



the Elenic steamed slowly down the Solent. He was already comfortably established in his chair with a small pile of fiction beside him.

She paused before she approached him. Alan had always interested her.
Alix had thought of him heretofore as a modern exquisite subject to atavic fits that, in times past, had led him into more than one barbarous escaheard things of him that forced her to readjustment of her estimate. In six months Alan had turned himself into a

him, "how are you?"

Alan turned his head slowly and

then threw off his rugs and sprang

did you drop from?" His eyes measured her. She was ravishing in a fur toque and coat which had yet to re-

ceive their baptism of import duty.
"Oh," said Alix, "my presence is humdrum. Just the usual returning from six weeks abroad. But you! You come from the haunts of wild beasts and from all accounts you have been

claimed Alan, a puzzled frown on his "Just what do you mean?"

They started walking. "I meant that even in Africa one can't hide from Piccadilly. In Piccadilly you are already known. Not as Mr. Alan Wayne, a New York social satellite, but as a whirlwind in shirt sleeves. Ten Percent Wayne, in short." She looked at him with teasing archness. She could see that he was worried.

"Satellite is rather rough," remarked an. "I never was that." "All bachelors are satellites in the

nature of things-satellites to other men's wives.

"Have you a vacancy?" said Alan. They both knew they were embarking upon a dangerous game, but Alix played it often. No pretty woman takes her European degree without ample occasion for practice and Alix had been through the European mill. She threw out her daintily shod feet as she walked. She was full of life. She felt like skipping. The light of battle danced merrily in her eyes. She made no other reply.

"I met lots of people we both know,"

she said, at last.
"Which one of them passed on the news that I had taken to the ways of a wild beast?"

"Oh, that was the Honorable Percy. I only caught a few words. He was telling about a man known as Ten Percent Wayne and the only time he'd ever seen the shirt-sleeve policy work with natives. When I learned it was Africa, I linked up with you at once and screamed and he turned to me and said. 'You know Mr. Wayne?' But just then Lady Merle signaled the re-treat, and when the men came out somebody else snaffled Collingeford be-

fore I got a chance."
"Oh, Collingeford," said Alan. "I er" He from

"Alan." said Alix after a moment "let me warn you. I see a new ten-dency in you but before it goes dency in you but before it goes any further than a tendency let me tell you that a thoughtful man is a most awful bore. When I caught sight of you I thought, 'What a delightful little party,' but if you're going to be pensive there are others-"

Alan glanced at her, "Alix," he said, mimicking her tone, "I see in you the makings of an altogether charming woman. I'm not speaking of the painstaking veneer.—I suppose you need that in your walk of life-but what's under it. There may be others, as you say. Pretty women have taken to wearing men for bangles. But don't you make a mistake. I'm not a ban-gle. I've just come from the unclothed orld of real things. To me a man is just a man and, what's more, a woman is just a woman."

How un-American," said Alix. "It's more than that," said Alan, "it's pre-American."

Alix was thoughtful in her turn. Alan caught her by the arm and turned her toward the west. A yawl was just crossing the disk of the disappearing sun. Alix felt a thrill at his touch. 'It's a sweet little picture, isn't it?" "But you mustn't touch me, Alan. It can't be good for us.'

"So you feel it too," said Alan, and took his hand from her arm. During the voyage they were much together, not in dark corners but waging their battle in the open-two swim mers that fought each other, forgetting to fight the tide that was bearing them out to sea. Alan was not a philanderer to snatch an unrequited kiss. To him a kiss was the seal on surrender. But to Alix the game was its own As she had always played it,

HAPTER IV—Alan and Allx meet at appreciate that in Alan she had an opponent who was constantly getting under her guard and making her feel things-things that were alarming in themselves like the jump of one's heart into the throat or the intoxication that goes with hot, racing blood.

Alan's power over women was in voice and words. If he had been hideous it would have been the same. With his tongue he carried Alix away and gave her that sense of isolation which lulls a woman into laxity. night as they sat side by side, a single his hand under cover on hers. A quiver went through Alix' body. Her closed hand stirred nervously but she did not really draw it away. "Alan," she said, "I've told you not to! Please don't. It's common-this sort of thing."

Alan tightened his grip. "You say it's common," he said, "because you've never thought it out. Lightning was common till somebody thought it out. I sit beside you without touching you mystery. and we are in two worlds. I grip your "Well," she said, coming up behind hand—like this—and the abyss between us is closed. While I hold you nohing can come between.'

Alix' hand opened and settled into his. For a while they sat silent, then Alix recovered herself. "After all," she said, "we're not on a desert island but on a ship with eyes in every cor-

Alan leaned toward her. "But if we were, Alix! If we were on a desert island—you and I—"

For a moraent Alix looked into his burning eyes. She felt that there was fire in her own eyes, too-a fire she could not altogether control. She disengaged herself and sprang up. Alan rose slowly and stood beside her. He did not look at her parted lips and hot

cheeks; he had suddenly become languid. "That's it," he drawled. "eyes in every corner. I wonder how many morals would stand without other peo-ple's eyes to prop them up?"

Towards the end of the voyage Alix faced, wide-eyed, the revelation that the stakes of the game she and Alan had played were body and soul. "Alan," she said one night with droopman, she said one night with droop-ing head, "I've had enough. I don't want to play any more. I want to quit." She lifted tear-filled eyes to him. The foil of artificiality had been knocked from her hand. She was all woman and defenseless.

Alan felt a trembling in all his limbs. "I want to quit too, Alix," he said in his low vibrating voice, "but I'm afraid we can't. You see, I'm beaten, too. While I was just in love with your body we were safe enough, but now I'm in love with you. It's the kind of love a man can pray for in vain. No head in it; nothing but heart. Honor and dishonor become

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