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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 opposition 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:

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 death of his mother prevented his going

intimate terms, having met previously in

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

to Paris.

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 knowledge 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 and declares he will fight to a

CHAPTER XV-The Belmont News ap-The school is thoroughly equipped in pears with a bitter attack on Kerr. Gloria

> CHAPTER XVI-Broken-hearted, Gloria decides to plunge more deeply into settlement work.

CHAPTER XVII-She calls on a sick girl of the underworld named Ella,

CHAPTER XVIII-She learns for the first time that he father is the head of a notorious gang of political grafters.

CHAPTER XIX-Sounds of a conflict are heard in the room over Ella's. Gloria finds Wright unconscious, a victim of an tractive town, making it a most desir- 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 an-

nouncing that she is Kerr's daughter. Ella threatens to give up Wright to the thugs and is choked into unconsciousness. pains to see that teachers and pupils by Gloria, who then falls unconscious on Wright's body.

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 the Wright is going away and calls upon him to ask his forgiveness for her harsh

CHAPTER XXIII-David Kerr calls on Wright and in Gloria's present offer is spurned. Wright and Gloria de-cide to remain in Belmont and continue the fight to reform the city.

was her pride of me. I suppose when all the things she had planned for herself came to naught at my father's Kerr." death she centered everything on me. It wasn't right, of course, because I wasn't worth it, but I tried, always tried to be worthy of that pride. And I do for you?" when she came to die-she wrote-"

He couldn't go on, and Gloria, re- in the air, judge; just rumors, and I "Then I'm awfully glad." specting his grief, was silent, too.

"I'm so glad she lived to see it all come true," Gloria said finally in a the lawyer assured him. Then to Kerr, her to stay on." low tone. "It makes me think of what sacrifices my father has made for me. Just because he loved me and wanted me to have everything, he has given bert. up what joy I might have been to him. Your story has taught me what I owe

At this a sudden pain shot through that the surveyors have been out. the man's heart. It made him pledge himself before heaven to protect her from the truth.

"My mother died when I was a baby, just as your father did, she explained wistfully. "And, as I tolo you. I envy you your mother. I wish you had written me. I could have at least sent my sympathy."

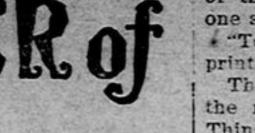
Now Gloria understood. All that year her thoughts had presented him other than in the true light.

"I wrote to you," he said gravely. "as soon as I wrote to anyone. I didn't know your address, and ventured letters at Brown, Shipley's in London, and the American Express company in Paris. I had heard you speak of both places, I thought. Both letters came back."

"Give them to me. I want to keep them. We left Paris before you wrote, and hurried to Japan. Our mail was sent in care of Cook's. What did you do-afterward?"

"I took a long rest. There was not a relative to share my sorrow with me. Now that I've come down out of the mountains and taken stock of life I find I haven't a soul in the world-"

"Don't say that, Joe." She felt ir- When Mr. Kendall said he'd been here resistably drawn to him and put forth her hand and laid it on his sympatold me to see you." thetically. He turned his own and let hers nestle within it. was a man of few words. He discussed



Tou re stil the same Gioria."

to say, just that hand clasp of silent

sympathy as they gazed into the fire

CHAPTER VI.

spectability to any undertaking.

tract beyond Benton Park? The one

that the Belden Brothers are thinking

of cutting up for a residence addition?

Well, you can't build a house in a

mile of it when the road's through

there, but it'll be worth a great deal

"You'll have railroad connections,

"What's doing?" asked Sam, always

"Get an option on it," continued

"In that time we can ram the fran-

chise through the council, and when

that's done any bank'll lend us the

ginning a discussion of Gloria's future

when a reporter from the Banner was

"I'll come out to see him," said the

"No," objected Kerr, "have him in. I

So Mr. James Winthrow, the young

tions as any young man in the coun-

try, and they were quite as misleading

interested enough in the youth to ex-

"How are you, Jim?" said Gilbert.

"Some stock-yard terminal rumors

"Not a word," answered the boss.

tion, but he wouldn't talk. I know

'Make the Invitation for a Month."

Gilbert turned to Kerr. The leader

suppress a whistle of surprise.

Gilbert, "and we'll cash in big."

The attorney looked at Kerr.

"Sixty days," said the latter.

money to take over the property."

"How long an option?"

began the attorney.

more for factory sites.

see?" explained Kerr.

keen for a dollar.

in the morning.

announced.

lawyer, rising.

want to see him, too."

ner, was admitted.

the political wheels.

can't find out a thing."

"Have you?"

"So it's settled, is it?"

"A year isn't so long a time."

of the matter under discussion with one sentence. I "Tell Bilby, Dave Kerr said not to

print a line; he'll understand." That was all. It was an order, and the reporter accepted it as such. Things in Belmont were so well regulated that there was no danger from any source which would cause Kerr to think twice before sending his order to the city editor of the Banner by the reporter of that paper.

As Winthrow rose to depart, Kerr asked: "You have anything to do with the society columns?"

"Occasionally stumble on a story." "Tomorrow put in that Miss Gloria Kerr has returned from a trip around And so they sat, with never a word the world."

Winthrow put it down, and then asked with pencil poised: "Is she at Locust Lawn?"

"Yes," said Kerr.

"Don't write the item until I telein the drawing-room, Kerr and Gilphone you later in the evening," interbert were just beginning a conversa- rupted Gilbert. He had been plotting tion which had for its theme the new and planning along social lines ever turn affairs had taken, when Dr. since Kerr had told him of Gloria's Hayes passed through the hall on his return. Several things he had already way out with his wife. Sam Hayes thought of flashed through his mind. was a member of the ring's inner The impossibility of Locust Lawn as shrine, and when the opportunity arose a social center was one of these, and for what was termed a quick clean-up Gilbert had something to suggest behe was always a member of the syndi- fore having the Banner write the story cate. Therefore, the die having been which would herald her return. "You cast, the judge called him in and an- can add this, though. Say that Judge nounced the determination to push the and Mrs. Gilbert will issue invitations franchise, a deal with which the coro- next week for a dance to introduce ner was already familiar. Far more Miss Kerr." than for any other reason Kerr was

No sooner had the reporter gone always willing to include him becuse than Kerr turned to Gilbert and said his Belmont connections were so with what was for him unaccustomed strong that he really lent an air of re- warmth:

"That's mighty good of you, Amos." "We are going to put a line to the "Not at all." Then the lawyer went stock yards down Maple avenue, Sam," on in an injured tone, "I'm only sorry that you put the franchise up to me as a trade. I'm not doing it for that." "Yes. You remember that vacant

"I knew you'd do it for the girl's sake, but I want you to get what you can out of it, Amos. I owe you that much."

Gilbert was glad that his wire entered at this minute, for a discussion of Gloria's social future probably would not bring out all sides to the question without a woman being a party to the conversation.

"I just have to talk to some one," Mrs. Gilbert confessed immediately "and I didn't have the heart to go into the library. I peeped in just now and they were sitting in front of the fire laughing and talking and appear ing to be having the best time in the world. I don't know why, but it made me think of the times when you used to come to see me, Amos."

Husband and wife smiled at each Hayes went out to rejoin his wife, other, and he said:

after promising to take the matter up "You were, a beautiful girl, Julia." "I'll tell you what," Mrs. Gilbert Gilbert was just on the point of bewent on, conscious of the compliment but not desirous of herself making a comparison. "Gloria is a beautiful girl and what is more, I can see that she has a beautiful character. I'm so sorry she has been away so long."

"What could I do, ma'am?" asked Kerr. "I couldn't take care of her at Locust Lawn."

political reporter for the Belmont Ban-Locust Lawn had been in Gilbert's mind all the time, and he had waited Winthrow, like the usual run of star only to sound his wife before speak reporters in a town the size of Beling. Her enthusiasm was such, as evi mont, was not only a shrewd young denced in what she had just said, that American, but he was also well aware he thought now was the proper time to of his great shrewdness. He had broach the subject. made as many political prognostica-

"There's only one thing to do, Mr Kerr," he said. "Gloria must come in and stay with us. Locust Lawn is all

in the main as were any of the others. right as a home for you, but as it Being on the machine paper and a stands it is no place for a young lady loyal reporter, it followed as of course in society; especially, since you wan that he was a loyal machine man. Old me to be plain spoken, no place for a Jerry Winthrow, the editor, was a dis- young lady who has had such advantant relative, but friendly enough and tages as your daughter."

"Exactly, exactly," asserted Kerr plain to him some of the turnings of He had seen that, and it had been one of the thorns in his flesh all day.

When Winthrow saw Kerr closeted Mrs. Gilbert was quick to see that "If mother could have a fault, it with his legal adviser he could not it was the only thing to be done. She had become as much interested in "Evening, judge. Good evening, Mr. Gloria as had her husband, and now

she added her own invitation to his. "The judge has expressed my own The boss merely nodded an acknowl- ideas exactly," she said. "Mr. Kerr, edgement of the greeting. "What can you must let her come to us. We have fallen in love with her already." "Have you, ma'am?" Kerr asked.

"Make the invitation for a month," "I haven't heard a thing about it," Gilbert directed, "and then we can ask

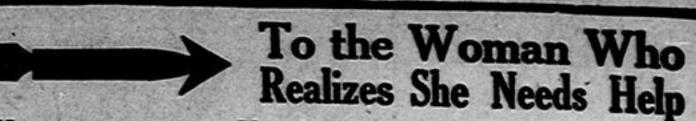
"I'll do nothing of the kind," said his wife array, as she started on what "Where did you get it?" queried Gil- was to her a pleasant errand; "I'll ask her for the rest of her natural life "Floating 'round town. I met Mr. and if she wants to stay that long Kendall just now going to the sta- she's welcome."

CHAPTER VII.

Gloria plunged into the work of making over Locust Lawn according to her own ideas with her usual enthusiasm. Accompanied by Mrs. Gilbert, she haunted the architect's office, car rying with her magazines containing pictures and descriptions of beautiful homes. When the plans for the alterations were finally approved, David | . Kerr learned with a sigh of relief that the changes could be made without driving him from the shelter of his own roof.

At the same time Gloria was planning for the changes in the country place she and Mrs. Gilbert were also busy preparing for the ball which would serve as her formal introduction to Belmont society. Her time was so engaged that she thought the suggestion of her hostess an excellent one when Mrs. Gilbert said that it might be better not to become tangled up with too many social engagements that the Locust Lawn alteration were were dull at present, and she did not to dinner, Eilby, he's our city editor, wish to spur them into a premature activity. When the ball was given for her it would be time enough to begin. Mrs. Gilbert was not letting things solved .- Markdale Standard.

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