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Mistress—Mary, I hope you have taken good care of my pets while I have been away.

Mary—Indeed, I have, ma'am. Only once did I forget to feed the cat.

Mistress—I hope she didn't suffer.

Mary—Oh, no, ma'am. She ate the canary and the parrot.

THE REMARKABLE ROMANCE OF AN INDUSTRIAL DICTATOR

**Velvet and Steel**

By **PEARL BELLAIRS**

**Synopsis**  
Joan Denby, of humble origin, is introduced as a social equal of Miss Georgina La Fontaine, rather than as her salaried secretary-companion. Her father is anxious for her to marry well and intends to introduce her to Piers Hannen, head of the Hannen Steel and Iron works.

Lord Edward proposes to Joan. She turned towards him with a gentle smile; what she was going to say, in which way she was about to answer, he could not have guessed.

"My dear —" she began, and stopped abruptly as a voice hailed them.

Piers Hannen came to them out of the gloom under the trees, brushing aside the fronds of the palms. At first Joan did not recognize him, except as someone who looked extraordinarily big in the dim light. But she knew him as soon as he spoke in his quick, imperative voice:

"Here you are," he said. "Found at last! You'd better go back and find Georgina, Edward. She's looking for you."

They were both rather at a loss and Lord Edward, inwardly cursing him, echoed:

"Find Georgina?"

"Yes; go back and tell her I've found you. We'll get into the car," Piers Hannen added to Joan.

"Which car?" asked Lord Edward uncertainly.

"My car—there it is!"

Piers Hannen waved his hand towards the road, where his car, the long crimson roadster, was drawn up at the kerb. He put his hand under Joan's elbow and propelled her across the lawn towards the car. He was so much master of the situation that he made the other two feel stupid in their slowness at grasping it.

"Are we going in your car?" queried Lord Edward.

"I'm going in my car—you can do as you like. Better go and find Georgina, will you. Up—jump!"

Piers Hannen added, as he brought Joan to the kerb between the road and the garden, and swung her over it as though she were a child.

"This unceremonious way of interrupting a conversation and sweeping one into a car by sheer physical coercion without even enquiring if one wished to go, was tremendously annoying to Joan. She could not have said whether she accidentally or deliberately tripped as she jumped over the kerb, but the event did express her unwillingness to be hustled away by him.

"Ouch!" cried Joan, and she fell on one knee on the grass on the other side.

"I'm sorry! Are you hurt?" he

raised her, though she wished heartily that he would not touch her, and she sat back on the top of the kerb.

"I think it's my ankle," said Joan with a glance behind to see if Lord Edward was there, but he had gone off to do as he was told, and find Georgina. She rubbed her ankle. Really it was quite good enough to walk on, but she wanted to gain time. She did not want to get into the car until the others came; for she assumed that they were all going to Nice.

"Does it hurt?"

"A little," Joan admitted, truthfully.

He massaged the slender, silk covered ankle with strong fingers, and Joan, as soon as she could, hastily put her foot down on the grass, trying its strength.

"Better not walk on it," he remarked. And before she knew what was going to happen he had picked her up in his arms.

"Mr. Hannen—please—!"

But he walked the two or three paces to the car with her, carrying her without a trace of effort; it was all done in a brusque matter of fact fashion, as though it were the most natural thing in the world. With anyone else Joan would not have minded, but from him it offended her. She was thankful when he deposited her in the seat beside the wheel; glancing up at him as she

**What Does Your Handwriting Reveal?**

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(Editor's Note: Letters come in every day testifying to the help that this well-known handwriting expert has been able to extend to readers. Perhaps he can help YOU, too. He invites you to write to him. See the following article for details.)

Here are some more replies to correspondents. Readers may find some of their own difficulties and problems dealt with here.

Miss D. C. — Your writing reveals you are somewhat disposed to enlarge apparent slights and resent them. Yours is not a nature that easily forgives; and this is where you might start to develop a broader point of view. Do not be in too much of a hurry to impute 'base' motives to others. Do not be quarrelsome, nor allow yourself to get too easily irritated. And, above all, don't carry a chip on your shoulders. There is no surer way to lose your popularity and your friends.

You are, perhaps, inclined to be a trifle fussy. It is all very well to be methodical and to deal carefully with things that come up from day to day. But don't overdo it. It ceases to be a virtue and becomes a nuisance not only to yourself but to others.

Mrs. M. G. A. — In regard to your singing — keep at it! It is no use getting downhearted and spasmodic about it. There is only one way in which you can expect to get anywhere in this, and it is by keeping at it. You have a gift for this, and it would be a pity to ignore it, or not to try earnestly to get the best from it; merely because of a few passing disappointments. Remember Robert Bruce and the spiders!

Miss S. writes as follows: "I am 17 years of age and in love with a man of 39. My parents do not approve of my having anything to do with him, and yet he wants to marry me. I think the world of him, and do not know what I should do if I had to give him up. What do you advise?"

I believe that you would be doing a very unwise thing to marry him. His writing tells that he is of a domineering nature, is selfish, and undoubtedly is very set in his ways. He is not at all of the generous or sympathetic type. Your own writing, on the other hand, shows you are inclined to be variable and changeable. You are, I think, more "in love with love," than with your friend. In any case, you are too young to do anything serious in this matter at the present, and it will do you no harm to wait a while.

Mrs. H. L. — The writing of your husband knows that he has a facile mind and finds it easy to express himself. He is never at a loss for words.

He shows his feelings very readily, and is of a high-strung nature, apt to get easily excited when things

smoothed her skirts over her knees, she again met that hard mocking gaze which seemed to understand and defy her resentment.

He slammed the door of the car on her, and she protested: "Someone will have to fetch my wrap!"

"Oh, there's a coat of mine in the back," he replied, going round to his seat on the other side.

Did he really think that she was going without her wrap and was going to wear his coat instead? What a man! Nothing one said apparently mattered in the least. She would send Lord Edward back for the wrap when he and the Dales and Georgina arrived. A little upset, she stared into the place where Lord Edward had gone into the trees.

She was startled as her attention was called to the fact that her companion had switched on the ignition and was pressing the self starter.

**Fur Farms Rapidly Increasing in Alberta**

With the number of fur farmers in Alberta more than doubled in the past two years, and with quality of pelts greatly improved from adherence to established scientific methods of raising fur-bearing animals, this type of farming in the province has been raised to the status of a \$1,000,000 industry, according to Stanley H. Clark, provincial game commissioner.

There are now 500 licensed fur farmers in Alberta. Others are turning to this profitable activity in ever increasing numbers, either as a department of ordinary farm operations or as an exclusive enterprise. Mink, fitch, fisher, marten, muskrat, racoon and badger are all bred in captivity for commercial purposes as well as the fox.

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**Marked Increase Tourist Traffic**

Ottawa. — Foreign automobile tourist traffic entering Canada during the past calendar year increased at most points, totalling 3,261,848 automobiles as against 3,096,887 automobiles entered in 1933, a gain of 164,961 according to a statement issued recently by Hon. R. C. Matthews, Minister of National Revenue.

Of the total number of cars entered 887,871 were brought in for periods not exceeding 60 days, 2,373,648 for periods of 24 hours or less, 329 for periods of over 60 days and not exceeding six months. Compared with 1933, this shows an increase in the first group of 24,735, in the second group of 140,230 and in the third group a decrease of four. Entries by provinces, showing 1933 totals in brackets, were:

Nova Scotia, 1,803 (1,271); Prince Edward Island, nil (1); New Brunswick, 178,893 (152,503); Quebec, 425,634 (463,385); Ontario, 2,472,500 (2,339,097); Manitoba, 34,815 (31,700); Saskatchewan, 20,027 (17,701); Alberta, 18,135 (15,366); British Columbia, 110,041 (102,863).

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**CURIOUS WORLD**

A typewriter which can be carried in a waistcoat pocket has been patented by a Tyrolean business man.

Between 1927 and 1933, 224 whales were washed ashore on various parts of the British coast. Adults who have had measles rave in their blood a substance protective against the disease. That substance may be used as an inoculation against measles.

The origin of the teapot can be seen in the late Neolithic and early Bronze Age pottery of Macedonia. Fragments of vases have been discovered near Salonika with 3 inspoouts halfway down the sides set at an angle of 45 degrees.

Thousands of bits of wood, cardboard, stones, sponge, paper, and wire were used by Mr. W. E. Rose, a Plymouth business man, in constructing a Lilliputian city. His model is 4 ft. 6 in. long and 18 in. wide.

Claimed to be the smallest in the world, a crystal set made by Mr. Alfred Davis, of Wolverhampton, is built on a piece of ebonite smaller than a threepenny piece. Its size is a quarter of an inch by three-eighths of an inch wide. Mr. Davis made the set after reading that a London man had made a set half an inch square.

During a round-up of game at Babolnapszta, Hungary, a hare bearing a brass ticket on its ear was shot. According to the ticket the hare was set free near Berlin in 1931. The hare is believed to have crossed the Danube last winter when the river was frozen, and in less than four years to have traversed three countries and crossed a range of mountains.

Two Hindu worshippers of the goddess Badrinath have set out from New Delhi to crawl on their hands and knees to the shrine of the goddess at Badrinath, in the Himalayas—a distance of about 500 miles. They hope to reach Badrinath in eight months.

Frogs were unknown in Ireland until the year 1616. At that period frog spawn was taken from England by one of the Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, and distributed in the ditches of the University pleasure grounds, from which time these jumpers spread themselves from field to field throughout the whole island.

Mujo Suljkanovitch, of Zvornika, near Belgrade, has celebrated his hundredth birthday by getting married—for the fourth time. His bride is a sixty-year-old widow. "As a boy he went to school with her mother!"

A fully equipped billiard-room has been discovered underneath his garden by a Brighton man. It had been sealed up for eighteen years. The oak panelling, billiard table, furniture, and fittings are as good as new.

Repairs were being carried out in the back room of a flat at Acton when a part of the ceiling gave way and about a hundredweight of honeycomb, filled with honey, was found wedged behind a joist. The occupants of the flat had seen bees flying in and out of the flat during the summer.

**HARD ON NERVES**

Faulty Use Of Language Causes Unhappiness, Declares Scientist.

Ellensburg, Wash.—People can be immunized against vicious propaganda just as children are vaccinated against smallpox and other diseases, says Count Alfred Korzybski, Polish scientist.

"Reduce their worries, fears and prejudices which cause their lives to be less happy than otherwise they might be," the count said at the recent session of the first American Congress of General Semantics. "Already experimental evidence has shown that mentality may be improved by relatively short periods of special training."

Semantics, a new science admittedly still in experimental stages, treats of language evolution, embracing the study of word meanings as they vary in individual and collective minds.

"The average person can be trained in efficient methods of thinking, so that maladjustments can be minimized," he declared. "The human nervous system is built to function in certain definite ways, and is prevented from functioning normally in most persons by faulty use of language."

For example, he said, a man who happens to have a "rotter" father is likely to apply "his attitude toward his father to all other men, by identifying them with the term 'father.' However, by "extensionalizing" the term, as taught by general semantics, he confines its use to his parent alone, and frees himself from the worries and maladjustments which follow the wider use.

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