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CHAPTER III.

Secretary of Frivolous Affairs.

I know there's an all-wise Providence who directs the universe so much better than we could do it, although sometimes it seems that Providence gets twisted; because the things we aim at we don't get, and the things we don't aim at we do get.

I came back from my interview with the wealthy woman who was recovering from nervous prostration and just sat down and cried. She lived in a gilded prison on Commonwealth avenue with all the windows tight-shut for fear of drafts in the uncertain spring weather. No wonder she had nervous prostration. Anybody's nerves would shriek for air in that place. In exchange for what she de-manded and knowing I had named three thousand a year, she offered me eight hundred with the reservation of letting me go on two weeks' notice. I began practicing tact on the spot and left the matter pending; then I went out into God's sunshine, took some deep-sea breaths of the uncertain spring weather, and when I got back home, poured out the whole mean thing on Jo's motherly bosom. Then-well I've said it-I sat down and cried. I always do cry when I'm

I had hardly dried my eyes and was trying to get rid of the horrid tear-streaks down my face—I'm a fright when I cry-when the bell jangled and the postman came in with a "special." I looked at the letter and for one wild instant I though perhaps the mine had been pumped dry. Then I noticed that it was directed to the initials we had signed to the advertisement. The "special" was written from the Somerset, and I stood there gazing idiotically at the envelope, turning it over and over trying to guess who it might be from-like every woman does, except Jo-when Jo came in and I ripped it open. I looked at the name first, of course, and my knees gave way. I passed

the letter on to Jo.
"Maria Crowninshield Hazard!" she exclaimed. She, too, had read the name first—Jo is feminine after all. "Mrs. Frederick Hazard!"

"Do you think it's actually true she wants a companion?" I asked.
"Why not?" demanded Jo, and she read the letter, which of course was

the only way to find out. "I didn't know she lived at the

grasping only tangible things,
"She's doing over her house, Her daughter came out this winter. Surely, you've seen about the reception next week, presumably to announce an en-

"I do hope she doesn't want me for a sort of sublimated lady's maid," I

"You certainly would be an accom-plished lady's maid," Jo replied sar-castically, and she was seldom sar-

"True." I laughed but Jo didn't.
The note was short and to the point, but it had a cordial undertone that I knew Jo liked. Mrs. Hazard wanted me to telephone to her as soon as the note reached me and arrange an the note reached me and arrange an interview as quickly as possible. She couldn't explain in a letter just what she wanted, as her proposition was to be rather intricate and unusual, but she thought from the tone of the advertisement that I'd do. I had borrowed that about speaking French, bridge, foot-ball, et cetera. I pondered over the "intricate and unusual," but in all the wild flights of my imagination I couldn't land on anything that seamed to be just that, unthing that seemed to be just that, un-less she wanted me to do all these things. Gracious; I'd have to draw the line at foot-ball and base-ball; I

could root, but—
Now I've always defiled that I had
nerves. I take it back. I'm sure I
were a groove in the floor up and
down the hallway that afternoon beore she came. I copy enough to est a in't sit down the dining-named. Finaloem door each y we heard the t a big carthe sound jaugle of the

been brought up, but I kept thinking of it as I heard the elevator going down and then coming up again. I

giggled hysterically, and my mouth was still stretched in a broad grin when Mrs. Maria Crowninshield Hazard entered. It's another instance of an all-wise Providence taking care of us when we can't take care of ourselves, for she liked the smile-I knew it from the way she smiled back and squeezed my hand-and from the minute 1 looked into her beaming, fat

-I knew if she wanted me for lady's maid I'd try to qualify for the job. She examined first myself, then Jo through her lorgnette, but I wasn't one whit frightened; she looked so motherly.

face-it is fat and I'll have to say so

"But which one is Miss Codman?" she asked.

"I am Miss Codman-Josephine Codman," Jo answered her, "but my sister, Loulie, is the one you came to

She looked me over again and a thought struck me. "If you want Jo," I said hastily, "it's just the same. It's all in the family." But I could see Jo a lady's maid. Goodness!

"I want the one who speaks French, bridge, foot-ball, base-ball, automobile and golf," she smiled. "It's an experiment."

She sat down and waved the lorgnette at the open window.

"I see you like fresh air-that's good, splendid!" She raised the lorgnette and took in the room, the walls, the pictures, the furniture—that furniture is all right. "Good taste," she murmured; then she looked at us. You don't mind my being personal? have a delicate proposition to make and I must be sure of myself and you before I make it."

She got up and made an excursion around the room, but it wasn't offensive or Jo's eyebrows would have gone up; she examined the books and noticed the music that lay open on the plano. There was a copy of Mendelssohn's Rondo Capricioso, a book of MacDowell's Woodland Sketches, the Slumber Boat and a copy of the latest rag. I would have enjoyed kicking that rag into the waste-basket, for I did want her to approve of

"Varied taste in music," she remarked. "That's good, excellent!" Then she sat down and her next question was rather startling. "Do you really understand base-ball?"

"I do, really," I answered. "I know the game as well as Ty Cobb or Hans Wagner, although they might think

different on the subject." "It's an accomplishment so few girls in society seem to care about."

she sighed. "Well, you see I am not in society."

hastened to explain.

only pose she had, which wasn't a from the window. pose after all. I think she always made up her mind about a person from what she saw, not from what that person said. She finally chuckled an odd way as if she were trying to keep her laughter in, and it just would come out. I really hadn't intended to be witty.

"And that brings me to a most im



She Got Up and Made an Excursion Around the Room.

portant question before we proceed," she said. "Who are you? Of course you know who I am."

the sound by allow who I am."

Of course," both Jo and I, and golf, to settle down in the bosom of my family and help me hold the breathlessly: "You were Maria Crowninshield; you have only one country had be place besides your town house, but you have the best private golf course in America; you are interested in numerous charities; you will grant an interview to a reporter in the middle and now I have come to the part the night if necessary, for fear the smap shot will need the smap and now in the play when you're afraid it won't go on and you know it will.

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"And now I have come to the part the smap of the night if necessary, for fear the poor fellow will lose the job; you are at any of the night if necessary, for fear the poor fellow will lose the job; you are at any of the night if necessary, for fear the poor fellow will lose the job; you are any of the night if necessary, for fear the poor fellow will lose the job; you are any of the night if necessary, for fear the poor fellow will lose the job; you are any of the night if necessary, for fear the poor fellow will lose the job; you are anterested in maken at a person. Now, your clothes—"

To expertowe took on an astonished when the poor fellow will lose the for a summer traveling in that set would make a awful hole in three thousand. I just wasted to weap.

"I suppose" the firm of the play works both ways, "If you don't realise the works both ways, "If you don't realise the works both ways, "If you don't realise the my expectations, will it afford to lose you." After all, a clause works both ways, "If you don't realise the my expectations, will it afford to lose you." After all, a flow in the play when you're afraid it won't go on and you know it will.

"And now I ha

Hap—old Hap Hazard! Your daugh-er made her bow to society this winter and you are doing over your town house in the event of her rumored

"Awful to be so important that one in the farm on the side. She really gets into the papers like that." She doesn't know what she wants, and chuckled and held up her hand for me to cease. "Now, yourself, The name is good—Codman."

"We really ain't anybody in particular—Jo and l"—I told her, "for you see we've come down to making our see we've come down to making our Pace-maker I mentally added to the living. But our ancestors are all right list. "And you may be sure she won't or were. My mother was a Step-

"Josephine Steptoe!" she interrupted, making the connection between Jo's name and Steptoe—she always noticed trifles. "And your father
was Joshua Codman? Good gracious!
Why I went to school with your
Why I went to school with your mother, but I haven't thought of those

names for years." "We've been rather out of sight for Sunday newspapers."

"Thank heaven, you have a sense of eye was curiously a-twinkle. "You Now to business. I will tell you what I want."

Which was what she came for, and we had seemed to waste time in preliminaries, although perhaps they were necessary. In the light of all that happened afterward I'm glad she was at least sure of our ancestors. She folded the lorgnette as if the inspection were all over and that part satisfactory.

"As my proposition is somewhat unusual," she went on, "I'm at a loss just where to begin or how to put it. 've never had a social secretary, although the newspapers have said I have, because until now I've never needed one." She held up a hand suddenly. "It isn't just that I want. I remember distinctly you said companion: and yet it is in a way, except entirely different."

I wanted to put out my hand and say "Shake!"-I get mixed up that way myself-but I sat still compress ing my lips firmly or I'd have been gazing at her with my mouth open.

"My daughter's coming out necessarily thrust me into a season; all the usual things that make a girl know she's out, or in, whichever way you want to look at it; each particular function outshining another, and outshining anything else anybody can conceive. Now I've got to go through summer just as brilliant, but I'm going to have help-good intelligent help, some one who can speak French, bridge, and all those other things; some one to be my Secretary of Frivolous Affairs." She chuckled and gave my hand a playful tap with the lorgnette. "Society is like a coffeepot-it won't shine unless somebody stands around with the polish always

ready to give it a rub." "And you want me to stand around with the polish?" I asked eagerly. (
"Yes," she laughed, "Society, too, gets in a rut. I want a sort of social

stick to stir it up." "And you want me for the stick?"

The lorgnette went up! It was the ter the smelling balts," suggested Jo not hold me responsible for any lacer-

"Yes, a sort of social adjustable peg." Mrs. Hazard finished with a and laughed. flourish,

It all sounded terribly exciting. I sat up very straight, clasped my if you think I'll do, why I'm just hands in my lap most correctly and crazy to start right in. I'm quite sure felt awfully important with this social I can take care of myself." vista stretching away before me. I Then I remembered I hadn't asked was to be the polish, the stick, the Jo what she thought about it, but I guardian angel, the doctor, and the ought to have known she wouldn't adjustable peg! I couldn't help won- have waited to be asked. Just then dering about that leading question-I think a lawyer would can be about base-ball, and how she was go about base-ball, and how she was go too, that I could take care of myself ing to dovetall that into the social too, that I could take care of myself. ing to outdo monkey dinners and such | good. with a team of her own. I was sure

she'd make a dandy coach. "A summer season in the country is an awful thing to contemplate," she Jo, then myself tentatively, expecting tion free. Before taking up this work went on. "It isn't like winter in town, where customs are regulated. A houseparty in the country is usually stupid People are fagged from the winter and lack initiative. They must be amused -manipulated. Now I can hire sing ers, or bridge players, or golf experts; but if I had a singer I might need a bridge player; and if I had a bridge player I might need a golfer. and so on. You can't talk bridge to a golf fiend; anyhow, if I hired such people they would be stiff and uncompromising and not at all what I wanted. So when I saw your advertisement—it really was the way you put it, my dear—I knew I wanted a young, well-bred, well-educated, well-read, tactful girl, speaking French, bridge, foot-ball, baseball, automobile and golf, to settle down in the bosom of my family and help me hold the

de a wry face; I knew they were ter, although she has been on the mar. stock it. Besides, if I pay for them letic honors. "He is nicknamed ket officially only a very short time. I can dictate what you shall have ket officially only a tame way. is all eyes and ears for a bucolic gen-tleman who runs a farm and dabbles

in literature on the side, although it self, and rubbed my eyes and won-may be the other way round, dabbles dered if I had heard aright and all blood I guess—that life with the bu-colic gentleman would spell disaster in six months. Now, I want you for a sort of social pace-maker for her."

be blind to the eligibles when she sees them fluttering around a candle set directly under her nose."

"He's in love, or thinks he is, with a girl six years older than himself

and totally unsuited to him, And the years," I assured her, "although to be trouble is she's about to be in love exact we were never in sight. We with him, for he's a persistent lover. were never distinguished for anything Perhaps opposites attract, but they except being just good, sturdy stock. Our financial downfall was not even spectacular. We belong to the Country club, but we've never been in the squito. She doesn't get up until noon has her coffee and rolls in bed; and humor!" She almost winked at me that's not the kind of wife I want for through the lorgnette, or at least one my son. I poured the coffee for my husband every morning of his life. really are exceeding my fondest hopes, and I want to see my daughter do it for her husband and my son's wife do it for him. Moreover, she doesn't know a baseball from a football, or a foot-ball from a tennis ball, or a golf-ball from any of them and has no desire to learn. Now, you've heard of Hap?"

I nodded. Yes, I had heard of Hap, and all those athletic honors he brought out of Harvard.

"Why, he'd be neglecting her before the year was out," she almost monned.

"So you want me-" I began. "I want you to put Hap on the right

track." I looked at Jo's back. It had grown rigid, like Mrs. Fiske's does when the horrible moment comes, and I was wondering where Mrs. Maria Crowninshield Hazard would be when the cyclone struck.

"So you want me deliberately-" began again,

"Yes, my dear," Mrs. Maria Crowninshield Hazard smiled as I paused bit shocked. "I'm afraid that's what do want."

"But what shall I do with him when get him?" I cried. "I haven't the slightest wish to get married?"

"Good gracious!" exclaimed Mrs. Hazard. "You don't have to marry him! Just get him on the right track Get him turned around so he can see other girls. There are plenty of other girls, too, suited to him if he will only turn around and look." "Oh!" I breathed, relieved, and Jo's

back settled into place. "But perhaps I'm not capable of all that. I've never had the least experience in "All the better." she answered

heartily. "And perhaps, being a pace-maker, and there being so many eligibles, I'll

come a cropper myself?"
She looked a little startled at that, then she chuckled.

"Then again, perhaps not," she argued. "You might pick a plum from gram. I told her I hoped she would the social pudding. I've no objection." have no trouble getting some one. I "Yes, a sort of social guardian an- She shook a foreinger playfully, "But wonder if she ever did? "A sort of social doctor to administhings need attention. And you must ated affections."

> I suddenly leaned back my head "Oh, it's all too absurd," I cried, "Selightfully, deliciously absurd, and

she turned, and I saw an amused

help. I looked at Jo and my eyebrows asked: "Three thousand a year?" But Jo didn't even blink, and I had

to wade in alone.

"Well," she said, "if you do me s good summer's work it's worth it." Heavens! She had understood sum-

"And the two-weeks clause?" I nak-ed, feeling sure I was going to get a bump somewhere. It all sounded too good to be true.

I can dictate what you shall have You must always shine just a little

brighter than any one else."
I know I should have pinched my those other things. What I did do was to put out my hand, which she

took with a squeeze, while I said:
"You talk like a fairy godmother,
and I haven't the slightest doubt you can change a pumpkin into a coach and four, but if you want me to scrub the kitchen, all you have to do is to BBY 80."

She patted my cheek. I suppose she knew she was buying my love and af-fection, but it was none the less sincere. Finally she put out her fat hand to Jo.

"I'll take care of her," she promis simply; and started for the door.
"Just one question," I implored. Will your son and daughter have to know the reason of me?" "Not the real reason," she replied.

To them you are to be just a member of my cabinet—Secretary of Frivolous Affairs. I would never do to handleap you by letting them know you are to—er—manipulate them, And do you know I'm rather looking forward to enjoying our little secret?"
"And the baseball?" I wanted to know, suddenly remembering it.

"Oh, that's Hap's hobby just now. Beginning of the season or something of that sort. Talk it to him. It's the quickest way to attract his attention! the way I expect you to get him turned around."

She chuckled in that odd way she had, and when the door closed on her omewhat stately, albeit portly, back fell on Jo's motherly bosom and had another cry—this time a cry of pure, unalloyed joy. Aren't women silly? Later that afternoon, on my way down to see Mr. Partridge to tell him bout the Aladdin's lamp I had



You Might Pick a Plum From the Social Pudding.

rubbed-I felt I just had to talk it over with some one besides Jo—I dropped a letter in the box. It was addressed to the gilded prison on Commonwealth avenue, and although the tone was far from rude—Jo, wop't stand for rudeness, even to a cat—it was so terse and direct you would have thought I was writing a tele

Earning College Expenses. Miss Florence McArdle, a senior at Boston university, is in charge of the girls' department of the students employment bureau. This year about one hundred women students have been supplied with work. Boston university was one of the first colleges to realize the value of an employment bureau for its students.

Miss McArdle says that one of the best ways for girls to work their way through college is to get into a family where in return for performing certain household duties they get room, board, laundry and car fares. Never before have so many girls been working their way by this method as Jo's teaching has been sound and good.

"As I want so much, I'm willing to pay for it. But I am rather at a loss—" Mrs. Hazard looked first at Jo, then myself tentatively, expecting she had tutored, done office work and many other things to support herself while getting education.

"T expect so much," Mrs. Hazard reminded me. "Up early, to bed late, and on duty all the time?"

I took my plunge.

"Three thousand," I said quickly, for fear I wouldn't get it out, and choking a bit at that. Of course, I meant a year.

"Well," she said, "if you do me a mont dainty at the same time layles. mont dainty, at the same time laying a

mont dainty, at the same time laying a pot on the counter.

"The inefficient failure, without weighing the pot first, ladled a lot of the sticky syrup into it, then, of course, when he set the pot on the scales, it went down with a bang. Finally he indied out all he could—but, again, bang went the scales.

"Then the man returned the boy the pot and anid:

the pot and said:

"Go back home and tell your ma,
onny, we can't make a half-pound of
nable sugar."

Willis—He is a retrarkable man and the best hod-carrier in the world. Gillis—No great glory in that.

Willis—Ah, but he has never written a inagnaine article on hod-carrying, nor delivered a Chantauqua lecure on hod-carrying, nor even done a hod-carrying act in vauleville.—

no of religion. The minister who erforms the service used to put the mg first on the thumb saying: "In the name of the Friher;" wheat on is first finger he said: "And of the su;" and on the second: "And of the Holy Ghost." Then the amen was suched with the third finger and the

TO TEACH ART OF WAR TO STUDENTS

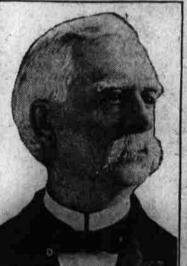
For the first time in its his the war department will hold this summer two experimental military camps—one on the historic battle-field at Gettysburg, Pa., and the other at the Presidio, San Francisco—for the military instruction of American university and college students during the vacation period. Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison has already issued the order for the encarry issued the order for the encamp-ments, and officers of the general staff of the army have been for several weeks busy perfecting the de-tails which, in the words of Major General Leonard Wood, chief of the general staff, will "have a tremen-dous influence in revivifying among the youth of this country, especially the college youth, a proper appreciation of each man's responsibility to the country in time of war."

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General Wood, "in the establishment of these camps, as I believe they will have a tremendous influence in revivifying among the youth of this country, especially the college youth, a proper appreciation of each man's responsibility to the country in time of war and of his obligation to so prepare himself as to be able to serve efficiently if called upon. I believe these camps will tend to implant in the universities, colleges and higher schools the seeds of the seeds o of a sound military policy. I do not mean a policy which ends in militarism, but a policy which means reasonable military preparedness.

"In a word, we wish to bring as many as possible of our college men in contact with carefully selected officers of the army in order that we may give them a proper conception of the army and its relations to the country, and also make clear to them the military needs of the country and the part which we look to them and to men of their kind to play in case war comes

TARIFF EXUDED FROM SERENO PAYNE



Can you remember as far back as the Payne tariff? That's a long time ago and a whole lot of things have happened, but in those days Sereno Payne of New York was the Oscar Underwood of the day. Sereno was supposed to carry more secrets concerning manufacturers and rates and imports and to have a broader view of this perplexing and brain-benumbing tariff thing than any man alive.

Now in those old days, when Sereno sat at the head of the tariff table, you couldn't get near him. He would almost bite you. He was so full of tariff that it exuded from him, but at that ro one could approach him with a quiz without running the risk of an imperial "stand pat" Republican frown. Newspaper men trembled when they had to ask him a question.

Augustus Hayward, a correspon Representative Payne. He waited until the house had adjourned and then went down on the floor of the house. Bereno was in his chair, gazing thought-

fully into space. Mr. Payne-" said Gus.

There was no reply. All was quiet. "I came to ask you, Mr. Payne-But he might as well have stayed away. "If it would not be too much trouble, Mr. Payne-"

Nothing happened. Then Gus grew bolder. He snapped his fingers in front of Mr. Payne's

The explosion was terrific. Sereno Payne almost bit him. Gus ran and has never been seen near him since. Yet all is different now. As the tariff tinkers chew over the problem

before them, Sereno Payne smiles and smiles and smiles. He is the ranking Republican member on the ways and means committee and has written the minority report. He doesn't have to hear long and dreary statements from manufacturers and importers. The burden is all on Oscar Underwood, and Sereno, for the first time in a long while, is living up to his first name.

MURRAY COMES FROM THE TALL GRASS

Washington will grow accustomed to calling Representative Murray of Oklahoma "Alfalfa Bill," and it will not be long before Washington drops the quotation marks and spells it plainly. Alfalfa Bill is one of the sights of the new congress and is the riddle of Oklahoma politics. He comes from the tall grass and speaks the language of a senator while in the hall of the house of representatives, yet he knows the hill-billy talk and the cowboy cuss customs, and gets away with any, either or both at any time or place that he chooses. Most of the effete easterners

around Washington think Alfalfa Bill is a cowboy, but he is a farmer and proud of it. As a farmer he learned a great many scenic effects and is careful about preserving the proper atmosphere. When he goes out west to his native ranches he looks



west to his native ranches he looks as if he had slept in his clothes for a month, and no amount of arguing will get him to press his trousers. It would hill him politically, he says The first day he appeared on Capitol Hill he had a new suit and pressed trousers and made a grand fight for liberty and American principles in a speech about something or other about two minutes after he had been sworn in. He started to tell Speaker Clark all about the rules of the house and attracted attention generally, but the Oklahoma correspondents overlooked the fact that Airaira Bill had made speeches and things. The dispatches dwelt on the fact that Bill had pressed his trousers.

SAYS "HOG'S EYE" IS ALL RIGHT



Urwy Woodson, of Owensboro, Ky., former secretary of the Democratic national committee, is still of the opinion that the 'hog's eye is done sot." In 1804 Mr. Woodson, then secretary of the national committee, was so sanguine of the election of Judge Parker that he would not listen to any of his friends who suggested too possibility of Democratic defeat. The hog's eye is done sot," declared hir Woodson, using the monutaineer expression of old Kentucky. After the overwhalming defeat of Judge Parker Mr. Woodson was 0rm in his Parker Mr. Woodson was from in his contention that the Rog's sys was 'sot," but that it was only looking ato the future. Now, when politicians meet Mr. Woodson they do no

Johnson was in charge of the local street car company a tew years ago, knew him intimately. "His first street car consection was in Louisville, Ky. There he had the job of uning the nickels out of the cars on each trip. The cars had no conductors and the passengers were required to drop their nickels in a box. It was the boy Tom's fob to take the nickels out at the end of each run.

"He cancinded this was a good deal of trouble, so he invented a carfare for with sliding trage in it so that

VEDDING RING IN HISTORY nt Afwaye the Pfain Circlet or Go That is Considered the Proper Thing Today.

ring on the third finger, and that is that there is a rein that runs direct from that finger to the heart.

But that is by no means the real re-son, it is not one of superstition but one of religion. The minister who