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Millicent's Masquerade

By Martha McCulloch-Williams

Behind the frowning providence of a sudden summer rainstorm, Fate hid for Millicent Ware a smiling face. She stood in the uncertain shelter of a roadside elm, trying vainly to shield her hat with a ridiculous parasol...



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to foot. The muddy puddle which had helped to stay her was at least four inches deep. She had shrunk back too late—even the tip of her nose had a brown drop on it.

There was a bubbling laugh after the last word. Millicent got in, and was whisked forward, hardly knowing whether she were awake or dreaming.

Two days later, still dazed, but full of inward chuckling, she was welcomed by an elderly couple as their own dear grand-niece, Lily Haughton.

"I hear he's a frost and a funeral as one—this Arden Gloster," Lily Haughton had explained to Millicent. Lily, orphan and heiress by nature, was brought up by much oppression, had been due to visit the infirmary had not been seen since childhood, when her heart was set upon another excursion.

"You need work—I've got a perfectly good checkbook—and a book of the family that will tell you about it all the way to Adam," she had said. "You can have any money you want to stay my six weeks there. Arden Gloster is sure not to make love to you—he thinks it beneath him to do such things. He thinks, too, he is going to marry me, when he's good

and ready—so as to get the blessing and the fortune of our elders." Millicent had at first scouted the idea—then all at once fallen in with it ardently.

Life went easily at Glenville. Millicent was blissful all through the first fortnight. She rode, drove, walked, with the old folk, suiting herself to their needs and tempers.

She gave hardly a thought to young Gloster—he was writing a book upon political corruption, and spent most of his time in the tower room three stories in air.

But Madame Haughton was full of talk about him—how good and true he was, what hopes they built upon him. She was too delicate to do more than slur lightly over the family plan, even in showing the incomparable diamonds destined for "Arden's wife."

At last two things happened: Arden finished his book, and began ardent lovmaking. The process transfused him—he became not merely human but fascinating. Millicent had had experience of the great game in the course of her twenty-two years, and told herself, quite candidly, he played it to admiration.

He came to her after a fortnight's playing, in the adorable old garden that seemed made for lovers. "Such a pity!" he said gently, talking both her hands. "We can't have a bit of romance—our true love runs so smooth."

"I'm sure I don't know what you mean!" Millicent retorted, trying to free her hands. "No," he said, his eyes laughing and incredulous. "You don't know that by loving each other we please the finest pair in the world—and inherit a million?"

"Let go my hands! I—I—won't listen!" Millicent burst out. He caught her in his arms—there upon his breast she told him everything, ending abruptly: "Please, please, let me go away before you tell the old folk. They have been so good to me I can't bear to see their eyes full of contempt."

"But I must tell them," Arden protested. "And at once! Foolish little girl, do you think I shall let you go, no matter what your name is?"

"It's like a fairy tale come true," Lily, the real Lily, said three weeks later; but she was no longer Lily Haughton. She had come to Glenville in convoy of her new husband, Jimmy Page, artist.

"Jimmy held out against me until he saw what a cook I was, in camp, Lily ran on. 'I've been trying for a year to make him propose—now all of us will live happy ever after.'"

CONTRAST ON OREGON TRAILS. Seattle Capitalists Traveling in This Modern Day With Touring Car and Auto Truck.

In contrast to the caravans that traversed the Oregon valleys fifty years ago a party from Seattle left Portland the other morning for an extensive trip through the southern part of the state and California in automobiles, says the Portland Oregonian.

The party consisted of Mortitz Thomsen, E. Cardin, R. R. Spencer and M. H. Young, Seattle capitalists who are seeking rest and recreation on a tour that will lead them away from all business and care. They left Seattle with their equipment, but the roads were so rough that the two big machines were shipped from Kelso to Portland.

Relic of the Past. "This, I presume, is the portrait of one of your former admirers." "Don't be foolish, hubby. That is a photograph of yourself when you had hair."

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