

SHY LOVERS

Mr. Carlton Johnson descended from his carriage, dismissed the driver, and walked up the steps of Squire Stuart's home. The door was answered by a dignified butler, who bowed stiffly, and in a composed tone asked him in, informing him that Miss Nancy would be down presently.

Mr. Johnston sat down in a large comfortable chair by the fireside, and as soon as the butler had departed, he began to show signs of extreme uneasiness, looking as if he wanted to run and hide. The cause for this uneasiness was that he had decided to propose to Miss Nancy tonight, and as he was inexperienced, he didn't know exactly how to proceed. As he heard her soft footsteps in the hall, he hastily adjusted his powdered wig and smoothed the lace ruffles at his neck and wrists.

Miss Nancy greeted him shyly and they sat down on a sofa. A few casual remarks were made about the weather and their health, and that of their families. Then Mr. Johnston cleared his throat and said, after much coughing and humming:

"My dear Nancy, I have a very important question to ask you tonight and I hope you will consider it grave before making your answer."

Nancy, much bewildered, answered, "I'm sure, sir, if it is some weighty question concerning your business I am not the one to be consulted. My father could advise you much better than I".

"I am quite sure, Nancy, that you are the only one in the whole world who could decide this question, as it does not concern anyone but you and me," he replied gravely.

"Oh, dear sir," she asked excitedly. "What can it be?"

"Nancy, for a long time I have wanted to ask you this question, but I have never had the courage to tell you before. Words fail me and I can only stammer". He was now stammering indeed.

"Why Mr. Johnston, you seem very much embarrassed. If it is some sad news, let me hear it at once," she begged earnestly.

With a final effort he said. "Nancy it is no sad news, although it may mean that my future will be sad".

"Mr. Johnston", she said, in a sympathetic tone, "If there is any way in which I can help you, let me know at

once".

"There is, sweet Nancy", he answered at last. "Will you be my wife?"

Nancy uttered a startled cry and was so overcome with the suddenness of it, she remained silent for a few moments. Then she answered timidly, "Yes, Mr. Johnston, if my father is willing".

There followed another embarrassing silence; then Mr. Johnston said "Nancy dear, may I hold your hand?"

"Yes," timidly.

Another silence.

"Nancy, darling, may I kiss you?"

"Yes," with a deep sigh of relief

THE OPEN FORUM

So far only following have reported for tennis practice. Virginia Smith, Beck Walser, Dot Dorsett, Mary Lil Walser, Louise Thompson, Nona Raper, Steph Bragaw, Frances Thompson and Elizabeth Hackney. Come on, Freshmen, where are your representatives? It isn't too late to start now. The Freshmen aren't the only ones who fail to support The Tennis season isn't long and practices never last over an hour. Do you go out for any athletics? If not why not?

Where are our track supporters of last year? Very few students are going out, and there seems to be an alarming lack of enthusiasm among the faithful. Last year L. H. S., put out a very good track team for the first year of participation in this year. However, judging from the number of boys and girls who are taking part, there will hardly need be an elimination contest this year, and the teams will have to be composed of those who practice, regardless of their efficiency. I know there are many other outside activities that are claiming the time and attention of some students, but still there are numbers of students who take no part in any way of these activities, and who could make good on the athletic field if they would try. Can you run, jump (high or wide), throw the javelin, throw a basketball a long distance, or walk fast? If you can, come on out for track practice, put your best into it, and let's put out a winning team this year.

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