THE DAILY NOVELETTE

Why Man Stoops to Deceit
By MARY HELFANT

Young Jim standing opened his eyes, yawned and stretched his long, healthy body leisurely. He turned over on the other side, his sleepy eyes falling on the clock.

"Good night!" he gasped in dismay.

Fully awake now he jumped out of bed, and pulled back the blinds. He groaned aloud as the room was flooded with the mild sunshine of an early spring forenoon.

Young Jim's thoughts were bitter as he hastily splashed in the cold tub. As he dressed his thoughts grew more bitter.

"A fine excuse I have to offer Dawnie for not turning up. Poor kid, how disappointed she must have been! After all her planning, too. She may break off for this." The last thought proved too much for poor Jim's peace of mind, and gulping his black coffee without tasting it he dashed off towards Dawn's home.

On the way he tried to think of some excuse less humiliating than the truth.

Young Jim was engaged to little Dawn Cricklin, a lovely blonde young person, to whom life was one sweet romance. She was not a giddy, young butterfly, for she could cook and sew and keep house very nicely. Her old-fashioned mother had seen to that. Dawn's small head under the crinkly, baby-gold curls held a clever little brain. But Dawnie had to have romance. When life offered none she would create it. She had known and loved Jim always, as she would naively tell you. But she would have preferred her parents to disapprove of the clever young architect, for then their courtship would have had many thrills. It would have been so jolly to have had to meet Jim on the sly! But alas! Jim was as welcome in the Cricklin home as Dawn herself.

So Dawn made up all manner of stunts for Jim to go through with. Jim agreed to "clandestine" meetings and hurried partings with tolerant good nature.

"It amuses Dawnie and it does no harm," he would say.

Jim had balked at Dawnie's last scheme, though in the end he gave in as usual.

"Let's elope!" she had coaxed in her prettiest way. "Weddings are so dull and commonplace. What a lark it would be!"

"But we can have the wedding at home," Jim protested.

"Silly!" Dawn rebuked, kissing him as only Dawn could. "We want to steal off in the 'dead of night' just as if father would really pursue us."

And so Jim, feeling rather foolish, gave in. They agreed that about 2 o'clock Sunday morning was the best time. Jim was to leave his roadster a block from the Cricklin home, and Dawn would wait for him in her room. Her room was on the second floor overlooking the garden. So she could have all the romance she craved, even to the proverbial ladder.

And at the last moment Jim had balked her for the most prosaic of reasons. He had worked hard all week on some important plans. Saturday afternoon he took Dawn to a matinee. That evening he worked with his partner on an important hurry plan. About 10 he had gone to his room, packed his suitcase and lain down to rest. The next thing he remembered was awaking in broad daylight.

Small wonder then that Jim's feet lagged as he came within sight of Dawn's home. He had nothing to say but the truth, and he could not say that.

With a grim smile he climbed the steps of the Cricklin's front porch.

"What the—" he stammered as the front door flew open and a lovely vision in pink silk and laces threw herself into his arms.

"O Jim!" the vision cried between kisses, "you aren't angry with me, are you, dear? I am so sorry I kept you waiting in the damp old garden. You will forgive me, won't you, dear, when I explain?"

"Yes, dear, of course," Jim assured her dazedly.

"Oh, I'm so relieved. You see, at the last moment I thought it would be more romantic if I pretended we had been discovered. My cruel parents (Jim smiled at this, even in his bewilderment) forced me to stay a prisoner in Aunt Jane's room. I pretended I had a toothache, so wanted to stay with auntie. It was great fun, but I'm sorry for you, Jimmy. Say you don't mind." Dawnie paused to catch her breath, her eyes dark with pleading.

"Yes, I forgive you, but you must never give me another such scare."

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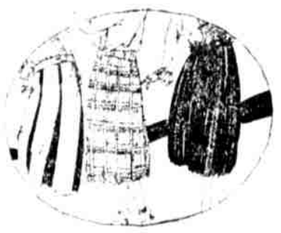
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Perfect gloves, all silk, and six buttons long and overstitched for extra service. The best gloves we have had this season at anywhere near this price. All are in two-clasp style with Paris point stitching.
White, pongee and beaver in all sizes.
Black in sizes up to 8½.

16-Button Length Silk Gloves, $1.50
What is Summer without a pair of long silk gloves?
The elbow length, to the elbow, have double finger tips, Paris point stitching and are perfect in every way. Good weight, too. In white, black and pongee.
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