The Girl From the Effete East

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ARRINGTON was completing his first year of practice when Theodore Tuppenheim arrived in Knuckleville. Mr. Tuppenhelm was selling stock in the Charitable Gold Mining company at 5 cents per share, price to advance to 10 cents at end of thirty days. Incidentally he found time to foster in Barrington's bosom the spirit of discontent which ten mouths' fruitless waiting for clients had engendered. If he were a clever, clean cut young man like Barrington. did Barrington know what he'd do? Move west. He wouldn't fritter away his time in a mossbacked New England hamlet where people looked down on a fellow just because they'd known him all his life and could remembe with patches on his trousers. No. sir. He'd just gather together his earthly for Gilt Gulch, Nev. There was the coming town; there lay the oppor tunity for an able young man to rise. not be in the United States senate within five years. That would be coming some? Well, everybody and everything came some in that country. Why, sir, where the thriving city of Gift Guich now stood there had been less than two years since naught but sagebrush and alkali. And now look at it-just look at it! Six thousand inhabitants and more coming by every rain! Simply couldn't get houses up fast enough for 'em. Bad to camp out in tents. And every blamed one of 'em making money. Why, sir, you uldn't find a bootblack in Gilt Guich who was worth less than fifty thou-

Western of wealth and political prominence was quite too much for Barrington. He adjusted his affairs in Knuckleville, which was no very meult matter, took tearful leave of sumerous relatives and of a certain pretty damsel, who was not yet a relative, but had rashly promised to become one whenever Barrington's income should suffice for the support of two persons, and hied himself to Gilt Gulch, promising to send souvenir postcards from every municipality he passed through on the way.

Now, underneath the lurid exaggeration with which Mr. Theodore Tuppenheim had clothed his parrative of the rise of Gilt Gulch there lay a repectable substratum of truth, and the ombination of Barrington's ingenious appearance with certain letters of introduction to persons financially promment in Gilt Gulch, which Mr. Tuppenhelm procured for him, resulted in his speedily establishing a thriving practice. For the most part it was work in connection with the location of mining claims, and, besides numerous fees in cash, Barrington acquired several claims of his own, which he

disposed of profitably. In brief, at the end of a year Barrington had waxed so prosperous as to feel himself warranted in marrying. The Knuckleville Weekly Times announced editorially that it understood that young Mr. Barrington, for whom, its readers would remember, the Times had predicted a brilliant career when ville, was now one of the leading men in the west, and the other village maidens were openly jealous of Susie Cutier, whose good fortune it was to be to marry a millionaire.

But Susie herself had no illusions. She even refused to permit Barrington to come east for the marriage. Her childhood lessons of thrift and economy had taken deep root in ber mind, and she would not, she said, have the price of a round trip railroad ticket thrown away. If Barrington felt that he must spend the money, let him buy a cabinet organ or a secondhand piano for the front parlor. They would be married in their own house at Gilt Gulch and after that take a little wedding trip to Colorado Springs or maybe Denver. Perhaps, being a prudent damsel, Susie desired to have a glance at Gilt Guich before she committed berself irrevocably. At any rate, matters had been thus arranged, and, the date set for the wedding being but two days away and Susie due to arrive that afternoon, Barrington was the state of ecstasy appropriate to such circumstances. It was in this momen of aupreme happiness that misfortune befell him.

The work Barrington had been doing requires to be performed with great valueless, but may be the occasion of great loss to the client. Now, it is that Barrington possessed genius. People who have that, you know, are apt to be careless as to de tails. Perhaps it was merely that being deeply in love, he could not con centrate his mind upon his work. However that may be, Hartford, the attor ney whose office was next to Barring ton's, had discovered in the course an investigation of the records that Barrington had filed documents con taining serious errors. He spoke to Barrington about it in a perfectly friendly way. Barrington received his which he was at no pains to disguise Why should be pay beed to the re marks of a mare who were baggy trousers and long bair and played fare, to say nothing of Lecoming intexicatad now and than? He know secretions. Hartford was Jealous of the prosperity which Barrington had

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Feeling that he had been insuited Barrington thereafter confined his communications with Hartford to a curt "How are you?" accompanied by a barely perceptible nod when they chanced to meet. It was with a good deal of surprise, therefore, that Hartford, giancing up from his rather diopen, perceived Barrington entering his office. One had not to look at Barrington twice to be convinced that he was badly frightened. His eyes, which ordinarily regarded those about him with an air of easy toleration, were wide with terror, and his well chiseled features, customarily wearing an air of placid conceit, were now white and drawn. His manner toward Hartford was no longer supercitious. All his carefully constructed attitude of

"You've been in this part of the country longer than I have, Hartford," said he. "I want your advice as aa friend, you know." oipe from his lins.

"Why, you see," said Barrington, "ht seems that in filing the papers for Jim susby on that last mining claim of his I made a slight error. I have been doing a large business, you know, Hartford-a very large business-and it was inevitable that I should make a mistake occasionally. It seems that some unscrupulous persons have taken advantage of this purely technical slip and have jumped Busby's claim, he is very much exercised about it." "I should think he might be," Hart-

"Yes," repeated Barrington, "he is much exercised and quite unreasenable about it. He came into my office a few moments ago and demanded an explanation. Of course I couldn't tell him anything except that it was just a mistake such as any man might make, and he said I was lying to him. He said I was too smart to make a fool break like that and that I was in with the gang that were trying to do him out of a claim that would have made him rich, I argued with him the best I could, but it didn't budge bim. He said be didn't see that it made much difference, anyhow, whether I was a foot or a knave, because either way I hadn't any right to live. and he wound up by saying that he'd

just go down to the Jolly Dog and get a few drinks to put him in the right frame of mind and then be'd come back and reduce the membership of the Gilt Gulch bar by one." It is significant of Hartford's broad and tolerant temperament that he did.

not remind Barrington that be bad. previously predicted such a catastrophe as had now befallen. Nevertheless a slight glimmer of amusement stole across his face.

"So you want my advice, do you?"

"I should appreciate it very much said Barrington. "Well, you shall have it," said Hartford laconically, rapping the bowl of his pipe akainst the heel of his shoe. "If Jim Busby were out gunning for me and I couldn't shoot any better than you can, and I had a comfortable little sum saved, as you have, and there were a pretty girl in New England who didn't know any better than to love me, as she does you, I'd go east

on the half past 2 train, and I wouldn't

hurry back."

plained, "Susie-Miss Cutler, that isare to be married day after tomorrow at noon. You'll pardon my omitting to send you an invitation, won't you? It was quite unintentional. I've been

"Oh," Hartford broke in, with a depnot apologize. It's just one of those little mistakes a busy man is bound to wake every now and then. I haven't Busby's disposition. I'll forgive you." Then Hartford looked at his watch and found that it was twenty minutes

boy," he said. "Keep an eye open for im, and if the coast is clear take the If it isn't, walk over to Sand City and take the next one there."

with the station master, telling her to go back to Colorado Springs and you'll meet her there, If you don't have time a life and death matter and that she's to go to the hotel and wait until you Daniel Webster." send her word. Don't you worry about | The repartee has become traditional. the girl. She'll prefer a slightly de and the utterance was at once placed layed wedding to an expedited funeral, alongside of that reply of Conkling Hurry up now. You've just about time to Senator Thurman, which is also

As he slipped down the main street of Gilt Gulch on his way to the station Barrington caught a glimpse of at the bar of the Jolly Dog, his back dolent heart rejoiced as he reflected just twenty-eight minutes past 2 where he reached the station. He gave the necessary instructions concerning Su prudence." sie to the station master and rushed out upon the platform. But the train which made up at Gilt Gulch was no yet ready to depart. A freight car he left the rails, blocking the track. Five ten, fifteen minutes passed, and sti the obstruction remained. Barringto grew uneasy. Jim Bueby might at any moment deem that he had imbibed quantity of liquor commensu search for him. But at the end of village), the stranger entered into so rapidly achieved. Let bim stop placing train crew successes in replacing, said the virtuous Barrington freight train pulled slowly out upon a "Aye, aye, Still I mak' no doobs twenty minutes, to his great relief, the conversation with him, remarking

rounded the curve just beyond the sta-

A moment later Susie Cutier, ber trim little figure set off by a skillfully tailored gray traveling suit and her face wearing the look of determ befitting a girl who had just completed a journey nearly across the continen alone, descended to the platform of Gilt Gulch station. Barringuon rushed toward her joyfully. Within three steps of her he encountered jan obstacle-a wery serious obstacle. This was nothing less than the muzzle of a revolver. Behind the revolver stood Mr. James Busby.

"Now, young man," said fMr. Busby, "we'll attend to your little matter, and we won't be long doing it."

Then Busby became suddenly conscious of a voice, evidently feminine. proceeding from some point in his rear and of the light pressure of a hand upon his arm.

"Do you know," said the voice, "it's dreadfully careless of you pointing that thing at anybody so. Why, it might go off."

Turning about, Busby looked into the piquant features of Susie Cutier. He decided unhesitatingly that, not withstanding some freckles and the tendency of the mose to turn up, it was a rather pleasing face to view. "So it might," said Busby slowly.

"So it might." "Well, then, stop aiming it at Har-Mr. Barrington," she commanded. "You make me pervous."

"Pact is," said Busby, "I was sort of planning to shoot Mr. Barrington." He bad lowered his weapon and

oke very calmly and deliberately. "What!" shrieked the girl. "You have the audacity to stand there and tell me you mean to commit a cold blooded murder? Where are the police? A splendid place this must be to live in, where a man goes out to kill another as coolly as be'd eat his

breakfast!" "That's the way with all you folks from out Boston way," grumbled Bus-"You're always getting murder and the administration of justice mixed. I sin't going to murder him. I'm going to execute him. He's done me dirt, and if he sin't killed he'll do somebody else dirt. So for the good of everybody he'd ought to be shot. What do you care anyway? Ain't no

relative of yearn, is he?" "Why, no," she answered in some confusion, "he isn't a relative exactly that is, he"-

A gleam of compreheuston shone in Busby's eyes. "Come to think of it," said he, "I heard something about his being going to get married. Be you the girl?"

"Yes." she answered simply, "I'm the girl."

said Busby, "it's clear enough to my mind that in interfering with this execution you're preventing me from doing you a great favor. Howsomever, if you stick to it that you don't want him shot and if you'th take him out of Nevada and keep him

The girl did not wait for him to finish. She transferred her grasp from Busby's arm to that of Barrington, who during the preceding conversation had stood silent, his face white, his limbs trembling, cold sweat beading his forebead.

"Come, Harry," she said imperiously Meekly, with bowed bead and dow. cast eyes, Barrington suffered her to lend him aboard the train, which was now, the track being clear, about to move eastward.

Jim Busby sat down upon the edge of the platform and burst into a roar of laughter. Long after the train had at 2:50. The trains pass on the first disappeared around the curve below siding out, you know. The fact is we | the station the station master found him there, his broad shoulders still shaking with merriment.

"Well, you doddering idiot," said the station master, "what's the joke?" "Oh, ain't he going to get his all right, though?" queried the mirthful recutory wave of his arm. "you need Busby. "Did you hear her 'Come, Harry,' him and snake him aboard the train like he'd been a puppy hitched to a string? He got out of being executed, but he's getting a life sentence, and that's a whole lot worse,"

Senatorial Repartee Once in the senate chamber John J. Ingalis was directing some remarks to Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, The other senator from that state, Mr. Dawes, having come in while Mr. In-"But about Susie," Barrington re- galls was speaking, thought the words were meant for his ear, and so, inter-"Pshaw!" growled Hartford. "That's rupting, he asked Ingalls if he was dieasy enough. Leave a note for her recting the remarks at him. The Kansas senator turned slowly around, for Mr. Dawes sat behind him, and then, with delicious intonation, but an into write a note, have the station mas- stant wit, he said, "I was directing ter tell her you've been called away on my remarks to the successor of Charles

traditional in the senate chamber.

Conkling was speaking, and Thurman had said, interrupting him, "Does the senator aim his remarks at me; Jim Busby's gaunt profile as he stood he constantly turns to me?" when Mr. Conkling, with delicious gravity, bowtoward the entrance. Barrington's in. | ing to Thurman, with whom he was very friendly, said: "When I turn to that the ten mile walk to Sand City the senator I turn as the Mussulman would now be unnecessary. It was turns to Mocca: I turn as I would turn to the common law of England-the world's most copious fount of juris-

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