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The young man who seemed very much at home in the easy chair leaned over and deliberately pulled a hair from the back of the fat poodle that was asleep on the rug. He leaned back smiling in great contentment over the result of his feat and spoke through the canine din. "I had a particular reason for calling tonight," he an-

The pretty girl turned over a book on the table to conceal her nervousness. "Oh, did you?" she asked with elaborate carelessness. "How could you be so mean to poor old Fido?"

"He needs exercise," explained the young man. "Nothing like exercise to take off fat—I'll bet he hasn't chased around that way in a year before! As I was saying, I wanted to see you particularly, Emeline. I wanted to ask you about something."

"I am sure," answered the pretty girl with great kindness, "that any advice I can give you I will gladly-"

"That's just it!" he declared eagerly. "I want your advice!"

"Oh!" said the pretty girl shortly. She seemed disappointed. "I think after all it is sort of foolish to ask advice, don't you? People ask it and then never take it!"

"Not me," persisted the young man. 'And I don't know anyone whose advice I'd rather rely on than yours. Emeline. I wanted to ask you about er-well, about a girl!"

"Oh!" said the pretty girl again. She swallowed hard. "Of course I'm inter-ested in any friend of yours, Harold.

"She's a dandy girl!" insisted the young man. He smiled reminiscently and the young woman took hold of her chair arms hard. She had the general air of a dynamite bomb that is about to explode, but he did not notice it. "In fact," he went on, "I don't know another girl who is such an all around success in every way as she is! I'll have to tell you about her so you can understand the case."

"Pleast do!" said the young woman in appropriately rapturous tones-between her teeth.

"She is better than just pretty," explained the young man. "Because there is intelligence in her face and



expression and all that. And she can do everything-outdoors as well as in, and she is always cheerful and she has such a way of looking at a fellow-" "Goodness!" said the pretty girl

with tremendous raillery. "I never heard of such a paragon! If you can find a girl like that you ought to grab her, quick, before the grand rush begins! For there aren't many like her!"

"That's what I think," the young man agreed. "I've thought so all along, just to myself, you know. I've been sure, but I didn't realize it until

"I'm terribly interested, of course," said the pretty girl, stifling one corner of a delicate yawn, "but what was it you wanted my advice about? I have to get up early tomorrow, Harold, and I can't sit up much later this evening. My advice would be to marry her tomorrow before the crowd begins to fight for her."

"Good!" said the young man. "That's my idea exactly. Only I'm afraid to tell her about it. You see, she's such a wonder that it's absolutely insanity for me to fancy that she'd look at me. Honest! I haven't the nerve!"

"Nonsense!" said the young woman: "She's probably crazy to get married. These popular girls usually are. They have no resources within themselves and can't imagine anything else to fill their lives! When there are so many other things so vastly superior to mere matrimony! I can't understand their point of view!"

"She wouldn't look at me," he repeated. "I wouldn't be so sure," said the

young woman cynically. "Why, you just said so, yourself" declared the young man. "Said matrimony was a back number and-hang

it, it's you I'm talking about." The young woman sat looking at Having purchased the above him with a bewildered pink creeping well known stallion, he will over her face. "O-o-oh!" she gasped under her breath. Then she smiled at him. "I—er—wouldn't be too certain of that, Harold," she murmured. "Now tell it to me from the beginning again. I believe I didn't quite understand!"-

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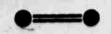
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