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Directed by Donald Crisp

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The Cast

Herbert Seaton, an architect.....David Powell
Kitty, a secretary.....Mary Glynne
Sir William Rutherford.....Langhorne Burton
Lady Rutherford.....Mary Dibley
Agnes, Kitty's sister.....Marjorie Hume
Dawkins, a promoter.....PERCY Standing

5 Reels

Kitty Mitchell, a pretty girl, who is alone except for her sister Agnes, who keeps a tea-shop, is the private secretary of Sir William Rutherford, whose mooto is "HONNEUR" and whose wife is insanely jealous of Kitty. But Kitty is unaware that Sir William secretly loves her, for she is deeply in love with Herbert Seaton, a young architect, who hopes to earn enough money some day to make her his wife.

Herbert is foolishly trying to keep up appearances by living far beyond his means. But when he gets a commission to build a music hall, together with a chaim of theatres, he call up Kitty and says he is going to propose to her for the fourth time that night. He meets Dawkins an unscrupulous promoter who tells him that Kitty was willing to marry him,(Dawkins),the instant he said the word. Dawkins is surprised when Herbert informs him that Kitty is destined to be his wife.

Herbert and Kitty are married and set up housekeeping in a handsome home the expense of maintaining which is far in excess of Herbert's income. Bills crowd upon them and one day Lady Rutherford is killed in an automobile accident. Sir William sends a check for $25. to Kitty, explaining that this amount represented her last week's salary which he had forgotten to pay her. Herbert, jealous, refuses her to accept the check and to prevent her from doing so, he alters the amount to $2,500. Kitty leaves the check on his table and where it is later found by Dawkins who plans to use it to advance his crooked promotion schemes.

Herbert refuses to accept Sir William's offer to help him in his business, as he is jealous of him. Certain contracts upon which he had banked his hope having been cancelled, Herbert finds himself in financial difficulties, but he nevertheless tries to keep up appearances by living ostentatiously. He begins to drink heavily whereupon Kitty quits him and finds refuge with her sister Agnes in the tea-shop. Kitty now learns that Sir William loves her and the news stuns her.

Dawkins tells Kitty he must see her alone about Herbert. The scheme Dawkins has worked collapses and brings utter ruin to many, including Herbert. After a scene with Dawkins, the promoter knocks Herbert insensible. He then meets Kitty and she resents his advances by striking him with a poker, whereupon he goes out and cashes the falsified check which later is returned to Sir William. On his meeting Kitty , she shields Herbert by confessing that she herself raised the amount of the check. Sir Herbert tears up the check just as Herbert arrives.

Herbert's jealousy comes to the surface and a violent scene follows. But when Herbert hears of Kitty's confession, he begs her forgiveness. She relents and with Sir William's blessing, the husband and wife leave for Canada where one doesn't need to keep up appearances as long as one does an honest day's work.

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