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## John Gresham's Girl

By Concordia Merrel

(Continued)

But there was another reason for that touch of restlessness in her manner; and that reason was Oliver Ames. Because of him, this party to-night was something very much more than a party.

She greeted him very sweetly with only the smallest hint of nervousness, and took him into the drawing-room, where her father was ready to help her receive guests.

Sir John Gresham, tall, white-haired and handsome, welcomed him warmly.

"I'm glad you've come in good time, Oliver," he said as they shook hands.

"Well, sir, I have to go early, so I wanted to have all the time I could," answered Ames.

"How's that?" asked the old man.

"There's some hitch over that big Norwegian timber deal and they've called me to go over and see about it without delay."

"That's sudden, isn't it?"

"Very. But there it is. These things will happen."

"I imagined it was settled."

"So did I."

"Won't old Nilsen sell after all?" persisted Sir John.

"I fancy it is young Nilsen who is creating obstacles. Perhaps he thinks he can get a better price," answered Ames, Sir John glanced at him quickly.

"You don't mean that Linforth is bidding against us?" he asked.

"I think someone is."

"Sure to be Linforth's then."

"Linforth's are Gresham's traditional rivals."

"But have they the means?"

Ames rubbed his chin thoughtfully. Then said:

"Three months ago, I should have said no, without hesitation. But lately, they have shown signs of renewed life. . . . I'm not sure of them. . . . Anyway, I'm going over to look into this business myself."

"To-night?"

"Don't see how I can help it, I'm taking the midnight to Hull. Lucy knows I don't want to."

Ames turned to the girl, his eyes rather longingly on the picture of grace and loveliness she made.

"Oh, I'm awfully sorry," she said cordially. "But of course, I understand. I think you're a brick to come at all, when it's going to be such a rush."

"I'll have to leave about eleven and get into something more suitable for modern travelling." Ames glanced down at his gorgeous attire, laughing.

"Well, Oliver, if you must go, you must. But I'm sorry. Anyway enjoy the meantime," said Sir John.

"Lucy is keen for you to see the ballroom before the crowd arrives. She planned the decorations all herself, and I think they're quite tolerable." His handsome old eyes twinkled round at Lucy.

"You said they were lovely!" she protested, laughing. "Just tolerable, indeed! What an old fraud you are, daddy!" She turned to Ames. "He's just pretending to be above such frivolous things, but he's been excited as a two-year-old, over all the preparations."

Sir John chuckled. In his eyes Lucy was the sweetest, and the most beautiful girl in the whole world. She could do nothing wrong; she spelt her so consistently, that it says all that need be said for her innate soundness of nature that she was almost entirely unspoiled by it.

He had married late in life, having reached fifty before meeting his ideal. When he did meet her though, it was a tremendous emotion that he gave her. He had idealized his wife, and when she died, when Lucy was only five, was so frantic with grief that his here Mary, if, instead of shaking friends all feared he would not the life out of me, you'd go and long survive her. He pulled through, shake that burglar, you'd be doing however, but was greatly changed, some good."

Time is the lackey of eternity and goodness is beauty; beauty is goodness.

The Mrs. (vigorously shaking her head) "John! John! There's a burglar in the house!"

The Mr. (protesting): "Look so frantic with grief that his here Mary, if, instead of shaking friends all feared he would not the life out of me, you'd go and long survive her. He pulled through, shake that burglar, you'd be doing however, but was greatly changed, some good."

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Something had been knocked completely out of life for him. He could no longer give to the business of Gresham's the interest he always had given. Year by year he had left it more and more in Ames's hands, until five years ago, he had definitely retired from active service. Lucy, growing up in the living image of her mother, absorbed most of his interest in life.

"Take him and let him see it for himself, sweetheart," he said fondly, and Lucy obeyed, just that trace of nervousness in her manner again, as she led the way to the ballroom.

It had been an understood thing for years that some day she was going to marry Ames. Everyone looked upon it as settled, except for such details as precisely when and exactly where. Sir John wanted it; Lucy knew that, and really it was that knowledge which had made it a settled thing with her.

But if it had been a settled thing, it had never been a definite one. A vague "some day" seems such safe ages ahead. Lucy had known Ames all her life. He was a distant cousin, and being orphaned very early in life, had grown up to regard Sir John's home as his own. She had been brought up so much with him that she looked upon him almost more as a brother than a cousin.

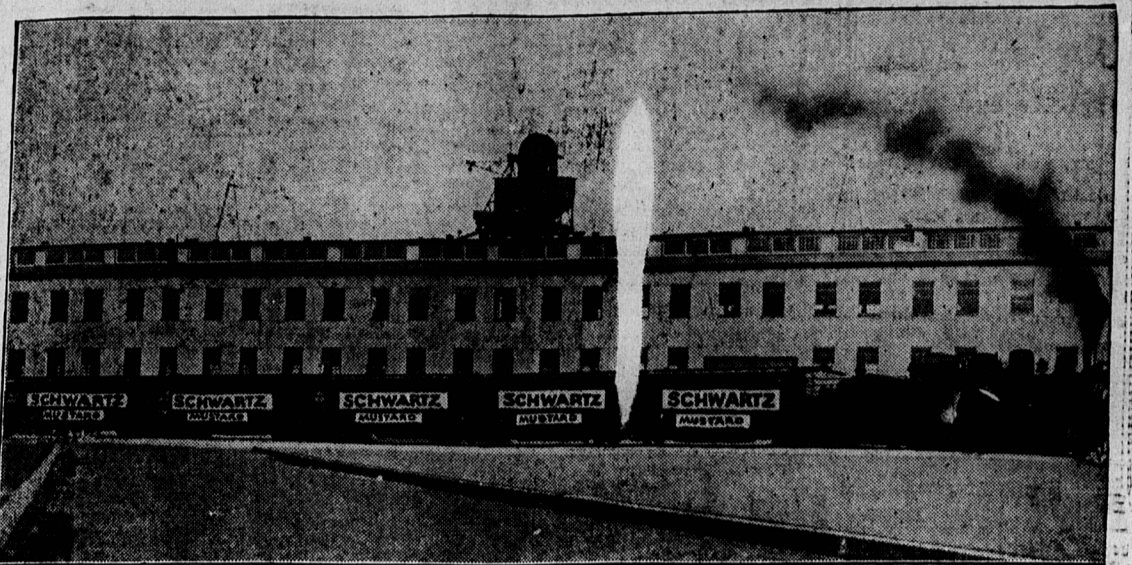
And although she had always known that some day she was going to marry him, yet it was none the less a surprise, and something of a shock, to her, when nearly three weeks ago, he had asked her to make the some day a definite day. She hadn't thought of being obliged to do this yet. She had, with youthful cheerfulness, quite costily pictured waiting for years yet; but Ames was considerably older than she was, for he was no the farther side of thirty-five, so waiting was not quite so easy for him. He loved her tremendously, and it seemed to her that, loving her was the chief reason of his existence; the thing he had been born for. He felt that he had waited long enough. But Lucy had been curiously unready when he asked her to name a definite day; she had not known what to say, and didn't know why she should be so unsure. She didn't think she could ever be fonder of any man than she was of Oliver, and she admired him tremendously for his faithfulness to Gresham's and his ability in the business. She knew him to be just and meticulous in all his dealings. He was good-looking too, in his way. A hint stocky, perhaps, and showing the first signs of a tendency to put on flesh, but still, decidedly good-looking. . . . She could find no reason for being suddenly so unsure, suddenly so flustered, when he asked her when she would marry him. He had asked when she would marry him. . . . Perhaps that had brought the question pressing, breath-takingly near. . . . Or perhaps it had been because he had, by some unlucky chance, hit on the evening of that very day, when she had had that queer, fleeting adventure ponder whether it was suicide or foul play.

Preliminary investigation by Sheriff Ward W. Westcott of Ellsworth, disclosed the possibility of accidental death, but he admitted his theory was built upon supposition. The Sheriff put forward the possibility that the boy might have hanged himself accidentally while experimenting with rope tying. A boy scout, he was adept at tying knots. Whether the boy had been displaying his ability to companions who were frightened away, Westcott was unable to determine pending further investigation.

A pair of blue running "shorts" near the body also provided a mystery. Young Allen was fully dressed.

The boy's body was found several hours after he had attended Sunday school in a local church.

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### Russia Five Year Plan Working Well

(By Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, Que. Dec. 14.—Ellen Smith, Saint John, N. B. noted Canadian lecturer, arrived here last night from an extended tour of Russia with a highly optimistic picture of the much-discussed contemporary history of that country. The five-year plan, Miss Smith said, was doing wonders for the country as a whole and the first objective proposed would most certainly be attained even if the higher level which had afterward been adopted was not reached. "The progress already made is significant," she said.

Miss Smith thought that the Soviet methods were adapted to the country. Collectivization was going on, slowly and humanely, she said, and was resulting in a widespread increase of education and a betterment in health habits.

Questioned as to the reported ban on religious worship, Miss Smith stated definitely that no such thing existed. She cited the instance of a man who prostrated himself six times before a crucifix in a public square in Leningrad and went unnoticed except by herself.

Miss Smith was in Russia at the time of the visit of George Bernard Shaw and Lady Nancy Astor and told many anecdotes of their stay.

### Heavy Loss Of Life Off Sardinia

(AP)—MADALENA, Sardinia, Dec. 14.—

The Italian naval tug Tesco sank with an estimated loss of 30 sailors and marines in a storm yesterday off the coast of Sardinia.

More than 100 persons were rescued by the Cruiser Trieste after hours of efforts to launch boats and shoot lifelines to the foundering vessel. Some were picked out of the heavy seas, where they were struggling to keep afloat.

The Tesco, a seagoing rescue tug ran into a terrific gale immediately after leaving Maddalena for Civita Vecchia, 300 miles across the Tyrrhenian sea, on the Italian mainland.

Its rudder was lost, its masts were swept away and its fires were extinguished by water leaking into the boiler room. For hours the vessel tossed helplessly in tremendous waves, while it sent out S. O. S. calls.

After 12 hours the Tesco was only 20 miles from this coast.

The Italian ministry of Marine sent rescue boats from Spezia, started with the survivors to Civita, Vecchia and Sardinian Golfaranci in Sardinia. The cruiser ports. The Trieste alone was able Ancona remained on the spot in to ride the turbulent seas. The Ger search for other survivors or bodies of the drowned.

Two Englishmen were boasting about the cleverness of their dogs. "Why," said one man, "only the other day I dropped a shilling in the river and that dog of mine—

"Now, now, old man," interrupted the other, "you are going to tell me that the dog jumped in and fetched the shilling out, eh?"

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