

Mysterious Masquerade

By J. R. WILMOT

CHAPTER XXVII.

Roger Barling after escorting Molly to her flat returned to his own apart-nent, deep in serious thought.

is Cleveland was right in his as sumption that Silver was the principat behind the girl, the directing men ta' force, then to release her he must strike at Silver. But how? Was he not already too late to do that? The damage had been done. Major Car stairs had accepted her as his daugh ter very conveniently suffering from ass of memory.

Roger dropped into his armchair. The little clock on the mantel chimed midright. For another hour he sat and then the telephone rang.
"Is that Mr. Barling. This is Jud-

son speaking. I'm at Charing Cross Station. You remember me, Mr. Bar-

"Of course I remember you."
"Wel., sir, I got back tonight about midnight and I found that Silver's got Miss Carstairs. I'm quitting while

the going's good."
"What do you mean by 'Got Miss (arstails "I found that he'd sent the car

actor for her about eleven o'clock, and there's something masty going on. if I were you I'd watch out."

A dick at the other end told Roger

that the man had rung off.

act the slightest apprehension, for her door leading to the staircase before wird was made up. Whatever the Majer wanten her for she was determined to tell the truti.

Her reception at the house struck

her as being rather odd. Flora Silver met he, in the hall.

"Come this way, my dear," she in-timated tonelessly, leading the way into he ounge, "Paul won't be long." With ut further explanation the wen an left the room, and as Molly stood staring at the closing door she was amazed to hear the key being turned in the lock. After what seem-

an age, the door was unlocked and Silver entered. "So there you are, ch? I suppose you're wendering what we want with Well, the game's up, my girl

Flora wants me to let you go, but I've taken enough risks aiready with you, my girl. I half suspect that you're some way responsible for this. You've been letting your tongue gct the better of you. Carstains and I have been having a little chat about on and we've decided to keep you here until the police arrive. I'm sorry for you Miss Carstairs-very sorry indeed. You are a young woman with it mense possibilities. They'll prob-

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"So you shall, but not yet awhile

to it so made a swift movement and terrible truth broke upon him—tae the subject, or write to the Ontario turned to face her, and as he did so his knude shot out. The next moment hand shot out. The next moment was at the window crying aloud Almanac. It's free and worth study Sielly's face and she hearthed the Hesitantly Molly followed him toening odor of chloreform.

there was no reply. At that her mind was made up.

By the time she arrived at Lawn House it was nearly two o'clock. The louse was in darkness. She silently walked to an old window at the back of the house. Someone inside the room had streek a match, and in its glow she saw the face of Paul Silver. Then he saw he as holding a can of peti... and had storted sprinkling it around the room. The truth dawned

on her quickly. He was setting the house alight. Even as she looked a burst of flame Molty had been surprised that the came from the far corner of the room, ear which called at the flat was not driver by Judson. The man at the x e-l wns one of the underlings who needed after the garden. But she had ing herself that she must reach the ner danger she sprang across the

> Ler retreat. Suddenly she remembered the old annel. She dropped on her knees and earched the floor for the concealed ing.

com. The door was locked rd the

flames had met behind her, cutting off

CHAPTER XXVIII.

Roger Barling saw the blaze as he ame along the road. Jumping out of his car, he dashed across the lawn. He was surprised to see a sittle knot ficor was well alight, and in the glow he saw Inspector Blayton.
"Have you got them out?" demand

ed Roger, unsteadily.
"Got who out?" asked Blayton.
"Miss Carstairs. Quick, man! Have

cu sent for the brigade?" Blayton was astonishingly cool. "Of course," he answered, readily, "but how do you know Miss Carstairs is

here?" Breathlessly, Roger told him about the telephone message he had received. "I see," he mentioned, tonelessly "But we can't do anything until the

Loger protested, the name slipping uncorsciously from his lips.

"We must be patient, Mr. Barting.

You may rest assured that we shall do e rything possible."

Suddenly out of the shadows that

gulfed them they saw a darting fig-tre of z woman, hatless and with disherelled hair. For one incredible mo-ment Roger thought it was Molly; out this figure was not running from the house but towards it. Roger heard Blayton stifle a curse. "Quick, after her, Peters, she's going to her death."

But although the man addressed

sprinted across the intervening space the girl ahead had a big start. She had reached the side of the house and in a moment they saw her climbing hand over hand up the tangled ivy. The next moment she had disappeared from view in the direction of the toppost windows in the points

desperately hard to think what had happened. Then like a flash it came happened. Iner like a hash it came being out of sorts to downtight likes, buck to him. He renembered Silver, the revolver, the drugged whisky, his telephoning the girl. A new fear gripped him. He realized he had been indirectly responsible for the trap daily exercise, no one should ever be which apparently Silver had laid. He ill. That's why we suggest that one jumped from bed. An odor of smoke should be ashamed to be ill.

assailed his nostrils. Below him he if you are in doubt as to

So this, he reflected pitterly, was Major Carstairs' rightful daughter the end. They had left him to die in that great an uneasiness in her mind. De- girl. That girl, whoever she was had gird for the girl she had discovered had returned to England to find hap-

door ame to his ears. Someone was calling. "Father! Father! Where are you?"

This must surely be some mad cream—the effect of that damnable drug. His hearing was playing tricks with him. But that voice! He heard it again. It was nearer now. And hallucination or not, Major Carstairs answered it, call for call.

A moment later the door of his

room was flung open. In the density of the darkness he could make our a human form. He could hear the atmost hysterical breathing as he sat there hypnotized.

"Father, are you there?" It was the agenized cry of a woman close be-

Instinctively he breathed nor name: "Molly!" He felt her crutching him, sobbing wildly, her whole frame racked with an uncontrollable enotion. His arms went around her, thankfully. This was his child. Providence had sent her to him in the hour of his greatest

"Quick!" she cried. "We must get ut. The house is burning!"
"We can't go like this," he cried. "There's another woman-we must

Out on the landing a great cloud of smoke assailed them. The girl paused and opened a door. They were in another room where the window was wide open, and before the win dow's aperature was silhouetted against the lighter tint of the night sky a ladder.

The firemen found Molly Carstairs ten n. rutes later. She was still un-conscious, but they carried her to the lawn where Roger Barling was in a

fever of agony. "You've got your car here, Barling," said Inspector Blayton. "I should ad-vise your taking her home, and the Major, and . . . " he paused uncertainly, staring at the girl who was clinging to Major Carstairs' arm
"My daugher, Inspector," supplied

Carstairs quietly. An hour later a strange company was assembled at Major Carstairs flat, and the Major was speaking: "I seem to be in a land of make believe tonight," he smiled. "And don't want anyone to spoil it by enter-ing upon a lot of explanations. You more than

see, I illink I know more than you again? I certainly do. I'd hate to imagine. But I will say this," he added, turning to Roger, "I owe a very great debt of gratitude to these two young ladies here who, by a happy action pending against her, was not action pending against her, was not oincidence, bear similar names. you at lunch here tom crrow. Mr. Bar

ling."
The promised lunch was a happy took it upon himself to say that be fore very long there would only be one Molly Carstairs instead of two.

And what of the Silvers?

Inspector Blayton is very fond of saying that at Holloway and at Wandsworth gaol the prison commis sioners will not countenance card

(The End.)

Winning by Love

"I luv" em. and they know it," said a bright cheery little boy at a Sun-day School Conference. "Whenever the little ones get a bit fidgety, I tell 'em about my young days when I was a miserable, neglected girl in a drunkard's home. My only bit of sunshine was to get to the Mission School Now I tell them the old, old story, and try to give them that love which I so longed for myself when was a girl." It was easy to see this earnest woman was on righ lines for we win children by love and by impressing on them our deep concern for their best welfare .- J. J

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By Bon Sante

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If you reflect a little on the cause of your disposition don't you think you re more to be blamed than pitled? When people are ill, providing their

of a disease, the cause can be traced to some very serious indiscretions in the matter of their daily health habits. Wrong diet is the usual cause, and lack of exercise is another, and the rised to find himself in bed. He tried two together combine to produce a desperately hard to think what had condition of debility all the way from being out of sorts to downright illness

illnesses have not reached the stage

If you are in doubt as to what con-

For Remembrance Day

(Pr Christine MacGillivray Campbell) Do you remember the boys in khaki? How every eye followed the slim figures up or down the street! Was it gard for the girl she had discovered inpersonating her. Sixting in her piness with his daughter; she had roughter; she had the imagination Anyway, can given him that happiness, until that time fled by. Finally she went out to a telephone call-box and rang Molly's flat, only to have the operator tell her there was no really. At that for mind door, ame to his ears. Someone was sewed and stewed and made jam and the sevent are given by the control of them, sobbed for them, sewed and stewed and made jam and the sevent are the sevent are sevent and stewed and made jam and the sevent portions that the sevent are the seve fruitcake and tucked in chocolate bars watched the lists, moaned for the mothers when the cables came whizzing home in all their horror? Do you remember?

It's years now since the green or gold maple leaves were taken down from the window or the front door, and the children to-day may not even know that that was to indicate the living sor of the house oversea or the dead one buried in France. The khaki is put away and moth-eaten or worn out at homely tasks. There are many—you -and you-and you-who had some Supose he had come home, maimed or biind or confused, and people, forget ting, were not now kind to him?

That man over there chopping wood in the wet snow, that chap shovelling coal, that dejected being on a park bench, commonplace figures all and of no special account, they were once alert, erect, gallant, the glory of the nation in their khaki! Are we silly and shallow that the spedding of a uniform, and the slipping of a few years have brought forgetfulness and neglect? Are we the people whose voices broke in church imploring God to "save our splendid men"? Have we forgotten so soon?

How It Feels to Be Married to a Prince

New York. - Mary McCormick, the opera singer who has a separa tion action pending against the Georgian prince, Serge Midivani, gives an ex-parte version of how it feels to be a princess.

"It feels something like this," sh said, biting on stalk of celery. put on my hat and coat to go out The prince says: 'What for?' I say: Fresh air. He is insanely jealous The prince says: Stick your head out of a window.'

"And the prince goes out, and locks the hotel door and I have to stay in all day, and if I want fresh air I have to stick my head out of the window."

Selecting another piece of celery very crisp looking piece, she con-

inued:
"Life with the prince was jus a piling up of Asiatic stupidities.
"Do I hope_ the prince marries again? I certainly do. I'd hate to

action pending against her, was no around to tell how it felt to be the

Gems from Life's Scrap-book Reason

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"Reason gáins all mer by compe ling none."—Aaron Hill.
"If I go to Heaven I want to take my reason,"-R. G. Ingersoll. "He is next to the gods whom rea son, and not passion, compels."-Clar

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tow we are told the ringing words were lies, The flag a blind across the eyes of

youth. The sharp adventure but a grim sur Of brutish pain. We cannot gues

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The overseas teams have just reacted the World's Fair Horse Show in Chicago. At its conclusion they will return to New York to share in the oth celebration of the National Horse show before coming to Toronto. The Swedish team is headed or

Count ron Rosen, who was in the Swedish team at the Royal Winter Fair three years ago. Though changes have been made !!

the Irish team it is understood, it includes Commandant O'Dwyer and Capt. Abern, whose intrep., riding is well known in Tc onto.

Major Chamberlain is expected to

head the American officers team which comes from Tampa. An intriguing interest attaches to the Czecho-Slovak riders. The team is apparently a "dark norse" in Euro pean circles.

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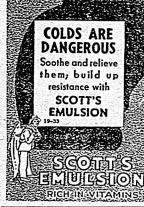
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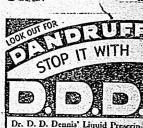
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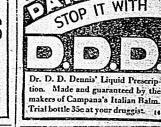


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