

"What do you mean, Ellie, and how because you don't know Letitia Evon earth did you know about Cur- ans. She's so persistent that he can't tiss and Letitia Evans?" I demanded. get out of her clutches."

"A little bird told me."

and you are joking." into the more serious mood in which hero-worship.

spill the fact that I was on to Cur- dealt kindly with you, why should tiss' misdemeanor but I couldn't sit you be so bitter?". I saw that I could back and watch something like that not change her opinion of Curtiss and a dumb-bell about it."

"I've known all summer that they were seeing each other but I had you reckon-

is on to it, yet," Ellie interrupted, mad parents went their own way in "but of course your own set is bound truly modern fashion, has made me sip in such a flagrant disregard of a sense of humor." the conventions. It's even gotten to Jacksonville because Marjorie Chenworth wrote me about it. She told me to make you come up here and get away from the whole situation." flippantly, "but fortunately for me "You don't think that ---?"

I couldn't go on. tue is actually side-stepping?"

and nodded

"Well, of course, I don't know how | "But Ellie you knew too, that he far he's fallen for the wiles of this was maried. You had no right to his Letitia Evans but I do know this, affection. Sallie, any woman, provided she is wife who holds her husband might other promise." just as well put it down to luck and bet she even laughs at his old stor- are times when you'd trade all your ies," she concluded.

think that Curtiss has gone very far really loved you." with the least harm and scandal."

Ellie sniffed love to have that much confidence in ground - a sanctuary hidden away someone who has treated you like beneath the jaunty, debonaire and Curtiss. I might as well tell you all heedless creature that the world that your friends are perfectly indignant. was Ellie Mitchell. uation. She adores you and knows ence. married. What does he do to show doesn't mean to be indifferent. She's his appreciation? Have an affair with probably forgotten something and a rude little flapper!"

"I don't think it's exactly that," defended. "It has

all the earmarks, ma cherie." "Anyway," I continued, "I couldn't

you see that really was my duty and

dulged in, no doubt, by the cave wo- liner!" man in order to make 'her man' ap-

is deplorably lacking in appreciation of you, Sallie. Why you could have married any one of a dozen splendid catches and you threw them all over for Curtiss."

him, Ellie, that he has some very wonderful qualities and this is the only thing that has come up to keep us from being perfectly happy."

declared, fiercely, "he's always struck me as being exceedingly narrowminded." I knew then at that very moment that Ellie had enlisted on the side against Curtiss and any attempt to make her change her view-point

"That's just why I married him." I contended, "a sort of balance-wheel for my own impulsive enthusiasm. I was hopelessly frivolous, Ellie, and you know it, and Curtiss certainly has made me over."

"That's just why I think he's so inconsistent. Why doesn't he, himself, put some of his lofty ideas into practice? I'll have nothing good to say for him, Sallie, and if I were you, I'd put in for a divorce from him tomorrow."

I winced at the word.

"Oh, no, no, it hasn't come to anything like that! Why, I'd have no further purpose in living with Curtiss you see, you've misjudged him

"Just the same you know how "Please be serious," I pleaded, "this feel about it," she answered, "I'm is a matter of my life's happiness delighted of course that you're here, Sallie, and I hope that you'll stay Ellie sat up, in what was for her long enough to see the thing as others a dignified position, and lapsed back do who are not blinded by a sort of

"Ellie, you sound so eynical and "Listen, Sallie, I hadn't meant to hard-hearted. The world has surely

"I'm not, really. It's just that should have have married some poor no idea anyone else had noticed. Do unsuspecting man years ago before had my illusions shattered. Batting "No. I don't think the whole town around the world alone while my jazz to sit up and find interesting gos- exchange my sense of sentiment for "You've never really been in love?"

> "It seems to me that I've never been anything else," she answered

it's usually with a different person!' "Seriously though, Sallie-Alley, "That your paragon of saintly vir- lost my faith in men when I found out that Warren Fisher was a scoun-I ignored her slang and carsasm drel. I really had undying faith in him-don't you remember?"

"Yes, but what I didn't know was reasonably attractive, and sets her that a man who would be untrue to mind to it, can get any man, and any his wife would be faithless to any

"Never mind. You'll get married nothing short of it, that 'the other some day and I know it. I never have woman' has failed to make her ap- believed you were indifferent to all pearance with her flattering compli- the sweet, lovely things of life, Ellie, ments and fresh enthusiasm. Why, I and I know perfectly well that there suitors and popularity and beautiful "I see what you mean, but I can't clothes for a home and someone who

in this thing, Ellie. I feel that its just | For a moment I thought I saw a an entanglement with this Evans glint of a tear tremble on her eyegirl that he stepped into before he lash and then in a flash, she was up realized her true nature and I believe from the divan upon which she had even now he's trying to get out of it been resting and was playing a new dance record.

In spite of her nonchalant gesture "It must take a whale of a lot of I felt that I had treaded on sacred

Marj, for instance, wrote me that I The door burst open and a girl should insist on your coming up here darted through the room as if she and getting away from an ugly sit- were totally oblivious of our pres-

what a sacrifice you've made already "Carmen!" announced Ellie, tossfor Curtiss by giving up all the lux- ing her head in the direction in which uries you've been accustomed to and the girl had so swiftly departed. "She economizing ever since you've been will be back in a minute. She really wants to get it while she remembers.'

She was right. In a moment the girl with whom Ellie shared the apartment returned and spoke in all friendliness to both of us.

"Dashed back to grab an evening have done anything but help Curtiss, dress. Am going to be one in a mobscene in the movies. But they really besides-I loved him so that it made want another girl too for a right prominent part and Jiminy! Sallie It had not been easy and I realized The director showed me a picture of the moment that I had said it that I | the type they wanted and you're her was beginning to tell a string of pet- very image. Come along. It'll be a ty lies to protect Curtiss and recog- lark for us both and, you never can nized it for a primitive emotion, in- tell, you might get to be a head-

I laughed and declared that I had no such ambition or talent and that "My contention with him is that he strange as it may seem I had never particularly wanted to be a moviequeen or an actress.

"Go on, Sallie," urged Ellie, have to struggle down to the studie to take an art lesson a little later "Don't forget in all fairness to and left alone you'd probably get mopey. Make her go, Carmen!"

In the end they had their way with me and in a few moments I found "I won't admit his perfection!" she myself in a taxi with Carmen headed for what she vehemently declared would be a 'corking adventure."

(To be continued next week) Does Sallie find diversion among the movie-people or does her heart still yearn for the old days and Cur-

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