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## A PLAY OF MODERN LIFE

IN THREE ACTS

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# The Play

## was first produced at

## The Royal Court Theatre, London

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### Wednesday Evening, 14th Nov., 1923, at 8.30.

With the following in the original cast in order of their appearance:

| Lady Carfon   ETHEL ROVALE   Lord Simplex   HAROLD ANSTRUTHEF   Brother Peter (of the Earlyan Brotherhood) ROY BYFORE   Evadne Carrillon  DOROTHY HOLMES-GORE   Mrs. Carrillon (her Mother)     Pr. Verro Hodges   LEO G. CARROLL   Hettie Ross   DOROTHY HALL   Mrs. Flinker   MINNIE RAYNEE   Teddy   ARTHUR WILLISON | Ξ |  |  |  |  |
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| Brother Peter (of the Earlyan Brotherhood) ROY BYFORD   Evadne Carrillon  DOROTHY HOLMES-GORE   Mrs. Carrillon (her Mother)   WINIFRED EVANS   Dr. Verro Hodges   LEO G. CARROLD   Hettie Ross   DOROTHY HALL   Mrs. Flinker   MINNIE RAYNEE  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Evadne Carrillon  DOROTHY HOLMES-GORE   Mrs. Carrillon (her Mother)   WINIFRED EVANS   Dr. Verro Hodges    LEO G. CARROLI   Hettie Ross    DOROTHY HALL   Mrs. Flinker    MINNIE RAYNEE   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Mrs. Carrillon (her Mother) WINIFRED EVANS<br>Dr. Verro Hodges LEO G. CARROLI<br>Hettie Ross DOROTHY HALI<br>Mrs. Flinker MINNIE RAYNEE   |   |  |  |  |  |
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| Mrs. Flinker MINNIE RAYNER  |   |  |  |  |  |
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| Teddy ARTHUR WILLISON   | R |  |  |  |  |
|   | N |  |  |  |  |
| Dicky LEONARD JOHNSON   | N |  |  |  |  |
| Violet Mrs. Flinker's MARIE BUDDEN  | Ň |  |  |  |  |
| Annie Children DOROTHY BARRY FURNIS   | S |  |  |  |  |
| Tommy HORACE BARBERO  | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| Twinney ELSIE BECH  | К |  |  |  |  |
| Professor Beverley Black FRED W. PERMAIN  | N |  |  |  |  |
| Bishop of Chelmgate (Chairman of Commission) KINSEY PEILE   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Lady Highkno ETHEL GRIFFIEI   | Ê |  |  |  |  |
| Sir Theodore Ravage (Government   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Representative on Commission) ARTHUR BURN   | S |  |  |  |  |
| Bishop of Oxbridge WILLIAM KERSHAV  | N |  |  |  |  |
| Mrs. Sweetholm KATIE JOHNSON  | N |  |  |  |  |
| Reverend Godfrey Pritchard NOEL SHAMMON   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Mr. Nathaniel Facer (Secretary of Commission) ARTHUR EWAR   | Т |  |  |  |  |
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The Play produced by REGINALD BACH

#### LIST OF CHARACTERS

MISS EVADNE CARRILLON (The Heroine). MRS. CARRILLON (Her Mother). LORD SIMPLEX (Her Fiancé). BROTHER PETER (Priest of the Earlyan Brotherhood). DR. VERRO HODGES. LADY CARFON. HETTIE ROSS. MRS. ROSS'S BABY. MRS. FLINKER. TOMMY FLINKER (aged 14) ANNIE FLINKER (aged 13) DICKIE FLINKER Mrs. Flinker's Children. TEDDY FLINKER Younger VIOLET FLINKER Children TWINNY FLINKER THE BISHOP OF CHELMGATE. THE BISHOP OF OXBRIDGE. SIR THEODORE RAVAGE. LADY HIGHKNO. MRS. SWEETHOLM. THE REV. GODFREY PRITCHARD. MR. NATHANIEL FACER. PROFESSOR BEVERLEY BLACK.

TIME: The Present. PLACE: London or any great city.

## ACTION

| ACT L | SCENE I.<br>SCENE II. | The Park; a spring afternoon.<br>A tenement stair; half-an-hour<br>later. |
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|       |                       | A tenement room; following on.  |

#### TWO DAYS ELAPSE

ACT II. SCENE I. The same tenement room: two days later.

#### TWO MONTHS ELAPSE

ACT III. SCENE I. The Library, Commission House. The Commission in session. SCENE II. The Same, an hour later.