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# A Christmas Thought

During 1924 we will enter into the 67th year since this business was founded. Our career has been such as to afford reason for thankfulness and congratulations. The year 1923 will soon belong to the ages. In some respects it has been extremely hard and trying, and yet it had its many compensations.

Taking Prince Edward Island for example, there has been a bountiful harvest. Weather conditions have been most favorable for the fall plowing, and other work was further advanced than ever before. There is a growing feeling of confidence, a revival of hope and a strong determination to make the New Year abound with prosperity.

Let us forget the ups and downs of the year 1923 and remember only its many blessings. Let us welcome the New Year with a glad hand, a welcome smile and with a faith in ourselves and in our Country.

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There was a wild shriek from a corner of the room, a slim girl leaped across the intervening space like a panther, and flung herself upon Oglethorpe, beat his chest with her fists. "You damned old plumber, you old dumb-duck!" shrieked his little daughter. "What did you come here and spoil everything for? He'd have had to marry me tomorrow if you'd minded your own business. I'd claw your eyes out." But her hands were imprisoned in her father's hard fists and she turned and spat at the petrified Clavering. "I hate you! I hate you! But I'm going to marry you all the same. One way or another I'll get you. I meant to wait awhile; for I hadn't had fun enough yet, and I'd have precious little with you, you old flat tire. But when I heard that old Zattiany woman'd got hold of you—and then locked up and not able to do a thing—I thought I'd go mad. I dropped my diamond bracelet out of the window and one of the servants let me out—I won't tell which. You've been seen coming out of her house at all hours, but she's a thousand years old and nobody cares what she does, but I intended to rouse this whole house and I'd have been so compromised you'd have had to marry me. You're a gentleman if you are a damned old left-over, and you're a friend of granny's and dad's. I'd have had you tied up so tight you'd have toddled straight down to the City Hall."

Clavering stared at her, wondering how women felt when they were going to have hysterics. What a night! And this girl's resemblance to her grandmother was uncanny. He could see the Jane Oglethorpe of the portrait in just such a tantrum. And he had thought he knew both of them. He wanted to burst into wild laughter, but the girl was tragic in spite of her silly plot and he merely continued to regard her stonily.

"How did you get in?" he asked. "That's not easy in this house."

"I just got in the lift and told the boy I was your sister just arrived from the South and he let me in with the pass key. He took me for sixteen and said that as you weren't one for chickens he'd chance it."

"He'll get the sack in the morning."

"I don't care what happens to him." Suddenly she burst into tears, her face working like a baby's, and flung herself into her father's arms.

"Make him marry me, daddy. Make him! I want him. I want him."

Oglethorpe put his arms about her, but his sympathies were equally divided, and he understood men far better than he did young girls.

"You wouldn't want to marry a man who doesn't love you," he said soothingly. "Where's your pride?"

"Who cares a damn about pride? I want him and that's all there is to it." She whirled round again. "Do you think you're in love with that rejuvenated old dame who's granny's age? If she's a day? She's hypnotized you, that's what. It isn't natural. It isn't. It isn't."

"I certainly shall marry Madame Zattiany if she will have me."

"O-h-h." Tears dried. She showed her teeth like a treed cat. Her eyes blazed again and she would have precipitated herself upon him, but her father held her fast. "Oh! Oh! Oh! It can't be! It can't be. It's as unnatural as if you married granny. It isn't fair. How dare she come here with her whitewash and sneak young girls' lovers away from them?"

"Really, Janet."

"Oh, I know, you thought you didn't care for me, but you always did, and I'd have got you in time, rejuvenated old dame who's granny's age if she's a day?"

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### The Middle Ground

By Marlon Rubincam.

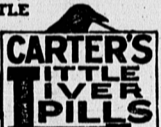
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Chapter 59

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sume a nun-like simplicity. So now, in the elaborate costume of this afternoon reception. Amy in later. became suddenly a dignified young woman with great charm of manner, quite capable of playing hostess to a large assemblage of guests.

"You must invite everyone you know, the more the merrier," say how-do-you-do to new people Adam had said. So Amy brought everyone she knew, including Dick, who stood and looked at her all afternoon and drank nine cups of tea here's Donald.

Mrs. Talbot was there, of course, being near her and taking the cup from her hand.

"Don't get over Amy, she takes to this like a duck to water," Jane finished for her. "She has succeeded in filling Adam's house for him, hasn't she. Look, there's Claire, and Jim Clarke tagging behind, as usual, and Ted and Mark, brought here explaining that this room was Chip-

pendate style, the next Sheraton. He had all periods and nationalities represented, it seemed, and one beyond, Italian Renaissance.

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