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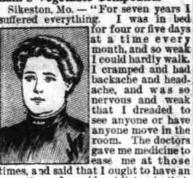
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"I think that you ought to tell Willard before you marry him." Kate did not even turn her head. After listening to variations of the same advice and opinion for half an hour she felt more than annoyed. She was frankly angry and perplexed.

"If you don't some one else will, and that will only make any subsequent explanation so unpleasant. Men are peculiar, anyway, and in an affair of this kind"-

"Imogene Wayne"-Kate's face flush ed botiy-"I think you put it altogether too strongly."

"It is a serious matter." Imogene bit off the end of her embroidery lines deliberately. "If it were my own afconscience. Willard is the sort of man to take anything of that kind to heart. I know him well."

"I don't care a bit whether he knows or not," exclaimed Kate. "I suppose I should have told him in the first place, but he never asked me, and I didn't consider it necessary. I never thought Bart would."

"No one did," interposed Imogene, with serene significance. "But the "Has what? Am I always in trou

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voice sounded from the inner room chin upraised, her lashes downcast From the cool shadow of the curtained window seat Bart Holman thought her sweeter and dearer than ever. And it had been nearly two years ago.

"Are you in there, Bart?" Imogene laughed. "How long have you been fistening-long enough to agree with me? Whatever made you come home when everybody wanted you to stay in Japan?"

"Not everybody. I came by special request." "And went in the first place by spe

cial request too?" Kate finshed the single glance at her

cousin. She had not known how much Imogene knew. She wondered if Bart had told ber. Against her will she looked at Bart. He was smiling at ber, and suddenly, vaguely, she feit more at ease. After all Bart was a good boy. He had come home the same -a trifle browner, the lines about his mouth a bit deeper, the look of his eyes steadier. The two years in Japan had done him good.

"When is the wedding, Kitty?" No one ever called her Kitty but Bart. It was such a foolish, childish name for a girl, she thought, for the kind of girl at least that she prided herself on being. She was not the fluffy, childish type. She was tall and siender, with smooth, dark hair sno eyes that changed like the sea with

203-6t. "We are not even engaged yet," she answered composedly. "I can hardly say when the wedding will be."

"Kate is so cautious about matri mony this time," Imogene said amused ly. "She has actually put poor Willard established since 1906. Will sell on probation. If he is a good boy for cheap, as the party is leaving town. three months and manages to fulfill her ideal in that time, then she will con-

sent to an engagement."
"If I were a giri I'd put Willard on probation for life," Bart said cheerfully. "One would be perfectly safe. There would never be any danger of

foreclosure." "Three months is long enough," said Kate. "A man who cannot stand a three months' test is not worth waiting a lifetime for."

"Don't be vindictive and catty, Kate." Imogene gathered up her melee of embroidery odds and ends. "Every-body at Newpolat knows about you and Bart, and when you twit him that way it is simply bad taste. Bart, why on earth didn't you have sense enough to stay away?"

enough to stay away?"

"No one sent me announcement cards of the probation," answered Bart caimly, "I like Newpoint. Willard and I are old college pals."

"Were you really?" Imogene glanced back over her shoulder to laugh again. "Isn't it comical, though, the whole affair? Well, there is one thing sure. Bart-you won't be pais if Kate's con-science troubles her."

They were alone several minutes be-fore the silence was broken. Then Bart

"Does it?"

"Trouble me?" Kate lifted her head, and the anxiety in her eyes startled him. "Ice, it does, Bart. Of course I intend to marry Willard. The probation idea is helf of it, Imogene's noncense. I only sched him to give me three months to make up my mind."

"I didn't give you three minutes."

"And I changed it in three weeks," she retorted quickly. "It is better to be sure. But"

"Sut you haven't teld Willard about

"Not yet." (the hesitated and then added pervously, earnestly: "It isn's that he would mind, although I suppose he would too. I know I should mind if he had done such a thing and had not told me. But I thought he knew, of course, until one day he told me he didn't believe a girl ever loved more than one man absorbe and also more than one man absorbe and also

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"I agree with him." Bart swung over the barrier of the window ledge that separated them. "I don't believe you'll ever love any one as you did me, Kitty, will you?"

The impersonal frankness of his tone disarmed her. She replied almos

"It was the newness of it all; that's what makes it different. Why. Bart. do you know you were the first man who ever asked me to be his wife? And it seemed so queer. You never said a word, do you remember, just"-"I remember," said Bart. "It was

enough. You gave it back." "And you brought the ring the very

next day to me." "You gave that back too." He looked at her left hand as he spoke, It was ringless. Willard was certainly on probation. He reached in his inside cont pocket and drew out a small leather case. The color rose in her cheeks as he tossed it over on her lap. She opened it with fingers not quite steady. Bart was watching a figure in gray flannel walking up the board walk from the beach. It was Willard. When Kate raised her lashes from the little leather case they sparkled with tears.

"Why did you ever come back?" she "What made you keep it, Bart?"

Bart bent over her quickly. The veranda was secluded and private in that particular corner. No person down on the board walk could intrude on its seclusion. He took Kate's left hand in his own strong young ones tanned by the sun of the orient, and slipped the ring into its old place.

"I kept it so I might put it back some day-like this, dear.' He kissed the ring and the fingers. and Kate's hand rested of its own volltion on the bowed boyish head. The figure in gray flannels was close at

hand. Bart lifted his head and looked

her squarely in the eyes, a long, full

look that admitted of no compromise

even after two years' misunderstand-

"Bart. I must tell him." "I'll tell him," said Bart, and when Willard came up the step leisurely Kate stood with her face seaward, and Bart met him.

"You look awfully unsociable, you two," said Willard gayly. "Imogene just told me you were scrapping." "It isn't a scrap," said Bart slowly. 'It's a discussion on conscience, Kate's ter meets all traina. Commercial trade solicited. conscience. You see. Kate and I used to be engaged, two years ago, and Kate thinks that you ought to be told

at Kate. "I think she might have extended the consideration and told me of it berself."

Kate turned instantly. There was a

look in her eyes he had never seen before, a look of tenderness and gladness. "I know I should have. Willard." she exclaimed. "But it was only Bart, and we were not really engaged yet, you Month.

would mind." "I don't." said Willard sturdily. "It's only a matter of conscience, after all.

Anything else?" Bart slipped his arm about Kate's waist in proprietary fashion. "Yes We've just renewed the old engagement, and I think you ought to be told of it-as a matter of con-

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