

The Testing of Julia Grant

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READ THIS FIRST
Julia Grant, a quiet sort of girl, of an unusual type of beauty, has been engaged to Dan Carson nearly a year, when she begins to worry about a steadily growing indifference on his part. The wedding date has been set, but three weeks before, she can stand the agony no longer, and decides to ask him what is wrong. Finally, Julia wrings from Dan the admission that he no longer loves her—that there is some one else. Although completely crushed, she bravely renounces her claim and returns the engagement ring.

THEN START THE STORY
THE day that followed Julia's scene with Dan Carson in which she had released him from their engagement was filled with unutterable torture. Julia never quite forgot the morning afterward. She had not fallen asleep until nearly dawn, and she had waked to find Lucy standing over her in a dingy kimono. That sick recollection of something that had happened the night before gave Julia the feeling of almost physical nausea. She wanted to bury her head in the pillow and be alone, and solitude was the most impossible thing to attain in the Grant household.

Lucy, seeing that Julia's eyes were open, perched on the bed and began a description of what she had done last night. Lucy's descriptions were all very much the same. "How she looked, what he said, what she said, how easy men were, and so forth, and so forth. This morning, however, she ended by asking Julia a question.

"Whatever did Dan go home so early for? Did you have a quarrel?"

"No."

"Paul and I came home early and thought we might have a game of cards and found everything dark. I tried to wake you up when I came to bed, but you were too sound asleep."

Julia had not been asleep, but she had resolutely feigned it.

Lucy went over to the dressing table and made a pretense of fixing her hair. Then she yawned and stretched her slim arms over her head.

"You'd better get up, Julia. This is Mary's cleaning day, and she hates waiting breakfast. Put on a kimono and come on. Don't dress this morning."

Julia sprang out of bed. "You go on down and I'll hurry," she urged.

"You'll be half an hour if you wait to dress."

"No, I won't, I promise."

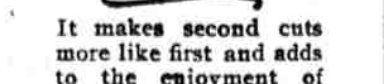
And then as Lucy reluctantly went downstairs Julia hurried through her dressing. Her head ached and tears stung her eyelids. A great weight seemed pressing her down all over, and when she ran downstairs and found her mother and Lucy sitting under the gaslight with Mary, the maid of all work, sullenly bringing in the toast and eggs, she felt as if she could not bear to sit there while Lucy and her mother asked questions.

The Grants were typical of many American families. Mr. Grant was in the commission business and made fairly good money. Neither Lucy nor Julia had ever worked and there was a maid of all work in the house, so that the girls had little to do but take care of their own room and help with the dusting on Mary's washday. Mrs. Grant complained nevertheless about everything, and the dinner hour was generally the time of day when bills were talked over, expenses ranshed and all complaints confided to the head of the family. Lucy rather enjoyed these family squabbles, but everything in Julia's make-up rebelled against them.

This morning Mrs. Grant was in a very bad humor. Over her coffee cup she regarded Lucy disapprovingly.

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"Lucy, how often have I told you not to come to breakfast looking like that?" Lucy was reading a letter, but she looked up at this to stare at her mother in surprise. Mrs. Grant, however, had already turned to Julia.

"Did you make up your quarrel with Dan?" she asked crisply.

"Mother, Dan and I hadn't quarreled," Julia protested.

"Something was wrong," Mrs. Grant insisted, reaching for the sugar that Mary had placed on the table. "With the marriage only three weeks off I should think you and Dan might try to get along better than you do."

Julia considered a moment. The thing would have to be told, and she might just as well tell it now and get it over. Lucy sensing something wrong, had put down her letter and was staring curiously at Julia's tense face. Even Mrs. Grant was stirred by the tragedy in the girl's eyes.

Julia looked directly at her mother. "Mother," she began, "there isn't going to be a wedding. Dan and I settled things last night."

Mrs. Grant set her coffee cup down in the saucer with a crash, Lucy caught her breath. Why Julia's marriage had been one of the certainties of life. This thing that Julia was saying couldn't be true.

"You're not going to be married?" gasped Lucy. "You're not going to have a wedding now that your clothes are all bought and people know all about it?" Her tone was incredulous, scandalized. "I must say, Julia Grant, you haven't had much consideration for us."

Mrs. Grant waited, her eyes still fixed on Julia's face.

Julia felt a wave of faintness sweep over her and she locked her fingers in her lap.

"Dan is in love with some one else," she managed to say. "He told me so last night."

(Tomorrow—Lucy tells her mother some truths about what men want in a woman.)

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Study This Table

BOYS		GIRLS	
Height	Average Weight for Height	Height	Average Weight for Height
Inches	Pounds	Inches	Pounds
35*	32.0*	35*	31.0*
36*	33.5*	36*	32.0*
37*	35.0*	37*	33.0*
38*	36.5*	38*	34.0*
39*	38.0*	39*	35.0*
40*	39.5*	40*	36.0*
41*	41.0*	41*	37.0*
42*	42.5*	42*	38.0*
43*	44.0*	43*	39.0*
44*	45.5*	44*	40.0*
45*	47.0*	45*	41.0*
46*	48.5*	46*	42.0*
47*	50.0*	47*	43.0*
48*	51.5*	48*	44.0*
49*	53.0*	49*	45.0*
50*	54.5*	50*	46.0*
51*	56.0*	51*	47.0*
52*	57.5*	52*	48.0*
53*	59.0*	53*	49.0*
54*	60.5*	54*	50.0*
55*	62.0*	55*	51.0*
56*	63.5*	56*	52.0*
57*	65.0*	57*	53.0*
58*	66.5*	58*	54.0*
59*	68.0*	59*	55.0*
60*	69.5*	60*	56.0*
61*	71.0*	61*	57.0*
62*	72.5*	62*	58.0*
63*	74.0*	63*	59.0*
64*	75.5*	64*	60.0*
65*	77.0*	65*	61.0*
66*	78.5*	66*	62.0*
67*	80.0*	67*	63.0*
68*	81.5*	68*	64.0*
69*	83.0*	69*	65.0*
70*	84.5*	70*	66.0*
71*	86.0*	71*	67.0*
72*	87.5*	72*	68.0*
73*	89.0*	73*	69.0*
74*	90.5*	74*	70.0*
75*	92.0*	75*	71.0*
76*	93.5*	76*	72.0*
77*	95.0*	77*	73.0*
78*	96.5*	78*	74.0*
79*	98.0*	79*	75.0*
80*	99.5*	80*	76.0*
81*	101.0*	81*	77.0*
82*	102.5*	82*	78.0*
83*	104.0*	83*	79.0*
84*	105.5*	84*	80.0*
85*	107.0*	85*	81.0*
86*	108.5*	86*	82.0*
87*	110.0*	87*	83.0*
88*	111.5*	88*	84.0*
89*	113.0*	89*	85.0*
90*	114.5*	90*	86.0*

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