

RACING DRIVER

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Hoffman, the German ace, had an infallible cure for headaches. He had heard that the beautiful English Miss Ellington had a headache, he insisted that she try it. Then he bore her in triumph to the upper deck.

Dorothy found him rather pleasant. Like most ugly men, he had a charm of manner. Moreover, he was a stranger. In her present disturbed, unanalyzable mood, she could not have been at her ease with one she knew well.

Little boats swarmed round the ship like busy bees. Women spread elaborate embroidered curtains and tablecloths and pretty lace and basket-work for the inspection of the passengers on deck. Szwarczyk Portuguese men shouted the prices. Determined to make hay while the sun shone—which meant while there were wealthy English courtiers in port—they shouted and gesticulated, creating a babel of sound on the blue waters of the bay. It was a colourful scene.

Hoffman was telling Dorothy about car racing. He told her, in his deep, foreign voice, of the comradeship and heroism of the men of the speedway; repeated that story of the driver who had swerved to avoid a dead rat rather than run over and mutilate the body of a fallen comrade, though that comrade was already dead.

To a racing driver," said Hoffman, "a car—his car—is like a wife and a sweetheart in one."

Suddenly a launch shot off from the shore and sped towards the ship. Hoffman broke off and peered. Then he thumped the rail. "It is Carter! I had begun to worry about him. He grinned. "It would not do for me to miss the big race because I forgot the passing of time in the company of a pretty girl!"

Dorothy said coldly: "Apparently you forgot that to a racing driver his car is like a wife and a sweetheart in one."

The words had been forced from her lips. She found herself staring under Hoffman's surprised stare. "Excuse me," she said, and retreated.

Frank came aboard unaware of the clouds that were gathering. He was soon made aware of them. Dorothy discovered, was going out of her way to avoid him. Several attempts to enter into conversation with her were dismal failures.

A spark of irritation was lit within him. No doubt he had been too precipitate in declaring his love for her. But she needn't treat him like a pariah.

Christine sought him out that night, and found him in a vile mood. She tried to comfort him in her cheerful way, and he snarled at her.

"I wish you wouldn't talk like that, Christine," he said almost savagely. "As if it were a game. It isn't. I mean it. I love Dorothy. I mean it. It's serious for me—the most serious thing in my life!"

PROFESSOR ASKS A FAVOUR

Urged on to wound he, asked: "And how is your romance going?" "What do you mean?" asked Christine.

Frank shrugged. "I understand bets are already being placed on when Professor Ellington will propose!"

"That's quite enough, Frank," Christine spoke quickly. She shook her head. "You're quite impossible we'll both feel better in the morning. Good night!"

Christine! he protested; but she had gone. He turned moodily to the rail, and lit a cigarette. They had left Madaira behind them. The ship was

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gay colors hanging at the front of narrow belts of otherwise severely simple dark dinner gowns.

Newest of the slim silhouettes is that called "spindle" because peg-top pleats or pockets or drapes widen the hips, while the hem remains so narrow, it is sometimes slit on either side for easy walking.

Many bi-fabric and bi-color combinations appear in wearable day-time clothes, for example, vertical or crosswise stripes and plaids, some embroidered and some encrusted.

Carrying out the Robin Hood note are youthful flared skirts plaided in red and green by incrustations paired with plain color velvet tops.

Many typically Vionnet afternoon dresses are developed in mat crepe with draped bodice, these often with wide antelope belts.

LOVERS' KNOTS IN TARTAN

Lovers' knots in tartan cloth are the newest note this autumn. If you are going to have a new plain-colored dress or have in your wardrobe an old-fashioned one you wish to bring up to date, material it can be traditional woolen tartan, or, if you prefer, a plaid type of design carried out in silk or gingham.

Tartan fabric should be cut on the cross in strips about 1-1/2 inches wide, the edges turned and then laid on each side, and then laid on the centre front line of the dress, in the form of bows, and hemmed or machine stitched neatly to the material.

There are two ways of sewing the bows in position. They can all be the same size—about 4 inches across the width—or they can start 8 inches wide and get smaller and smaller.

If you have a typical shirt-waist wool frock, chop off the schoolgirl collar, take about 8 inches off the hem, take in extra darts round the waist to give it the new "hourglass" silhouette, and then with the piece you took off the hem make a narrow Russian collar. They are quite the newest thing.

A perforated paper liner has been invented to be placed inside the coffee holder of a percolator to facilitate removing all of the ground coffee when it is to be discarded.

forging on to Capetown. "I'm an ass!" he informed the sea.

"Why?" asked a voice. It was Florence. The fair-haired girl looked lovely than even in a golden evening gown.

She saw him looking at it, and laughed. "I hope you like it. It has cost me my reputation."

"Your reputation?" "Yes. I heard one of these bejeweled old hags remark to a crony, 'My dear, she must have some very wealthy men friends.' As a matter of fact," finished Florence cheerfully, "I made it myself!"

Frank's heart warmed to her. She was so jolly, so vivacious—and so completely unspoil.

Florence, he said, "there are some very snooty people on this boat. I move that we herewith form a partnership and proceed to show them that life is something worth living and laughing about!"

She looked at him slyly. Perhaps she divined that he had been hurt. She suddenly felt that she wanted to comfort him. She put out a hand.

"Grand! I'm with you all the way!"

As the Athlone Tower forged her way steadily through sunny, calm seas, down the coast of Africa and into the tropical zone, the partnership proceeded to put their intentions into practice. They became the acknowledged leaders of gaiety—and there was hardly a passenger who was not the better of their company. They organized dances and games and competitions.

On a certain sparkling morning they had just emerged from a friendly smashing competition in the ship's swimming pool.

"I must change and get ready for rehearsals," said Florence. "Rehearsals again?"

Florence laughed. "You forget I'm not on this boat solely for pleasure! Rehearsals have to go on just the same. Besides, we've promised to give a concert before we reach Capetown."

Frank watched her go, smiling as he did so. They had become great pals. If it were not for his "obsession" about Dorothy Ellington—for what else could he call it, when the girl seemed to have developed a complete loathing for him, far worse even than her earlier aloof and detached manner—he might very easily find himself falling in love with the fair-haired girl. But his obsession, however futile, remained as strong as ever.

Frank was no psychologist, or he might have read a great deal into Dorothy's abrupt change of manner.

He dropped into a deck chair, and found himself next to Professor Ellington. The professor put down his book.

"Ah! Hello, Carter! Look here. I have a favour to ask." He seemed almost diffident. "Christine—that is, your aunt—has been telling me about this race of yours. And—well, I'd like to see it."

Frank stared; and at the same time his pulses quickened. "Splendid! If it were not for my 'obsession' I understand that Mr. Featherstone will be meeting you at Capetown. And that Dorothy and he—"

"Yes, yes!" The professor spoke a little testily. "That will be quite all right."

"Oh!" said Frank. What the devil did this mean? "Well, naturally I'd be delighted to arrange it for you, sir."

AND FRANK IS INVITED "Good!" Ellington beamed. "And now—I've another favour to ask. When the race is over—will you join my little expedition to the Drakensberg? Christine has added hastily, 'has already accepted.'"

Frank's eyes widened yet further. "I'd be delighted!"

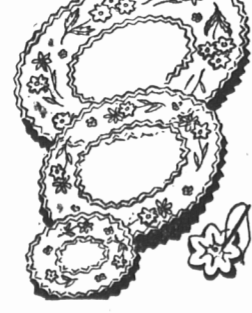
"Good!" The professor groped for his pipe. "That's settled then." He stared out to sea for a moment. Then he said abruptly: "In case you're wondering, Rupert has sent us a radiogram. He says that in the interests of science it would be better to postpone the marriage until the expedition is completed. He adds, said Ellington, in rather a deadly voice, 'that in the circumstances there will of course be no question of a honeymoon. There will be too much work to do. And that he knows Dorothy will understand.'"

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Sign For Service Recruits Enroute To Halifax KINGSTON, Ont., Aug. 29.—(CP)—Fifty recruits from Kingston and district have enroute for Halifax, it was announced today, to bring the 4th Anti-Aircraft Battery now stationed at Halifax up to full fighting strength in the present critical period.

Delay Ratification Of Anti-War Pact MOSCOW, Aug. 28.—(CP)—A joint session of the Supreme Soviet of the U. S. S. R., Russia's Parliament, adjourned tonight without action on the non-aggression pact signed with Germany last week.

United States Is Kept In Full Touch With Developments WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—A close and apparently continuous exchange of crisis information between the United States and other governments was revealed today by State Secretary Hull, while the continued seriousness of the situation compelled President Roosevelt to defer a trip to Elyse Park in response to press conference questions. Hull said the Washington Government had pursued its usual policy, American diplomatic representatives have sought and received important information, he said, and have been queried by foreign officials for data on what America has been doing.

Ratification Of Pact Is Deferred MOSCOW, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Soviet Russia today further deferred ratification of the new non-aggression pact with Germany and at the same time decided to strengthen garrisons on the western frontier. The Soviet grand council, or parliament, was not expected to ratify the non-aggression pact until Friday at the earliest as a result of delays in going through its agenda. Meanwhile Tass, official news agency, announced the high command would strengthen the western garrisons because of tension in Eastern Europe. The announcement was made in denying what the agency said were foreign reports that 200,000 or 300,000 Soviet troops had been withdrawn from the western borders and moved eastward to reinforce Soviet frontiers. The Grand Council decided that the second item on its agenda, changes in the military service law, would not be considered until Thursday, for which day a joint session of the two houses was expected. Ratification of the non-aggression pact is the third item on the agenda. Most observers thought action was being delayed until the European situation had further clarified. The Union of South Africa imported ready mixed paints, including artists' colors and enamels, valued at nearly \$1,600,000 last year. Great Britain supplying 48 per cent and the United States 42 per cent.

Papal Audience For Franco Cancelled VATICAN CITY, Aug. 28.—The Vatican announced today that a Papal audience scheduled for General Francisco Franco of Spain had been cancelled. It was taken as an indication that Franco has called off his visit to Italy. He had been expected to arrive late in September.

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