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THE GRANITE TOWN GREETINGS

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Your Health Depends
On It.

In its course around the body the blood is continually gathering up waste matter—worn out tissue and other impurities. Then it flows through the kidneys, which should filter out all this poisonous material and empty it into the bladder. But sometimes the kidneys get sluggish and clogged up with waste matter, and fail to do their work properly. Then the trouble begins. Instead of leaving the kidneys pure and life-giving, the blood comes out still loaded with Uric Acid, which it carries to every part of the body. Settling in joints and tissues, this Uric Acid very soon causes Rheumatism, with its awful suffering.

A Show of Hands

So far as the remote past is concerned, my memory is excellent. I should like to take a piece off behind, so to speak, and patch it up in front, where the machinery for registering future events is weak. It has a stupid habit of recalling things just after the time for action is passed.

Thus it allowed me to get four-fifths of the way to Hamstead before reminding me to bring a pair of gloves for the dance. The local shops were, I knew all closed; and if I returned home I should be late, and her programme would be filled up.

Then I remembered with a sudden exaltation of mood that my host was learning wood-carving, and always kept his old gloves for finger stalls.

I found him in the hall but he could not help me. All his old gloves, with his favorite coats and his deer old shooting boots, had been spirited away to a jumble sale.

"Come without my gloves?" asked Jones. "I don't like Jones, but there was a ray of hope in his query," "Yes," I replied eagerly. "Pity," said Jones. "What can I do?" I demanded fiercely.

Jones pondered. His face brightened suddenly. So did mine. There's some tennis-court whitening in the shed," he said, "and if you only dance with girls with white dresses it won't matter if it does come off a bit."

Then I caught sight of her in pale blue. She was quite nice about the gloves and said that she had kept six dances for me, but that she really couldn't sit them out. The floor was too lovely and the band a simple dream.

I retired to a lonely color for thought. Even the solace of a cigarette was denied me. She objected strongly to men smoking at dances. As I might have the pleasure of driving home with her afterwards I dared not disobey.

My host unseated me before the third dance was over. "Just the very man I want," he cried heartily and dragged me off resisting.

She wasn't exactly a wall flower. She belonged rather to some species of Virginia creeper—doomed to be everlastingly fixed to the wall. I began to scribble imaginary engagements all over my programme at frantic speed.

This poor fellow has come without any gloves," said my host. "His programme is empty, and it would be an act of real charity to sit out with him."

She led me helplessly to a secluded nook and at once started out to bore me. My thoughts were elsewhere and my answers were vague and irrelevant. After three hours her voice took on a chilling tone. I pulled myself together and made a desperate effort to be polite.

"I wonder if you are any relation to General Sroggins?" I asked. "My name is Groggins," she replied.

"Come and have a drink," I said hastily. "It didn't sound right, somehow though the intention was good."

mean, can't I get you some claret-cup or something?"

"No thank you." "Or some lemonade or anything of that sort?"

"No thank you." "But I insist—you haven't had anything to drink for over an hour."

"No thank you." "But I really must insist," edging backwards till I reached the stairs. Then I turned and fled back to my previous hiding-place.

An hour later I was discovered by my hostess. "Poor man," she said, "all alone? But you won't want gloves for supper. Come with me. I've got someone for you to take down."

My heart rose again. "Thanks so much," I replied. "I've just been bored to death by my one and only partner." (This of course, was not a tactful thing to say to a hostess.)

She stopped suddenly and spoke to someone round the corner. "I'm so glad you're still here. I want you to cheer up a poor man who has been bored to death by his one and only partner."

She turned to me and stepped aside. "Let me introduce you to Miss Groggins."

Appetite and indignation battled fiercely for a mastery, and appetite won. We sat at a table from which I had an uninterrupted view of Her.

I became reckless. I talked merrily and unceasingly. My partner thawed once when I spoke of Browning, and froze again with a snap when I compared his Hunting of the Snark to Byron's Ancient Mariner.

I spent the rest of the night in strict seclusion, except on one occasion when my host's sister-in-law dragged me out and introduced me to Miss Groggins.

At last the strains of the national anthem reached my eager ear. I waited by the hall door till she came down Jones also waited.

She looked at us in laughing despair. "There isn't room for you both she said.

"It is my turn," I pleaded humbly. She regarded us judicially for some seconds. "Well, I can't decide without being very rude to one of you—so I will refer it to a higher court. My aunt hasn't met either of you, and she shall have the casting vote."

Oh, yee, the aunt was Miss Groggins right enough—and Jones secured the seat by an overwhelming majority of two to one.

I decided to walk home. The grey hopeless dawn suited my mood. I wanted a smoke, too, desperately. I felt in my pockets. I repeated the process. I had forgotten to bring my cigarette case! I felt despairingly in the tail pocket of my dress coat. I never use this pocket—but perhaps, in a fit of absent-mindedness, I had put it there! I didn't find it. All I found was a pair of unsoiled gloves which I had worn the night before!—Punch.

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7:45 St. John West
7:59 Duck Cove
8:13 Spruce Lake
8:15 Allan Cot
8:30 Prince of Wales
8:43 Musquash
9:10 Lepreux
9:27 New River
9:35 Pocologan
9:35 Penfield
9:50 St. George
10:52 Bonny River
11:22 Dyer's
11:35 Cassell's
11:45 Brunswick Junction
12:12 Oak Bay
12:30 St. Stephen
Arr. Noon

Trains East
Read Up
Train No. 2
Arr. P.M.

6:30
6:15
5:55
5:52
5:38
5:25
4:58
4:35
4:17
4:00
3:30
3:10
2:45
2:37
2:20
2:03
1:45

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