White Flannels and Lester

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"Helen, this thing has got to stop!" Geoff Sayles exploded his wife with [illegible]

"You [illegible]?"

"Sally and Lester!"

"Oh," said his wife [illegible] "Yes, I agree with you. I [illegible] went with that nice [illegible] and I [illegible] Lester. But [illegible] to let Sally see just [illegible] sible of him."

"Helen!" Her husband [illegible] started.

But Helen [illegible] ly. "Yes, dear. The [illegible] canary around [illegible] know. Let Sally see so much of Lester, she gets sick of him. Our going down to River Terrace for the dinner will help a lot. Lester can come out over Sundays, you know."

Sally's father was silent a moment. "All right," he agreed finally. "Desperate cases, I suppose! But you can't always calculate on the human element working according to formula!"

The following Saturday afternoon pretty Sally Sayles sat behind the steering wheel of her father's car waiting for the arrival of the train from the city. As it pulled in and emptied itself of her fiancé a week ender she picked out Lester and sounded the horn. Presently he was beside her and they were scooting down the winding road to the shore.

Lester was short and inclined to stoutness and much given over to what he believed to be "principles." He was strong for "reform."

"Don't you think I'm a good driver?" shamelessly asked Sally, throwing him a glance from beneath the turned-up brim of her sport hat.

"Ye—s," said Lester, slowly, "only you know how I feel about automobiles. No one should own them while there are souls in the land that starve." Lester uttered this sentiment with a very exalted expression admirably adapted to appeal to the budding ideals of a young girl.

Dinner that night passed off pleasantly enough, as would any dinner of chicken and featherweight biscuit and strawberry shortcake. But afterward, when Sally and Lester had preempted the cool veranda, Mr. Sayles found difficulty in restraining his impatience as, perspiring within, he was forced to listen to various lofty expressions of contempt of all existing conditions from the argumentative Lester.

"How long have I got to listen to that rot, and on my own front porch?" he demanded. But all he got for his pains was a frown on his wife's forehead and a hushing finger on her lips.

As June lengthened into July, the sight of Sally Sayles driving Lester home every Saturday provided too conspicuous a morsel of gossip to be passed up by the idle summer colonists. And Mrs. Sayles possessed too much of the social instinct not to know that it was being passed around that she was rushing that old Lester Curtis for her daughter Sally. Gladly would she have endured the knowledge had she been getting the results she was after.

"Apparently, the more Sally sees of Lester the better she likes him!" she groaned inwardly.

Then, late in August Lester telephoned that he could not get down until Sunday. Sally got in her first game of tennis for the summer, playing with Wes Burgess, who had distinctly kept away since the weekly importations of Lester.

"I say, Sally," he pleaded as they walked slowly homeward from the courts, "Let's manage a game every Saturday!"

But Sally would not promise. "Maybe," she said.

Then, when Lester failed to show up Sunday, Sally all but dissolved in tears. Mrs. Sayles alternated between anger at Lester and anger at Sally. A letter Monday, half way promising to be on hand for the water carnival, the big event of the season on the following Saturday, somewhat soothed the troubled waters until Saturday came and brought with it no Lester. Sally accompanied her mother, who was to give out cups and various trophies, and sat beside her a silent spectator. It was during a pause in events that Sally heard her name called by a woman standing just below the stand on which she sat. "Is that Sally Sayles over there?"

The answer came from some one she could not see. "Oh, no. If she's here she's probably with Lester Curtis."

"Well," said the other thoughtfully, "I don't say so! Why he is engaged with that dumpy little Simpson girl, the one with the glasses!"

Mrs. Sayles looked at her daughter. Sally was nibbling a chocolate, her eyes fixed pensively upon a plume at the far horizon. Later Lester walked home she recounted how her scheme had worked out, but how differently than she had planned. Sally had not grown to love Lester—Lester had grown tiresome! She was afraid Sally would be greatly [illegible]

That evening, sitting in the [illegible] with her mother, Sally [illegible] this idea. "Lester can't [illegible] anymore," she said. "They [illegible] spend in tennis [illegible] manner's wasting their time playing games—tennis, you know—and solving the world back. Do you know, mother, I wish he'd take a slide to—ward somebody like that Simpson girl, the dumpy one with the glasses!"

In the darkness Sally's mother smiled happily and forgot to give Sally a little squeeze. But she refrained and, as a once familiar step sounded somewhere in the distance, rose. "You know, Sally," she said slowly, "Father and I like Wes very much. He—he had a long talk with us last night after you had gone to bed." She turned away as the gate swung open and Wes Burgess came up the walk, [illegible] paddle in hand.

Sally [illegible] quickly to see who [illegible] something [illegible] word [illegible] with, "your father gave us permission to tell you something. I hope—" He broke off and then went on [illegible] Sally, I say, Sally, it's a crippling moonlight on the water. Moon and everything. Come out in the canoe?"

Sally nodded, looking very slim and [illegible] suddenly, rather grown up, "I'd love to, Wes," she said.

Inarticulate expressions of love and tenderness surged within him. He wanted to take her in his arms, but he would not—not just yet.

"Get your sweater," he said gently.

ONLY IMITATIONS OF PARIS

Writer Firmly of Opinion That in Many Things the French Capital Is Supreme.

Almost every country in Europe boasts a city which it calls the Little Paris of something-or-other. Thus, Copenhagen is the Little Paris of the North; Brussels is the Little Paris of Belgium; Belgrade is the Little Paris of the Balkans; Bukharest is the Little Paris of the East. There are other bush-league towns that are honored by their citizens with this Little Paris staff; and in every instance the prospective visitor should realize that, like all imitations of something very good, they will be a bitter disappointment. About the only thing they have in common with Paris is their names. In Paris you can go to a little restaurant and pay 50 francs for a dinner that makes life seem like a grand, sweet, rosy, ecstatic dream. In Belgrade when one pays the same amount he almost invariably goes home and kicks the cat, takes one long to go out and kill a half dozen cabinet builders, shoot up a flock of railway officials and disembowel the cook.

There is only one Paris, and that is the one that serves the snails, that makes the grapes that almost put out the beholder's eye, that sells the imitation jewelry and the penetrating perfumery and the real antiques and the ravishing wines and the soul-stirring women that has helped to make famous the Madelines and the Champs-Elysées and Montmartre and Mont Parnasse and Mon Bleu. All imitations of Paris are worth nothing except to make visitors appreciate the genuine article, writes Kenneth L. Roberts in the Saturday Evening Post.

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[illegible] are given of the [illegible] Yule. One of the [illegible] It is derived [illegible] word gul or [illegible] word wheel. [illegible] said to have re[illegible] being the turn[illegible] when the sun [illegible] back from the south [illegible] farther [illegible] until in June [illegible] almost in the northwest. In [illegible] of the Middle Ages wheels [illegible] the device used for [illegible] Yuletide or Christmas.

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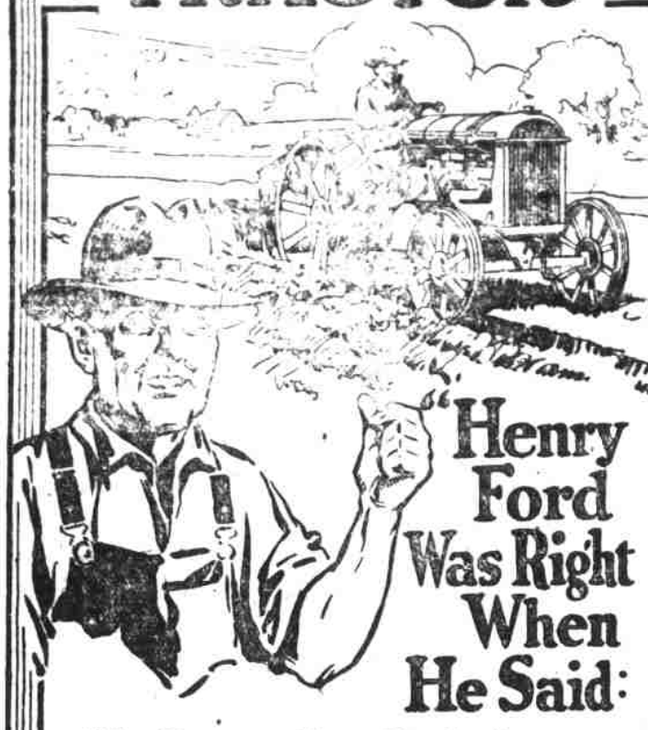

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