

## A WOMAN'S INFLUENCE



CHAPTER I.  
MARGARET.

On the afternoon of a day early in April two ladies were driving along a level country road.

One was evidently a stranger to the place and its surroundings, for she observed the scenery with curious interest, and frequently questioned her companion about the persons and residences they passed.

The other, who drove the handsome bays with an unshakable air of proprietorship, was an old resident.

She had found her way to this small but pretentious town some years before, and, building a handsome home, had since devoted her energies, supplemented by the beneficial influence of money, to gaining an entrance into its exclusive society.

Both were deep in conversation, when a turn in the road brought them face to face with a young girl riding.

Mrs. Downs was in the act of checking her horse, when the newcomer, at though quite unconscious of any such intention, nodded indifferently and rode on.

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"Who is she?" questioned her companion, glancing after the rider with some curiosity.

"Miss Leigh. You remember I pointed her home out a few moments ago."

"Then she's the heiress?"

"Yes, an heiress, and a young one, too. She was once, but her own caprice has made her a spinster. I have known her keep up a show of friendship, but she is one of the leaders of society here who has got rid of her mourning."

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"Hateful, Margaret! Then you don't share the world's opinion of that mortal article."

Margaret drew a chair close to Miss Hilton, and seated herself upon it, as she replied.

"Not the world that Mrs. Downs represents. I met her a while ago. She wanted to stop, of course, but I just rode on. Awfully rude, wasn't it? I couldn't help it. I detest her. She wouldn't care a snap of her finger for me if I were poor, but simply because I have such people! Think heaven, I'll soon be away from this awful place. I told you I was cross, Miss Hilton."

"I see it, my dear," was the half grave response. "Have you quite decided to go to that outlandish place?"

"What a doleful expression. If that outlandish place in any shape or form, I must plead guilty to such a doleful decision, and I think I shall find my experience both novel and profitable. I mean to do just as I please. Take another name and form. Margaret Leigh only, in the first place."

"Poor Margaret! I hope you don't appreciate her, and since you are quite determined to go to that land of enchantment I suppose the best thing for me to do is to hope you won't regret it."

Margaret laughed at this view of the matter.

"You see, I am not looking for beaux," she said, with mock gravity. "I've always liked old men better than young ones. I'm sure those droll old fishermen will suit me immensely. Besides, I'm tired of civilization and its sham."

"Generally, so I welcome something new for a change. I suppose you think I have a very capricious disposition, but I do so want to air my grievances. If it were not too undignified I should like to be in the room and scream."

"Don't do so, my dear. The doctor is right. You do need a change. I don't recognize my old Margaret."

"A flattering way of expressing an unflattering opinion," laughed Margaret, giving Miss Hilton's hand a rebuking little pat. "I am growing old, generous, and I am out of my mind."

"I have a new, overpowering desire to shake this path and severely proper neighborhood. Don't look to me for approval. Miss Hilton, you couldn't sell it if you tried, and I'm afraid I take pleasure in that knowledge. Your expression reminds me of the words, 'I have a new, overpowering desire to shake this path and severely proper neighborhood.'"

He was glancing up at her, and his eyes were fixed on her face. She was saying, "I am afraid I take pleasure in that knowledge. Your expression reminds me of the words, 'I have a new, overpowering desire to shake this path and severely proper neighborhood.'"

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## OUR MILITARY FORCES.

IF NEEDED, UNCLE SAM COULD RAISE AN ARMY OF TEN MILLIONS.

And it would be made of professional fighting material. Requirements for enlistment are high. The Government is looking for men who are physically fit, and who are intelligent.

Should you volunteer your services at the first call for an addition to the army, you may stand a chance to enter the ranks if you are between 21 and 30 years old, of good character and habits, able bodied, free from disease, not less than five feet and four inches tall and between 125 and 140 pounds in weight.

If you measure above five feet ten inches in height, or weigh above 165 pounds, you can enter the infantry or artillery, but not the cavalry.

These are the requirements for entrance to the regular army. They would remain in force during the recruiting of volunteers until men should be passed in with insufficient speed. Then the restrictions in regard to age would be made less exacting.

In great emergency the fighting age would doubtless be stretched to from 18 to 45. The restrictions in regard to weight would perhaps be changed, but very heavy men would not be accepted. Fat men do not make good soldiers as they are.

The war department has prepared a table showing what it considers to be the correct proportions of height, weight and chest measurement. A man 5 feet 4 inches tall should weigh 128 pounds, should have a chest measuring 32 1/2 inches without breath and a chest expansion of at least two inches.

A man 5 feet 10 inches tall should weigh 155 pounds, should have a chest measuring 35 inches without breath and a chest expansion of 2 1/2 inches. Similarly, if he is 6 feet 1 inch tall, he should weigh 176 pounds, should measure 36 1/4 inches around the chest, expansion of at least 2 1/2 inches.

Weights between these are given proportionate measurements for the other heights.

In the event of war many recruits pressed for enlistment in the regular army during peace must be eliminated. For instance it would be impossible to enter the army in time of peace if you were married, if you are not a citizen of the United States or a candidate for citizenship, or if you cannot speak, read or write the English language.

Married men and foreigners are readily accepted as volunteers in case of war, and it would count for little whether a private could read and write or not.

Similarly, in the navy certain restrictions are eliminated in case of war. Males may enter the navy if they are between 14 and 35 years old. Infants of war the maximum age limit would doubtless be raised ten years.

According to the printed regulations, persons enlisted in the naval service must be of robust frame, intelligent, of perfect sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical defects, or malformation, and not subject to fits.

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## HYMNISM IN INDIA.

So says this man concerning the Tricks of Jugglers.

A correspondent writing from India regarding the tricks of the jugglers performing their tricks by "will power," says: "During the course of the Indian mutiny I made the acquaintance of one of these gentlemen of India, who tried to instruct me how to perform these tricks. He said it was all imaginary on the part of the spectators, as he simply willed that they should see those things. Yet I, in common with Western nations, was too animalized and materialized, by flesh-eating and consumption of alcohol, to retain or accept any deep spiritual teaching."

"The most exciting performance that he gave for my amusement was the converting of a bamboo stick into a native servant. Afterward—I tried it on, and to my surprise the same man was before me asking for instructions. I directed him to fill the chutnies on the veranda with water from the well in the compound. When he had filled them all to overflowing I begged of him to stop. He, however, took no notice of me, and went on stolidly bringing in the water, until in my excited imagination, it seemed that the brogaw would be washed away. Finding that I could not arrest or stop his movements, he passing through me as though I did not exist, I drew my sword and lay in wait for him. Making a dash, I apparently cut him in two, when he fell there were two men bringing in water, neither of whom could I restrain or prevent from doing so."

"I was completely out of my depth, when I heard a quiet laugh behind me, and on turning I found it was my instructor, who held up his right hand, and the two men disappeared, the stick resuming its place on the veranda, and to crown all, there was not the slightest sign of any water having been brought in. I excitedly appealed to him for an explanation. He said that he had been present all the time, having willed that he should be invisible to me, and that I should imagine myself to see and do what I thought had taken place. In order to prove it, he asked me to step out into the compound and directed my attention to a large cistern, which I knew was not there before. As I entered a number of huge elephants and camels issued from it in a continuous stream, yet I could not touch one of them. They apparently passed over me as though I did not exist. He again raised his hand, and the camels and animals disappeared, and there was no indication of an existence of any kind."

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On a piece of land in Old Lyme, Conn., is a rock of the following dimensions: Around the stone north and south, 27 feet 7 inches; east and west, 21 feet 10 inches. This immense stone is so delicately poised that one man can rock it from four to six inches.

The sacred fires of India have not all been extinguished. The most ancient which still exists was consecrated twelve centuries ago in commemoration of the voyage made by the Hindus when they emigrated from Persia to India. The fire is fed five times every two hours with sandalwood and other fragrant materials, combined with very dry fuel.

## THE ORIGINS.

When a little boy was given to the Great City of London.

Many persons are now busy to do good. It is a pity that the children of the poor are not better cared for. There is a great need of more schools and more teachers.

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## HABITS OF REINDEER.

They feed their two tons and will not drink water but eat snow instead.

W. A. Kjellman, superintendent for the United States of the reindeer industry in Alaska, was a passenger on the westbound train which passed through here. Mr. Kjellman is a Norwegian, about forty years of age. For several years he was a buyer and a shipper of reindeer, and as such made regular trips to Lapland to buy them for slaughter. He became an expert in the matter. He has been called to this country, settling near Madison, Wis.

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