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A Story of Love and its Test
by MILDRED BARBOUR

CHAPTER 56.
THE GALLANT LOSER

MAJOR Harcourt was waiting for Ada in the lobby. They went into the dining-room together. When he had ordered for them both, he rested his elbows on the table and smiled across at her almost boyishly.

"Do you know, Mrs. Lind, you've given me wonderful courage and confidence. While the spell of your influence is still on me, I've determined to act. I'm going away in the morning to try to see the girl I spoke of, to try to patch things up, if she'll let me."

"I'm very glad," Ada answered bravely. "I'm sure everything will come out all right. At any rate, my good wishes will go with you."

"You're an angel!" he declared. "I'll never forget you."

Ada smiled a trifle drearily. Then she turned the conversation into other channels, fearing to test her courage too far.

They finished dinner, had their coffee in the lounge, and listened to the concert, as usual. At ten o'clock Ada declared that she was frightfully sleepy after the long motor ride and was going to bed.

"I'll not see you again," she said, as they stood waiting for the elevator, "because I'll probably sleep late in the morning, and you'll be gone before I'm down. So this is goodbye."

She held out her hand. He took it and raised it to his lips.

"I can't thank you—" he was beginning. "Your friendship has meant so much to me—"

She cut him off with a gay gesture.

"It has been a pleasure to me. You opened the satin bag on her arm and extracted something. "I want you to take this with you," she said the black opal in his palm. "You know its rightful owner. Give it to her. It belongs to her—to youth—not to me. I am an old woman who has played at being young. I was a fool, and you were kind not to laugh."

He began to stammer something, but she continued:

"Take it. Perhaps it will bring you—or her—the luck it has failed to bring me. At any rate, I have no right to it, and I'll feel better, knowing you have it. For it has meant a great deal in your life, hasn't it?"

"It has brought the greatest happiness and the greatest pain that any man can know," he answered gravely. Then: "But Mrs. Kendall—it was once in her possession—"

"She wishes never to see it again."

He shrugged and pocketed the jewel.

"I will give it back to Cynthia—if she will have it."

"Cynthia!" repeated Ada wistfully. "What a pretty name for a pretty girl. I hope you will be very happy."

With a last smile, wistful, sad, but still courageous, she bade him goodbye, stepped into the waiting elevator, and was whirled aloft.

Norma was waiting for her. She held out her arms silently, and Ada permitted herself to be folded in them. The older woman wept for a romance she had never had; the younger for one that was forever lost.

In his own room, Major Harcourt packed his bags in preparation for his departure on the morrow and reflected, with a rather fine chivalry, that his going was better for all concerned, aside from the significance of his mission. He was not vain, but he knew that Ada Lind had fallen in love with him.

As to the opal—he took it out of his pocket and regarded it for a long time. Deep, bitter lines seemed to spring out on his lean, bronzed face. His eyes were very sad.

"If you weren't so beautiful—if he hadn't given her life and her faith and her happiness for you—" he said, half-aloud. "I'd take a hammer and smash you to bits."

At that moment Ada was telling Norma that she had given the opal to Harcourt.

"He knew a great deal about it, though he didn't tell me much. It seems it has figured in his life, rather tragically, I think. I gave it to him, partly for that reason, partly because I never could look at it again and not remember what a fool I've made of myself. Fancy my thinking, that I, at my age, could find romance." She laughed drearily. "Fancy me believing that a few beauty treatments, and a permanent would give me back my lost youth! Why, oh, why, do the heart and spirit remain young, while the body grows old and ugly? That's the tragedy of life—for women!"

Ada stood at her window and watched Harcourt drive away on the following morning, his smart luggage piled in the front seat of one of the hotel's best cars.

"Good-by," whispered Ada, and added bravely: "Good luck!"

When Harcourt reached his destination, he registered at the same hotel from which he had departed with such haste on the eve of his wedding, so many, many months ago. It was winter now, but the sun still shone warm and bright; the air was balmy and languorous. There were still the flower-vendors on the streets, with their lovely, fragrant, fragile wares.

He bathed and changed ordered a car, and was driven to the Greer house. He had faced fire in many a battle and gone over the top at the zero-hour with far greater calm than he had approached Cynthia's home.

The butler who answered his ring was not the servant Harcourt remembered. Mr. and Mrs. Greer were at the country club for the afternoon, the man informed him, but Miss Cynthia was at home. He

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(To Be Continued)

Tiger Cat With Gleaming Eyes

(By British United Press.)
LONDON, October 26.—A Berlin motor-car firm has just completed for India a novel vehicle, the front of which is composed of a life-like representation of a tiger with wide-open jaws. The headlights gleam through the eyes which are of glass. When the car is in motion it looks as if a Bengal tiger is leaping through space.

The newspapers are making merry over this innovation. Is each country, the papers ask, to have a car built according to its characteristic fauna? Will the inhabitants of Paraguay, for instance, have a Ford jaguar and Africa a Rolls Royce lion?

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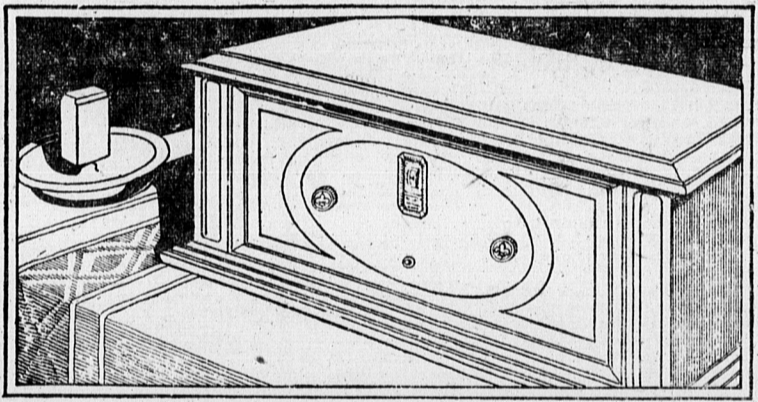
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