

THE SPIRIT OF DREAM

A dream is like a ghost that walks in lands of lost delight...

The little pathways of the hill, The ladder to the sky, With golden rungs to tread upon...

HIS SOUTHERN HOME

"HALL, I put in the pale blue evening gown, dear?" asked Mrs. Worthington.

"Yes, darling, do," said Mr. Worthington. He sat on the edge of the bed and smoked, thus greatly aiding his wife.

"It's like another world," he said dreamily, "not like it is up here, where they're all so cold and unsocial."

"Will the cotton be growing?" she inquired, "and the sugar cane? And the magnolias? Oh, how I long to breathe their sweet perfume."

Mr. Worthington assured her that the magnolias would be working, even if it was a bit late for cotton.

"Pack all your best clothes," he advised. "The governor does a good lot of entertaining and we'll be gay. Every-



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one will want to meet you. I'll be like living again, instead of cooped up in a New York flat."

Mrs. Worthington packed harder than ever. She crawled under the bed and brought forth boxes of hats and valises. They had no other place to keep things.

She furnished up all her gowns, that the relatives needn't think that Edgar's wife was not smartly dressed at all times. He had told her that they dressed each night for dinner. It would all be so different from dining in restaurants and having one's friends around to the flat in an informal way.

For three nights before they left the Worthingtons dined at home alone, but Dora wore her most delectable frock, while Edgar, equally impressive, had donned full dress. Although Dora ripped her train on a rocker, because everything was so crowded, and Edgar felt horribly uncomfortable, as he had fattened somewhat since last wearing his clothes, dinner was quite successful.

"When we get back we'll do this all the time," said his wife. "You know, dearest, we have grown so careless in many ways. Let us observe the customs of polite society after this, even when alone."

Edgar agreed. The more they looked at the tiny flat, the more alluring seemed the prospect of life on the plantation.

He described the luscious fruits, the hot biscuit and all the dishes with which old Aunt Caroline would regale them. There were enormous closets, in which fifty dresses might hang, and everywhere there would be room, and lots of it. Dora pictured in fancy the plantation at night, when every window was aglow with light, and arriving guests, come to welcome them, would drive under the porte-cochere, and enter through the wide doors. She could hardly wait.

On a Tuesday morning she locked the windows, turning up her pretty little nose as she looked into the collective

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back yards below. "Oh, if only we might never return to it all," she thought. In the stuffy kitchen an unwashed milk bottle stood in the sink. The dumb waiter creaked and rattled its way to an upper floor. Dora took off her gloves and washed the bottle. The Worthingtons couldn't afford a servant.

A cockroach peeped roguishly out from behind the soap dish. She realized that a flourishing family of cockroaches would be in possession before they returned. It is the way of cockroaches—and flats—left unchaperoned. "I wish we were never coming back," she said aloud.

The journey began. Edgar sought the smoker late on the second day. Dora, with a magazine, made herself comfortable in the sleeper. It was warm in the car. The magazine slipped from her lap. She slept.

They were at "home," and with all the relatives assembled in the parlor. Dora was magnificent in her pale blue. Every other woman in the room was garbed in the simplest of toilettes and each stared amazedly at her bared shoulders. Edgar's father had on a frock coat, greenish at the seams from long service, and he sported a limp black bow tie. Everyone called him Judge, although he wasn't one. Several gawky young men stood about looking at Dora.

Edgar had warned her that these cavaliers would make pretty speeches and violent love, but she must not mind. Dora wistfully hoped they'd begin, but there seemed little chance. The girl cousins were awkward women. "I'm sure she uses rowl," it was a whisper from the very scrawniest one.

Dora thought wearily of the flat. It were better to be back washing milk bottles and killing cockroaches. Outside in the blackness a cold wind moaned. Some of it came inside. She was rapidly taking cold from sitting in a draft. The parlor of which Edgar had talked was very shabby. There were chairs with broken springs and a worn carpet. They went to dinner.

There were hominy and fried ham, mounds of corn bread and had coffee. And ham always made Dora ill.

Edgar's mother spoke. "Your costume is disgraceful, daughter," said she severely. "We are plain folk here, and do not approve of it."

Dora flushed. One cousin begged her

to have some ham. And this was the old plantation! "I wish," she murmured, "that we were back in the flat. And I'm going back to-night!"

"Gee, I don't," it was Edgar. "Put on your hat," he went on, "we're almost there!"

Dora sat up. It had been a dream, but she snatched. Might it not prove a reality?

The train slowed down and stopped. "His way, Marsa Eddie," shouted a negro in livery. He pushed the portiere aside. "Hea dey is!" he roared.

As they stepped off a dozen young men rushed up with hands outstretched. They were a few of the cousins. There was a mile drive through a road-way lit by electricity. From a wide veranda of the house a lady in black velvet, with a stout man in full dress, looked out eagerly as they drove up. A crowd of plump, vivacious young women in dinner gowns of recent cut closed in upon Dora as one cousin helped her out. He squeezed her hand tenderly while doing it.

"Get your wraps off, daughter," said Edgar's mother gaily, "dinner's ready now."

The cousins fought to take her in, but Edgar's father claimed the privilege. Through the parlor, hung in royal blue and splendidly furnished, they trooped. There were terrapin and canvasback, French rolls, leas and other good fare. And not a draught in the place. The flat seemed a long way off. Dora ceased to think of it. She feared that she might wake up again.—New York Telegraph.

A Bond of Sympathy. While the new maid tidied the room the busy woman kept on writing.

"Do you make that all out of your own head?" asked Jane.

"Yes," said the busy woman.

"My," said Jane admiringly, "you must have brains."

"Brains," sighed the woman despondently. "Oh, Jane, I haven't an ounce of brains."

For a moment Jane regarded her with sincere commiseration.

"Oh, well," she said presently, "don't mind what I say. I ain't very smart myself."

It is a very unusual town man who can move on a farm and resist the temptation of referring to his place as a "ranch."

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"Nothing in it."

"But you take her about a great deal, don't you?"

"That's a bluff of mine to get myself a stand-in with the boss. He hopes I'm going to elope with her."—Cleveland Leader.

All Changed. "How about Miss Sneering?" inquired the returned traveler. "I suppose you are still friends?"

"No, indeed," replied Snarley. "Why, we've been married over a year."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Just Possible. Muggins—I wonder why artists always sign their pictures?

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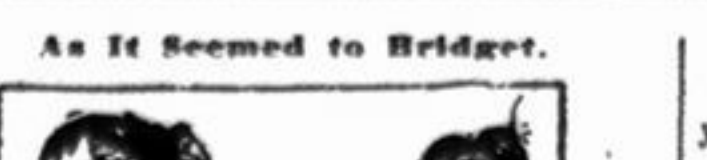
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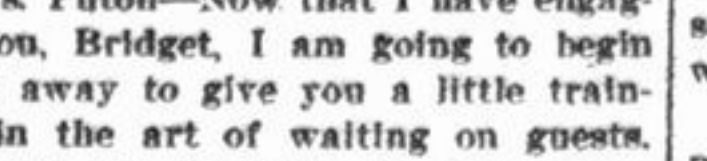
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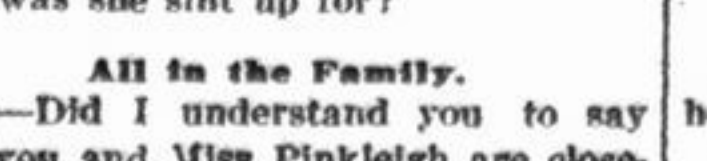
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