

# THE WOODING OF ERNA

It is needless to say that the majority of the men there were delighted at the return of one who had been treated as a lion ever since his re-entry into society. Lady Violet, however, was in dismay. She had anticipated a triumph for Erna, but not one of this sort, and she was ready to sink through the ground. Lord Aubrey was taken aback, for he had completely forgotten her in his life. He had looked upon Erna as in some sort a piece of property in which he had a nearly exclusive right. He was deeply interested in her as a benevolent sort of way, and within the past few minutes had been planning for her future on a scale of generosity, not to say extravagance, magnificence. And now the hidden Aubrey, whom he had reluctantly consigned to a finishing school after rehearsing his misdeeds to her aunt, had met her as a woman of the world who has a score to pay, and has the coin wherever to pay it. He bit his lip and hardly knew how to act. He could easily have retorted in a way to mortify Erna; but, aside from the fact that he was too much of a gentleman to do so, there was a feeling which he was unable to say anything that she could not answer with as biting as his own. He turned with a grave smile to poor Violet, and said, as he bowed to her: "We have paid our respects to the queen of beauty; shall we go look at the lawn tennis now?" "If you please," murmured Lady Violet, casting a reproachful glance at Erna. "Our young ladies can be very charming when they choose," he said, when they were out of hearing of the party about Erna. "Wasn't it dreadful?" exclaimed Violet. "Oh, how you must have offended her! I never saw her like that before." "Yes," he replied, "I must have given her great offense. You must recognize a splendid school for finishing girls. Erna was a girl when I last saw her, and a particularly lively one. She seems to be a woman now." The earl was altogether too wise to attempt to force himself on Erna in the presence of others; but he was determined to see her alone, and insist upon an explanation; and he trusted to fortune to give him the opportunity. A few hours earlier he would have smiled at the notion of watching for an opportunity to talk with Erna; but now he was too earnest to smile, or even wonder at himself. He had cared for her past, and he had her future in his charge, and he felt that he could not be treated in such a way at the whim of a silly girl. He would not have believed that it would hurt him so much; but it had hurt him, because, as he believed, there was something of ingratitude in what she had done. Erna was quite sure that he felt her action very little as a man, but very much as a guardian. It was as a joint guardian that he followed her that evening, just as dusk was falling. She had evidently gone to the drawing-room, which was deserted, and he sought a little respite from her social triumphs. It was still light enough to distinguish faces easily, and she recognized him at once, when she looked up, warned of his approach by her footsteps. He saw her face change, and grow defiant, as if in anticipation of what was to follow. "I came after you," he said, something of the sternness of a guardian in his tone, "in order that there might be no unpleasant repetition of the scene of this afternoon." "But," she said, coldly, "I have no wish to converse with you, and do not recognize your right to assume such a tone to me. I will not pretend," she said, with more warmth, "not to understand why you assume such a tone. It is because you have no belief that I could have a money claim on me. I distinctly repudiate it." "When I was a child I was the recipient of your bounty, and was grateful. Some day I shall discharge the obligation incurred then. At this moment I am being kept at school at your expense, but I owe you no gratitude for it. I would not have accepted another favor from you had it been possible to avoid it. I declared to my aunt that I would not. She said I must obey her, being a minor. I obeyed her, and have gone to the school. I shall remain there, therefore, until I am of age. Then I will see what may involve what it may, I shall refuse everything that comes from you, directly or indirectly." She had grown warmer and warmer with each word, until her speech became a sort of fiery torrent which there was no staying. The earl was compelled to abandon the high ground he had contemplated standing on in face of such vehemence, and he retreated to the same position of a child. "At least," she said, without any suspicion of superiority in his tone, and altogether in the manner of a man to a woman his countenance was in the position of a child. "You forgot that at Aubrey you being easily won confidence by telling my aunt of the things I had done in the childish mischief! Can you not comprehend that I was a woman, and that you insulted me in acting as you did? What right had you to play the part of censor of my actions? What episode in your own life entitled you to the privilege? Was it that which drove you from London, or that which took place on the continent?" She could not have told why she grew more and more angry as she talked to the earl; but it was a fact that although she would never have dreamed of saying such bitter things to him, they now reaped their tongue and were spoken almost before she was aware. The next moment she could have bitten her tongue out. He staggered as if struck a blow; but recovered himself, and asked, in a low tone, but steadily: "What will you do? I renounce any pretensions I may have had to govern your actions, since you are so certain of your unworthiness; but I am in a manner responsible for your future. Because you are a Cecil, and for no reason at all personal to yourself, I responded to the request of your future, and defray the expenses of your education. I ask no gratitude for that. It was a thing I would do for any other Cecil. But I did it for you, and by doing it I am responsible for your future. Will you not permit me, as a Cecil, to provide suitably for you?" "I will not. I would rather die than

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### WELL, I WON'T RECITE THEM

"You can sing them," asked Violet, timidly. It was like doubting the infallible to ask the question, but she was so afraid Erna might make a failure. "I want to try," answered Violet, bravely. "Will you sing your mother or not?" "Of course I will. But if she asks me if you can sing, what shall I say? I never have said a word about your singing."

### SICK SKINS IN SUMMER

Summer is the hardest time for the human skin. Its delicate tiny pores, if worked under the best conditions, would have the quality because of the heat, and they have to work when impaired or damaged by sunburn and heat spots. No wonder one has rough patches and redness.

### ALL NIGHT BAKERIES

Where Customers Can Have Their Wants Supplied at Any Hour.

Among the many places of business of one kind and another sort that in a great city are kept open all night are bakeries. The bakery is a peculiarly domestic business establishment, supplying mostly home wants, and as most people sleep days and sleep nights it might be supposed that there would be no occasion to keep bakeries open at night; but here where with the city's manifold industries there must be large numbers of people working at all times to keep things going in the bakeries that do keep open and find trade at all hours.

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### THE USEFUL SWALLOWS.

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The stomach, the bowels, or cutting teeth is responsible for most of the ills which afflict the babyhood. Baby's Own Tablets will keep your child well because it is the best medicine in the world for these troubles, and at the same time it is the safest. The mother who guarantees the Government Analyst that this medicine contains no opiate or poisonous "soothing" stuff, Mrs. J. O. Bernard, St. Emilie, Que., says: "Baby's Own Tablets are really a marvelous medicine. My baby was thin, peevish and sickly until I began giving him this medicine. Since then he has thrived and grown splendidly. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box or 7 for \$2.00. The Wm. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

### African Mosquitoes.

The African mosquitoes "intoxicate" you. They inject so much poison into you that you are dazed, your eyes roll and your legs stagger and speak thickly. In a word, you're drunk, said a missionary.

### Force of Habit.

"I beg your pardon," said the landlady, "but do you walk in your sleep?" "No, sir," answered the guest, who had arrived the day before. "I hope I didn't disturb you last night, but the fact is I've been a country doctor for thirty years, and I'm so used to being called up two or three times during the night that unless I get out of bed and walk around once in a while I don't get any sleep."

### MINARD'S LINIMENT

The French Academy of Sciences, M. Dastre, the eminent professor of physics at the Sorbonne, described a new process for the sterilization of milk by exposing the milk to the ultra-violet rays of a mercury-vapor lamp. A funnel should be used and the milk slowly poured on its interior surface, which is illumined by the rays, as the action is limited to a small radius. The chemical composition of the milk is not affected.

### Bed Wetting.

Following a precedent. The old bachelor married sister was inspecting his den. "And you make your bed only once or twice a year," he said. "That's about right, 'Nervy,' he answered. "How do you make it, if you don't mind telling me?" "I turn it over and kind of mix it up."

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Proposal to Suspend Test in Office of Rev. W. J. Smith. Elected President of Conference.

### WOMAN'S SYMPATHY

Are you discouraged? Is your doctor's bills the marriage? Is your doctor's bills the marriage? Is your doctor's bills the marriage? Is your doctor's bills the marriage?

### Story of a Dandelion.

A dandelion grew in a garden plot. It was small and light and green. In the cool spring days she had worn a hood of white and green.

### PIL'S CURED AT HOME BY NEW ABSORPTION METHOD

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send us your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment; and will also send some of this home treatment for trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P. 8, Windsor, Ont.

### Housekeepers are strongly advised to commence the use of Wilson's Fly Pads early, because a few flies killed in June would otherwise become a host by August.

### Remarkable Bat Cave.

In a mountain near Montalban, Luzon, there is a large cavern, with many branching chambers, and a central dome 200 feet in diameter, and a low range of the mountain top, from which, in December, 1907, Hugh M. Smith saw issue a solid column of bats, which flew rapidly in a straight line for 15 minutes, disappearing over a mountain range in the direction of Manila, without a single bat having left the column. American engineers stationed there told Mr. Smith that the flight of bats had occurred at practically the same time each day during two years. From other sources it was learned that the phenomenon had been observed for at least 30 years.

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