," he began. Then he stopped abruptly and stared at the young beauty before him. His momentary surprise died away in an expression of intense admiration.

CHAPTER VIII. "Well, this is a surprise—what! Jolly glad to see you, old boy. Sit down. What'll you have?" Richard Arrol drew his brother to the snugest corner of the lounge and pushed him backward into one of those comfortable armchairs for which the Wanderers' Club has an enviable reputation.

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of his arm and thrust him back with her outstretched hand. "Are you mad or drunk, Gilbert?" she demanded furiously. "How could you have dared? Talking of me? You could you stand before me? He stood before her, his face flushed, his eyes blazing. He clenched and unclenched his hands convulsively. He bowed his head and spoke in a hoarse voice.

"I dare say I have frightened you, but it's love. I love you. For a long time I have pretended to myself and to you that I was just plain, that you were a school-girl and I was your uncle and all that sort of thing. But when you went away I couldn't disguise the truth from myself any longer. 'Till I saw you I started you by my clumsy love-making, but you look so very beautiful tonight."

"But you are in love with mother," she said slowly. "Certainly I am not." He attempted a derisive laugh. "Your mother and I are old friends—dear friends—we have known each other for years—but lovelessly."

"Where are you staying now?" "At rooms in York buildings, Adelphi. I only left the ship yesterday."

"What a man's usual motive for such a step—a girl, of course." "A girl, eh?" The older man's eyes twinkled. Then he looked at his brother speculatively.

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going into my affairs today. I have done much better very much better than I imagined. You see, I have left my share in the freight to accumulate, simply drawing my pay as master and not spending more than half of that."

"The prosperous Richard smiled indifferently. "That's not very much, Martin. It's more than I expected, but I have taken on a graver shade. 'So you are sailing out. Are you going to give up the sea?'"

"For a time, at least. I want you to find me a good investment for my little capital and find me a job of some sort."

"Richard expressed himself cautiously. "A man I have met in business is about to start something in that line. He has a little capital himself and a good bit more behind him. His name is Derewe. If you would go to his office it wouldn't be a bad thing for either of you."

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STEFANSSON ARCTIC PICTURES SHOWN

Remarkable Views of Ill-fated Explorer and Northern Wilds Screened at the Curtis Building Auditorium—Freuler Heads Mutual Company.

By the Photoplay Editor. The first public view of the Stefansson Arctic motion pictures was shown in the splendid auditorium of the Curtis Building last night, when the Curtis Club members were the guests of Harry Bryan, of the Metropolitan Booking Offices of this city, who controls the Stefansson pictures. It may be stated truthfully that several pictorial records have been broken—the main one being that for the first time in the history of photography pictures show a man going to his death.

There are six reels of these far-north pictures, all pictorially beautiful and all of great interest. The first is a most interesting and highly educational showing of the home life of the nomadic Eskimos and the whites of the northern latitudes. Especially interesting were the views of herds of reindeer, walrus, seals and the capture of a great sperm whale. A hunt for an Arctic bear was also exciting.

Yesterday's annual election of the Mutual Film Company's officers resulted in the elevation of John R. Freuler to the presidency and the elimination of H. E. Aiken, former president, who has occupied that office for the last two years, as an active force in the framing of the organization's policies.

Associated with Aiken in the project of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Lancaster, Pa., was the late President of the company, J. W. Griffith, who died last week at the age of 80. Aiken was succeeded by J. W. Griffith, who died last week at the age of 80.

Cambridge, Mass., June 24.—In addition to 135 academic degrees, President A. Lawrence Lowell, at Harvard's 274th commencement exercises today, conferred honorary degrees on Horace Trumbauer, of Philadelphia, designer of the Widener Memorial Library, and President Isaac Sharpless, of Harvard College.

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Theatrical Baedeker. WOODSIDE PARK.—A Knight for Day, with the Royal-Dudley Opera Company. The musical comedy in which Max Vokes and John Hays stars.

PHOTOPLAYS. GLOBE MARKET AND JUNIPER PHOTOPLAY THEATRE. VIOLA ALLEN. WITH RICHARD O. THAYER IN THE WHITE SISTER.

BATHHOUSES OPEN WITH 5000 IN SWIMMING CLASSES

Pupils, Public School Children, Swim Well After Eight Lessons. Summer swimming classes in the public bathhouses began today. More than 8000 school children have enrolled and 32 teachers, half of whom are women, will instruct them.

Clases for girls will be held Mondays and Thursdays, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The business club will be devoted to teaching boys to swim. The instruction given to school children is provided with life-belts and water-wings, lessons most children swim fairly well, according to the report of the teachers.

William H. Stecher, director of physical education in the public schools, who is in charge of the work, said today that the instruction given to school children in swimming last year not only taught them how to avoid drowning, but also improved their general health.

Other Church Institutions Named in Will of Phebe A. Brown. Phebe A. Brown, who died at her home on Prospect avenue, Chestnut Hill, leaving an estate valued at \$10,000, bequeathed \$500 to the Presbyterian Hospital for endowment of a free bed in memory of a brother, William S. Brown, and \$100 to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Home for Widows and Single Women.

Democrats Move to Unite. One of the first steps to be taken by the Democratic followers of McCormick and Palmer to organize for the fall campaign will be made tonight at a meeting of the 4th Ward Democratic Club, 38 North 53d street, when all the West Philadelphia wards will be represented, for consolidation into political unity.

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CITY BUSINESS CLUB HAS OUTING TODAY

Point Breeze Park Scene of Diversified Program of Sport. The City Business Club held its June outing at Point Breeze Park this afternoon.

The members and their guests assembled at Broad and Locust streets at 2:30 p. m. and, marshaled by Samuel Kirkpatrick, chairman of the Outing Committee, rode to the park. A band in the front car headed the parade. An athletic meet included 100-yard dashes, long-distance races, broad and high jumps and less time-worn events.

The officers of the club are Walter L. Eckhardt, president; Charles H. Kendrick, vice president; George Dunca, treasurer; Charles R. Harrison, financial secretary; and W. A. G. Fox, recording secretary.

Philadelphia Wins at Exposition. Philadelphia-made products received another boost at the Panama-Pacific Exposition when saws and tools manufactured in the plant of Henry Dierston & Sons, Tacoma, received the highest award of the class of the exhibition in which they were entered.

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MRS. WIDENER MAKES PRESENTATION OF SON'S LIBRARY TO HARVARD

Hands Key of Great Building to President Lowell. Senator Lodge Delivers Address at Dedication Ceremony. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 24.—The outstanding feature of today's commencement program at Harvard was the dedication of the \$200,000 Harry Elkins Widener Memorial Library.

The procession reached the big building at Sanders Theatre, concluding with the conferring of degrees, both honorary and ordinary. University Marshal John Warren led a long line of dignitaries, including the degree holders, college officials and other guests to the library, which is in the Harvard yard on the Massachusetts avenue side.

This noble gift to learning comes to us with the shadow of a great sorrow resting upon it, he said. "Unhappily there lies in our midst the thoughtful Lycidas, with all the glory of youth about him, the victim of that fatal and perilous bark."

"Toodles" Settles for \$19,000. BOSTON, Mass., June 24.—Miss Bea ("Toodles") Warren, a New York actress, who sued Harry K. Mansfield, formerly proprietor of the Ferncroft Inn, for \$50,000 for breach of promise, has received \$19,000 from Mr. Mansfield, and the case, which was soon to have been tried, has been withdrawn from the courts.

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