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PRUDENCE'S DAUGHTER

By Ethel Hueston

SYNOPSIS PART ONE

CHAPTER I.—At a merry party in the studio apartment of Carter Blake, in New York, Jerry Harmer, Prudence's daughter, meets Duane Allerton, wealthy idler. He becomes slightly intoxicated, and Jerry, resenting his assumption of familiarity, leaves the party abruptly.

CHAPTER II.—The story turns to Jerry's childhood and youth at her home in Des Moines. Only child of a wealthy father, when she is twenty she feels the call of Art, and her parents, with some misgivings, agree to her going to New York to study.

CHAPTER III.—In New York Jerry makes her home with a Mrs. Delaney ("Mimi"), an actress, who, with Theresa, a painter, occupies the house. Jerry takes an immediate liking to Theresa, and the two become fast friends.

CHAPTER IV.—The friendship between Jerry and Theresa, who is eccentric but talented, grows. Jerry poses for Theresa's masterpiece, "The Ocean Rider." Allerton calls on Jerry. The girl, recalling his conduct at the studio party, refuses to see him.

CHAPTER V.—At a hotel dinner Jerry sees Duane and is conscious of his admiration but refuses to change her attitude toward him. Jerry becomes convinced she has not the ability to become an artist and offers her expensive painting equipment to an almost penniless girl student, Greta Val, who cannot understand her generosity. A painful scene results.

CHAPTER VI.—Returning from an evening of gaiety, Jerry is shocked at hearing from Mimi that Theresa has killed herself. She also learns that Mimi is Theresa's mother, and is pained at the seeming frivolousness of the older woman in the face of the tragedy. The "present" Theresa had promised Jerry is given her as a picture, "The Ocean Rider." Jerry is deeply moved. After the funeral of her friend she decides to go home.

CHAPTER VII.—Jerry, with Theresa's help, convinces Greta of her good intentions, and the two girls "make up." At a party Jerry again sees Duane, and will not recognize him. Theresa hints that Jerry should go home, and promises her a "present."

PART TWO

CHAPTER I.—At home Jerry is enthusiastically welcomed by her adoring parents. She wins their sympathies with the pathetic stories of Theresa and of Greta Val.

CHAPTER II.—Unable to settle into the routine of everyday life in her home city, Jerry is dissatisfied.

CHAPTER III.—The "sameness," the lack of individuality in the houses in the city, has shocked Jerry's artistic instincts and given her an idea. She determines to create a standard of beauty in house building, borrowing money from her father, Jerrold Harmer, to do it, and incidentally determining that the work shall be her "career." A letter from Rhoda La Faye informs her that Duane Allerton has lost his fortune in Wall Street and is practically destitute. In pity and sympathy she writes Allerton, offering him a position in her father's automobile factory.

CHAPTER IV.—Allerton applies to Jerry's father for a position, partly explaining the situation, which Mr. Harmer, in a measure, understands. He is rather favorably impressed with Allerton, and after a brief interview tells him to go and see "Prudence."

CHAPTER V.—Mrs. Harmer, understanding much more of the situation than Allerton realizes, takes an instinctive liking to the young man. (CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Jerrold had indeed no ground for feeling that Duane, even as a prospective, somewhat poorly prospective, son-in-law, had any designs upon the ultimate management of the Harmer Motor. In spite of his conscientious attendance in the showroom, his effacement from the active business of the concern was complete. But he developed an inordinate interest in the rich, prosy little Middle Western city and asked endless questions about it, questions of intimate import, when he and Jerrold were having luncheon together as they often did.

"I'm trying to acclimate myself to the corn belt," he said lightly, in explanation of this interest in things about town. But Jerrold, who was making him the subject of an avid attention and study, knew it was something deeper than that.

"Why, do you know," Duane asked him one day, "you can pick up land along the river, and near the railroads, for a song, absolutely for a song? Building sites that ought to be worth—well, I suppose not quite their weight in gold—but worth a fortune anyhow in ten to twenty years."

Jerrold said he supposed so, his shrewd, always kind eyes, fixed on Duane's face.

"They haven't half the factories, the manufacturing plants, they ought to have here. The town could support a hundred times the amount of business it's got. It's towns like this where a big business really pays, isn't it? Where property is cheap, expenses low, facilities good? Isn't that the way they figure?"

"It's the way, my father figures when he started the factory, I should imagine."

"And besides, for a rich farming state like this, they haven't got half the elevator business they ought to have. Have they? If the middlemen have to get fifty per cent of the farm income, the least they can do is to turn the business over to home entrepreneurs and keep the profits in the state. Shouldn't you say so?"

"It seems no more than reasonable."

"There's a pile of money here for any one that goes after it, isn't there?"

"What's the matter with you? Are you trying to sell me the Middle West?"

"No, I just want to find out if I am sold on it myself," Duane explained, laughing. "I haven't got a whole lot of capital left, you know, after my foolish flutters in the last three years. I want to be sure what I'm doing before I go in again. But it seems to me that this town—Well, it's as though it were asleep. Somebody's going to step in here and pick up a few fine spots for factories, a few choice corners for grain elevators, and then after a while sit back and take his exercise clipping coupons. And it seems to me I was just born for a coupon-clipper."

"I wish you luck, my boy. I can't think of a pleasanter indoor sport."

And so while Duane was satisfied to leave the Harmer Motor company to Jerrold's manipulation, Jerrold was satisfied that it should be so, for he knew the young man was keeping a wary eye on things in general, and that when the opportunity came for him to cut loose for himself, this time at least he would be sure of his ground. He told Prudence about it.

"That's nice," she said, warm in her approval. "It's just like families—they do so much better in separate houses."

"You can hardly call him part of the family," protested Jerrold. "The way that girl acts—it's insulting!"

Duane wrote to Jerry. She did not trouble to return the letter by post, she merely tore the envelope across a couple of times, unopened, and handed it to her father.

"Take it down and give it to him, will you?"

"Now, Jerry, have a heart," objected the badgered father. "Why do you insist on dragging me into this thing? Why, it will make him feel like a fool to have me pass it across to him, with the compliments of the house, and so forth. Mail it!—Stamps are cheap enough!"

"Daughters are a nuisance, after all, aren't they, father?" she agreed, and went out at once in her little car to inspect the cottage on which she was engaged.

Jerrold, thus left with the scraps of the futile correspondence, turned to Prudence.

"What shall I do?" he asked helplessly.

"I don't know," she said gently. "What do you think?"

So Jerrold carried it down to the office and sent for Duane. "It's none of my 'business, of course," he said. "Don't think I care how much you correspond with the family—and don't blame me—but I don't know what else to do with it. She gave it to me and said to bring it to you."

He passed the bits of paper to Duane hastily as though they burned his fingers. Duane examined them hopefully, saw the unbroken seal of the envelope.

"She didn't read it, did she?" he said dejectedly.

"I don't know, maybe she did," said Jerry's father. "She took it upstairs, and it was quite a while before she came down. Maybe she read it while she was up, and then sealed it, again to fool you. I wouldn't put it past her."

Duane laughed, and examined the envelope more hopefully, but the seal bore no faint trace of tampering fingers.

"I know they say, Never say die, and try, try again, and all that nonsense," Jerrold went on gloomily. "But I don't put much stock in it in this case. Jerry's not a stubborn girl, naturally. If she makes a mistake, she always admits it and rights about face. I don't think she likes you—if you'll excuse me for saying so. And I don't think—"

"You don't need to," said Duane grimly. "But she does like me. And she brought me out here, and by the Eternal, I'll stick if it takes ten years!"

"Well, I think you're wasting your time, my boy, but have it your own way," Jerrold was sympathetic. "I don't understand girls myself. Prudence isn't like that—you can always talk her down."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Notice of Final Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that I will file my final report with the Hon. Jno. K. Snelling, Judge of Probate, on the 24th day of November, 1925, as administrator of the estate of Julia A. Templeton, deceased, and petition the said Court for an order of Discharge and Letters Testamentary.

J. M. TEMPLETON, Administrator.

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