

Reading for Women and the Family



"The Insider"

By Virginia Terhune Van de Water

CHAPTER X (Copyright, 1917, Star Company) In spite of the disagreeable prelude to the trip down town Grace and I had a merry morning together. My companion was a winsome little creature, and when she was seated in the big limousine with me she talked happily and unrestrainedly.

me to be in the midst of the things that "wealth could buy." In the book shop the sense of wonder remained with me. The clerk was interested in my selections when I told him to whom they were to be charged. After I had chosen various volumes for Grace, I stopped at the counter where books of poetry were stacked and peeped into one after another, realizing that I had now a right to buy one of these books if I wanted to. Perhaps it was an extravagance, but I had so long bought only the necessities of life.

The Gods of Mars

By EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS



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(Continued.) Kantos Kan saluted and turned to deliver his instructions to his waiting aides. In an incredibly short space of time the formation of the battleships changed in accordance with my commands, the ten that were to guard the way to Omean were speeding toward their destination, and the troop ships and convoys were closing up in preparation for the spurt through the lane.

CHAPTER XIV. The Air Battle. Sudden was our onslaught that they had no time to prepare for it. It was as unexpected as lightning from a clear sky. Every phase of my plan worked splendidly. Our huge ships moved their way entirely through the line of their battle craft; then the V opened up and a broad lane appeared, through which the transports leaped toward the temples of the therns, which could now be seen glistening in the sunlight.

Now the two great fleets closed in a titanic struggle far above the fenshish din of battle in the gorgeous gardens of the therns. Slowly the two lines of Helium's battleships joined their ends, and then commenced the circling within in the line of the enemy which is so marked a characteristic of Barsoomlan naval warfare.

EMOTION SPELLS ALL TO SOME

Few Healthy, Normal Women Who Do Not Long For Admiration

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX. I wonder if there ever was a normal, healthy woman who didn't long for masculine admiration? There are women who simply live to be admired and courted—women to whom emotion spells all of life. We regard them as standing out from the rest of their sex; but, as a matter of fact, they are not so abnormal as the sexless creatures who do not want every woman's heritage—the love of a man.

The normal, feminine woman is divided into three classes in regard to the methods she chooses to win masculine favor. First, there is the woman who seeks to conquer by indifference. She assumes an air of aloofness and of being haughtily unobtainable and thinks thereby to make herself all the more desirable.

Next, there is the woman who assumes the attitude of mental comradeship. Sometimes she goes so far as to pose as being a good fellow and a good pal—nothing else. But for the most part she contents herself with having men feel that she likes, understands, sympathizes with and appreciates them. She emphasizes the fact that she is a friend and either minimizes or ignores the sex appeal.

CHAPTER XIX. The Bully. WE gravitated naturally to the diggings, which were very much like those at Hangman's Gulch, except that they were rather more extensive and branched out more into the tributary ravines. The men working there were, many of them, of a much better type than those we had seen in town, though even here was a large element of rough looking, wild, reckless customers. We wandered about here and there, our hands in our pockets, a vast leisure filling our souls. With some of the more pleasant appearing miners we conversed. They told us that the diggings were rich, good "ounce a day" diggings. We saw a good many cradles in use. It was easy to tell the old timers from the riffraff of newcomers. A great many of the latter seemed to lack the steadiness of purpose characteristic of nearly all the first rush.



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"There used to be an Italian"—I began. The barkeeper uttered a short barking laugh as he turned to attend to a customer. "He found the climate bad for his heart and sold out," said he. "On the wall opposite was posted a number of printed and written handbills. We stopped idly to examine them. They had in general to do with lost property, stolen horses and rewards for the apprehension of various individuals. One struck us in particular. It was issued by a citizens' committee of San Francisco and announced a general reward for the capture of any member of the "Hounds."

"You fellows don't hang around here with me, I can tell you that," he started. "I'm fixed all right. I want you to make arrangements with these people yere to keep me. Tuck my gold under my pillow, stack old Betsy up yere in the corner by me and go about your business. You come out yere to dig gold, not to take keer of cripples." "All right, Yank, we'll fix it some-

"Where's the blamed cur that is going to make some money out of arresting me?" he roared, swinging his huge form ostentatiously toward the center of the room. I confessed I was abashed and completely at a loss. A row was evidently unavoidable, and the odds were against us. Almost at the instant the door came open Johnny, without waiting for hostile demonstration, jerked his two revolvers from their holsters. With one bound he reached the center of the room and thrust the muzzles beneath the bully's nose. His black eyes were snapping.

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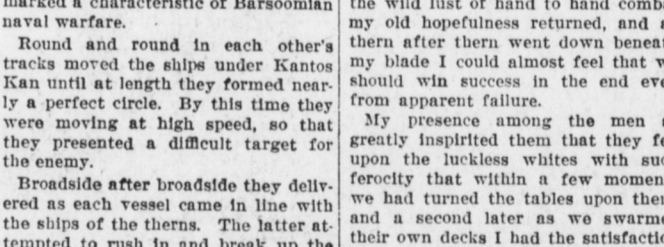
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