

A Short-Lived Romance

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Take as dramatic personae a man who indulges in a cold bath every morning and who has to shave close every day and who falls hard for that day-over-fourty-stuff; a wife who is madly and jolly, plump and growing frankly gray; and a stenographer with a very tall blonde pompadour, high heels and a passion for Robert W. Chambers' novels (and two dollars an ounce perfume).

Put the man and the stenographer into a small office, with the scent of the perfume and have the day's work consist of writing about a half-dozen business letters, answering a few phone calls and going down to the bank frequently to deposit a fat commission check upon a charge of crude rubber, and you have a situation where the devil is to pay—usually.

"I can't stand the cold water and hair, and when he smiled it just made you sort of like him, you know."

"Where did you get to know him, Kitty?"

"Well," said Kitty, Tulane, taking off her hat and patting her hair as she left the elevator. "I hardly got to know him at all. Remember, Mr. Sterling went over with some papers to his father-in-law's office in the Imperial building. When I got back down that afternoon, I found I had to wait in the lobby. He came along and took me out under his umbrella and helped me on the Brighton car. We had to run to catch it. I wouldn't even have known his name but it was written in white ink inside his umbrella. It was a pretty name, too. Thomas C. Slater, but I suppose he is just a little nobody."

"Kitty Tulane, you make me tired. A little nobody? You think you can get 'em with nice eyes and hair and the same time have limousines and country homes like your boss? I'll say you can't. I believe you're in love with your boss anyhow, the way you go on about him."

"Gee, you're a real shame to say that to me!" And Kitty Tulane's pretty face went red with a mixture of confusion and anger.

In the hall of the great building, the two girls parted, and went to their respective offices.

Kitty Tulane put up her hat, raised the windows, opened the typewriter desk and then sat in her chair quite still, her hands resting in her lap.

It would be a half hour before she got in. She yet colored as she thought of her boss' remark. "Ever find me occasionally tight of Mr. Sterling except as a thoughtful employer and a good friend. Besides, he worshiped his wife—everybody loved Mrs. Sterling—she was that kind. Still, wives die, sometimes, and men married again, very young women too. Kitty wondered vaguely if such girls were really ever happy. At this point her dream became strangely confused, for she began to picture a young man with nice hair and eyes and a wonderful smile, riding in Mr. Sterling's limousine and talking over the shoulder in Mr. Sterling's clear, confident, manner. Dreamily, she took up her note book and began to write: "Katherine Tulane Slater," then "Katherine Tulane Sterling."

With her head set prettily to one side, she studied these two lines critically. Finally, she erased the first line.

It was this occupation which Mr. Sterling's arrival interrupted.

His brisk, cheery "Good morning, Miss Katherine," startled her. She stammered and blushed guiltily and hurriedly hid the note book in her drawer.

"That will be all this morning, Miss Tulane. Just read that last letter back to me."

"I have your favor of the sixteenth. The cargo referred to should be at the dock in Baltimore." She had ever so slightly a lip; he noticed it, quite suddenly. She had made that chiffon waist herself. Her teeth were very white and there was a gleam in her eyes. They were just a bit shabby, for all their neat bright polish. She was going to get another pair, but she must wait until pay day after next because—this much he had overheard in an exchange of girl confidences in the hall outside his door. Her hands were very shapely—how shiny pink she always kept her nails. Poor little thing, every hand lines, having to struggle along on \$18 a week. Not much in life for her perhaps. He put his hand over the one that rested on the note book. For just a moment the scene was confused, then she continued reading. He allowed it to rest there for just a moment, and gave a fatherly little pat as he removed it.

In a flash, Kitty knew. She had written those telltale names on the reverse of her note book. And as she read back the last letter he had seen it—"Katherine Tulane Sterling."

During the day he glanced over at her. Once he caught her studying him and she blushed and went to typing furiously.

"A couple of tickets for The Girl and the Prince," Miss Tulane. Take your mother or some girl friend. And we are not using our first night; I'll have it come around for you. Of course the chauffeur knew, Free-

only the cook knew. Then the upstairs maid knew and said it was a name. Mrs. Sterling bit her lips and blinked hard over an anonymous note—no, she would not let herself cry.

"Green corn and new potatoes, my, my!"

"Now, Chester, you know the last time I was always real as a bilious." But perhaps there was a little twinkle in Mrs. Sterling's jolly gray eyes as she liberally helped her husband for the third time.

"Here, dear, put on these lavender silk pajamas. You know this was the day I was to motor down to Mrs. Clutch. Of course now."

"Go right ahead—'ll be all right."

"Well, Oba, I hate to leave you with just the servants and it wouldn't seem right to get a trainee nurse ad' leave as they are. So I just phoned Miss Tulane to come out and bring the mail and asked her to stay all day. She'll make you company and it will be a little change for her from that study office."

"Sally, you are so thoughtful."

His wife patting his shoulder. Could it be she was still studying Chester? The slight frown when she looked around in the heat the day before, trying to locate the first—the very first green corn in market. Could it be that those smiling eyes knew how he had actually frown he looked with that little with of gray hair standing straight up, or was it possible that she had, with malice aforethought, got out of the study, suspect that Jimmy would show up in white flannels and looking as young and handsome as handsome youth can look?

Or when she called up her father's office and asked him to get Jimmy Jimmy Slater come out for the day because she didn't want to leave Chester alone, and later got Jimmy on the phone and told him that a very pretty girl was always in the study, did she suspect that Jimmy would show up in white flannels and looking as young and handsome as handsome youth can look?

"It was good of you to come, Jimmy. It's Miss Tulane, she'll look after Chester. You can make yourself at home here on the veranda and when she isn't busy with her stenographer, she'll be up and the room's just marked if you two want tennis."

"Lord, Sally, I thought you never were going to get back." As her husband's greeting as she came into his room late that afternoon. "My, how I missed you, girl. He made a pathetic gesture by ignoring it. Miss Tulane were wild with joy."

"She's out with Jimmy."

"Listen, Sally, do you think you could persuade that girl to leave off that stenographer business? She's got that fool lip she's been affecting. I know I'll have another sick spell if I have to go back to the office with that."

"Well, honey, I don't think we need worry about it now." And the plump jolly face went down against the third yellow one and her gray eyes twinkled. For, as she came in hadn't she seen something on the window-covered porch and hadn't her quick ears caught something that sounded like:

"Thank Heaven, I have got the old crank off my hands, now let's get in that bed of tennis."

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Musical Instrument Dating From the Eleventh Century Found in Church

—in the Pyrenees.

In a recent number of The King's Highway Ethel M. Bingham describes a collection of letters in the Pyrenees. She describes, among other things, the little village of St. Savin with its old church and abbey.

"The church is remarkable for its eleventh century work, and for the quaint old organ it possesses, which is literally crumbling to pieces with age. Its few remaining pipes still peep bravely against each other from the front panels, and cavernous holes where mouths and eyes should be. The old peasant who showed us over the church, explained that in days gone by, when the organ was being played, these grotesque faces were rendered more hideous by a long tongue protruding from the mouth, while eyes would suddenly emerge and roll about in the sockets. This was done, our guide informed us, to keep the attention of the congregation. He wound up by the proud declaration that it was 'the oldest organ in the world.'"

Napoleon's Bad Temper.

When Napoleon was a young cadet he went on one occasion to witness the ascent of a Balloon in the Champs de Mars. He entered unperceived the inclosure which contained the balloon, which was then very nearly full and about to ascend, and requested that he be allowed to enter the car. The balloon, however, was refused, the pilot, being that the feelings of the day might embarrass the aeronaut.

"Though I am young, I fear neither the weight of earth nor of air!" Bonaparte is reported to have exclaimed.

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