

THIRTEEN AT TABLE

By MRS. BURTON HARRISON.

SYNOPSIS.

Penella Charlton, a beautiful and spirited girl belonging to an old but impoverished Virginia family, has accepted a position as private secretary to Mrs. Caldwell, a wealthy social leader at Newport...

That evening, one of Mr. Caldwell's periodical dinners, for which the invitations had long been sent out and accepted...



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table by such a man as Duncan Moore, for example, and sit there as a part of it...

"Hurry, mademoiselle," said Hortense, with a touch of authority. "Madam must see you immediately, dans sa chambre."

Madam, in her tea gown, sat before her mirror, the picture of perplexity--an open note in her hand.

"I have a pale-blue crepon that is very nice," she said, quietly. "It has a lovely trimmy, and a fall of just such old Malines lace as you have on your pearl collar, but finer. It was my mother's lace," she added, seeing Hortense stare.

"Certainly, certainly," cried the ruffled lady, breathing freer. "I--I--I--I--I miss you won't wear ornaments. Miss Charlton?"

Resentful to her enforced position, Penella glided downstairs just as the guests were falling in line to go into the dining-room. From the shadow under the stairway she was intercepted and captured by Duncan Moore.

"I am actually, and without solicitation, to take you in to dinner," he said, offering her his hand. "I have been looking for you ever since Mrs. Caldwell gave me notice of my good luck."

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THE WORLD OF BUSINESS

Stocks and Bonds. New York, Dec. 18.--The feature of the trading at the Stock Exchange today was the heavy liquidation for foreign accounts and ensuing a decline of 1/4 to 1/2 in prices.

It does not require as much time for cupid to win his way as it does for a young man's bosom that will wrangle there for all time as for me to write this sentence.

Already Duncan Moore, whose delectations as a parti did not in the least affect Penella, vowed to himself that if he could win this young woman to be his, he would not look at any other.

"How very, very good of you," murmured Mrs. Caldwell to Mr. Moore, when the men came out from dinner.

"Yes," said Mrs. Mammion; "and as I understand it was all for my sake, I appreciate it the more."

"Where is that charming Miss Charlton?" asked Mr. Trent, who had sat upon Penella's right at table.

"She is not, but shall be, if you are going to be kind enough to give me your help to win her," he said, when she alone could hear him.

Mrs. Caldwell, who had been to laugh as if this were a capital joke, was silenced by the earnest expression of the young man's eyes.

"Good gracious! I believe you mean it!" she exclaimed, wondering. "I do mean it," he answered, seriously.

"But tell the truth, I have found nothing but good in her," went on the lady. "And now I think she is lucky as well as good."

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Wellman, in Times-Herald. Just now Mr. Reed is having everything his own way. He is content and happy by men of high and low degree. Every one is eager to press his hand, to smile at his jokes, to tell him what a great and a good man he is.

Consumption-- Collapse. In this disease is what physicians constantly are on the look-out for, knowing that it means the end. Just keep up the strength; keep the body nourished properly...

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ABOUT PARLONS. From the Pottsville Miner's Journal. The board of parlons, under the present constitution of our commonwealth, the real dispenser of clemency counts every time, the executive officer or governor, never refusing to act in affirmative conjunction with the board's action.

Table with columns: Name, Bid, Asked. Lists various stocks and bonds like Green Ridge Lumber Co., Dime Sav. & Bk., etc.

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Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Dec. 19.--Cattle--Receipts, 3,000 head; market steady; common to extra street, \$3.65.

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