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flict between father and son as this young lawyer, single handed, fights for what he honestly believes to be the trath and right holds one with a tremendous sympathetic interest.

CHAPTER L

BECAUSE PATRICIA SAID "NO." OME one was giving a crush dance at the Country club, and Blount, though he was only a week end guest of the Beverleys, was ill natured enough to be resentful. What right had a gay and frivolous world to come and thrust its light hearted hampiness upon him light hearted happiness upon him when Patricia had said "No?" It was like bullying a cripple, he told him morosely, and when he had read single telegram which had co

single telegram which had come while he was, at dinner he went out and found a chair in a corner of the veranda, where the frivolities had not as yet intruded.

Blount was a level eyed, square shouldered young man of an up to date world, and the stock from which he had descended was prosaic and practical rather than poetic or sentimental. But just now he was unconsciously giving a very lifelike imitation of the disappointed lover the world over.

world over.

It was thus, and by the merest chance, that Gantry found him. The railroad man at least was unfeigned-

Pull up a chair," said Blount, not too ungraciously, considering his just cause to be more ungracious. "I was thinking of you just a little while ago, Dick. I saw your name in the list of transcontinental representatives to the traffic meeting, and—well, at the present moment I think you are the one man in the world I wanted most to meet."

vere taking the postgraduate frills in the Harvard law school. By the way, how much longer are you in for?"

"I am out of the law school, if that is what you mean," said Blount—"out and admitted to the bar. If you get

into trouble with the Boston police letme know and I'll ask for a change of
venue to the greasewood hills and
Judge Lynch's court."

"Are you ever coming back to them,
Blount? I believe you told me once in
the old college days that you were
western born."

"I told you the fruth, and until to.

"I told you the truth, and until to-

"It told you the truth, and until to-night I never thought much about go-ing back," was Blount's rather crypto-grammatic answer.
"But now you are thinking of it?" inquired the railroad man, waking up.
"That's good. We're needing a few bright young lawyers mighty bed. Is that why I'm the particular fellow you.

Blount passed the newly come tele-gram across the interval between the two chairs. "Bead that," he said. name of the chief city in the "grease-wood country," the capital of the state, and the time markings sufficiently in-dicated its late arrival:

dicated its late arrival;
To Evan Shelby Blount, Standish Apartments, Boston;
You have had everything that money could buy you, and you owe me nothing but an eccasional sight of your face. If you are not tied to some woman's apron string, why car't you come west safe grow up with your native state?

DAVID BLOUNT.

had grewn overlong.

"I was just thinking," was the refective rejoinder. "We used to be fairly chummy in the old Ann Arbor days, Evan, and yet I never knew till this blessed minute that Senator Blount was your father."

"He was and is," was the quiet reply. "I supposed everybody knew it."

"I didn't," Gantry denied, adding, "What you don't tell people about yourself would make a pretty hig book if it were printed. Long ago you admitted to me that you were western born, but you never told me any more."

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so little to tell. I had a boyhood, like other boys—or, no, possibly it wasn't quite the usual. I was born on the Circle Bar when the ranch was a hard day's drive from the nearest shipping corral on the railroad. At twelve I could ride line, 'cut out' and rope down' like any other ranch bred-roungster, and I had never seen a lown bigger than Painted Hat."
"And what happened when you were

twelve?" queried Gantry.
"The greatest misfortune that can
ever come to a half grown boy, Dick.
My mother died."

"That was hard," Gantry assented; then, "Your father married again."
"Not for some years," Blount qualifled. "But for me the heavens wer fallen. I was sent away to school, and from school I wept to college, to Europe and back here to the law school. In all that time I've never seen the Circle Bar or my native state have never been west of Omaha."

"Then the senator's—your father's-political life has never touched you?" "It touched me on the sympathetic side. Dick. I saw a large hearted



handed old cattle king wadin gratify an ambition that wasn't his gratify an ambition that wasn't me own—a woman's ambition. In order that the woman might mix and mingle in Washington society for a brief minute or two he got himself elected to all out an unexpired term of two menths in the United States senateone man in the world I wanted most to meet."

"That sounds good to me," laughed Dick Gantry, settling himself comfortably in a lazy chair and feeting in his pockets for a cigar. "The 'effete east' has corralled you, hasn't fir, Evan? I thought maybe it would when I heard you were taking the postgraduate frills

Gantry was chuckling softly. "you're an educated man, all right, but you've got a lot to learn yet-about the senator and his politics. I mean. Great snipes, man, he isn't in it for the social frills and furbelows! He never was. Let me intimate a few things. Politically speaking, David Blount is the biggest man in his state today. He can have anything he wants, from the head of the ticket down. You spoke rather sneeringly just now of his two months in the senate. He might have gone back if he had wanted to, and he actually did

ne mad wanted to, and as actually the a much more difficult thing—named his successor. I can tell you the situa-tion out in the greasewood country if-you want to know it."

"Make it simple," was Blount's con-

dition.
"The outlook for us is precisely what
it is in a dozen other states this yeareverything promising a renewal of the
buildended legislative fight on the railroads," said Gautry. "There is only one issue before the people, and that is the Transcontinents! railway. The reformers, as they call themselves would like to legislate us out of exist

ente. We shall best the toutom and dolour best to stay on earth."
"Naturally," said Blount. "And my father—how does he stand?"
"The idea of your having to ask me?" exclaimed Gantry. "But really I wish I could tell you. There are a good many neonly in our neck of

a very complete and smooth runn machine organization."
"And my father is identified w

"Land of glory!" he ejaculated "Where have you been burying your self, Evan? Didn't I just tell you tha belt, Evan? John't I just tell you man he is the biggest man in the state? Oh, no"—with heavy irony—"he isn't identified with the machine; he merely owns it and runs it."

"Ah." said Blount, and a little later, "Thank you, Dick; I am pretty bedly out of touch, as you've discov-

ered." Then he changed the subject abruptly. "How long will your traffic meeting last?"
"We practically finished today. An hour or two on Monday will settle it."
"After which you'll go west?"
"By the Monday noon train, if I can make it."

Silence for a time until Blount broke in upon Gantry's tapping of the dance music rhythm with: "If I can get ready I may go with you, Dick. Would you mind?"

you mind?"
"Yes; I would mind so much that
I'd willingly miss a train and worry out
a few more of the chilly Boston hours
rather than lose the chance of having
you along. Ever meet your father's—
er—the present Mrs. Blount, Evan?"
be asked suddenly.

"She is a fine woman," Gantry ven

tured.
"So I have understood." This time Blount's reply was icy. But now Gan-try's eyes were twinkling, and he pressed his advantage. "You'll have to receon with her if

you go to the gree Evan. Next to your father, she is the court of last resort. Indeed, there are a good many who say that she is the court."

Blount said nothing. Nevertheless Gantry tried once more:
"Not interested; Evan?"
Blount turned and looked his com

anion coldly in the eyes,
"Not in the slightest degree, Dick Will you take that for your answer now and remember it hereafter?" "Sure!" laughed the rallroad man. "I didn't know it was a sore spot with

you."

He found a match and relighted his cigar. When he began again he was still thinking of the "apron string" clause in the senator's telegram. "I can't understand how any man with western blood in his veins could ever be content to marry and settle down in this overcivilized neck of woods," he said.

"Can't won?" Blount sulled, with

"Can't you?" Blount smiled, with

large lenlence.
"No, I can't," asserted the westerner, adding: "Of course I don't know the eastern young woman. She may be all that is lovely and enticing"— "She is," declared Blount, with the air of one who had lived long enough

"You say that as if you'd been tak-ing a few lessons," Gantry laughed. Then, with the friendly impudence which only a college comradeship could excuse, "Is she here tonight?"

"Tell me about her," Gantry begged "I don't often read a love story, but like to hear 'em."
"There isn't much to tell, Dick," said
Blount. "I've known her for a year,
and I've loved her from the first day.

That is chapter 1, and chapter 2 ends the story with one small word. She says 'No.'" The dickens she does!" said Gantry in hearty sympathy. "Tough, isn't it, old man? What's the obstacle?" "It is Miss Anners' career. She has been studying at home and abroad in preparation for social settlement work in the large cities. Of course I knew about it. But I thought—I hoped."—"You heart it was only a votter wo

try cut in. "Y-yes, I'm afraid that was just what i did hope, Dick. But I couldn't talk against it. Confound it all, you an't go about smashing ideals for the

people you love best!"

It was quite late when Gantry, plead ing weariness on the score of his hard week's work at the railroad meeting,

In the long talk with Gantry Blount had learned many things about the po-litical situation in his native statethings which were enlightening, if not

particularly encouraging.
Oddly enough, he had not recognized
in Gantry a skillful special pleader for
the railroad interests; hence he was reparing to go to the new field with had intimated pretty broadly that there was room for an assistant corporation el for the railroad, with head quarters in the capital of his native state. Blount saw at once that the requirements would be political rather than legal, and in his mind's eye he fender of legitimate business rights in where popular prejudice was capable of rising to anarchistic heights.

The picture rather pleased him. He would not have been a true descendant

the prospect of a conflict had be other than inspiring.

It was after the ashes had been knocked from the bedtime pipe that Blount left his chair and the secluded corner of the veranda to go and wa ng the parked automobiles on

Blount had just awakened a sleepy chauffeur to ask him to uncover the engine of a new Italian car when a

engine of a new Italian car when a stir at the veranda entrance told him that at least a few of the dancing guests were leaving early.

He drew back when the little group on the veranda came down the steps, preceded by a club footman, who was calling the number of the car. And it was not until he was turning away that he found himself face to face with a very beautiful and very clear eyed young woman who was buttoning an enterprish durst cart up under her chin.

a very beautiful and very clear eyed young woman who was buttoning an automobile dust coat up under her chin. "Patricia!" he burst out. "For pity's sake, you don't mean to tell me that you have been here all the evening?"

Her quiet smile gave the impression not quite of frigidity perhaps, but of that quality of serene self possession which strangers sometimes mistook for coldness.

"Why shouldn't I be here?" she asked. "Didn't you know that the Craufords, the people who are entertaining, were old friends of ours?"

Blount shook his head. "No, I didn't know it, and because I didn't I have lost an entire evening. It was cruel of you to deny me this last evening. Patricia."

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"I'am aorry you are taking it this way, Evan," she deprecated in the sis-terly tone that always made him bot-ly resentful. "It hurts my sense of proposition."

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She did not tell him where. car motor was whirring, the chauftieman in the tonneau was growing wite violently impatient "I shan't say goodby," she said hasti

ly, giving him her hand at parting, shall I tell you where we are go ing. Let it be auf wiederseben. we meet again." TO BE CONTINUED.

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