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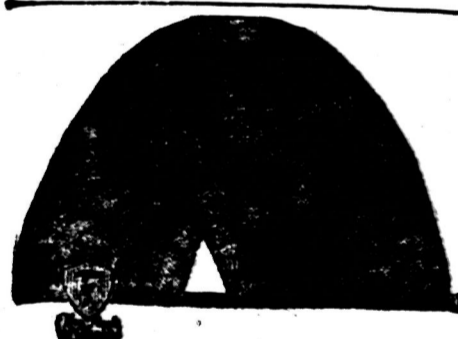
For satisfactory sex affinity it is necessary that a complete male being and a complete female being marry, even though the proportions of femininity masculinity be unevenly distributed between the two individuals. Hence, to comply with the rule everyone must find his exact complement; that is, another individual who will contribute just that amount of the two sexes necessary to endow their joint partnership with the 100% of maleness and 100% of femaleness. A man of 75% masculine and 25% feminine will obey the law if he picks out a woman of 75% feminine and 25% masculine, while the biological complement of a woman possessing 63% of femininity will be a male possessing 37% of femininity.

Finding the Right Job.

There is a niche for everyone to fill and a work which each can do well. It is not enough that one be kept busy; he must do that for which his faculties are fitted and which no one else may be able to do as well. I have seen men digging potholes who could have been making laws, and I have seen others in high official positions who were better calculated to drive a truck. Out of place in one case through lack of confidence and initiative, and in the other, through lack of a sense of true dignity and consistency in human conduct.

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Triumphs of M. Jonquelle

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

M. Jonquelle, chief of the Service de Surete and the greatest detective in France, is attempting to solve the mystery surrounding the theft of a diamond necklace from the Marquis de Chantelle, wealthy American wife of the impoverished Marquis de Chantelle. The beautiful Mme. Zirtzenoff was singing when M. Jonquelle entered the opera and proceeded to the box occupied by the Marquis. Before entering, he stopped an usher who was leaving with a large bouquet of orchids. On the pretext of sending the usher for cigarettes, M. Jonquelle held the orchids for a time and then entered the box of the Marquis. The Marquis asks M. Jonquelle if he can tell why Jean Lequex, who confessed to the theft of the necklace, would not tell where the necklace was concealed.

GO ON WITH THE STORY.

CHAPTER II.

M. Jonquelle smiled at the Marquis. "But I must be permitted, monsieur le marquis, to hold my explanation as a sort of wage against the details of your story. The Service de la Surete is filled with admiration for you; you must omit no item of the narrative. Ah, how enchanting Mme. Zirtzenoff is! Hair like a sunburst of dreams, and the figure of a dryad! One would do murder for her."

The Marquis laughed. "Murder, monsieur?" "Ah, yes," replied the Prefect, "murder or any lesser crime."

The Marquis looked the Prefect frankly in the face. "You believe this robbery could have been committed for a woman?"

"For whom other could jewels be intended?" replied Jonquelle. The Marquis continued to regard the Prefect with a certain interest. "You mean," he said, "that the reason why the Apache, Jean Lequex, did not tell what he had done with the necklace was, in fact, because he had given it to a woman?"

The Prefect of Police looked at the Marquis with some concern, with, in fact, a certain element of wonder. "Why, no, monsieur, that is not the reason at all."

The Marquis seemed puzzled. "Do you generalize, then, to no definite purpose?"

"By no means," replied the Prefect of Police. "I would generalize to the solution of this mystery; and with M. le Marquis' aid, I think I can arrive at it."

"Monsieur," replied the Marquis coldly, "I believe the mystery has already been concluded; I believe its solution seems complete."

"Seems," repeated the Prefect of Police, "is the word precisely. While it is true that the criminal, Jean Lequex, has confessed before the court and been sentenced to a term of years for the robbery of these jewels, the jewels remain to be discovered."

"He paused and regarded the Marquis with an expression of compliment.

"We feel, at the Service de la Surete, that if we could bring to the remaining feature of this matter the same degree of excellent acumen that was brought to its initial stages, by the Marquis de Chantelle, we should be able to restore the necklace to the Marquis upon her return from America. She returns to-morrow, does she not? It seems a brief time for so difficult an undertaking."

M. Jonquelle smiled. "I regret to intrude upon your pleasure, Marquis, and especially on this, the final night of Mme. Zirtzenoff's triumph—amazing woman, adorable woman! One should lose no moment of her excellence."

He paused. "But, monsieur, I cannot adequately admire your excellent handling of this matter unless I am quite certain that I have the details of it correctly. Permit me, monsieur, to repeat these details, and correct me, I beg of you, if I should present them with an item of inaccuracy. I was absent and I have only the memory of inferiors."

The Prefect of Police rested his arm on the seat of the box, while the Marquis fingered his monocle idly, twisting the silk cord. He assumed an attitude of careless attention, and M. Jonquelle went on:

"On the night of the 18th of February, Monsieur le Marquis, opening the door of his apartment at a late hour, saw a slip of paper beside the door. At the moment the Marquis gave this item no attention; it did not impress him. It was late, the servants having retired, and the Marquis withdrew to his bedroom alone.

"It appears, however, that disgrassions of the mind occur to all of us, even to the Marquis de Chantelle on the border of dreamland. It occurred to him that this slip of paper was a memorandum by the concierge to call the attention of the Marquis upon his arrival to some inquiry that had been made for him. The Marquis, however, did not arise at that hour to verify this impression, but in the morning when he awoke, he remembered it, and going into the drawing-room in his dressing-gown and slippers—it was before the arrival of his valet—he found the slip of paper where it had slipped under the door.

"The Marquis was surprised when he came to examine this bit of paper. It contained some numbers written with a pencil and the words in a strained, unformed hand: 'The combination of the safe of the Marquis Chantelle.'"

"Monsieur turned at once to the small safe which is built into the wall of the apartment after the American fashion. He tried the combination written on the slip of paper, found it correct, opened the safe and discovered that the necklace had disappeared."

The Prefect of Police hesitated in the narrative and addressed an inquiry.

"It is true, monsieur," he said, "that you did not know the combination of this safe, that the combination was known only to your wife, the Marquis, and that more than once, for example at the Cafe Anglais on the 14th of December at midnight, when any creature from the underworld of Paris might have been present, you spoke of the danger of keeping this necklace in a small private safe in the apartment when it should be deposited with a banker? But to these objections the Marquis always returned the same answer—that she alone had the combination of the safe? This is true?"

"It is true," replied the Marquis. "But it was not discreet, as after-events have demonstrated. Perhaps by these discussions we gave information of the whereabouts of this necklace to this Apache Lequex."

The Prefect of Police made a vague gesture and continued to speak.

"The Marquis, upon discovery of the robbery, at once notified the Service de la Surete; old Forneau and an agent arrived immediately. Upon examination of the bit of paper, it



"One should lose no moment of her excellence."

proved to be a slip bearing the name in print of Moore-Poole & Co., a firm of American brokers in Paris.

"Old Forneau at once suggested that the robbery must have been committed by some one from the office of these brokers, probably an American, since the slip of paper must have come from some one employed in that establishment.

"But here the Marquis Chantelle, showing an intelligence superior to that of this officer of the Surete, pointed out that no one would come on such an adventure bringing with him a piece of paper, and especially an indicatory piece of paper, upon which to set down such a memorandum. It was far more likely that the piece of paper had been acquired somewhere in the apartment.

"He then suggested that an inquiry be made to discover whether some one from this American firm of Moore-Poole & Company had not at one time, occupied an apartment in the building.

"Forneau acted upon this suggestion and ascertained that Monsieur le Marquis was correct. He discovered a quantity of these blank printed slips in the basement of the building, where, with other rubbish, they had been retained by the concierge to kindle fire in the furnace.

"Thus Monsieur le Marquis at one stroke removed any suspicion that might have been attached to this firm of brokers and confined the inquiry to some one having access to the building and knowledge of it, else he would not have been in the basement where this debris from the apartments of old tenants had accumulated.

"The query as to how the robber

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had obtained access to the Marquis' apartment on this night now advanced itself. There is no key to these apartments except the one delivered to the tenant by the bank making the lease.

"When the door is closed, it is locked from the outside—that is to say, the knob of the door does not turn on the outside; it turns only on the inside, so that it can always be opened from the inside, whether locked or not.

"It cannot be opened from the outside because the handle of the door-knob, as I have said, does not turn. How, then, would this robber enter the Marquis' apartment? Again the Marquis was able to give Forneau an explanation.

"On the evening of the robbery, it was his intention to remain in his apartment. He had dismissed his valet and the servants and was alone. Later he changed his mind and concluded to go out. Upon reflection he remembered that he did not entirely close the door; but it was a thing which did not at the moment impress him.

"It was his habit, always, of course, to close the door, and he had closed it, but upon returning for a glove, he had left the door ajar. This he was afterward able to establish because of a trivial incident. He remembered the glitter of the electric light on the point of a gold frame at the corner of the drawing-room table.

"It caught his eye as he descended the steps. But it did not impress him with the fact that he had neglected entirely to close the door. It impressed him merely as an incident which he afterward remembered, and he continued to descend.

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