

SOULS for SALE

By RUPERT HUGHES.

(Continued From Yesterday.)

CHAPTER LIII.
 the night falleth. I am trying not to ask too much of heaven, but I am counting on seeing you.
 Your loving HUSBAND.
 Never had Mem felt more ancient or more motherly than when she saw this aged child converted again to Santa Claus. His blind confidence in his wrongheadedness filled her heart with tender amusement.
 She was thoroughly happy and fully rewarded for the sacrifice of her savings, but she was too freshly come from the home of the farceur to escape a torrent of cynicism. She put ice in her mother's heart when she said: "I saw 'The Beggar's Opera' to-night, mamma—the wickedest thing I never did see, too. But if it hadn't been for that, Handel wouldn't have written 'The Messiah'."
 This was academic enough to pass her mother without protest. But Mem went on with diabolical logic. "If Eve hadn't eaten the apple, then Christ would never have come to earth."
 "Hush, in heaven's name!" "Hush is always good advice, mamma, but I can't help realizing that if I hadn't—well, signed in the word—with poor Elwood Farnaby, I'd never have run away from home. If I'd never have come out here, I'd never have earned a cent; I'd never have had a cent to send to poor daddy—and his church would have gone to smash. So you see—"
 "No, I don't," said Mrs. Steddon, "and you'd better not."
 "All right, I won't," said Mem, kissing the frightened face. "but it's a funny world, isn't it, mamma?"
 "Not at all," said mamma.

CHAPTER LIV.
 Mem dreaded to go to the studio the next day for fear of the comedian who would have overnight become a rejected lover.
 But Ling separated shop from life completely and gave no sign of the self-tormentor, the love puzzle he became of evenings. He was once more the chemist fretting over the minutiae of laugh-getting, pondering the hair's breadth lift of an eyebrow, perfecting the mixture of action to the least scruple.
 The child's lonely heart was forgotten and he was the keen professor in his laboratory. Mem wondered if other scientists became just such babblers when they went back to their homes and their boarding houses.
 She also became the woman professor storing up information. She began to wonder if the same accuracy would not be of value in the manufacture and sale of tears and sorrows. She began to revert to her old ambition and to feel that the business of laughter making was not her line.
 The pathos and the amiable face of her father's delusion warmed her heart toward the lonely sentiments of the everyday people. She wanted to play small town heroines and enact village tragedies with a sunlight of laughter woven through them. After all, most people were either in or from small towns. The richest bought themselves farms and dwelt in villages, and she had read that Marie Antoinette had her Petit Trianon where she dressed as a peasant and fed chickens.
 She began to long for a role made to order for herself. She had been putting on other people's ready-made ideas, wearing characteristics that came to her complete, adjusting her own body and spirit to a preconceived tradition.
 Now, like all growing actors souls, she grew impatient for a mantle cut to her own shoulders of a tint suited to her own complexion.
 One evening when a Thursday night dance at the Hollywood Hotel drew a throng of movie makers of all the branches of the industry, she fell in with Miss Driscoll, who wrote comedies, and was one of the chief officers of the new Writers' club, which had just bought a house and opened a clubhouse where men and women mingled in disregard of ancient prejudice.
 Miss Driscoll thrilled Mem by saying that she ought to have a picture written especially for her. She said she had been watching Mem's work, had been talking about her a lot to Tom Holby. She said Mem the marvelous complexion of a personality, an individuality. She wanted to write something "around her."
 Four men who begged Mem for a dance were vaguely snubbed. Miss Driscoll's voice was more fascinating with that theme of her self than even the saxophone with its voice like the call of a goat-legged, shaggy Pan, turning dance floors into leafy forests and putting a nymph or a faun inside each ballroom or dinner cot.
 Love of a very fleshly and woodland appeal was of an interior magic to the spell of a voice that said, "Let me write and publish you as your own self to the world."
 Mem was beginning to respond to the same self-splitting introspection that she had pitied or scorned in Ned Ling and other actors who were always worrying over an infidelity to their selves.
 Tom Holby came up and commanded her to dance. When she begged off he lifted her from her chair and eloped with her like Jupiter carrying off Europa. But her thoughts remained with Miss Driscoll and this wonderful new world where she was to enact her self.
 Tom Holby soon realized that he had only an empty shell in his arms and he put her back into her chair.

But Miss Driscoll had been carried away by another dancer, and Mem found herself alongside a man whom she recognized as an author of comedies, also one of the chief spirits of the Screen Writers' Guild and one of the chief officers of the Writers' Club.
 And he introduced himself as Mr. Hobbes, saying that he had been watching her work for some time and that she had a distinct personality, a peculiar photographic genius. "I'd love to write something around you," he said.
 Mem chuckled at the infantile pride of discovering that she had toes. "Small she also had a toe, and when Miss Driscoll returned, panting and mopping her brow, she said to Mr. Hobbes: "You lay off, my star! I see her first."
 "Nonsense!" said Mr. Hobbes. "I've been dreaming about her for weeks." Mem felt divinely foolish as the wishbone of such a rivalry. But when Tom Holby drifted back, as always, and Ned Ling came up to glorify her with attentions, both them felt that she was cut off from them by some transparent but impassable cloud. (To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

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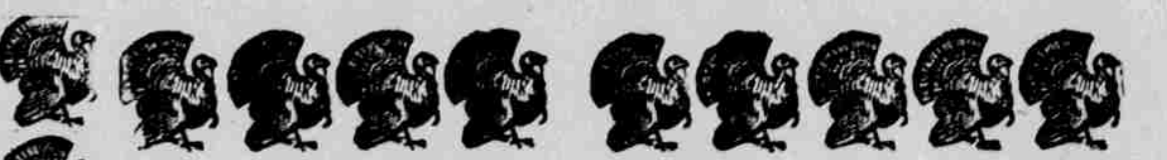
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