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MAIDEN EFFORT

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CHAPTER IX—Continued

"Who? Martin Holmes? Not here?" asked Kelsey. "Right here. And he wants to see you. Hey, Ulysses! This is your cue," called Gloria.

"Say 'em." Kelsey looked at his own hand as if surprised to see it there and stuck it into his pocket. "You took the fifteen thousand for 'Love Beyond Sin.'"

"I did." "My story. Do you happen to know that the prize was awarded before you bought it?" "I do."

"Wait a second," put in Gloria. "You're going at this wrong-end to. D'you want to split fifty-fifty, Temp?"

"No." "All right. You win." This from Holmes. "But I just wonder what a bird like you thinks of himself."

"I wonder a little about that, myself," put in Gloria. "Oh, not so badly, if you ask me."

"Would you care to have my opinion of you?" queried the other man silkily. "Not before a lady," grinned Kelsey.

"Don't mind me," said Gloria. "I guess I think about the same."

like a human being, after what you've done?" "Not by you, darr-ling," retorted Kelsey with his sunniest smile.

"Well, I guess that's that," commented Gloria as the door closed behind Kelsey's broad and obstinately set shoulders.

"It's going to be a full house with two Templeton Sayleses," grinned Holmes.

"You're sticking?" "I certainly am as long as you're here."

"Believe it or not," Gloria shouted up the stairway to Marne, "the sun's coming out."

"Well, I'm not," Marne called back, "if that's what you mean."

"Ah, come on," invited the beauty-girl. "There's nothing else to do."

"I've got some unanswered letters. And this is my day to get 'em off my hands."

yourself through college by selling an elegant and instructive set of volumes on easy instal—" "I have long since completed my education," stated Mr. Gormine stiffly.

"Before you were born." He added: "I am a lawyer." "Sorry, but I don't need one."

"May I ask that you abandon this attitude of levity, Miss Van Stratton, and attend to what I have to say?"

"You may. Shoot." "I represent the estate of the late Phineas Peckett."

"Pills, pellets and persuasion?" "Exactly."

"Well, if you're here to persuade me, go ahead and persuade."

"As you are doubtless aware"—there was a marked emphasis on the "doubtless"—"the heir to that estate is Mr. A. Leon Snyder."

"Now you're getting interesting. Let's sit down here, side by side, on this mossy bank and you tell me all about it," she suggested with an encouraging smile.

"He knows no more about this motion picture business than I do about the North Pole."

"Wouldn't you think that getting married and settling down would divert his interest from the screen?" inquired Gloria with a face of innocent candor.

"It may have escaped your attention that he is already married."

"It hasn't. Nor that he is getting a divorce."

"Trying to get a divorce. There may be difficulties."

"He says not," improvised Gloria. "I think I will sit down," said Mr. Gormine, who had been standing stiffly.

"O-kay, Big Boy. You don't have to be stand-offish with little Glo—with little Marion."

Fortunately he was too absorbed in the difficulties of his task to note the slip. "If I may be permitted," he began; "how far has this matter gone?"

Color Is Major Theme in Gay Spring Song of Fashion

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



IN CLARION notes loud and clear the spring song of fashion rings out the message of the importance of color for coming modes.

The task that fashion sets before the designer of smart wool outfits for spring is to inter-relate colors, that combined make a harmonious individualized entity of their own.

Early spring tweeds "say it" irresistibly via plaids and stripes that are superbly colorful.

From Paris comes the dramatic sport ensemble shown to the left in the group. Lucien Lelong creates this style-significant costume of multicolored stripe tweed.

the two attractive models shown in the background. Crossbar plaid in blue and white imported tweed makes the topcoat and jacket for the costume shown to the left with matching blue monotone skirt.

Newest among woollens in use for spring are diagonal stripe effects such as a gray wool with wide white stripes running diagonally across.

The oncoming rush for plaided or striped woollens is modishly told in

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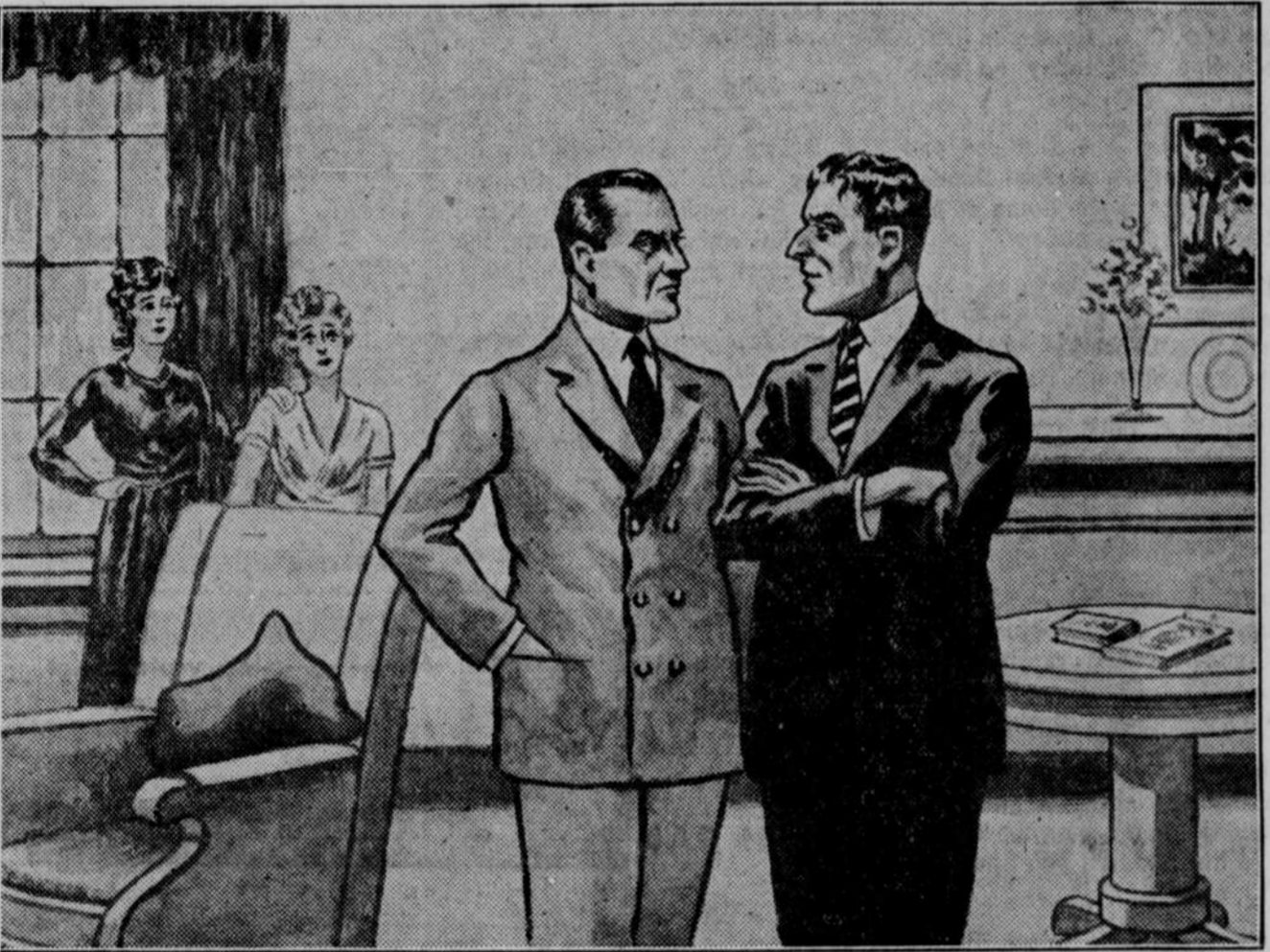
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"Something tells me that our friend, the ex-Templeton Sayles, is going to take a long journey."

his victory. Inspired of a touch of homesickness, there crept into her letter an implication that she would not be averse to seeing him if he happened to be up-state.

Gloria went out alone. Strolling lazily along beside the roadway, she noted with some surprise the approach of a large, strange car, slowly driven. It came to a stop opposite her.

"I beg your pardon." "What for?" asked Gloria. "For addressing you on the public highway."

"I've been addressed before. Besides, this isn't a public highway." "Then I am lost."

"Where do you want to get to?" "Maiden Effort headquarters."

of being compromised—in short, of compromising himself with you."

Gloria's swift mind began dimly to perceive potentialities of profit. "Compromising?" she retorted.

"That also enters into it," he conceded. "In fact, I am willing to admit it as an element in our negotiations."

"Do you draw Mr. Snyder's contracts, Mr. Gormine?" she asked, lifting limpid eyes.

"I do."

"I should hope to kiss a pig!" returned the false star with fervor.

"The lawyer found a grateful respite in shooting away a persistent horse-fly. Well, it must be finished somehow. He braced himself and said:

"That leads us to the next question."

"What? More?" "I regret that my professional duty compels me to a course quite as distasteful to me as it can possibly be to you."

"I know," she conceded, not quite seeing what was coming next.

Many Cactaceae Species From Mexico; One Grows in Clusters, Cloaked in Hair

From Mexico come many interesting species of the Cactaceae. Many of these have been discovered only recently, writes E. C. Hummel in Nature magazine.

One of the comparatively new discoveries is Mammillaria hahniana, known as the Old Lady of Mexico. This was discovered in 1929 in Central Mexico, where it grows in large clusters, completely cloaked in long, fine hair.

Postmasters General in Cabinet From the organization of the federal government down to the year 1829 the postmasters general were not recognized as members of the cabinet.

Bows and Beaux



It takes a bow or more to catch a beau. With bows at her waist, there's sure to be beaux to the fore for the girl in the portrait dress as you see here pictured.

Calot With Earmuffs The clever calot, favorite of schoolgirls the country over, returns this winter embellished with fluffy earmuffs and warmly lined with bright plaid flannel.

Neckwear Means Accessories Also

Neckwear doesn't mean just pique and batiste or organdie collars. Neckwear (at least the items sold at neckwear counters) doesn't mean just pique and batiste or organdie collars.

Squirrel Sets Off Spray of Orchids

For night wear, one of the more delicate pelts should be chosen. Squirrel will set off a spray of orchids like nobody's business.

Old-Fashioned Slips Slips have gone old-fashioned—camisole tops with lace beading and baby blue ribbon.

Our Need

My neighbor is the man who needs me, or whom I need, which is in the end the same thing.—Joseph Ernest McAfee.

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