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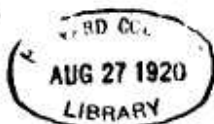
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*To my wife  
Henrietta Ridgway Shaw  
this little book is  
affectionately dedicated*





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## THE GIRL IN THE PICTURE

### Act I

*Scene—Deacon Backslap's living-room. George, son of the deacon, about thirty years of age, good-looking, well-groomed, is seated in a reclining chair, alone.*

*Time—About five o'clock in the afternoon.*

GEORGE—I wonder what mother will say if she finds it out? Dashed if I would have thought it possible! What in the world could have struck dad, anyway? Think of it: A deacon in the church! President of the Lily-white Society for the Suppression of Sin! A man who has been preaching and leading crusades against vice for months until the papers are full of it! Think of it! Think of a man like that coming home in a cab—dead drunk! And in broad day-light! I'd give a dollar to know where he got it. It's a lucky thing that I answered the bell. If mother's new maid had gone to the door, it would have been all over the town by this time. As it was, I had to carry him up to bed. I don't think anyone knows anything about it except the cabby. Let's see, (*consulting his watch*) he's been in bed now about six hours. I hope he sleeps it off before mother comes home. If he doesn't—woof!—I can see a few shattered idols around here! But it certainly is odd how things happen at the wrong