

yourself of a few dollars you will be a millionaire and I will be happy."

"And if they pursue me?" observed Theodore.

"Pursue you! Who would suspect you? And then you can escape."

Theodore was in doubt, but as the slave was going, he took the diamond, and gave for it what money he had; then, taking part of his portion from his employer, he also fled.

### III.

Theodore provided himself with a good guide and travelled by the most rugged paths, the more easily to escape any pursuit.

However one day they met a band of thieving Indians.

"Have you money with you?" they asked.

"We have only enough for the journey," Theodore answered.

"Then do not offer any resistance; after searching you, we will leave you enough to finish your journey."

"That won't do," replied Theodore, and raising his pistol, he discharged it at the first man, who fell.

Other thieves came to the aid of their companions, and, after a fierce struggle, killed the guide and took Theodore prisoner; and, notwithstanding the fierce resistance which he made, they took possession of the diamond.

His grief at losing it made the Indians think that it was an amulet, and one of their women gave the stone to her child as a plaything.

After a time the chief, becoming fond of the prisoner, told him that when his wounds were healed, he would be free to leave them with all that they had taken from him.

So Theodore recovered with his health his diamond and his liberty.

Not knowing which way to go, he concealed himself in a cave, where he remained two days, when a caravan appeared, which he joined, and was thus able to continue his journey.

Always worried and suspicious, he took the poorest accommodations in the inns, and the cheapest food, so that no one might suppose he possessed a treasure. Near the end of his journey he wrote to Anna's father, and began his letter with this phrase:

"I am rich! immensely rich!"

This displeased Anna, who thought that Theodore should have written of more important things first; but she silenced her misgivings, concluding that his conduct was only another proof of his love for her.

However, the thought of the immense fortune of her lover robbed her of her natural light-heartedness; her father also was very reserved—not to appear covetous; and Theodore, considering



TOUGH:—"Say mister, you lost this dog?"

FLINDERSON, (who has done his best to do so)  
—"Do I look like a man who would lose a dog?"

TOUGH, (who has caught on)—"Sure then the dog must hev done the losing."

that he would be conferring a favor by marrying Anna, gave himself the airs of a protector.

As they thus mutually were deceived, their first interview was cold and unsatisfactory to both.

A few days later Anna said to Theodore:

"I do not know why, but your fortune frightens me; it destroys all our plans."

"What does that matter?" Theodore answered. Thanks to my riches, we can now go to Montreal and live in one of the finest palaces."

"Oh; I should have preferred our dear little house, our trees and our dreamed-of happiness, to all the fine houses and riches in the world!"

### IV.

Theodore went to Quebec to see the jeweller to Prince Arthur; but the latter was absent and would not return for eight or ten days. So he employed the time in looking for a splendid house and furniture, and ornaments to correspond. He also ordered a carriage and a pair of magnificent norses. He soon found that he had a multitude of relations, who, till now, had not troubled themselves about him.

When he entered a drawing-room his name caused a sensation, and people talked of the immense fortune he had made in South America.

He was well received everywhere. Mothers tried to attract him for their daughters, and the daughters decided that he was very eligible.

Poor Anna was running grave risks of being forgotten. However, shortly afterward the two lovers, now husband and wife, were living in the same little house of which Anna had so often dreamed.

### IV.

When the jeweller had examined Theodore's diamond, he said:

"Truly, it is admirable! However, I do not wish to possess it, for I do not deal in false stones. This is a splendid imitation, and it will not be difficult for you to sell it. Any jeweller will give you ten francs for it."

With those ten francs Theodore was able to get to Montreal by boat. There he fortunately found a position with a salary of \$600 a year, and shortly afterwards he and Anna were married.

--Adapted from the Spanish of Dr.--

### THE VILLAGE SCHOOL.

By A. E. Anderson.

I see it yet, the village school,

To which I trudged with pail and primer;

I see the master's dreaded "rule,"

And as I gaze my eyes grow dimmer,  
Exactly as they did that day

I felt its sting upon my fingers.

The school, the "rule," have passed away,  
And yet their memory sadly lingers.

I see the stammering, blushing "fool,"

In cap that almost touched the rafter,  
A perch upon a creaking stool,

Amid our smiles and smothered laughter.  
We did not read the future then,

His awkward posture gave no token  
Of how he later towered o'er men—

Of how his praises now are spoken.

I see the little blue-eyed maid

Who shared my pencils and my speller;

I see the violets I laid

Upon her desk, that they might tell her  
Of all the love my boyish breast

Had felt for her—would feel forever.

Sweet little maid, she lies at rest

Beside a singing, sunlit river.

Dear village school, I see it yet,

I would not have that vision vanish;  
Amid the cares of living, let

Fond memory have the power to banish  
The long and intervening years,

And lead me through familiar places;

And, though obscured by mists of tears,  
Let me behold those old-time faces.

### SILENCE IS GOLDEN.

Mrs. Luviduv—"Why are you so changed, Charles? Before we were married you used to talk to me by the hour; now you scarcely ever have a word to say to me."

Mrs. Luviduv—"Speech, my dear, was given to man to conceal his thoughts. Being my wife, you know I have nothing to conceal from you."