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Humbert? And what caused so many differences between the dead Empress of Austria and Francis Joseph? Was it love led Napoleon III. to such intimate acquaintance with the Countess of Castiglione? It was love on her side—but love for country, not love for a man. It might have been outraged love prompted Eugenie to fly to Scotland with a determination to get a divorce, but it was more likely only jealousy, for Queen Victoria patched up the difficulty. George Elliot thought it was love for her that induced Lewes to be so attentive to her, but shortly after his death she found some letters which it is said proved he was working her for finances while amusing himself with the soubrettes. Why, come down to modern society—to our day—not facts in history. I supposed all the divorces in our noted families have been caused by love. A more modern term might be found to designate it, without much looking in the dictionary.

"I could continue illustrations of love for an hour. I know hundreds of cases by heart. When you get me started I don't know when to stop. In my salad days you might have told me what a grand thing love is—in fact, I have listened to several fairy tales of the same order. That is the trouble. I am too sophisticated, too experienced, to be told how men have died for love. Those noble, conquering looks men give women when they wish to spend ready money on them are as graceful to me as a K. P. plume. You know the kind of things men say to women. Why, even glaciers have crevices; but think of the influence it has on the unsophisticated woman raised for a 'woman's sphere' life.

"It isn't good when an unsophisticated woman is surprised by a sudden revelation of what true love is—and it isn't good for a man with tender sentiments and emotions to fall into the hands of a dangerous heathen like myself. I have studied my subject closely and I get filled up with my feelings. It is always so surprising to a man to find he is not the lordly pillar of strength unsophisticated women have led him to believe he is. Women usually think in blanks when it comes to sex, and men are not used to women who don't."

She gave him a defiant look, and he gave her a curious one in return. Then he said thoughtfully: "Marble or ice—which?"

"Neither," she snapped. "But I seriously object to furnishing inspiration for poetry and novels and all sorts of art, and when my well dries up find I am not really a primary object."

"You are only a perverse woman—soured probably because some man has disappointed you. This should not make you humiliate a man who does care for you."

"Well, I might own up to the perversity, if you wish to call it that, but I am bourgeois and not poetic in my tastes. Poor people get married because they want families—poetical people because they want love."

"I saw your second act of the 'Social Highwayman' tonight. I think it your strongest."

"My! but you are a clever boy, with a capital C," she said with a pleasant smile. "Now, if there is anything that would make me love a man it would be diplomacy."

"Don't jest. It does not become you, and you have been playing with me all the evening. I spoke seriously."

"Well, if it is time to be really serious I must hurry home. I have fifty-five pages of Mrs. Hillary, in 'The Senator,' to make mine by Saturday morning. That is really a serious matter, I think. Upon my soul, it is nearly as hard for me to study lines as to make love," and she rose from the table with a sigh.

"Must you go?" he said, gently.

"Yes; those lines," she answered, softly.

"When shall I see you again?"

"Whenever you please."
 "Then it will be soon, and I hope you will be your old bright self and out of this ugly temper. Shall I get a carriage?"

"Not for worlds. I'm housed all day, and I want the exercise and air. Do look at that sleepy waiter, kept here while we argue love."

"Are you ready?"

She ran up the steps to the sidewalk, and without speaking they fell into a steady pace toward the hotel where she lived.

The clock struck. "You'll have to hurry to catch your car," she said, as they reached the hotel.

He pressed her hand gently. "Good night," he said, impressively, in an injured tone.

"Good night," she said, as she went into the entrance.

She walked straight to the elevator, saying to herself, "Wasn't it all a bore! Why will men make such fools of themselves? He was all right as long as he talked Flaubert or Balzac or Kipling—but I guess 'Mandalay' went to his head. I suppose I will get a sarcastic remark in his next review. It was very foolish in me to explode so. I should have been more diplomatic. I do get so provoked when men think all a woman is for is to be handy for love affairs; and I get still more provoked when women think that is woman's proper sphere. I never go to an aristocratic tea fight I don't get into trouble. But I have hauled this man so foolishly I believe I am losing my common sense. I guess I shall have to cage myself off and live as a freak."

"Good night," she said to the elevator boy, as she got off at the sixth floor. But wait a minute. I promised you tickets for Thursday night, didn't I? I almost forgot them. Here they are," she added after delving into her purse. "Have a good time, Jimmie, but don't make love to her." And the frou-frou of her skirts sounded until the key was heard rattling in the door.—Town Topics.

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 William B. Herrick,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Grace M. Barber et al,
 Defendants.
 Grace M. Barber, Charles W. Barber, The S. K. Martin Lumber Company and the Henry & Coatsworth Company, defendants, will take notice that on the 19th day of September, 1901, William B. Herrick, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the District Court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, against said defendants and others, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by Grace M. Barber and Charles W. Barber, to the Lombard Investment Co., which said mortgage has been assigned to plaintiff on the following described real estate, situate in Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, to-wit: lot two (2), in block seventeen (17) in Pecks Grove Addition to the city of Lincoln, to secure the payment of one certain promissory note dated August 21, 1899 for the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750) Dollars and due and payable September 1, 1899, and that there is now due upon said note and mortgage the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750) Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from September 1, 1899, and plaintiff prays that said premises may be decreed to be sold to satisfy the amount due thereon.
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