

The WOMAN with TWO SMILES

by Maurice LeBlanc CREATOR OF ARSENE LUPIN

CHAPTER 37

CLARA WAS putting on her hat. When she had fixed it to her satisfaction she turned on Raoul, looking him in the eyes.

"Well, what is it?" he asked.

"That Olga..."

"Clara, I've told you she's an old aunt who'll leave me some money."

"Just now, you said she was an old cousin."

"Well, she's both. On different sides of the family. Much too complicated to explain."

Clara smilingly placed a hand over his mouth.

"Don't perjure yourself further," she told him. "It's of no consequence. The only person in your life whom, unknown, I fear is—"

"Your own image," said Raoul. "Your other self."

"An image," she reminded him, "with eyes younger and—a different smile."

"Don't be silly," said Raoul. "You must learn to laugh, and let me teach you."

"Wait a moment. Raoul, do you know why Antoine kept silent for two whole days when she was under arrest?"

"No."

"It was because she was afraid of saying something that might injure you."

"But why should that worry her?"

"Can't you see—?"

But before Raoul could guess the answer, the telephone suddenly started ringing in the room. Raoul answered it.

It was Courville... terribly out of breath, gasping.

"Gorgeter's here... with two men. I saw them in the distance when I was outside. They're forcing the garden gate now. I'm speaking from a cafe..."

Raoul hung up and for a second or so remained perfectly motionless. Then he gathered Clara up in his arm, and, carrying her flung over his shoulder as on that night at the Blue Casino, made for the door.

"It's Gorgeter," he told her calmly, and ran downstairs with his burden. He stopped at the front door to listen. He could hear footsteps on the gravel path outside. Through the heavily barred glass panel of the door he could see the silhouettes of several men coming up to the house.

He gently set Clara down.

"Go back to the dining room," he told her.

"What about the garage?" she asked.

"No, there are police on guard everywhere; otherwise there would be more than three of them at the front... I'd soon settle them!"

Raoul did not even trouble to bolt

the front door. He backed step by step, keeping his face towards the attackers who were trying to break the door down.

"I'm frightened," said Clara.

"When people get frightened they do stupid things," Raoul told her. "Remember what you did with that knife. Antoine was not frightened in prison. Then he added more gently: "If you're frightened, I'm not. I'm enjoying myself thoroughly. And you needn't think I shall let anyone touch you. Laugh, Clara! Imagine you're at the theatre, watching a screaming farce!"

The door flew open. In three bounds, Gorgeter stood on the threshold of the room, his revolver levelled.

Raoul had placed himself in front of Clara, concealing her.

"Hands up!" shouted Gorgeter, "or I fire!"

Raoul, who was only five feet off, started grinning.

"Dear, quaint old Gorgeter!" he mocked. "The same old line! Do you really think you'll fire on me? On your friend Raoul?"

"I shall fire on you—Lupin!" cried Gorgeter triumphantly.

"What, you know my name?"

"Then you admit it?"

"I wouldn't dream of denying it!" Gorgeter thereupon repeated:

"Hands up or I fire!"

"What, on Clara too?"

Raoul stepped gracefully aside.

"There's the lovely lady," he told Gorgeter, with all the magnanimity of a successful conjurer.

Gorgeter's eyes were popping. His arm fell to his side. Clara! The girl he had just delivered to the Marquis d'Eriemont! Was it possible? ... No, it was impossible. If it were really Clara that stood there—and of that he had no doubt—it meant that the other girl...

"Come on," jeered Raoul. "You're getting warmer... one more effort and you'll—ah, more effort and you'll—ah, you've got it! Yes, you do, there are two of them, one up from the country, whom you promptly labeled Clara, and the other—by the way, before I do all the Ts for you, do tell me, how is that very sparkling person, Zo-zotte?"

This was too much for Gorgeter. Without waiting for Raoul to complete his explanation, he called to his men: "Seize him, seize the blackguard. If you move a finger, I'll shoot you down, I swear it!"

Both Gorgeter's men dashed forward. Raoul sprang into the air, and both received violent kicks in the stomach. They drew back.

"My special trick!" exclaimed Raoul. "I call it Goody Two-Shoes!"

A report rang out, but Gorgeter had only fired in the air.

Raoul laughed scornfully.

"Now you've done my ceiling a bit of no good. What a bore you are! And, let me tell you, you were most ill-advised to stage this little drama without preparations. I think I can guess what happened. They gave you my address and you came straight along—the same old blunderbuss! You should have brought a little platoon of policemen with you, my poor friend!"

"There'll be plenty—a hundred, a thousand, if necessary!" thundered Gorgeter, turning his head at the sound of a car outside.

"Fine!" said Raoul. "I was beginning to get bored."

"Skunk, your number's up!"

Gorgeter's intention was to go out and join the reinforcements, but strangely enough the door had miraculously shut, and he could not get it open.

"Don't exhaust yourself," advised Raoul. "The door is self-closing and it's solid! Coffin wood!"

Then in a whisper to Clara: "Keep your eyes open, and watch out!"

He ran towards the place where a partition wall had been done away so as to make a single room.

Realizing that he was only wasting time, and determined to end things at all costs, Gorgeter rushed back to the attack, yelling:

"Kill him! Kill him, I tell you. He'll escape! Kill him!"

Raoul pressed a button in the wall and as the policemen whipped out their revolvers a steel curtain descended from the ceiling, completely dividing the room into two, while at the same time all the shutters closed.

"Snap!" laughed Raoul. "Exit Gorgeter."

He took two glasses from the sideboard and filled them with water.

"Drink this," he told Clara, who cowered beside him.

"Oh, let's get out of here," she implored tearfully.

"Now then, don't give away—you be a brave girl!"

He forced her to drink, and emptied his own glass. He was perfectly calm and apparently in no hurry at all.

"Can you hear them on the other side? They're boxed in like sardines! When that curtain falls, the shutters close hermetically, the electric light is cut off, and it's pitch dark. An impenetrable fortress from without, a prison from within. Not bad, eh? Raoul's the boy!"

But Clara did not seem at all enthusiastic.

"And now," continued Raoul, "now for green fields and freedom and repose all honest citizens have the right to enjoy when they've done their work!"

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Underground exploration at Gillies Lake-Porcupine mine may be carried on in the near future by one of the best known geologists in the Porcupine camp. The Advance learned late last week, Bernard N. Hyman of the Toronto office of the mine said that he could not divulge the geologist's name until a contract had definitely been signed but the announcement is expected soon.

With the purchase of \$12,000 of new equipment for the mill, it is expected that better recovery will be made. Classifiers, oil flotation cells and other units are expected to arrive at the mine within five or six weeks when Bill Martin, who has been placed in full charge of milling operations, will bring them into use.

The ore from No. 10 vein is being used at present and shows exceptionally good values across five feet. Some free gold is showing. No. 8 and No. 12 veins will be used when the new machinery is installed. Assays on those two are high too but there is a considerable amount of sulphide.

The Kennedy milling units will be used as amalgamators but purely for grinding when the new system is complete.

About 80 per cent. extraction is expected when the new outfit is working up to proper speed and efficiency. Concentrates are shipped to a New Jersey smelter.

Gillies Lake-Porcupine was formerly known as Porcupine United and the Rochester. The six claims adjoin both Hollinger and McIntyre mines' property. There is a large amount of Buffalo capital invested in the mine as well as a considerable amount from Timmins.

CHANGES IN LEGAL OFFICES IN SUDBURY ANNOUNCED

Re-organization of Sudbury legal offices was announced by Attorney-General Arthur W. Roebuck, last week at Toronto.

T. Murray Mulligan will replace A. H. Beath as registrar of the supreme court, clerk of the district court, registrar of the surrogate court, and law stamp distributor.

Morris Arthur has been appointed Sheriff, replacing Arthur J. Manley. John Dignard has been appointed registrar of deeds, replacing M. Brunette, who resigned.

Word from Toronto says the changes follow the recommendations of the Sudbury Liberal patronage committee.

Motion Pictures To-night for Retail Trade Here

How oranges are grown and picked, graded and shipped is the subject matter of a film being shown to-night in the Oddfellows hall, Spruce street, to the members of the retail trade of Timmins. The reels have been produced by a well known California firm whose produce are known all over the world.

Waterloo Chronicle:—Capital without labour is as useless as a pump without a handle.

Timmins Man Starts the Boomerang Club

Purpose of New Organization is to "Show" the Chain Letter Club How it Feels.

"The Boomerang Club" is one Timmins man's answer to the now famous "Prosperity Club" chain letter idea. The gentleman in question has received several chain letters asking the usual dime for a "charity" donation, so he started a club of his own. This is the way it works:

He writes that he is always glad to help someone along in the world, in fact he'd like to be rich himself and doesn't blame the other fellow for trying to get some easy money. At the bottom is a post script:—"Just after sealing this letter, I discovered I had forgotten to put the dime in, and I guess the stamp must have fallen off before the letter got into the post office."

Result:—"Prosperity Club" letter writer pays another six cents postage for the fun of the club. "Boomerang Club" letter writer feels a glow of satisfaction.

Police Checking-up on Peddlers Here

Man Bringing Truckload of Oranges and Bananas to Town was not Prepared to pay \$100 License.

Following complaints made last week by wholesale fruit and vegetable dealers, police have been active in checking up on trucksters bringing up produce from the South for re-sale here. On Thursday afternoon a truckload of oranges and bananas was seen coming into the camp. It was stopped at the railway bridge and the driver asked to come to the police station. There he was asked whether he wanted to buy a \$100 license and when he said no, promised not to peddle his goods in Timmins.

A further objection to the trucking of produce into Timmins is made by transfer companies. They claim that those who have been peddling fresh fruit and vegetables in town are the same ones who accept loads for transfer from here to southern points, without having a proper license to do so. Police are still on the lookout for trucksters evading either the municipal peddling by-law or the provincial public vehicles license law.

Find Gold Even in Meteorites

By "Shakes"

Attention was attracted a few weeks ago to a dried up Kansas farm where a farmer found a 700-pound meteorite buried in what had once been a prosperous farm. It hadn't fallen recently but had been there probably for hundreds of years. Unusual in the extreme are discoveries of these small bits of stars that find their way to the earth's surface.

Last year the daily newspapers of the country raised a terrific row about an Albertan who claimed that one had zinged just over his head. Unfortunately the thing was never discovered, if it struck the earth at all. The conception that a meteorite is close at hand is easily understood, say scientists. There is every possibility that if one struck the earth in any given circle of 20 miles radius, everyone who saw it would view it passed within a few feet of them.

But the occasional meteorite that does strike the earth is of great service to astronomers, physicists and chemists. Here is a bit of the universe outside our own earth that has come into the ken of man. Here is something tangible—not merely a bit of light that indicates of what stars are made. The analysis of meteorites proves, or helps to prove, that astronomers are correct when they tell of the substances that go to make up heavenly bodies hundreds of millions of miles away from us. They learn what terrific heat, suddenly applied to an element, may do to it; the study opens up new vistas in the study of those things with which we have to work on earth.

Meteorites are valuable, yet they rarely contain any appreciable amounts of precious minerals. Gold has been found, but not in large enough quantities to be of any value. Diamonds are not uncommon occurrences but they are small. The elements most commonly appearing are, in order, as follows:—aluminum, calcium, carbon, iron, magnesium, nickel, oxygen, phosphorus, silicon, sulphur. Smaller amounts of antimony, arsenic, chlorine, chromium, cobalt, copper, hydrogen, lithium, manganese, nitrogen, potassium, sodium, strontium, tin and vanadium. Only traces of gallium, gold, iridium, lead and silver have been noted.

It was not until the 1790's that scientists would believe that stones really fell from the sky. They had been recorded time and time again but they were always regarded with superstition. Back as far as history goes, they were objects of worship. One that fell in Phrygia hundreds of years before Christ was carried to Rome as a charm. The meteorite known as the first one in modern times that was actually seen to fall is in Ensisheim, Alsace, where it has been since November 10th, 1492. It weighs 260 pounds and is a prized possession of the town.

The British Museum has one of the largest collections of meteoric rocks at present in existence and with their exhibits they have a short history of each fall. Some have narrowly missed people, yet only one instance is on record in which a meteor ever struck a man. That happened in India in 1827. A dozen or more of the swiftly

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North Bay Nugget:— Other seasons come but once a year. Spring comes, leaves, returns, disappears, comes back, departs and finally arrives, maybe for good, more or less.