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THE NEW PROFESSOR. I rang for Betsy to bring my tea up stairs, and hunted for the sal volatile to compose my nerves. The new professor had arrived to deliver his first lecture to the pupils of the Heliotrope Female Academy...

"I don't manage them—blessed if I do. I've turned them over to you ladies to manage. Keep that rascal Dick Grainger away from my Edith. That's all I ask. Bless my heart, what can I do with a parcel of girls on my hands!"

"He says he never met a more charming set of ladies," observed Miss Brown, the English teacher. "He says the girls are not to his taste at all; he despises such young things; he says my eyes are lovely."

"I don't believe in flattery," interjected Miss Turner. "Nobody insults me by compliments. The professor thought I was one of the girls; indeed I never saw a man so amazed as when I told him I was a teacher."

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"How did you come by those flowers, Miss Edith?" I demanded severely. The girl turned very red. "Somebody gave them to me," she said in insolent defiance. "You wicked girl," broke in Miss Turner, "do you remember Ananias and Sapphira? Those are the professor's flowers. You pert, vain creature to suppose he would give them to a chit like you—it is shameful!"

Edith reddened more and more, but I could see that she was tittering and laughing to herself while I sent her to bed. "I will speak to Edith to-morrow. She can't trifle with me. I do believe I can see through a mill-

stone. No one can blind me," I said in a tone of deep meaning. "Some one ought to give the professor a hint of Edith's duplicity," suggested Miss Brown.

"Perhaps it would be just as well to give him a hint of her shocking behavior toward that dissolute wretch, Dick Grainger," supplemented Miss Turner. "I shall certainly do so," I returned in emphatic approval. "Professor West must be warned, he is such a good man—such an innocent, unsuspecting disposition—we must take care of him. I do flatter myself I am a judge of men—yes, he must be told about Edith Sands."

The teachers agreed with me perfectly; indeed, I could not recollect when we were all so unanimous upon any subject. I thought over all I had to say to the professor, until I had arranged quite a happy and effective way of putting it. Plainly it was my duty to secure the professor against the arts and wiles of this weak, pretty face—a girl without the faintest claim to a queenly figure.

"Don't be alarmed," he was saying; "my luck never wavers. That old dragon is no match for me." "But I'm dying with fright all the time. How can you do it?"

"I am lost in admiration; it is your figure—the form of Juno—superb! inspiring!" he suddenly declared, with that delightful, ingenuously candor which I discovered from the very first as a beautiful trait of his disposition.

"Don't flatter me, you dear, naughty man," I exclaimed, as I shook my finger at him. "Flattery!" he retorted; "I am an unsophisticated fellow, always letting some truth slip out and giving offense. Ah me, I know you are furious!"

"I believe I mentioned above how perturbed and broken my rest was on that eventful night. Several nights have passed since, but as far as I can see there is no prospect of anything but wakeful nights for a long time. I slept rather late the morning after the night that man—that unprincipled, heartless, wicked man—delivered his last—shall I call it lecture?"

"Dear Madam—I have relieved you of care of Edith Sands. We were married this morning. I don't charge you a cent for my two lectures. I'll even finish the course if you will post me on extinct pachyderms."

Professor West and Dick Grainger were one and the same. The perfidious wretch! Where is the sal volatile—"Inde" in New York Mercury.

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