

# Two Innocent Victims

BY BERTHA SNOW ADAMS.

## PART I.

Jeannette Long awakened that morning in early June with a flutter of excitement. She lay still, dreamily sniffing the light breeze laden with mingled scents of old-fashioned flowers, fir balsam and the salty tang of the sea. Then with the exuberant spirits of twenty-two, she bounded out of bed and flew to the window. Hands on the sill, shoulders back, she drew in deep breaths of the vitalizing air, then stepped to the dressing-table and stood motionless, surveying her slender loveliness.

"Something will surely happen! I just know it!" she half-whispered to the lovely vision in the mirror. "I feel it!"

When her toilet was complete, she sat before the dressing table a normal, exceedingly pretty and altogether modern young woman.

Jeannette's room overlooked a small vegetable garden criss-crossed by flower-bordered walks. Beyond it rose the dark boughs of a fir grove through which glimmered blue reaches of summer sea arched over by the tender blue of a cloudless sky.

Since she was twelve, Jeannette had lived with Aunt Flora and Uncle Henry. She was by no means a poor relation. Her father had left her amply provided for.

From the region of the kitchen floated Aunt Flora's thin soprano and with a sigh Jeannette went downstairs. Listlessly she made her way to the breakfast table and had hardly seated herself when that lady bustled in from the pantry, her comfortably rotund figure and pleasant face set off by a jaunty bungalow apron.

"It's a perfectly grand day, Jennie, and I'm so thankful on account of the washing! It didn't quite get dry yesterday—that shower coming up so late in the afternoon."

"Yes, the weather's great all right," Jeannette agreed without enthusiasm.

"When I woke up I felt—oh, I don't know! Sort of—as if something out of the ordinary was going to happen, but I can't seem to remember now what it was all about."

Aunt Flora's face crinkled in a broad smile. "Most likely it was about Charley Bingham," she suggested dryly. "He'll be here at ten o'clock you know, to take you for a cruise in his new power boat."

Jeannette's eyebrows lifted to a deprecatory angle. "Don't be silly, Auntie! He hasn't anything to do with Lawyer Bingham!"

"Look here, Jennie, you're not going to be foolish are you? You know that Charley Bingham's got in mind and why he asked you to go on this little trip and, if you've got a lick of sense, you'll take him!"

"Oh, I shall, I suppose."

"For mercy's sake, don't say it that way! Whatever's got into you, Jennie? There isn't a finer man living than Charley Bingham! He's as smart as a whip! They say there's no doubt he'll be elected governor next fall. He's got barrels of money, too! Any girl ought to be proud of the chance to marry him."

"Maybe so, but I'm not!"

"What?"

"I said I am not," Jeannette repeated distinctly.

"Jeannette Long, are you crazy?"

"Possibly. At any rate, I shall be if I . . . I . . . I . . . Her voice stuck in her throat as she said things not usually said by refined girls.

"You should be ashamed of yourself," Aunt Flora remarked in a voice frigidly calm.

"I'm not! Not one little bit! For the last four years I've had Charley Bingham thrown at me. His charming manners, his brilliant mind, his distinguished bearing, his exemplary character, his power in the community, his political prospects, his money and his heaven only knows what else! From all sides I heard what a perfectly splendid 'catch' he is and how fortunate I should consider myself for although he's nearly twice my age, it's taken for granted that I'm going to marry him. I am! There isn't anything else to do! I'm going to marry Lawyer Charles Bingham and all his accomplishments along with him, but oh, how I hate to think of the afterwards!"

During this outbreak, Aunt Flora sat regarding her niece open-mouthed with astonishment.

"Of all things! I never in my life heard such . . . such . . ." She floundered helplessly and getting to her feet with surprising quickness, stepped around the table. "If I were you, Jeannette Long, I'd go to my own room and stay there until I could behave myself!"

Jeannette's chin tilted defiantly.

"I prefer the garden if you don't mind," and she swung through a French window to the side porch.

Sitting there in a muslin, vine-scented arbor, Jeannette continued to rebel against what she felt to be an unjust and unescapable fate, but even this poor comfort was not long permitted her. Came the scrape of feet on the front steps and Aunt Flora springing effusively, "Walk right in, Mr. Bingham! I'll call Jennie. She's in the garden."

...with a wrench and a screwdriver, he was poking around in the bowels of the engine, whistling softly to the white.

"Driven far?"

"Bonnyview," she told him. "I don't know just where I am now but I expect I'm quite a way from there."

"Sure are! Pretty close to a hundred miles. You must have got an mighty early start."

"Not so very early. It was around ten o'clock when I left home. I guess I drove rather fast."

"I'll say you did! Had your car long?"

Jeannette's cheeks reddened. An impulse to confide in this prepossessing stranger seized her but she thrust it back. He would think she had stolen the car. She had the note, yet . . .

(To be continued.)

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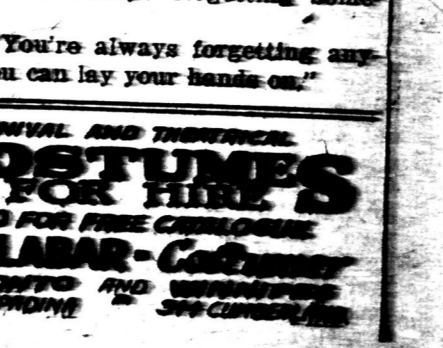
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After making these confessions to his constituents, Mr. Baldwin went on to defend the policy of the Conservative government. Many persons, he said, had accused him of not giving labor a square deal. He thought it a far more serious thing that labor did not get a square deal from its own leaders.

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Mary was overjoyed with the wonderful stockings, but she could not read the mysterious message. Her Pa and Ma wanted to know what the message meant, but Willie would not tell them. He told them the message contained four words, each little word representing a letter. Then order to help them he told them the first word was "Wreawlle." Can you help the Anderson family read the message? Decipher the words to complete for the big prize.

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whether Mr., Mrs. or Miss. Use a separate sheet for anything other than your answer to puzzle, name and address. Do not send fancy drawings or typewritten answers. 2. Contestants must be 15 years of over. 3. Contestants must be 15 years of over. 4. Contestants will be permitted to submit as many as three answers to the puzzle but only one can be awarded a prize. 5. If different members of a family compete only one prize will be awarded in a family or household. 6. The final awards will be made by a committee of three Toronto gentlemen who have no connection with this firm. Their names will be made known to all contestants. Contestants must agree to abide by their decisions. The prizes will be awarded according to the number of points gained by each entry. 450 points which is the maximum will take first prize. 40 points will be awarded for each correct word in the Mystery Message spelling, punctuation, style and handwriting of entry, and 15 points for fulfilling the conditions of the contest. Contest will award the prizes. Entries should be sent promptly. 5. Each competitor will be asked to show samples of Wreawlle Hosiery to a few friends or neighbours who might be some users of Wreawlle Hosiery as a result. For this service the Company agrees to award you in addition to any prize you may win in the contest. THIS IS NOT A SALES CONTEST. EVERYBODY'S OPPORTUNITY OF WINNING IS EQUAL.

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