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A SATELLITE HEROINE

Neglected at First, She at Last Found Her Level.

By VIRGINIA TYLER HUDSON.
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"My dear," said Dr. Robert Gilbert Parks to his bride at the breakfast table one morning, "I have decided that we must send Evelyn to Randall-Phillips college after all. It is the best school in the state even if they do have those horrid scholarships. That is the only objection for all the other girls are an exceptionally exclusive lot, as I have been at pains to find out. But she must go, though she be compelled to associate occasionally with a washerwoman's daughter, if one should win a scholarship and be of 'good moral character' enough to satisfy the faculty."

So Evelyn Lidlie Parks was entered at Randall-Phillips the same fall that

"SHE'S IN FOR A SIEGE."

Della Henning, daughter of the widow of a poor little Methodist clergyman, achieved the ambition of her life and matriculated at the school on the scholarship she and her mother had made every known sacrifice to win.

As the school year went by, though it did not take Della long to find that the hardly won scholarship did not entitle her to social honors in the school. She came to be known only as a "greasy grind," and when the time came for the freshmen to be chosen for the college societies she waited in vain for the longed for tap on the shoulder. This was the greatest disappointment Della had ever known even in her cramped young life.

Della did not live in the college dormitories, with her own maid to wait upon her. She was compelled to lease a small room in the town for which she paid out of her earnings by doing mending, cleaning gloves, making fudge and washing the hair of the luckier girls who were given a good allowance by their doting parents. Among her first patronesses was Evelyn Parks.

Pretty, light hearted, generous, Evelyn was not long in becoming a general favorite in the college, but it seemed impossible for her to adhere sufficiently to the rules to make her an equal favorite with the faculty.

As Della sat working in Evelyn's rooms one afternoon after lecture hours the latter came flying in and flung herself down on the rug in front of the fire.

"It's all over, Della," she exclaimed. "My doting parents will know after tomorrow that I'm a disgrace to the family, for I can never in the world pass that geometry exam."

Della looked up, with consternation written on her face.

"Why, Evelyn," she cried, "don't say that! You know you have failed to come up to the standard in three other studies, and that will mean expulsion."

"I know," wailed the miserable Evelyn, "but what can I do? I'm not a brilliant student, like you—I wish now I'd been a greasy grind—and I don't remember enough geometry to fill a page. The only thing I can do is to 'cut,' and then, even though I'm suspended, I'll have another chance later."

With sinking heart Della Henning, monitor, marked Evelyn Parks "absent" the next morning at chapel, the mark that spelled suspension. When the girl returned to college three weeks later, somewhat subdued by a sojourn in the little cottage reserved by the college authorities for such delinquents, she saw her satellite after a jolly afternoon in her rooms which her classmates had planned as a welcome.

"I'm going to do it this time, Della," she said, "if it means losing the basketball team."

"And I'm going to help you," announced the little scholarship girl, looking up from the interminable mending Evelyn's clothes seemed always to be undergoing.

"But you haven't the time," remonstrated the pretty girl. "How can you coach me when you have so much to do out of hours? At least you must let me pay you." The other girl flushed.

"Oh, I will be all right!" she answered. "Indeed, you mustn't say."

Impulsively Evelyn threw her arms around her adoring friend.

"Forgive me, Della!" she cried. "Of course I'll let you help me and I know no one else could pull me through like you!"

Through the weeks that followed Della stuck faithfully to her task encouraging the weaker girl to renewed efforts when she would have given up the fight.

Almost every moment of her afternoons was taken up in this way. Occasionally thoughtless Evelyn gave thought to Della's neglected duties, but the other put her off with a laugh, saying she had had a wild fall.

Evelyn could not know of the long hours of the night when her friend sat by her student lamp in her cold room sewing with cramped fingers until the first gray light came through the faded curtains of her poor little room.

Neither could she know how often the little monitor came to chapel without breakfast or when her dinner was an eclair from the candy man on the corner.

Examination day came, and it was a different Evelyn who faced it. At the close of the day she rushed to her friend.

"Oh, I've won! I've won!" she cried with a bear hug. And Della went home with the lightest heart she had known since she had been ignored by the Deltas.

There was a queer feeling in her head, and her hands were dry and hot as was her mouth. She had just sat down wearily to her sewing when there came a tap at the door. It was only her landlady, who had come for a chat, but Della inconsiderately greeted her by fainting.

The poor woman was panic stricken. Hastily she got the girl to bed and sent for the doctor.

"H'm!" he said, shaking his head at sight of the girl. "She's in for a siege. Lack of nourishment and the great mental and bodily strain have conspired to bring on a bad fever. You say she's a college girl? Else she any people? Would better send for them."

"I'm afraid her mother can't afford to come unless the college people," answered Mrs. Hobbs doubtfully.

"I'll speak to the president," said the doctor as he left the room. "She must have a better place than this and a nurse if she's to pull through."

The president was kind and sympathetic. He was "so sorry," but there seemed nothing to do. The girl was a scholarship girl and they had already done their duty by her. Could not she be sent to a public hospital?

The doctor bounced out of the president's study without a word. As he strode across the campus a group of laughing girls sitting on the steps of a building singing to the banjo caught his eye. He stopped a minute and went over to them.

"Young ladies," he said, "I don't believe you are as heartless as your president and I'm going to appeal to you. There is one of your fellow students dangerously ill without friends, and if she don't get the proper attention she is going to die and her death will be on the head of this selfish president if she does," he added bitterly. "I know most of you belong to wealthy families and think you will be willing to help this girl, who is sick only because of lack of proper nourishment and because as her landlady informs me, she has been working up till morning every night trying to eke out an income. It was selfish of her, of course, to try to get an education under such conditions, but it is likely to be fatal. Her name is Della Henning, and—"

Evelyn Parks jumped up from the steps.

"Della!" she cried, remorsefully. "Why, it's all my fault. We—I should say we would help her doctor! Come on, girls. We'll go at once!"

When Dr. Martin led the group of girls into Della's cold little hall room she was raving with fever. She knew Evelyn, though.

"Oh, have you brought them to me? I've been picked for the Deltas, Evelyn?" she cried thickly. "I knew you would do it! You're so good to me!"

The girls looked at each other remorsefully. It was their first intimation that the "greasy grind" had such an ambition as she went on: "Oh, and won't mother be pleased! She can't understand why I've failed in that, and she set her heart on it so!"

"Girls," said Evelyn, "she must be moved out of this at once. Can't she be carried on her mattress to a better room, doctor?" she asked. Then she rushed out to a telegraph office and sent for a trained nurse from the city. In three hours the nurse was in charge of the sick girl, who had been removed to a big room downstairs where there was a cozy open fire, and it was the nurse herself who had to chase Evelyn Parks and her chums away.

At the meeting of the Delta Kappas the next night Evelyn Parks told them the whole story.

"We have never known what real nobility and worth were," she said soberly, "and we came near losing the grandest girl in school through our snobbishness." When she was through Della Henning was unanimously chosen.

A few weeks later, when the sick girl was able to sit up by her fire she wrote a long letter to her mother who had not known of her illness.

"I have been a little sick," she wrote, "but still I'm the happiest girl in the world. My illness has shown me the girls as I never knew them before and—just think of it—I'm to be a real Delta Kappa at last, and an officer at that! Isn't it just too wonderful to be true?"

Annual Report of Treasurer of the Town of Marion

The following is a report of the finances received and paid out by the Treasurer of the Town of Marion for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1908.

MAY FIRST

Water Works and Sewerage Fund

Dec. 1 paid Southern Public Service Co. part of bonds $[illegible]
Dec. 1 paid Southern Public Service Co. interest on bonds [illegible]
Dec. 17 paid received from H. H. Tate, water rents [illegible]
Jan. 31 paid received from H. H. Tate, water rents [illegible]
Feby. 1 paid received from Randall [illegible]
Feby. 10 paid received from H. H. Tate, water rents [illegible]
March 9 paid received from H. H. Tate, water rents [illegible]
March 13 paid received from T. H. Dysart, refund on sewerage [illegible]
April 13 paid received from sale of bonds [illegible]
April 30 paid received from H. H. Tate, water rents [illegible]

Total [illegible]

To balance, 1st May, General Fund [illegible]
To balance, 1st May, Water and Sewerage Fund [illegible]
Total [illegible]

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund [illegible]
Water works and sewerage fund [illegible]
Amount paid out [illegible]
Cash paid to H. H. Tate, [illegible]

DISBURSEMENTS—General Fund

Dec. 1 paid received from H. H. Tate [illegible]
Dec. 1 paid received from J. H. Brown, lime and cement [illegible]
Dec. 2 paid received from J. H. Brown, lime and cement [illegible]
Dec. 23 paid received from Standing Stone Mineral [illegible]
Jan. 2 paid received from J. H. Brown, lime and cement [illegible]
Jan. 4 paid received from J. A. Fleming, cement [illegible]
Jan. 6 paid received from J. H. Brown, lime and cement [illegible]
Feby. 4 paid received from J. A. Fleming, cement [illegible]
March 2 paid received from J. H. Brown, lime and cement [illegible]
March 13 paid received from J. A. Fleming, cement [illegible]
April 1 paid received from J. H. Brown, lime and cement [illegible]
April 1 paid [illegible]
April 1 paid [illegible]

DISBURSEMENTS—General Fund

Dec. 1 paid H. H. Tate, cement work [illegible]
Dec. 1 paid Warren Light & Power Co., lighting streets [illegible]
Dec. 24 paid J. A. Fleming, salary for Dec. [illegible]
Dec. 24 paid H. H. Tate, cement work [illegible]
Jan. 4 paid T. F. Wagner, services as election [illegible]
Jan. 6 paid J. A. Fleming, salary for Dec. [illegible]
Jan. 9 paid H. H. Tate, cement work [illegible]
Jan. 13 paid Jno. Gaither, [illegible]
Jan. 6 paid John Flood, N. Salem, Ind. [illegible]
Jan. 27 paid H. H. Tate, cement work [illegible]
Feby. 1 paid J. C. Efird, services as [illegible]
Feby. 1 paid J. A. Fleming, salary for [illegible]
Feby. 1 paid J. W. Greenlee, [illegible]
Feby. 1 paid Wm. A. L. Blackley, [illegible]
Feby. 1 paid W. F. Wood, services [illegible]
Feby. 1 paid H. H. Tate, cement work [illegible]
Feby. 20 paid [illegible]
March 1 paid J. A. Fleming, salary for February [illegible]
[illegible] paid J. Brown, [illegible]
[illegible] paid D. D. Dixon, [illegible]
[illegible] paid Marion Light & Power Co., [illegible]
[illegible] paid [illegible]
[illegible] paid H. H. Tate, cement [illegible]
[illegible] paid Warren Light & Power Co., [illegible]
[illegible] paid [illegible]
April 1 paid [illegible]
April 1 paid W. L. Morris, cement work [illegible]
April 1 paid Odom & McKesson, cement work [illegible]
April 1 paid J. Brown, [illegible]
April 1 paid J. A. Fleming, salary for March [illegible]
April 1 paid [illegible]
April 1 paid Marion Light & Power Co., lighting for March [illegible]
April 1 paid Odom & McKesson, cement work [illegible]
April 24 paid Odom & McKesson, cement work [illegible]
April 24 paid Odom & McKesson, cement work [illegible]
April 24 paid M. Dixon, [illegible] printing [illegible]
April 24 paid [illegible] number for bridges [illegible]
April 24 paid Lance & Lance Bros., [illegible] for bridges [illegible]
April 28 paid H. F. Burton, half cord for [illegible] [illegible]
April 28 paid W. F. Wood, [illegible]
April 28 paid J. W. [illegible]
April 28 paid J. A. Fleming, salary for April [illegible]
May 1 paid Odom & McKesson, cement work [illegible]

DISBURSEMENTS—Water Works & Sewerage Fund

Dec. 1 paid Southern Public Service Co. & Bartlett Bond [illegible]
Dec. 1 Marion Light & Power Co. [illegible]
Dec. 3 Southern Public Service Co. [illegible]
Dec. 3 [illegible] water rents [illegible]
Dec. 3 J. H. Baker, [illegible]
Dec. 12 Southern Public Service Co. [illegible]
Dec. 15 W. F. Wood, [illegible]
Dec. 17 Southern Public Service Co. [illegible]
Dec. 17 [illegible] water rents [illegible]
Dec. 21 Southern Public Service Co. [illegible]
Dec. 21 U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co. [illegible]
Dec. 24 J. H. Baker, [illegible]
Jan. 13 [illegible] H. H. Tate, [illegible]
Jan. 13 H. H. Tate, [illegible]
Jan. 4 Southern Public Service Co. [illegible]
Jan. 4 U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co. [illegible]
Jan. 14 Rockwood Mfg. Co. [illegible]
Jan. 16 Southern Public Service Co. [illegible]
Jan. 16 P. H. Mauzy, [illegible]
Jan. 23 Southern Public Service Co. [illegible]
Jan. 23 U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co. [illegible]
Jan. 24 First National Bank, [illegible]
Jan. 28 Piper dirt age and storage on [illegible]
Jan. 29 H. T. Cowan, expense to [illegible]
Jan. 29 J. W. Greenlee, [illegible]
Feby. 3 J. H. Baker, [illegible]
Feby. 3 Southern Public Service Co. [illegible]
Feby. 3 U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co. [illegible]
Feby. 3 J. W. Greenlee, [illegible]
Feby. 9 H. H. Tate, salary for January
Feby. 9 H. H. Tate, hours here on water [illegible]
Feby. 15 E. H. Dysart, expense trip to Greensboro
Mar. 3 H. H. Tate, salary for February

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