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I turned my face away and my

No Poaching Allowed.

"Well, I'll tell you once for all

will not have any man poaching on

my preserves and I can't understand why you should think that Karl

Shepard's habit of following you

around like a little dog has nothing of

great import in it. Everybody knows

he is in love with you. Men do not

other person than Karl Shepard.

diabolical subtlety he had trans-

it then because I thought that if

it you would at least see the futility

and again he drew me to him and

I pushed him from me. It seemed

to me that what John was feeling

possession. I was to him something

that "belonged," and as such he

Wife Declares Herself.

is one of my greatest treasures for it tells me of a fact of which I had almost despaired—that there is in this world a man who can be unself-

ishly sympathetic and if by any pos-sibility he finds himself having

undue interest in a woman that can

not return it, he tells her so frankly and bids her goodbye. "Read that letter, John Gordon,"

said, thrusting it into his hand,

"and then tell me that you are thor-

John Destroys Karl's Letter. John quickly unfolded Karl Shep-

ard's letter, and not wishing to see

the remorse that I was sure would

show in his face when he read it, I

I was half way to the door, how-

ever, when I heard the sound of tear-

ing paper and I suddenly stopped still. It didn't seem possible to me

that John Gordon would tear up my letter, especially as I knew he had

not had time to read a line and quickly on the beels of this disturbing

thought came another which was

tragic in the extreme. I knew that

if John, in a moment of quick anger,

should destroy Karl's letter without

reading it, he would always be doubt-

"I have no desire to read another

man's love letter to my wile," he

Not a Love Letter.

me right in the letter to show it to

you. I kept it purposely so that you might see it. Do you for one mo-

ment suppose if it were a real love

letter that I would have let you see it? John, women do not bare their

hearts to their husbands if they have

anything in them to conceal."
"You may tell me what was in it,"

he said, and I knew from the tone

"It was then that I grew angry

and I said, "You have had your

chance, John Gordon, and you did

not take advantage of it. I am too

tired to talk to you any more to-

pleaded, as I started toward the door. "No, I shall not come back, and,

what is more to the point, I shall

never tell you what was in that

ine. Are you going to leave me for-

seemed to me that if he would just

go quietly out of my life or let me go out of his I would at least have a surcease from this pain, from this

John came suddenly forward and

hurt my shoulder which his hand had

"Come back, come back, Kather-

Until John had said this I had not thought of such a thing, but now it

"Come back, come back, girl," he

"Oh, John, you must know that it was not a love letter. Why Karl told

answered sullenly.

ful of its contents. I turned about

turned to leave the room,

oughly ashamed of yourself."/

the man you affect to despise."

crushed me against his heart.

thought of me always.

jewel case.

he sneered, do you?"

you didn't have sense enough to stop always been the spell John's kiss has

doing it.

John Asserts His Rights. "What in heaven's name brought body trembled so that my teeth were you to such a state of mind, Kather- | chattering. There was not one word Had Karl Shepard been trying of sympathy for me, not a pitying to make you think that you were an question as to the cause of my des-abused woman?" asked John, when pair. Instead there was only black he finally had come to the conc. t- rage against his friend and a stubsion that what I had been telling him | born reiteration that I was either of my attempted suicide was true. "He had been telling me nothing. story of something that I thought I did not know that Karl Shepard | could possibly carry out, but in which was in the city until I heard a voice I would have swely failed in the last excaim: 'Don't be foolish,' and two moment. For all the many times that I have told John that I consider strong hands jerked me back. When ed courage the greatest of all virtues I turned I looked into Karl's horror I can see that he has always denied stricken eyes."

"So the secundrel had been follow- both moral and physical courage to ing you, had he? Great God! I me, wouldn't have thought that of himthing I would not have believed of Karl Shepard, if my own wife had not told me he had done so."

Tried to Explain.

"But John I did not tell you that he was following me. I have tried to explain that he hadn't intended me to know that he was here until he was ready to apologize to me for his this (and he picked up my baskets part in your fight over Bass More of white violets and threw them viopart in your, fight over Bess Moreland. He thought he could help me a little in some way to feel right toward you as well as toward him-

"I don't understand how he my wife, not his. The only thing long as she lived he sent her a bas- brute to you. I don't wonder that a friend to either of us, is to keep

"If he had, John, I would not be here now to tell the story." "Oh, you can't make me believe that. You never would have had the my wife. I didn't say anything about sleep. courage to do it."



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was the physical pain or whether it was because I could stand no more excitement that I collapsed 'in his

When I came to myself I was lying in the chaise lounge where I had so often seen my mother's fragile form, and John was kneeling beside me covering my arms and hands

"Oh, I am a beast, a beast, Katherine," he said. "Really I do not think of your caring more for another man than you do for me, I

"I do not care more for anyone on earth than I do for you. John, but I must tell you honestly that I wish I did not care for you. It is my love for you that makes it possible for you to make me so unhappy." "If being unhappy is a test of love,

then I am very much in love with you, dear, and I must be loving you more than I ever did in my life, for this is the first time girl, that you ever made me unhappy.' "But you have been annoyed with

me, John, many, many times."
"No, never," he answered stoutly. I smiled. It was so ridiculous. If hausted, I would have told him of the many times he had been annoyed my eyes, for I felt as though I could

do things like this and this and not speak another word. "How Light You Are!" John noticed my exhaustion and as has something of special interest in he picked me up in his arms he exclaimed, "Why, girl, how light you "Oh, yes," he continued, "I know are. I did not realize that your illthat these flowers could be from no ness had made you so thin. You seem like a little, weary child. Oh, ket of them every Sunday, and the you are ready to fall in love with moment I saw them about your sick | Karl Shepard or any other man that room at the hospital I knew with is good to you. Come," he said, as he laid me down on the bed. "I'll ferred his delicate little attention to call Hannah to help you prepare for

woven for me that my arms stole of his attention. But I want to tell up about his neck and I did not mind you right now, Katherine, that I am even the hurt of my bruised shoulgoing to keep you. You are mine, der. Mine, and no other man in all this To-morrow-John Sees a New Light, world shall have you. Oh, girl, why (Copyright by National Newspaper do you trive me mad with jealousy!"

He kissed me softly and such has

TEXTILE WORKERS ARE OUT IN FRANCE

for me now was only the pride of Serious Attempts Being Made to Institute Soviets.

Paris, April 1 .- One hundred "Don't touch me," I said, "don't thousand workers in the textile and think you can thrill me into forgive printing trades are on strike in the ness you do not deserve. You are Houbaix and Tourcoing region, slowly making me hate you and do- where serious attempts are being ing your best to send me directly to | made to institute Soviets. The em-'Where is that letter you are talk- stations have joined the movement, tant police and troop re-inforcements Montreal, April 1.—At the an- operate with the secretary in framing about?" he asked, as he suddenly while street cars are being held up have been sent to the region where nual meeting of the Lord's Day Al- ing a policy as to what shall be done remembered that I had mentioned a and forced to return to the depot. further trouble is expected, unless liance of Canada held at the Bible with respect to the Sunday shows. It letter that Karl Shepard told me to Automobiles have been stopped and the authorities intervene to attempt House here it was decided unani- was suggested that in all probability in some cases the cars were confis- to quell the rioters. I went over and took it out of my cated by workers. There has been "Keep it among your treasures," ists or Bolsheviki, and the more a resumption of the miner's strike, law in this province with particular "Yes," I answered, suddenly flar- has been many injured. Workmen is blamed for the dissatisfaction theatres. ing into quick decision, "this letter who refused to quit work, were among the workers.

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