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## The Testing of Julia Grant

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Julia Grant is about to be married Julia Grant is about to be married to Dan Carson when he jilts her for another woman. When the other woman jilts Dan in turn, he comes back to Julia and she promises a sec-ord time to carry him. But things are not as they were and after Julia has given her promise she discovers that she has given her love to Dr. John Norville, head surgeon at the hospital where she has gone to study nursing. Julia is oppressed by her nursing. Julia is oppressed by her conscience and she feels that she can-not break her promise to Dan. Then she discovers that Lucy, her younger sister, has fallen in love with Dan, and she feels that the time has come to tell Dan the truth which she does to tell Dan the truth, which she does. However, he refuses to release her and then as though fate had interfered purposely, a few days before the wedding Lucy has a bad fall.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

TF JULIA had imagined that Lucy, in

and Lucy seemed to have so little pride in disguising her own feelings. She confessed her love in her coquetry toward him. If she had not been ill, her days of convalescence, would be in a mood for confidences, she was mis-Lucy's first hours with a clear taken. Lucy's first hours with a clear brain showed a change in her, and, strange to say, she was cold, almost hostile, to Julia. Julia thought at first that her attitude was the result of her illness, that she was merely querulous, but after a time Julia was forced to admit that Lucy was deliberately un-fair, that she shrank away from any touch of Julia's hands, and often Julia would eatch Lucy's gave fixed on her and if every one had not spoiled her terribly, it would have been pltifully apparent to any one. "I don't want to talk about it." Spots of color flamed in Lucy's face, I do?" she returned, hotly. Julia hastened to pacify her. Lucy was still weak, any excitement might bring back the fever. She must be humored. Nevertheless Julia was de-termined not to talk the thing over again in its sordid details. "I don't see what there is to say." and if every one had not spoiled her

touch of Julia's hands, and often Julia would catch Lucy's gaze fixed on her from across the room, an unfriendly, distrustful look that was unmistakable. One day Julia turned suddenly and met Lucy's eyes full. She crossed over to the bed and sat down on it. "Lucy, what is it? Wou't you tell me why you hate me so?" again in its sordid details. "I don't see what there is to say." Julia began, and then, "Lney, how can you want to talk about it? Don't you see that the whole thing is up to Dan?" "I know you think I have no pride." Lucy flung back. "But I don't care. I've watched you and Dan together and I know that it's your strength that he

Lucy twisted her lips into a smile. "I don't hate you," she denied. "You don't love me," Julia returned andly. "I suppose you want me to fall on

your neck because you nursed me through this thing." Locy sneered. "O, Lucy!" "O, Lucy !!" Lucy turned her head away on the pillow and a few minutes later when Julia returned to the room, she saw that Lucy's eyes were closed and that tears were rolling down the thin white

checks. When Dan came to see her. forced every bit of energy there was in her to the surface. Her checks would blaze with color, she would call for her blaze with color, she would call for her most becoming negligee, and Julia would arrange the thin blonde hair becomingly under a lace cap. Then Lucy would preen before Dan, would demand things coquettishly, would speak sharply to Julia reproving her for carelessness quite openly, would adopt, in fact, the airs and graces of a very much spolled young person. Instead of repulsing Dan, this attracted him, it appealed more than ever to his sense of protec-tion. He liked the feeling that swept over him warmly when he overheard over him warmly when he overheard Mrs. Grant tell the doctor that he way the only person who seemed to have any influence over Lucy.

One day when Julia was sitting by the window sewing, and Lucy was turning over the pages of a magazine idly, the younger girl spoke.

"Julia, do you still think that Dan arson loves you?" Julia put down, her sewing and did Cars

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