The RING and the MAN

WITH SOME INCIDENTAL REFLECTION TO THE WOMAN

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SYNOPSIS.

A fatal young lumberjack brawler fascinated with the bold, artful wife of a Minnesota millionaire. Their subsequent flight. Their project to elope in a blizzard but separate after being snowbound. Her return to her husband. He is shot by her wife, but recovers. Her plan to vote for the "Iron Ring" candidate for mayor in their home town. Their subsequent visit. The woman's home and social triumph. Her fall from grace on the race and follows hanging in the stirring story. Seeing he is an impossible match for the woman, he leaves her to a more artful and rich man. Half-frozen he stumbles into the railroad station just in time to see her married to the man. Twenty-five years later, this man, Senator Gormly, is a multi-millionaire in New York. Ormsby Kinnear Haldane, a beautiful and wealthy octogenarian widow, formerly the wife of the late Senator Gormly, becomes aware of a movement to end Nate Sinnott frustrated in part by the efforts of Haldane, who is elected director and by the fortitude of Mrs. Gormly. An automobile accident brings Haldane and Mrs. Gormly together. It is announced that he will be mayor of New York and reduce the city from consolidation. Haldane is a long distance lover and Gormly makes an indecent proposition to Mrs. Gormly. Haldane and the latter had been waging in the public papers against the Gotham Traction company. Gormly is the president. Haldane brings the book publishing announcement and plan of campaign to Haldane through Mrs. Gormly. Haldane tells the story of the attempt of the Traction company to refuse to the city of the right before the Legislature. Haldane is the author of the publicity campaign. He explains the campaign to Mrs. Gormly. Haldane's publicity campaign is tremendous success. The newspapers are full of it. Haldane receives flowers and telegrams. Haldane is elected by the "non-partisan" movement. Haldane is elected mayor. Opening of the Haldane Library by the "Ring" is held at that Haldane is the hero of the hour. Haldane and Gormly make an informal agreement and reasons are advanced to dampen Gormly's ardor. Haldane is nominated for mayor by the "Ring." Governor Haldane is proposed as an opposition candidate and the nomination of the city's democratic convention is controlled to fix up something damaging for Haldane. Mrs. Gormly, Jr., refuses nomination and announces that he will support Gormly.

CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

"What does it cover?" asked the mayor.

It covers pretty much every available route by which we can connect the ends of the traction company."

"How much territory?"

"Oh, a mile or a mile and a half, I should say; but every possible right of way is included in the franchise."

"And if we don't get it?"

"Somebody else will get it, of course. He will hold the connections and hold on up for anything that he wants."

"But it will be no good to anybody else without what we've got," suggested Van Slyke.

"True, but we have got several hundred millions invested and can't adopt