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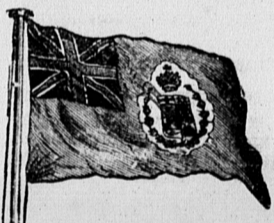
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At Monte Carlo

Story of a Woman With a Mona Lisa Smile

By F. A. MITCHEL

Royal Twining and I were bosom friends. Roy was accustomed to confide in me in almost everything, and as soon as he became engaged he took me to see his fiancée. Marjorie Gooding, or Marjy, as she was usually called, struck a vein of curiosity in me the moment I saw her. It is difficult—indeed, impossible—for me to explain why. I can only say that she seemed strange to me. She had heard a great deal of me from her lover, and when she turned those singular eyes of hers upon me it was evident that I was an object of interest to her.

When Roy and I left Miss Gooding he spoke not a word to me as we walked along together, and yet I knew he was saying mentally, "Well, what do you think of her?" I did not reply to the unexpressed question for some moments, for the simple reason that I did not know what I thought of her. "It is impossible, Roy," I said presently, "for me to pass judgment on the lady of your choice without knowing more of her, and I am sure you don't wish me to say pleasant things got up for the occasion. Have you observed anything—well, mystical about her?"

"Mystical? How mystical? What's mystical?"

I saw at once that the something in his glance that affected me strangely was a vacuum in him. I immediately switched off.

"Oh, I don't doubt that she will make you an excellent wife. Judging simply from appearances, she will supply certain deficiencies there are in you, and you will pull together nicely."

What I meant by Roy's deficiencies was that he was usually under the influence of his passions. One of them—games of hazard—was a very important matter with him, and I expected



I KEPT ON WINNING.

that when married his wife would have trouble with him on account of it. Naturally he tried to induce me to name the deficiencies. I did not hesitate to mention the one I have referred to—the gambling passion.

Roy and Miss Gooding were married. Roy was well fixed in the matter of income; the wife had nothing. They went abroad on a wedding trip and remained there a long while. They had been there about a year when Mrs. Twining wrote me about Roy. She said he had joined a club in Paris where gambling was much in vogue and had lost considerable money. She said further that she wished she could get her husband back to America, where I would help her in the matter, for she was aware that I had considerable influence on Roy.

The letter was evidently an appeal for me to come over to Paris and save what remained of Roy's fortune. There were reasons besides my interests in the Twining to induce me to go over. I was a man of business and had been working too hard, with the result that I was threatened with nervous prostration. The winter was a cold one, and my doctor had advised me to quit work and go to a warm climate, recommending a trip to the Mediterranean and Nice as a stopping point. This would help me to draw Roy away from his club in Paris. I wrote him to meet me in Nice.

The Twining had been in Nice a fortnight when I arrived. I found Mrs. Twining there, but not her husband. He had gone to Monte Carlo. I had evidently got Roy out of the frying pan and put him in the fire. His wife told me that he had lost nearly everything he had in Paris, and she was prepared to hear that he had lost the rest at Monte Carlo. He had asked her on arriving at Nice to go there with her, hoping to recoup. She had refused, and he had gone alone. She did not break down under the ordeal, but talked about it in a very businesslike way. I proposed that we should go together to Monte Carlo and attempt by a united effort to get Roy away in time to save the remnant of his fortune. When I said this the lady

looked at me with a very singular expression. I had seen a copy of the celebrated picture, the "Mona Lisa," whose disappearance from the Louvre had attracted so much attention, but which has been restored to its place

there, and the look on Mrs. Twining's face when I made this proposition reminded me of that portrait.

"No," she said. "I will remain here. My influence with him has not been sufficient to prevent this misfortune, and my presence with him would do more harm than good. If there is anything left when you get there you may save it."

There was the same sad look in the eyes, the same peculiar smile on the lips, as those of the "Mona Lisa," and they were as unintelligible to me as the living face as in the portrait. What prompted me to ask the question I cannot explain, but I said:

"Do you think you could influence me to do your bidding?"

"I am quite sure I could."

The smile with which she said this reminded me more than ever of the smile on the lips of the "Mona Lisa."

I accepted her suggestion and went over to Monte Carlo. Mrs. Twining had informed me that, the day before my arrival at Nice, Roy had changed his hotel. She did not say why, but I saw by her look she inferred that he had been called upon to pay his bill and had not the means to do so. She had not yet been informed of his new address. I arrived at Monte Carlo about 9 o'clock in the evening and, after registering, went immediately to the gambling pavilion, expecting to find Roy there. I was surprised not to see him and was about to leave when an attendant stepped up to me, asked me my name and, upon my telling him, said that I was wanted at the telephone. On taking up the receiver and asking who was waiting for me Roy said:

"I'm not feeling well enough to go to the pavilion tonight, and I wish you to lay a stake for me. Put \$10 on the red and leave it there till I send word for you to take it off."

"Roy," I said, "I must see you at once. At what hotel are you staying?"

I waited for a reply, but no reply came.

"Roy," I called—"Roy, are you there?"

All was as silent as the grave. I did not know where he was stopping, but resolved to go at once and search the hotels for him. As I was about to leave the pavilion the face of Mrs. Twining came up before me, and somehow I fancied it as saying: "Do as Roy has bid you. If you don't you may have cause to regret it. If you do it may result in a run of luck." I hesitated and turned toward the room where a crowd about the roulette table listened to the monotonous call of the croupier, "Make your bets!"

I went in, stood over the table for a few moments, looking on, then took a United States gold eagle from my pocket and placed it on the red. I felt that I would rather lose that amount than refuse Roy's request. After it was gone that would end the matter, and it was sure to go at last, because I would obey his instructions not to take it off till he sent word to do so.

The ball spun and the red won, many times the amount of the stake—I have forgotten how many, for I have never bet a cent since. And I kept on winning; I have forgotten how many times the red won before the same attendant who had summoned me to the telephone tapped me on the arm and told me that Mr. Twining had telephoned I was to take the stake off the red and place it somewhere else. I remember moving a heap of money several times after that, but where I placed it I don't know, though I do know that every time I moved it there was a greater abundance. I have lost remembrance, too, of the instructions I received or whether I received any instructions after the first or second, nor can I positively assert that I was not playing on my own responsibility. There came at last a sudden awakening, and I seemed to realize what I had been doing. I saw a heap of money on the table and, gathering it up, bore it away.

On reaching my hotel I went immediately to my room, locked my winnings in a bureau drawer and went to bed. But I did not go to sleep till morning. Through the long hours I was haunted by that singular face, at times the "Mona Lisa," at times Mrs. Twining, and finally dozed off with the two confused.

When I awoke in the morning and went downstairs the landlady asked me if I knew the American who had killed himself the day before. I asked the name and was told that it was Twining.

This is all the statement I have to make except that Twining was dead when I heard his voice. His wife when I saw her again had that same "Mona Lisa" look on her face, and I fancied I could see traces of the smile. But that should naturally be referred to the imagination.

The money I had won was about half what Twining had lost after his marriage. I was obliged, literally, to force Mrs. Twining to take it.

There are three hypothetical explanations:

First—Was I not in an abnormal physical condition? Did I not create most of the experience and win a lot of money at gambling?

Second—Did Twining in the spirit play through me in order to provide for his wife?

Third—Did Mrs. Twining cause my experience?

If asked to which of these three propositions I lean I should reply, "To the third." But whether or not she did it unconsciously or what was the secret of her power over me I have no idea.

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INTRODUCTION

The Glenaladale Silver Black Fox Company, Limited, was incorporated in 1913 with six pairs of foxes, at \$60,000. This Company re-capitalized in 1914, with 20 pairs of beautiful Silver Black Foxes, at \$15,000 per pair, making a total capitalization of \$300,000.

THE FOXES

Six pairs (one year old) proven breeders, and fourteen pairs (1914 pups), making a total of 20 pairs—14 young foxes—good for at least 10 years. This Company has bought some of the year's options on foxes with a guarantee that they are pedigreed and of the highest strain and very best quality P. E. Island famous foxes.

THE RANCH

The ranch is situated on the well known Glenaladale Farm, owned by Major C. McKinnon, formerly the homestead of Sir William McDONALD, and is only 12 miles from Charlottetown, in a quiet locality sufficiently removed from any disturbance.

THE RANCHER

Mr. Arthur W. McKinnon, our Ranch Manager, has had much experience in breeding foxes, and has the practical knowledge necessary to efficiently manage and care for the animals.

The foxes will be ranched free of charge to the Company for the first year. This means a large saving to the shareholders, as some companies have to pay as high as 25 per cent. of the increase for ranching purposes.

The promoters of this Company are retaining \$80,000 worth of stock for themselves. \$20,000 worth has already been disposed of, leaving \$200,000 to be offered to investors at \$25.00 per share, with a guarantee that a dividend of 50 per cent. will be paid in cash in 1915, or whatever more it may be.

The Glenaladale Silver Black Fox Co., Limited, in 1913 guaranteed a dividend of 50 per cent., but are going to pay 50 per cent. in cash and 50 per cent. in stock in 1914. The Company is in good standing and to each and every investor the first of September, 1914, we can say: "We have given you 50 per cent. more than we promised." And we feel sure that in 1915 all the shareholders in this re-capitalized company will be able to say they received more than they were promised.

This Company can truthfully say that they have not one cent of watered stock in the Company. Now, Mr. Investor, if you were a Company and we the shareholders, we would look to you for justice to give us all that was honestly due us. We would not like for you to buy 3 pairs of foxes at \$15,000 per pair (\$45,000) and form a fox company and capitalize your concern at \$60,000 and make us pay, as shareholders, for it. The Glenaladale Silver Black Fox Company, Limited, will ask you to do nothing like that. We want to let you in on the ground floor.

When a fox company guarantees any specified dividend to its shareholders, and when said company is an incorporated body, you need not be afraid of any unfair play, for what they promise, and, besides, every interest is taken for the welfare of both the investor and the company.

The promoters of this Company are all above board and will not permit any crook to come in and do anything that is not right. Anyone holding stock in this Company who is dissatisfied can by notifying the Secretary-Treasurer, have his or her money promptly refunded.

FORTUNES IN FOXES

There is money in fox ranching more than anything else ever known. It is good for the rich man and good for the poor man. A poor man cannot buy a pair of Silver Black Foxes but he can easily raise \$25.00, 50.00, or \$100.00. By investing in this Company he gets back his money in at least two years and then he will have an income for life and for his children to come, and after there will be money in fox farming. One of the reasons for this is that P. E. Island has now 95 per cent. of the world's foxes in captivity. For every one pelt that can be raised there are more than 25 wealthy people waiting for it in London, Russia, France and America.

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FOX DIVIDENDS DECLARED TO DATE.

No. of Skins	Kind.	Price
1	Silver	£310
1	"	500
1	"	210
1	"	160
(1)	" (Damaged)	(46
1	"	280
1	"	540
1	"	310
2	"	at £220 440
1	"	430
1	"	at £125 250
1	"	340
1	"	340
1	"	200
1	"	200
1	"	270
1	"	165
1	"	X 500
1	"	270
1	"	200
1	"	240
1	"	290
2	"	at £210 420
		£6,835

Average £284.15.10 or £1385.98, per skin.

These figures may be verified by enquiry to Messrs. C. M. Lamson & Company, 64 Queen Street, London, E. C.

Companies as stated by one of the Charlottetown daily newspapers to have been paid by some of the 1913.

Ranch	Authorized Capital	Cash Dividends	Per Cent.
Bunbury	\$100,000	\$320,000	320
Spring Park	90,000	45,000	45
Peerless	20,000	180,000	900
Prospect	60,000	60,000	100
Smith	150,000	60,000	40
Dalton	625,000	250,000	40
Silver Tip	25,000	23,750	95
Murray Harbour	50,000	100,000	200
Magic	100,000	172,000	172
Eureka	30,000	53,500	178
Union	190,000	114,900	60
Riverdale Farming Company	50,000	112,500	225
Royalty	90,000	216,000	240
Magnet	50,000	170,000	340
O'Leary	40,000	8,000	20
Pioneer	100,000	225,000	225
North Shore	100,000	25,000	25
Rosemont	10,000	50,000	500
Type Valley	75,000	37,500	50
Maritime	40,000	13,333	33

The average cash dividends of these companies is 208 per cent.

SHARES

Shares are selling at \$25.00 each; 20 per cent. with application and the balance on or before September 1st, 1914.

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FINAL WORD

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MAJOR C. MCKINNON, Glenaladale, P. E. I., Secretary-Treasurer

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