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HOME STUDY The DAUGHTER of by Harry King Tootle

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I-Gloria Kerr, a motherless girl who has spent most of her life at school, arrives at her father's home in Belmont. David Kerr is the political boss of the town and is anxious to prevent his daughter learning of his real character.

CHAPTER II-Kendall, representing the Chicago packers, is negotiating with Judge Gilbert, Kerr's chief adviser, for a valuable franchise. They fear the oppo-sition of Joe Wright, editor of the reform

CHAPTER III-Kerr asks the assistance of Judge Gilbert in introducing Gloria to Belmont society and promises to help him put through the packers' franchise and let him have all the graft.

CHAPTER IV-Gloria meets Joe Wright at the Gilberts. It appears they are on intimate terms, having met previously in a touring party in Europe,

CHAPTER V-Gloria twits Wright on his failure to keep an engagement to meet her in Paris. He explains that the

CHAPTER VI-The Gilberts invite Gloria to stay with them pending the refurnishing of the Kerr home.

CHAPTER VII-One society bud who refused to meet Gloria is forced to do so when her father is made to feel Kerr's

CHAPTER VIII-Wright begins his fight against the proposed franchise in the columns of his paper, the Belmont

CHAPTER IX - Kerr, through his henchmen, exerts every influence to hamper Wright in the publication of his pa-

CHAPTER X-Gloria realizes she is not being received by the best society and is unhappy. She takes up settlement work. CHAPTER XI-Kerr and his lieutenants

decide to buy Kerr's paper and ask the editor to meet them at Gilbert's office. CHAPTER XII-Wright in his desire to keep from Gloria knewledge of her father's position, avoids her during the fight. Gloria is piqued.

CHAPTER XIII-Calling at Gilbert's office to solicit a donation Gloria meets Wright. He proposes and is accepted while waiting to be called into the con-

CHAPTER XIV-Wright refuses to sell his paper and declares he will fight to a

CHAPTER XV-The Belmont News appears with a Litter attack on Kerr. Gorla calls Wright a coward and refuses to listen to any explanation from him.

CHAPTER XVI-Broken-hearted, Gloria decides to plunge more deeply into settle-

CHAPTER XVII-She calls on a sick

CHAPTER XVIII-She learns for the College open all summer. Enter any first time that he father is the head of a notorious gang of political grafters.

CHAPTER XIX-Sounds of a conflict finds Wright unconscious, a victim of an attempted assassination by thugs in the pay of the political ring. She hides him in Ella's room and defies the thugs.

CHAPTER XX-She awes them by announcing that she is Kerr's daughter. Junior Leaving and Matriculation thugs and is choked into unconsciousness by Gloria, who then falls unconscious on

> CHAPTER XXI-They are rescued by Dr. Hayes and his wife. Wright is taken to a hospital and Gloria is taken to the Hayes home. Wright decides to sell his paper and leave Belmont.

CHAPTER XXII-Gloria hears that Wright is going away and calls upon h

CHAPTER XXIII-David Kerr calls on Wright and in Gloria's presence ma him a proposition to finance the News and have Wright succeed him as boss. The The record of the School in past years offer is spurned. Wright and Gloria deis a flattering one. The trustees are cide to remain in Belmont and continue the fight to reform the city.

> "Is that so! I hadn't an idee it of the story, said: was that long. What made you give that up?"

"I had a family on my hands and needed more money. I didn't run again, you remember, because I wanted to be attorney for the new street railway company."

Kerr seemed to be revolving something in his mind, for it was some time before he reminded Gill or at a

of them crowds that was fightin for to surprise me." a franchisa."

"Well, we got the franchise." That was what Kerr wanted to bring out.

"Exactly. And you're still their law-

"And for the water company," mused Kerr. "And for the lectric



His Remarks Were Delivered at Random.

"This time, Amos, I've come to see you. It's the first time I've ever been in this house." "Well-Mr. Kerr-I-" stammered

giving birth to a girl."

see me. Amos."

mindful of-"

attorney.

his chair, sat up straight and looked at Gilbert. "But you've got a telephone." Then he added in a gentler tone: "That's all right, Amos, I've always understood." It seemed to be with an effort that he continued, "I'm going to tell you some things that you know, death of his mother prevented his going and some things that you don't know, and some you've guessed, and some I've thought nobody'd ever have to know. 'Bout the time you come here I was married, and my wife died on

"Why, yes, Mr. Kerr, I'm not un-

Kerr seemed to throw off some of

the gloom in which he had appeared

to be wrapped as he interrupted the

The boss pulled himself together in

"Gloria." "Yes, Gloria. I was just gittin' into politics. Things might 'ave been different if my wife had lived. It didn't seem long before there I was with a Amos,—tonight I make one with you. big girl on my hands-me, David Prosecuting attorney, judge, corpora-Kerr." The old feeling of power surged through him as he added with you've made-" spirit, "If it had been a boy!"

This thought held him silent for a minute, and when he took up the thread of his story again it was the old weary tone.

a girl on my hands. Her mother didn't have any relatives. Her father was a minister, same's my father was. 1 sent her away to school and she ain't place she thinks is hers in Belmont." been back since. I reckon Belmont's forgot about her. I gave her plenty the importance and the value of such of money, but she never knew any- an undertaking, and then disclosed thing of my-transactions. She thinks I made it all in real estate."

"Then she doesn't know-" "That's the hell of it-she don't."

Kerr could sit still no longer. He pulled himself out of his chair and stood with his back to the fire and directly facing Gilbert. "All these years I've acted a ie. I've made Gloria believe I'm the leading man in Belmont. I am-but not in the way she thinks. It wasn't because I loved her; I can't say I do, 'cause I don't know her well. I ain't been east to see her for a couple of years. It was pride made me tell her that; that's what it as a street railway line to run down was, pride. I wanted my girl to have what I'd missed. I didn't want her to know."

He lapsed into silence, which he finally broke himself with the explanatory remark:

"Gloria thinks I'm the social leader of Belmont; that the whole town hangs breathless on what I say shall be the fashion at pink teas."

"Hasn't she often wanted to come

began to pace up and down in front of the fireplace. When he paused, the lawyer, to secure a continuation "Well?"

"This morning she came home." Now Judge Gilbert understood: yet he could scarcely believe it possible.

"What! Gloria here!" home, that's what she calls it. She's been visiting school friends since she came back from Japan, and had just started to California when the party step in his rise which he had not fell through when they'd got to St. Louis. So she jumped on the train "I thought you was lawyer for one and came to Belmont unannounced-

So here was Gloria in Belmont. It

a thing apart, as a power almost as impersonal as the force of gravity or the freezing of water. The easy boss was regarded as just as much a Belmont fixture as was the river which flowed past the town, and those good people who laid aside the rose-colored spectacles of Belmont's laissez faire doctrine felt that it would be just as e. w to remove one as the

The lawyer in Gilbert now rose to the surface and he began to question Kerr just : he would a client. The girl was he a. The only thing now to discuss was what to do with her. "She can't help but learn the truth!" Gilbert excla med at last.

He sank back in his chair, overcome by the weight of the problem. hung the picture of his own daughter, Julia, now a ay at school, and the bitterness of the whole thing was brought home to him all the more poignantly because he, too, was a

father.

to his old self. When he had entered the room he seemed crushed beyond recovery. Now he suddenly developed all the spirit, all the calm resourcefulness, which he had ever displayed when listening to the report of some political revolt which would call forth hitherto latent strength.

"She must not know," he replied with all his old dominance. "Listen to me, Amos Gilbert-that girl must be recognized. I know what people say of me, and I've abided by the verdict. I ain't been no hypocrite. I've played a man's game, and I've dealt with men. I ain't asked nothin' of your women folk, but now I do. I'm bringing Belmont a girl any of you could be proud of. She's got to be took up by the right people—I've kept her away all these years, and she don't know my story, and I don't intend she shall. She's the equal of any girl in Belmont, and, by God, she'll have an equal chance."

"What can I do?" asked Gilbert.

It was for this Kerr had waited. It was for this moment that he had called the past to mind. He had wanted Gilbert to have before him the many obligations under which he rested. It is true that he could have commanded, but he was too much the easy boss to issue orders where he could hold forth a glittering reward as the price of valuable services. To the ward heeler the word of the boss is a fetish to be blindly worshiped. To his few leading lieutenants the command is coated with sugar which has a negotiable value. Gilbert having asked what he could do brought Kerr at once to the arrangement he had planned whereby the lawyer would profit through the introduction of Miss Kerr to society.

"I've made bargains all my life, tion counsel, with all the money

At this Gilbert made a disparaging gesture which caused Kerr to add, "in fees-with all the money you've made, you still fall short of the riches that'll purchase real freedom. I know how "Well, it wasn't. There I was with you stand, and things are pretty much in the balance.

"Think what it means to your daughter, money." As he spoke he didn't have anybody, either, I could pointed to the girl's picture. "It's send her to. I kept her as long as I leisure, travel, friends abroad, an ascould, but by that time my house- sured future. I can give them to you, even in the country-warn't a fit place I, David Kerr; and I will-on one for a child-specially a girl. So I condition. Gloria Kerr must have the

He paused to let the lawyer grasp the means by which the fortune was to be secured. If a man should ever pay another out of his own pocket for such a service he would be a philanthropist and not a political leader; Kerr was certainly not the former, and his life training had never caused him to separate a dollar from his own bank account when he could extract it without pain-to him -from some one else.

"For this one thing," he exclaimed, "I give freely into your hands any franchise you may draw for the stockyards belt line railway. Disguise it Maple avenue. Make what bargain you like, five hundred thousand, a million dollars, it's worth it. And always remember, I'm back of you."

The possibilities of the scheme overwhelmed Gilbert. What he was to do for Kerr, even the fight for the franchise, did not enter his mind. He was busy thinking of the freedom he could purchase in so short a time. All that he had ever dreamed of could be brought to pass. Kerr, who knew Kerr was not to be hurried. He almost to a dollar the financial standing of every man in Belmont, vas well aware that Gilbert had been hard hit in several stock exchange transactions, so badly in the last one that he had called upon the boss for assistance. Yet he had just told Kendall that he would have nothing more to do with that kind of work. He had begun to develop a conscience—for "Yes, here," echoed Kerr. "Come Julia's sake, perhaps, for his daugh ter's future-and here came Kerr who wanted him to go down once more into the maelstrom of shady politics for the sake of his daughter.

His gratitude for what Kerr hao done for him was great enough to cause him to do anything for Kerr's daughter he could, but since the boss had put it up to him and he had back

was more than embarrassing. Gilbert of him all the boss's power, he began recognized that it was tragic. Kerr to wonder why he should not accept never mentioned his daughter, and the opportunity to make a fortune Belmont had almost forgotten her quickly. It had been held out to him existence. Much that the boss had as meaning leisure, travel, friends told the lawyer was news to him. and a roseate future for his Julia. He Gloria Kerr, the little girl, had been longed for those things for himself, allowed to slip out of his mind and no less, and here was the chance of he had come to regard the political his lifetime. He would know how to leader, just as every one else did, as make those Chicago schemers pay well for the legal advice he would

"It won't be easy," said Gilber

Kerr had won his first victory. The lawyer had surrendered.

"That's why : came to you," was the boss's answer, a reply charged with subtle flattery. Gilber really 3id represent ir his autocracy the best element; a smug set, perhaps, but still the best. To other lieutenants were delegated hammer and tong jobs; Gilbert was the instrument when finesse was required.

"There's a certain element, Mr. Kerr, it will be hard to win overthat wholesale clique. You have no direct dealing with the men, andwell-that is-you see, they don't On the wall, where he could see it, know you and they might not be interested in Gloria. They're a clau-

"I've fought many a Sght, Amés, but never one like this. If it develops into a real fight, I still hold the whip hand." He raised his right arm men-The hopelessness of Gilbert's tone acingly, his hand clenched to a pugnawhen he declared Gloria would learn cloud for the tany silly girl sneer at the truth if she remained roused Kerr my daughter, let any ninny of a boy

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