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The Girl in the Crimson Cloak

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CHAPTER XV THE INQUISITIVE STRANGER

On landing Gerry Dayton succeeded in keeping the girl and her companion in sight. They went through the customs to the railway station. Gerry, a difficultly presented himself. He had no notion where they might be going. Gerry discovered, however, that the Bruges train was due in ten minutes, and on that chance booked a single ticket to that destination.

He had no desire that they should be aware of him, and hung around on the fringe of the crowd until the train chugged its way into the station. He saw the girl and her companion enter a first-class compartment, and Gerry chose one conveniently adjacent. He was annoyed, however, to discover that just as the train was about to depart, a man swung himself aboard and flung open the door of Gerry's compartment which otherwise he would have had to himself.

The stranger, obviously an Englishman like himself, appeared out of breath. He was a tall man with a small moustache and wearing slightly faded spectacles. Gerry felt that he had seen the man somewhere before, but he could not accurately place him. "Near thing, that," said the man, flopping down in a corner seat on the opposite side of the compartment from that which he had entered. "Some fool told me it was the next train I wanted when I suddenly saw the Bruges label."

Although Gerry did not particularly feel in the mood for conversation, no matter how desultory it might be, he agreed with the newcomer, who, it appeared, had no intention of remaining silent. He went on to talk about Bruges. What a wonderful old place it was, and how he had once seen the procession of the Holy Blood.

Gerry was still trying to probe his memory regarding the man, but "They take away BABY'S TEETHING FEVER"

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The Guest Room A good book and a few current magazines are welcome additions to the guest room. Many times the guest is an early riser and seeks entertainment until the rest of the house arises.

Modern Etiquette (By ROBERTA LEE) Q. Is it absolutely required that a person give the reason for declining an invitation? A. It is not obligatory that one do so, but unless it is a very intimate reason, one should explain why, and with regret.

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Bachelors Are Such a Rarity Because They Do Not Have the Will Power to Say No or the Knowledge of How to Deal With Designing Women

Apparently it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for an eligible bachelor to remain single. Many men, observing the trials and tribulations of their wedded brethren, are definitely determined not to stick their necks into the matrimonial noose.

No, sir. Single blessedness for them. They are going to lead the free and untrammelled life of the bachelor. They are going to have their money to spend on themselves instead of having it wasted on beauty-shops and imported finery. They are not going to give any woman the right to put them through the mill degree every time they fail to show up at home on the dot.

They are not going to live in trembling fear of a female tyrant, nor walk on eggs to keep from treading on her feelings that she keeps spread all over the place. No, sir. No confidence lady is going to be smart enough to inveigle them into the trap; no matter how she stacks against them.

But, somehow, he is city slicker or country bumpkin, he nearly always gets taken in. And before he knows it he loses his shirt to some innocent and guileless-looking little girl who never dreamed would take advantage of an old-fashioned fellow like her. Her own and she never meant to marry. That is why a real, genuine, bonafide bachelor is among the rare species of fauna.

No matter how wise a man is to the arts and wiles of the feminine sex; no matter how many men he has seen floated to the altar on a woman's tears; no matter how many men he has seen bamboozled and deluded into marriage, it does not teach him to walk warily among the pitfalls or keep from getting caught himself.

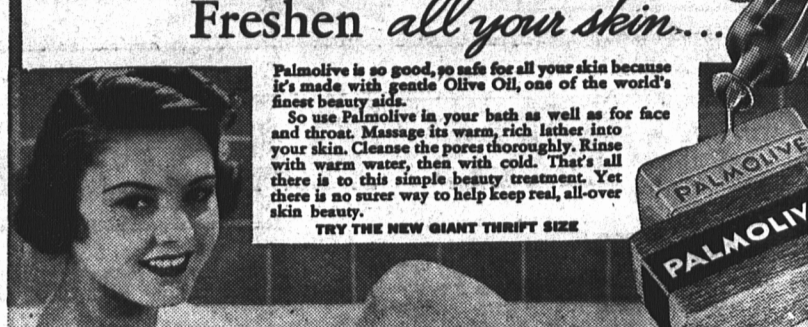
Another can get out of a bad marriage. However, after the passing of a year I realized that she had designs on me. Not getting anywhere with her wiles she took the initiative and proposed marriage. I refused flat.

She made a desperate plea to me to marry her, and again I emphatically declined and suggested that we end our romance once and for all. But she refused—loved me so she could not live without me and must just be near me. But the next day she married another man. I thought that was that, and the episode was over.

But, lo and behold, instead of living with her husband she went back home, sent for me. "Said she had married in pique; that she didn't love the man, but me. That her life would be ruined unless I saved her by letting her get a divorce and marrying her. She was a widow and her family joined her and I was weak enough to yield to them."

So here I am engaged to a woman I don't want to marry. I have tried three times to break off the engagement, but each time she goes into a swoon and again I let it stand. And she is going ahead with her plans for the wedding next month. Moreover, because of my religious belief I cannot marry a divorced woman and I personally loathe divorcees. If I marry this woman, it will be only for sympathy and false sense of hood.

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APPLE-BANANA BETTY 4 slices of stale bread 3 tablespoons butter 4 or 6 apples 2 bananas 3-4 cup brown sugar 1-4 teaspoon nutmeg 1-4 teaspoon cinnamon 1 tablespoon lemon juice 1-4 cup water Cut bread into small cubes. Toss together with melted butter. Put one third of the crumbs in the bottom of a shallow baking dish. Peel, core and slice apples. Peel and slice bananas. Cut bread crumbs with sliced apples and bananas. Sprinkle with part of the sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and lemon juice.

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