

Draw the play by
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Famous

The Cast

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Directed by
Thomas P. Siffert ✓
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Katherine Van Riper.....	Ethel Clayton
Tom Jaffery.....	Clyde Fillmore
Monte Buck.....	Walter Hiers
Jeremiah Buck.....	Theodore Roberts
Aunt Bella.....	Sylvia Ashton
Aunt Louisa.....	Helen Dunbar
Bolton.....	Arthur Carewe
Uncle James.....	Thomas Ricketts
Clementine Wickers.....	Blanche Gray
Maud Buck.....	Hanice Bunnham
Resie.....	Carrie Clark Ward

Katherine Van Riper is a smart Knickerbocker young woman who is left a small pittance by her spendthrift father and some very extravagant tastes. She finds it difficult to live within her means and unpaid bills are accumulating. Her rich aunts refuse to help her and insist on her making a rich marriage. One of her suitors is Monte Buck, son of an oil King. Tom Jaffery is employed by the elder Buck as an oil expert.

Katherine is sued by her creditors. The blow comes on the day Buck is formally opening up his big mansion on Fifth Avenue with a ball, which Katherine attends. She realizes that she must either sell the famous Van Riper pearls, the only thing of value she inherited from her father, or marry Monte Buck. She captivates Monte's father.

Unaccustomed to evening clothes, hiding in his library when Katherine finds him between dances. He is charmed with her, and much pleased when she tells him how much she thinks of Monte. Katherine's aunts assure Buck that she will be delighted to marry his son. But Katherine realizes she loves Tom and can never marry Monte. As Tom is about to propose they are interrupted. Katherine seeks young Bolton, and makes an appointment with him to negotiate the sale of her pearls so her bills may be paid. In the meantime, Monte having been assured by Katherine's aunts that Katherine will marry him, tells Tom that he is as good as engaged to Katherine. It is a blow to Tom who tells Monte to say goodbye to Katherine for him and leaves the house, intending to start for the West the next day.

Katherine requests Bolton to sell her pearls, and later learns that the pearls are sham, and that his father thirty years before, had at the request of her spendthrift father advanced a sum of money on the string and substituted imitation pearls.

Katherine returns home in despair. Tom Jaffery returns, having learned that after all Katherine is not engaged to Monte. But much as she loves him, she refuses to marry him. Reluctantly, Tom says goodbye and leaves. In the hall outside he passes Clem as she hurries in. Clem has informed the aunts that the famous pearls were only imitation, and rather than have their family skeleton exposed they send a check to the value of the original pearls, so they can retain possession of the string and keep the shameful secret to themselves. So Tom is sent back and Katherine promised to marry him.

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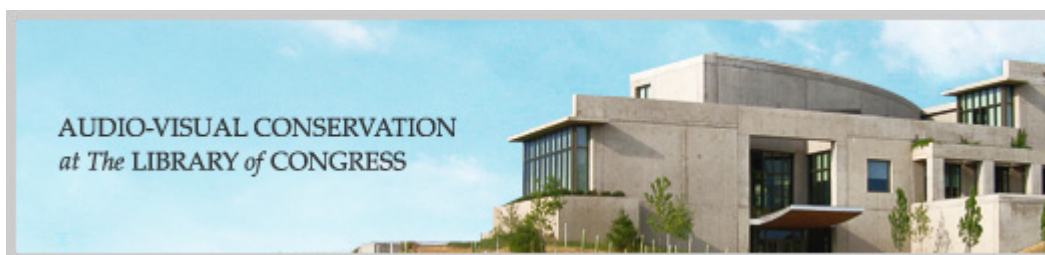
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