Through a Glass Darkly

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"Ach, Danziger, my old lady likes to have her little fuss with everybody. I'm glad enough for a while it should be you instead of me. Like my son Michie back home in New York says, her bite is worse as her bark. I got a fine boy back home, Danziger. But always when he wants to tease his mama a little, that's what he says to

Laughter, two large dimples and the crow's feet of amiability crept into Mr. Danziger's face, and he flung one arm along Mr. Lefkovitch's stooped shoulders.

"You got a mighty fine lady for a wife just the same, Lefkovitch-e mighty fine lady."

"See, see, mama, there go some of the Portuguese who live here, right

past you." A group of native riff-raff, bare glistening from the dive, scuttled past.

"Don't look, Esther, I feel ashamed enough. I tell you if I had known what goes on in a town like this, right on the boat where a young girl don't need to be ashamed where she looks, you would have stayed."

"Mama, this isn't-"I don't think it is so nice, Mr. Daneiger, since you been here before, you didn't first tell my daughter they go around in this place worse as in bathing suits at stylish summer resorts at home in America."

Mr. Lefkovitch cast a thoughtful equint after the group.

"I tell you, Danziger, there's a gold mine in this kind of a town for a smart fellow with a few dollars to in-

"Wouldn't be surprised." "If I was a young fellow like my

son, Michie, right away in a town like this in a furnishing goods business I could make money." "Wouldn't be surprised."

"Cheap rents and low expenses! To well pants to men who don't know anything about them ain't so hard as to sell them to men what know too enuch about them. I bet you, Dansiger, with a few thousand dollars, two young fellows like you and my son Michie, or his friend, Abe Katz, could make big money in a town like

"For our son, let me tell you, Agren, eight in New York, where you built up for yourself your own business, is good enough for him, too."

"Oh, look, mama, please look! See the baen teams pulling the sledges up-

"Ach, and Esther, see over there the embroidery shops. A whole string of them like Mrs. Kron said there would

"No, no, mama, please don't cross over there. We're all going up the mountainside in a little train, mama, to see the scenery. Aren't we, Mr. Danziger?"

"You won't have time for shopping this time, Mrs. Lefkovitch, if you want to take that trip up the mountain and be back on the boat by three."

"For scenery, Mr. Danziger, I got time when I got nothing else what is more important. I guess, Aaron, if I can buy linens here half so cheap as at home, you want yet I should go up on the mountain top to look at scen-

"But, mama, everybody goes up. See, they're all going toward the funicular. We didn't come all this distance to look at linens. Honest, if you're going to start that way, I-I Just wish I hadn't come."

"Ach come, Bertha; if the child wants we should look at the scenery what's the difference if you got to pay a little more for such linens back in America?"

"You always, Aaron, in front of company got big ways. I tell you when a man loses to cards four hun-

dred and-" "But mama-"

"Don't worry your mama no more to go up there, Esther. All right, Bertha; me and you will stay down off the mountain by the embroideries. Esther, you and Danziger go up the funicular and look around. I tell you I'm ready for those fellows over there in the shops. Before I came away from home in every language I learned the money. I just want that one of them fellows should try to get me mixed up. You and Esther go on up, Danziger.'

"Good. I'll show her the sights alrighty."

"Please take care, Mr. Danziger, that you get her back on the boat in plenty time. Me and her papa ain't looking for worries.'

"I'll bring her back with bells on, Mrs. Lefkovitch,"

"Come, Anron. See that second store over there with the centerplece hung in front; first I want to try in there. If they ask you five dollars for it, you should offer them seventy-

five cents, Simon, Mrs. Kron says-" Toward the straggling line of tourists and the cobbled street that wound

languidly upward to the funicular station, Miss Eather Lefkovitch turned her skining face, Unked her arm in Mr. Danziger's profered one, smiled, and could not still the tremolo of her

Two thousand feet above the harbor, the township reduced by distance to the proportions of a man's palm, atop an untamed mountain, who e shaggy sides were matted with patri-



"Joe," She Said Shyly, the Word Float-Ing Like a Petal Off Her Lips.

archal growth, the Cosmopolitan cafe. English speaking, marble-topped, awninged, waitered and in wait for tourists, rose like an observatory.

En tete-a-tete, at one of the marbletopped tables, well away from the gabble of the Roumania's passenger list, the thousand scents of a thousand gardens in their nostrils, Mr. Joe Danziger and Miss Esther Lefkovitch breathed deep and leaned each to the other, as if Madelra were a desert and the gardens bloomed each within the other's eves

"I just never thought anything could be so perfect as being up here. For a girl like me that's never traveled anywhere before, it-it's just too to get me a good partner, settle down perfect.'

girlle, till we get further along on this trip. I'm going to open those pretty black eyes of yours."

"And that ride up the mountain straight through the clouds-wasn't it just-well, I don't know, but just, wasn't It?"

"I was too busy looking at you and your cute little, tan little face and your big eyes and your red little lips to have any time for scenery-Esther." "Oh, Mr. Dans_" X

"Now, now, what did you promise

"Joe," she said shyly, the word

floating like a petal off her lips. "That's better," he said so sententionsly that she closed her eyes. "That's better, girlle. But just you wait. Esther, until I steer you through the Italian lakes, if you think this is

scenery." "Oh, Mr. Danz-Joe, really are you going to change your ticket and go

with us?" "Girlie," he said with a new sotto quality in his voice, "if you was going all the way to hold a post mortem over the Dead sea, I'd go with you,"

Crimson was her face. "Now you're talking just like the boys at home do, Joe. And ever I came on this trip and met you-and all, it just seems to me like I'm somebody else in a dream or something. All the boys in my crowd at home are -are just regular fellows, and youyou're different, Joe. You mustn't

jolly me." "Look," he said, reaching for her wrist, holding it and sending into her dark glance the dark intensity of his own, "do I look like a fellow who's jollying. Esther?"

"Oh, Joe!" Beneath the black, close-clipped hedge of mustache his lips quivered, then settled into a straight line,

"Do 1?"

"N-no, Joe." "I-I'm just afraid to let myself go for fear it's you who's doing the jollying, Esther. What about this fellow back in New York that owns the haberdasher store? From what the old folks say, he's head over heels himself, ain't he, giri?"

"Abe Katz? Aw, he-he's just a good friend, Joe. Like I always say, I-1 want to travel first and meet a new crowd. I-aw, he's nothing but a good friend, Joe. Him and my brother, they-

"Then you ain't stringing me along

"Oh. Joe, I-no-you-"

"A fellow that's knocked about like I have, girlie, and seen as many of them as I have in every country on the globe don't make a mistake about it when he does finally get hit. That first day I seen you on deck, girlie, with your hair blowing loose like that, I knew i was bit."

She looked down the mountainside and into the riot of treetops. "You-you're the greatest fellow,

"And you're the greatest girl."

All the nerves of her were singing. "Oh, Joe-oh-let go my hand, Joe, you-you mustn't. Oh, Joe!"

what you are." This was the chrism of love anoint ing her. She bowed her head,

"Queen of this here mountain, that's

"I just wish mama could have heard you say that, Joe, It was beautiful." "Your mama, Esther, I'm afraid is down on me."

"Oh, you mustn't mind her, Joe, or papa either, He-"

"Why the old gentleman is just the finest sport I ever met. And don't think, little girl, that I don't understand a lady like your mann. Sure I do. She is a great old lady, she is, Give me the plain speaking ones every

"She doesn't mean a mean word she says, Joe. You mustn't feel hard to ward her; that's just her way."

"She's a fine lady, all right, but she's got me dead wrong. Why, honest to God. Esther, as I sit here if it wasn't that I'd like to see your old gentleman win back them few hundred bones, I wouldn't have touched another card after the first game."

"I knew that, Joe. That's just what I keep telling mama." "You sweet little thing you-taking

up for me like that." "I just keep telling her that."

"She's got me down wrong for a sport. Why, true as I sit here, girlle, If my business didn't carry me like this all over the world, I could settle down in a good commercial town with a boy like that brother of yours that your father is trying to find a partner for, make a go of the business and live quiet the rest of my life. That's the kind of a hairpin I am."

"Oh, Joe, you-you will just love Michie, when you see him. One great boy if there ever was one, and business like papa to his finger-tips. You and him in a little business together, sny, wouldn't that be great! Just look at papa-how-how little he started. way down on the East side and-and look at his store now-so big and all."

"I'm not much of a fellow to boost myself, Esther, but with a young fellow like that to help me push a business. I could make a go of almost anything. I'm the kind of fellow that has made easy all my life and spends just as easy. A dollar don't look as big to me as a dime to lots of fellows. Get

"Just like I can win at cards easy. can make easy money on any business proposition I put my mind to. Say, right now I'm making three times what any fellow in my line is making But I'm getting slet of this country. to-country business, Esther. There's money in it, but I'm just about ready and get me a little-get me a home! "Didn't I tell you! Just you walt, Get me, Esther? A home is what I want."

"Yes, Joe."

"Get me a partner and settle down." "A fellow like you would just be the making of a boy like my brother Michie. He's such a kid yet, and two years older than me, too. But he's been under papa's thumb in the business too long. A boy like him, that never would go to school, gets into business early. What he needs now is to get out and hustle for himself in a business that isn't already made. That's what I always say-papa ought to set Michie up for himself."

"Sure thing! Say, I guess a man like your papa could set his son up in business with twenty or thirty thousand and not feel it, eh?"

"That's what Michie says, but pa's slow about it."

"Your brother's got the right idea. all right; why, I bet if your papa had three sons he could set them up in business and not feel it, eh? I know a thing or two about the money that's been made in the men's clothing business the last fifteen years."

"Pa-pa is right rich, I guess." "And a grand old man if there ever vas one.

"He sure is and self-made; too. Honest, it's just like a story the way he started-struggling and making his way peddling, and then when he married mama, right from off the East side, too, the two of them starting the little store together, the two of them pushing through all the dirt of the East side and coming out of it so fine and all. Shows how goodness can grow out of all that filth down there, don't it, Joe?"

"It's grand, Esther."

"Him and mama don't show it, maybe, but they're just pure gold, they are. They-they're just pure gold."

His hand lay over hers, quiescent, A wniter hovered in the distance. The gabble and laughter of tourists was suddenly remote.

"If the old gentleman only won't stir up a game tonight, Esther, we'll make a last evening of it on board, alrighty." "I just told papa he-he couldn't drag you down there tonight, Gibraltar coming in sight and you knowing

so much to describe about places." "I sure want to stick with you tonight, Esther. I-fact is, I just want to stick with you all of them."

Her hand flew to her breast. "Joe !" "My little dearle-girlie-I want to steal you."

"Oh, Joe-you-you mustn't." But he was on his feet suddenly and grasping his hat from the table. "Gad," he cried, "there's the boat whistling three times. We got to do some tall sprinting, girlie. Look, the rest of them have all started down

already." "Oh, Joe! Mama! Let's run. Let's." Hand in hand and with the Hellenic swing of youth, they scuttled across the green turf. Form the harbor, full of warning, came another blast,

(To Be Continued)

THE LENGTHY KIND.

"I wonder if my little boy knows how many seconds there are in

"Do you mean a real minute, mother, or one of those great big wait-a-minutes?"—Boston Transcript.

HOLD REVIVAL MEETINGS New Skin Game HEMINGFORD METHODISTS



Prof. E. C. Mills of Lincoln, musica director and soloist, at the Methodi t church at Hemingford for two weeks

The revival campaign at the Methdist church at Hemingford begins on Wednesday evening January 18 under the direction of Rev. E. C. Newland of Crawford who will do the preaching and Prof. E. C. Mills of Lincoln who will lead in the singing. Both of these men are efficient and will render splendid service for all who wish to take advantage of it. The services are open to the public and all are invited o attend.

NORFOLK IS PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN FIREMEN

NORFOLF-This city is all ready to ntertain the fortieth annual convenion of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association, which convenes n Tuneday evening and continues until Thursday night.

About 1,000 firemen are expected according to reservations held by the ocal committee. The state fire marshal has called in all his inspectors and during the convention he will have his official headquarters here.

The opening session takes place Tuesday night. On Wednesday there will be a series of business meet-ings, speeches and demonstrations, and A short time ago, become on Thursday afternoon the new officers will be elected and next conven-tion city selected.

There are numerous towns in the contest for officers, and several towns are competing for the next conven-

Fire Marshal Hartford announced that he plans an organization of fire

chiefs of the state.

ceed \$400,000.

HASTINGS-Returns in benefits of now pending before the interstate the second.

Was Worked on Hemingford Men

Hemingford Ledger: Another slick method of parting the man and his here in Hemingford.

A respectable looking man stopped over here in December and introduced his name as R. B. Mason.

selling them second hand showcases. The cases were supposed to be in Riverton, Wyo., where they had been shipped new May 10, 1921. The merchants of Riverton who had made the purchase, after making a part pay-ment on the cases, were unable to finish the payment, so the cases were teken over by the company. The show cases, being of glass, take triple first rate freight and the expense of shipping the cases back to Chicago would be so high, Mr. Mason was trying to dispose of them at a reduced price to save reshipping to Chicago. The cases were triple strength plate glass, in solid oak frame, and valued about four times what the salesman asked for

Charles Sharp, jeweler, bought one case. The case was easily worth \$450 according to othe catalogue prices of such cases. The case was a jeweler's case, with glass shelves, forty inches high, and about sixteen feet long.

Frohnapfel bought a Hussman Re-

The cases were purchased about the middle of December but to date the pended. cases have not been heard of, nor have he advanced freight charges been returned.

The bill of sale was made out in each ase on stationery of the American Plate Glass and Fixture company and in each case, the agent made inquiries at the depot to find the exact amount

A short time ago, becoming sus-picious of the deal because they had not heard from the cases, Sharp and Frohnapfel wired Riverton and found are competing for the next convention.

Governor McKelvie is the principal speaker for the annual banquet on Thursday night which closes the contract of the same a "skin game" with themselves contract system would have cost \$10,
shipped, nor was there any knowledge suit that approximately 20 per centary for the usual appropriation for the current year will be saved.

Here is one way he does it: An extension of water pipes that under the contract system would have cost \$10,
as the fleeged lambs. as the fleeced lambs.

THE SEEING EYE.

(Christian Register) How do you vizualize your job? The he Hastings chamber of commerce to story of the three stone cutters leaves the city for 1921 was placed at the nothing of wisdom to be said. They manager in Alliance, Omaha taxpayers cash value of \$90,000 by Secretary were working on a stone. A stranger Beels in his annual report of a return asked the first what he was doing. of \$17 for every dollar invested in the "I'm working for \$7.50 a day," he rechamber. Should the freight rate case plied. "And you?" the stranger asked now pending before the interstate the second. "I'm cutting this stone," commerce commission be favorable to growled the laborer. When the ques-Hastings Mr. Beels said the value of tion was put to the third stone cutter, and will not have any trouble making the years work to the city will ex- he answered: "I'm building a cathe- it any more. The funeral was held dral."

Sherman County Leads in Fight on State Bureau

The Sherman county board of supervisors has taken the lead in openmoney was recently brought to light ly attacking the state highway department, which is getting a good many licks from all over the state. Sherman county men have adopted a himself as a salesman for the Ameri- strong resolution charging that state can Plate Glass and Fixture company and federal aid highways are conof Chicago and San Francisco, giving structed in an extravagant and wasteful manner, and that such roads cost. in many cases ten times as much as chants for the supposed purpose of similar roads constructed under county this resolution has been forwarded to the senators and congressmen from Nebraska, to Governor McKelvie and the clerks of other counties in the state, asking their co-operation and

The resolution, which was adopted January 11, reads as follows:

It has been demonstrated in our own and adjoining counties that in the construction of our State and Federal roads, the government, state, county and taxpayers are in no sense getting value received for the money expended on said Government and State Aid roads, in fact in many cases, costing ten times as much as similar roads constructed under county authority and supervision, and believing an investigation should be made of the extravagant and wasteful manner of building these highways, therefore, be

Resolved, By the board of supervisors of Sherman county, Nebraska, now in session, that we hereby request our frigerator Counter, equipped with United States senators and congress-cooler coil, triple plate glass, twelve men from our state, on the part of the feet long, forty inches high, twenty- government, to investigate and get. eight inches in depth and 32 inches comparisons from all over the state, at the bow. Each case cost \$100. The showing the cost of highways under cases were to be tried out until May government and state contracts, and next and then five months from that the cost of similar highways under time were allowed for the next pay- county supervision. Also requesting ment of \$100 in monthly installments. Governor McKelvie and the proposed No money was asked in advance on special session of the Nebraska Legisthe sale. However, as the cases were lature to also make an investigation: boxed and ready for shipment, Mr. and furnish some relief and some remedy, and if at all possible, so amend such stand half of the freight on the present laws and procedure so as cases purchased. Frohnapfel and Sharp to set apart to the different counties of the freight bill, amounting to practially fifteen dollars each, and Mason these highways, and permit said funds. cought a draft at the bank for the to be expended by the counties under amount of freight in each case, making direction of their authorities, only he draft payable to G. W. Baker, rendering to the state and federal government itemized statements of the manner in which such funds are ex-

Resolved further, That a copy of this resolution be prepared by the county clerk and forwarded to each of the senators and congressmen from Ne-braska, to Governor McKelvie and tothe county clerks of other counties within this state, requesting their cooperation and assistance.

THE CITY MANAGER PLAN.

(Omaha Daily News.) Last April the citizens of Alliance. Neb, placed their public affairs in the that no such merchandise had been hands of a city manager, with the reshipped, nor was there any knowledge sult that approximately 20 per cent-

000 was completed under supervision of the city manager for \$5,700, saving nearly 50 per cent. Omaha spends approximately \$2,-

500,000 a year nowadays. If a city manager could do as well, comparatively speaking, as the city would save \$500,000 a year.

That is worth thinking about.

HE KNOWS. Elihu Mink of Long Island learned to make it from an advertised recipe from the house.-New York Mail.

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