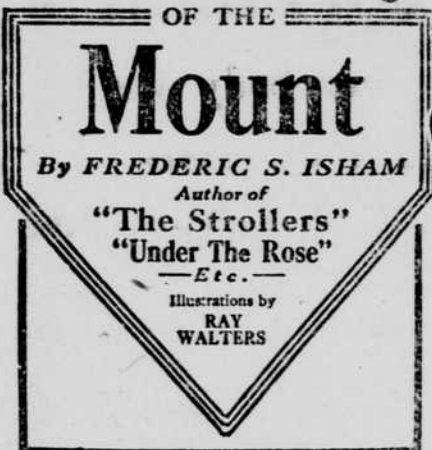


# The Lady



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## CHAPTER XXIX.

The Marquis intervenes. The evening of the same day, his Excellency, in the seclusion of a small private chamber adjoining the salle du gouvernement, stood looking down at his desk on which were strewn papers and messages containing the latest news from Paris and received at the Mount but a few hours before. That the character of this information, political and social, was little to his liking, seemed manifest from his manner; then frowned and threw down the pen he had been using to mark, or make note of, their contents.

"Versailles—a mob! Sugar-plums to placate them! Sugar-plums!" he repeated; and, impatiently turning away, walked to the window. There for some time he stood peering out, when, the current of his thoughts slowly changing, he took from his pocket a watch, and examined the jeweled face. "Time they were back!" About to return to his table and task, a loud knocking arrested the impulse, and testily the Governor called out; glanced toward the threshold and surveyed the intruder.

"A message from the commandant, your Excellency!" said the man, a trooper of the Mount, with a respectful, though nervous salute.

"Why," returned the Governor in a dry tone, "didn't he bring it himself?" "Because," the trooper shifted; looked away; "because Monsieur le Commandant is engaged in scouring the country for miscreants, your Excellency."

"Miscreants!" sharply. "What miscreants?" "Monsieur le Commandant hopes to overtake those who have carried off the Lady Elise," said the messenger hurriedly, in the tone of one anxious to be done with his task.

"Carried off!" The thin figure wavered as if struck by a cold breath. "Carried off!" he repeated, laying his hand on the back of the chair.

"By a band of the Black Seigneur's men! His lordship, the Marquis, they left behind bound and secured, but the Lady Elise they took with them."

For some time his Excellency said nothing; like a ghost of himself, leaned hard against his support and looked at the trooper.

"But how could it have happened?" at length in a voice, low, intense, he inquired. "Monsieur le Commandant! The guard—you—all are alive?"

Stumblingly, as best he could, the soldier explained, and when he had done, his Excellency made no sign that he had heard.

"Monsieur le Commandant further ordered me to say he had no doubt he would return with the Lady Elise," added the messenger hastily.

"Monsieur le Commandant!" The Governor's eyes suddenly glazed; swiftly he put question after question, and, having probed to the core the con-



"Sugar-Plums," He Repeated.

sistency of the tale, with a gesture, brusque and contemptuous, dismissed the bearer.

But whatever feeling the lord of the Mount might entertain toward his chief officer, no course at the moment seemed open save to await the return of that person and the Marquis. So, curbing his impatience as best he might, his Excellency kept vigil; and not alone. Things of what had happened spread at the top of the rocky, sifted through closed gates and thick walls into the town. The late arrival at the Mount of the lords and ladies, companions of the Governor's daughter for the day, but added to the questionings of the multitude. All night life and expectancy reigned; lights gleamed from high places; responded in low ones.

"Is it true, my dear, what we hear about the Lady Elise?" the landlady of the inn on the Mount near the strand called out to a stalwart, dark young woman, hurrying down the narrow way shortly after the Paris contingent had gone up.

"I have heard no more than you have," came the curt answer of this person—none other than Nanette—who carried a small bundle and seemed anxious to move on.

"Oh, I didn't know but you came from the palace!" observed the mistress of the inn, and returned to her customers, drinking and nodding with heads close together.

On the morrow, however, all doubts were removed, and speculations put at

## Along R. R. No. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Don Holmes spent Sunday at Clarence Burt's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Waggoner, Mr. Casteel and family, Mr. Albert Snyder and family, Ernest Daddow and family, Oliver and L. Brodock, Jessie McFadden and daughter and Lettie Peugh spent Saturday evening at the Simeon Iosso home.

Mrs. Jessie McFadden spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Millie Daddow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Daddow spent Sunday at H. W. Brodock's.

Mrs. John Galloway attended Aid at Mrs. Mrs. McBeth's.

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Minnie Wilkie March 8th. Every member be sure and come.

Mr. Rutherford came home from Regan Saturday.

John Olsen expects to move to Hershey, Neb. We hear he has purchased town property at that place.

Merrill Ice spent a few days at Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Iosso spent Tuesday evening at Mrs. Baumann's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daddow spent Monday at Nick Daddow's.

Ralph Knight spent Saturday afternoon with Oliver Brodock.

Miss Ethel Sickles is working at Winifred Hughes.

Carrier and family took advantage of the holiday Saturday and visited his brother and family at Dannebrog. Joe Blaschke is slowly improving.

Fred Johnson and Floyd Howard were fishing the past week and gave carrier several pounds.

Wilber Curry expects to move some time this week.

Roy Conger has a lot of baled hay for sale.

The big dance of the season was pulled off at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson last Saturday night. It was a most enjoyable affair for both young and old.

Vern Alleman helped Hans Obermiller haul hogs Monday.

Edgar Foster visited at the home of H. W. Brodock Sunday.

There was a small attendance at all the schools along the Route last Friday.

W. O. Brown was at Grand Island Saturday.

Another load of corn came in for J. E. Roush and they are busy hauling it now.

Miss Winnie Gasteyer visited at home over Sunday.

Professor Burwell visited at home over Sunday.

The pupils receiving perfect attendance certificates in Dist. 26, for the month ending Feb. 21, were, Harold Daddow, Lulu Brodock, Ethel Daddow, Elva Roush, Floyd Goodwin, Lorin Goodwin, Hazel McFadden, Grace McBeth, Curtis Roush, Elsie Goodwin and Clifford Roush.

Invitations are out to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Casteel's 25th wedding anniversary, next Saturday evening.

On Tuesday afternoon the Ladies Aid Society surprised Mrs. N. T. Daddow.

Messrs. Obermiller, Roy and Westcott marketed hogs at Loup City Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McFadden and Maggie McFadden spent last Sunday at the home of Winifred Hughes.

The pupils of Dist. 37 are very sorry to lose two of their number Fern and Roy Reed who are moving to Iowa.

Examinations are at hand this week in Dist. No. 4.

Elsie Johnson returned to school Monday, after a three weeks' absence.

Pupils in Dist. 4 were dismissed earlier than usual Friday on account of the storm.

Messrs. Spalley, Knoepf and Vern Alleman were doing business in Loup City, Monday.

Mr. Reed and family spent Sunday evening at the home of S. McFadden.

Albert Snyder and family took dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Alleman Sunday.

Elnora Spencer has been absent from school for several weeks' on account of trouble with her arms.

Eugene Miller and sons were at Dannebrog Saturday night.

Walter Thornton and Lee Bly took a contract to dig out some frozen earth in the mill race some time ago.

and are still at it and will not take another job like it for some time to come.

Ed Kilpatrick gave carrier a part of his farm products this week.

Misses Annie and Marie Nelson returned to their home at Dannebrog Monday.

N. P. Neilson marketed hogs at Loup City the past week.

The Rural Route Carriers in this part of the country were the luckiest class of people in the storm of last week. The snow storm of last Friday that filled the cuts and made the roads impassable by Saturday morning did not make the carriers lose any sleep, for Saturday was a holiday for them and the next day Sunday making two days' rest for their horses before bucking the heavy snow. And had it not been for the kindness of the patrons on Route 2 it would have been impossible to have got around Monday, but as it was the carrier was right on time. I appreciate what the patrons did for me in this storm. Every foot of Route 2 was broke Monday.

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## Special Prizes to be Awarded March 5th

One Genuine Diamond Ring, Set in 14 Karat solid gold mounting, One Gold La Valliere, English finish chain and Pendant. These prizes were purchased from Lou Schwaner, one of Loup City's Leading Jewelers. They are on display in his window and are guaranteed by him.

These two special prizes will be awarded to the two contestants who turn in the largest amount of money, over \$25.00 collected on new and renewal subscriptions. Any contestant turning in \$25.00 during this special period who does not win one of the above special prizes, will receive a beautiful locket. This special prize period dates from the beginning of the contest, February 3rd and closes March 5th at 6 o'clock p. m. All money turned into this office by the subscriber will count for the contestant whom he voted for. The regular schedule of votes will be issued

on every subscription turned in. These votes will go toward winning the grand prize. Remember it is the money that counts in this special offer. Contestants who live in other towns outside of Loup City can send their money via mail, but the post mark must show that the subscriptions are mailed not later than March 5th at 6 o'clock p. m. Every contestant has an opportunity of winning a special prize for a special effort.

Schedule of Votes on Subscription Contest	
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2 years \$3.00.....700 votes	7 years \$10.50.....4200 votes
3 years \$4.50.....1200 votes	8 years \$12.00.....5200 votes
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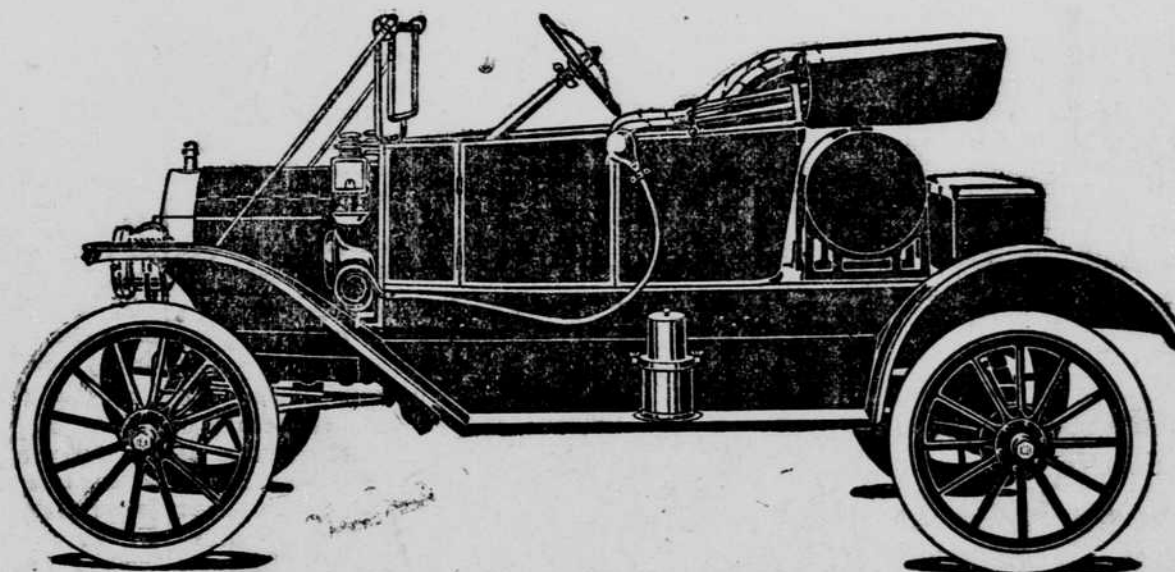
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Address.....

## Not the close of Contest

Do not confuse March 5th and the prizes to be awarded at that time, with the close of the contest. The above prizes will be given as extra reward for work done by contestants from the beginning of the contest until March 5th. The closing day of the contest, when the Automobile to be awarded, will be announced in the near future. The regular schedule of votes will apply to money turned in on special prize period, and the votes will count on the automobile.

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