

vious mouth were drooping farther and farther south. "Chaperoned Cab company," repeated Mr. Randolph, his broad brows puckering in serious thought over his wide blue eyes. "It doesn't sound like much of an idea until you follow it out. Would you like to have me explain it to you?"

"Oh, ce—certainly."

"Well, it all hangs on an invention of my own—an attachment to the ordinary taximeter of a miniature map of New York and vicinity and a sort of seismic-needle affair. You set the needle on the point in the map corresponding to where the cab starts from in—er—real life. Wherever the cab goes, the needle shows the route in red ink on the map, with a time signal of how long it stopped at any given house, park, store—er—et cetera. Do you begin to get the idea?"

"No—no," said Miss Thornton.

"Just think a minute. Tired old couple of conventional ideas and actually beyond the age of dancing are in horror of sitting up all night watching daughter have a good time. Send her in one of my cabs; the ink-route will show just how straight she went to the party, how long she stayed, and how she came back. I forgot to mention the dictograph attachment in every vehicle. Take another case: Man married to a pretty and very young wife. Can't you hear him say, 'Yes, my d-d-dear; you can go anywhere if you'll take a Chaperoned Cab?'"

"No, I can't," said Miss Thornton decisively, and stared meaningly at the clock, as though she were worrying over her next engagement.

Mr. Randolph flushed, rose hastily, and possessed himself of hat, stick and gloves.

"I mustn't keep you," he said, "I've got an appointment in about five minutes myself."

She rose, an absent-minded look in her eyes, and accompanied him to the door of the room. He opened it and took his hand from the knob to shake good-by. Her hand reached out toward his listlessly, as though it had become infected with the selfsame droop that had assailed the corners of her lips.

"May I—er—call again?"

"No!" cried Pamela, snatched back her hand, threw both arms up against the doorjamb, dropped her curly head upon them, and burst into tears.

Mr. Randolph's platinum-headed cane fell with a clatter; his gloves fluttered to the floor, and his new top hat, emitting a clucking, mirthful sound, hurtled across the room. In less time than it has taken to describe these simultaneous events, he had seized the sobbing girl in his arms and was babbling as follows:

"Miss Tho—Pamela—Pam, you dearest and sweetest of all the little women in the world! Oh, darling, don't cry; but if you must, then cry on me—so! That's right, my precious; put your arms round my neck and hold me close. S—strangle me, b—but never, never let me go."

He stooped gradually, picked her up, and made for the couch. Just before he got there, he reached a small prayer rug of Persian design and of great value, one of many such oases in the large expanse of beautifully waxed flooring. The specified rug seemed to take sudden offense at Mr. Randolph's rude footfall. It took to itself wings and flew from under him. The crash of two of the choicest bits of Manhattan's humanity was terrific. Above the din of scattering furniture could be heard the peal of a girl's clear laughter, and presently a voice ringing merrily through half-swallowed sobs:

"M—my—what a b—bump!"

They sat on the floor, face to face, and matched a treble: "Ha! Ha! Ha!" with a heavy male: "Haw! Haw! Haw!"

The terrified Tomlinson burst in upon the scene and there are twenty-six adjectives that would have fitted the look on his countenance, the first five being "astounded," "scandalized," "amazed," "deprecating," "appalled."

"M—Master Robert! M—Miss Imogene!"

Pamela pointed one finger at him weakly, and was off again to tumble down another cascade of laughter. Tomlinson shook his solemn head from side to side in a grieved and palsied motion.

"Such doings! I never—no—I never!"

"Tomlinson is right," said Mr. Randolph solemnly, as he rose and helped Pamela to her feet. "I consider this the most astonishing sample of deportment that has come to my immediate attention for—for ten years." He turned to the unmollified servitor, "Tomlinson," he continued, still supporting the laughter-weakened Pamela with one arm, "I think it is due you to explain that Miss Thornton and I were merely rehearsing, or, rather, reviving the occasion of our first meeting. It was sitting just as you found us that we first made each other's acquaintance a decade ago, except that the encounter took place on the western sidewalk of Fifth avenue at about the corner of Forty-eighth street. I trust that this information will clear up all doubts in your mind as to our sanity, and that you will now leave us to the settlement of certain personal affairs of great moment."

Tomlinson withdrew, still shaking his old head from side to side, and mumbling his opinion that the explanation, far from condoning an affront to what had once been an orderly establishment, was in the nature of a plant on his credulity. No sooner had he closed the door softly but firmly on the scene of wreckage than Mr. Randolph turned all his attention to the lady in his arms.

After a few moments, he laid his hands on her shoulders, held her at arm's length, and forced her eyes to a long and breathlessly solemn meeting with his own. "My dear girl," he continued, "when I came here this afternoon, the sudden bloom of your beauty swept me off my usually confident mental bearings. I saw how completely desirable you are and my courage sank and left me, as though some one had said, 'You can have her if you'll just step up to Mars.' When I was running away, so that I might live to fight for you in many other days, the flame of you swept down and seized my coward heart. It's yours, darling, forever—if you'll only take it!"

And then they kissed each other—one of those long, unhurried marriages



One of Those Long, Unhurried Marriages of the Lips.

of the lips in which eye meets wondering eye so closely that the barriers of flesh and space and time are pushed aside, and all the whole wide world together with seven heavens are crowded into the tiny sphere of a single lucent orb. Look at them, oh, you growing public; watch them do it! For while it is customary to draw the veil on these intimate first contacts of the soul, let it be said that such conventional literary hypocrisy is herein abjured on the grounds that the real thing in youth in love doesn't give a whoop who sees.

Even such a kiss as is under review has an end as well as a beginning, and just as this one finished its too brief but crowded span of life came the honk three times repeated of a motor horn, as though the world at large had availed itself of that means to cap the shameless osculation with three exclamation points.

"Why, Bobby," cried Pamela, "you've never kept your cab waiting!"

"Sometime tonight," said Mr. Randolph dreamily, sadly, wistfully, "I'll have to go somewhere away from here. Let him wait."

[THE END.]

Hereditary Peculiarities.

According to an evening paper the lady who has just become Duchess of Westminster has "one son, a boy." On the other hand the Duke has two daughters, both girls.—Punch (London).

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MRS. LOUISA A. SMITH, Executrix.

#### NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Denmark Planing Mill Company will be held at the office of the President of said Company, room No. 507 Liberty National Bank Building, in the City of Columbia, S. C., on Monday, the 18th day of April, 1921, at 11 a. m., the purpose of which is to pass upon the question of increasing the capital stock of said Company from its present authorized capital of Fifty Thousand Dollars to an authorized capital of Sixty Thousand Dollars, of which amount not more than Thirty Thousand Dollars will be Preferred Stock, carrying a cumulative dividend of six per cent. per annum, payable out of the profits of said Company, redeemable within five years after date, and with such other preferences and conditions as are fully set forth in the resolution passed by the Board of Directors of said Company at a meeting held March 18, 1921. Such Preferred Stock to be of the par value of Five Dollars per share.

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