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THE WEDDING DAY.

HELEN O. GREENE IN AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

Mr. Hawkins he left the appointin' of our weddin' day to me, and I set it for a Sunday. When you come ter think on 't, there don't seem ter be many days suitable for gittin' married in. You see Monday's washin' day, and Tuesday's ironin' day, and of course nobody would be married a Friday; and Saturday's bakin' and cleanin'-up day, so there's only Wednesday and Thursday left, and mother'n me wanted that much time for extry odds and ends of work, and to 'turn round' in, as you might say. So I set it a Sunday mornin' before fust service.

Now, to begin with, I must tell you that Mr. Hannibal Hawkins, the man I was goin' ter marry, was what you'd call odd, terrible odd, so that, although we'd been keepin' company tergether for some time, and I'd every chance ter git acquainted, yet I felt mor'illy certain that it would be a good while 'fore I'd know him all through. Not but what he was a likely man—more tew, for he was a church member in good and reg'lar standin,' and he alwers had the name o' bein' a good husband to his fust wife, and a good pervider and all that; but, as I said, he was odd.

Wall he come over the Saturday mornin' before the weddin,' so's ter be 'on hand,' he said, and kinder dew for me and mother.

We hadn't no men folks in the house 'cept Caleb Jones, the hired help, and he wa'n't much dependence at sech a time.

It was 'bout eight o'clock in the forenoon when Mr. Hawkins 'rived, and an hour or tew later I got a letter from his daughter Car'line. It was marked private, and read thus:

"DEAR MISS ROBBINS [That's me, Ruth Ann Robbins, ye know]: I write to caution you about Par. I feel awful 'fraid the clo'es he's took with him to be married in ain't right. All to once he was struck with one o' his odd streaks, and insisted on packin' his bag himself, a thing he never done afore in his life, and the Lord only knows what he put into it: I don't. You must look him over real sharp 'fore he goes in where the folks be.

'I'm sorry I can't come to the weddin,' but I cut my bangs yesterday, and got 'em so short that I look tew hideous for anything. I've cried myself most sick, I'm so disappointed and Par says I'm silly ter stay away on account o' the bangs; but I can't help it; I'd rather die than go and show myself sech a fright to all them folks—so there's it! I send you my love, and I hope everything will go off well. With respeck, CAR'LINE HAWKINS.

'P. S.—I'm afraid Par has took odd boots. Look out for him.'

I laughed when I read that letter; it didn't trouble me much of any. Thinks I ter myself, "He is old enough to pack his own bag, 'less he's a gump and a fool the quicker we find it out the better!" I felt the wust because Car'line wa'n't comin' to the weddin'. It worried me to think she was so silly 'bout them bangs.

Wall, come Sunday mornin', when it was time to dress ourselves, Hannibal took one room and I another and we begun. I'd just got my hair all down, when Hannibal hollered tew me, and said he:

'Ruth Ann! I wish you'd bring in your needle and thread and dew a little job o' sewin' for me. I find my vest is all split out behind, though goodness knows how it come so. I never wore it but once in my life. It's a bran new one.'

I thought then of Car'line's letter, and when I see the vest I knew in a minute that he had taken the wrong one, but I sewed the old thing up, as well's I could—a pretty lookin' vest it was to be married in—and went back to my room feelin' a good deal disturbed and anxious.

His next perdickermunt was wus yet. This time he spoke to me so kinder quick and sharp, so that I knew it was somethin' serious. I was jest puttin, my dress over my head, but I didn't stop to half button it up, I hurried in ter see what was the matter now. When I opened the door, there stood Hannibal in the middle 'o the room, lookin' down perplexed like and inquirin' at two old boots—you couldn't call 'em a *pair*, for I knew the minute I set eyes on 'em that they both belonged to one and the same foot! They both had a round nob stickin' up conspickewous where the big toe went and another great bulgin' one for the toe jint. I hadn't never noticed anything peculiar 'bout Hannibal's feet before, but them two boots did look curis enough, and they looked kinder wicked and known somehow, as if they was enjoyin' themselves!

I laughed, I couldn't help it, but Hannibal didn't even smile. He turned to me, and said he:

'Do them two boots look right to you?' Then he tried on one, and that was well enough, he put on the other, and—wall, you can imagine how it looked! Of course the nobs and bulgin's come in the wrong places, and the hull foot was hind side afore and wrong side tew, as you might say! He took 'em off and reversed 'em, but still they cobtinnered to disagree and look wicked at one another. He squared 'em up tergether as square's he could, and says he:

'Ruth Ann, I believe them boots is *odd!*'

'Undoubtedly they be, Hannibal,' says I, 'and they *look odd*; but how do they *feel?* Can you wear 'em? That is the question,'

'I don't care a continental how they *feel*,' says he, awful savage. 'I'll wear 'em if they kill me; but I dew wish they didn't *look* so like the—evil one!'

I felt like death, but I knew we'd got to make the best of the siliwation, so I says:

'Oh, I guess they won't be noticed. But you must be sure and set with your feet on the floor and drawed well back under your chair, and you musn't on no 'count cross your legs; or, if you do be sure and have the *right* foot on top.

Then I had ter leave him. I was all worked up, but I managed ter finish my toilit with mother's help, and when I was dressed I went into the spare chamber where the couples that was goin' to stand up with us was waitin'.

I found them all right, and finally Hannibal was ready, and him and me locked arms and perceeded down stairs, followed by the others. Cousin Tripheny and R'yal Hunt come fust, then 'Mandy Plympton and John Ray, then Cousin Seraphine and 'Siar Chase; there were six of 'em, and they made a noble 'pearance, tew.

Jest as we got on to the stairs and Hannibal and me was most to the bottom, all of a sudden he claps his hand to his head and whispers:

'Ruth Ann, I must go back a minute; you wait right here.'

'No, Hannibal,' says I, pullin' him along, 'you can't go back—how it would look!'

'But I tell ye I must and I will! says he, jerkin' away and turnin back.

The percession stood stock still on the stairs, and fust one, then t'other whispered down ter know what was the matter, and the folks in the parlor began ter peak out and buz. I concluded as long's I couldn't be married without Hannibal I might as well go and look after him. Thinks I ter myself, 'Who knows but he means ter put an eend to his miserable odd existence!' So when he rushed up the stairs and pitched head fust into his room, I wa'nt fur behind. And what did I see that great silly dew but make a dive fer the looking-glass and go through with the motions of *brushin his hair*, deliberate and arnest, as if—wall, as if he *had* some hair! For he's most as bald as a bedpost, and what hair he's got lays down of its own accord as slick as grease at all times. *I was mad.* I snatched the brush away and grabbed his arm.

'Hannibal Hawkins!' says I, firm and determined, I tell ye; 'Hannibal Hawkins! you come down-stairs with me this instant; I've had enough o' your oddity for one day! I've bore all I can or will, and when we're married I'll take some o' this nonsense out of ye, or I'll—*I'll see!*'—says I.

He glared at me as if he never'd seen me before he was so 'stonished, but I hauled him back down stairs, and we all went into the parlor at last and took our place in front of the minister. But it did seem as if delays and hitches was to be the order of the day, for jest as we got all ready ter begin, the minister was called to the door on important business that kep' him ten minutes or so, and there we stood in the middle o' the floor lookin' at one 'nother and feelin' awk'ard enough.

Among the folks I invited to the weddin' was old Aunt Betsey Griffin, deaf as a post, and settin' beside on her was old Mis' Potter, and Mis' Potter'd lost her mind, in a measure, as it were. I knew it would please 'em both ter come, so I invited 'em. Well, while we was waitin' for the minister and the room was still as the grave, all of a sudden Mis' Potter turned to Aunt Betsey and screamed in her ear loud enough tew wake the dead:

'Who did you say our Ruth Ann is goin' to marry?' And Aunt Betsey screamed back jest as loud, though Mis' Potter ain't deaf a mite:

'*Mr. Hannibal Hawkins!*'

Mis' Potter nods her head contented, and sets and rocks for about a minute; then she leans over and screams again;

'What did you say his name was?'

Aunt Betsey tells her, and she nods and rocks as before, but her poor old head can't hold but one idee at once, so she hollers a third time, and says she;

'What did you say her name was?' and Aunt Betsey answers patient and loud;

'Ruth Ann Robbins!'

Everybody was laughin' by this time, and I don't know how long them poor creatur's would 'a kep' our names goin' back'ards and for'ards if the minister hadn't come in jest then and put an eend to it.

The ceremony perceeded along smooth and proper till Hannibal undertook to find the ring to put on my finger. Then there was trouble. He fumbled fust in one pocket, then another, took out a cigar, a little box o' matches, a tooth-pick, a penknife, a horse-ches'nut that he alwers carries for rheumatis, and several other things—took 'em out one to a time, looked at 'em thoughtful and inquirin' and put 'em back agin'. Finally, he dove into some place and took out a little wad o' paper, and all our sperits revived. That looked more like, but when he ondid it, out rolled a dozen or more sugar-coated pills on to the floor. He let 'em roll, and tried agin. This time he fished out a small card that 'peared ter have some writin' on it. (I found out afterwards that he'd writ down on that card where he put the ring, for fear he'd forgit, jest as he had.) When he'd read the card what did he dew but stoop over deliberate and pull off one o' 'em dretful boots and shake the ring out o' the toe on's! Then he put his boot back on, and straightened himself up as carm as if it was customary and common for bridegrooms to carry the ring in the toe o' their boots, and, takin' my hand, slipped the ring on to my finger as graceful as you please.

Wall, I was thankful when it was all over you'd better believe! It hadn't seemed a mite as I expected I supposed that the thought of the great responsibility I was assumin', and one thing a'nother, would lift my soul and make me feel dretful sollum and pious, but I declare to man, I didn't think o' nothin' from beginning to end, but jest Hannibal's odd boots and odd actions! So little does it take to keep a woman's mind from soarin.'

After the ceremony we had cake and coffy passed round, and then as the bells was a ringin' we perceeded to the church. It wa'n't but a few steps, jest acros't the common.

As we walked up the broad aisle tergether, Hannibal aud me, I a-leanin' on his arm, lookin' my best, and he hisn, with everybody's eyes upon us! I tried not to feel proud, but it was a happy moment for me, I tell ye. And when we set down in the old pew where I'd set ever sence I was a baby, mother on one side, Hannibal on t'other and me in the middle, it seemed awful pleasant, somehow; seemed as if I never loved the old church so well. Not that there's anything nice or harnsome 'bout our meetin'-house in Craney Holler; it's almost a barn compared ter city churches, but it had one recommend. It was surrounded by natur', whose God we had come to adore. The great winders was wide open and I could look out on to the common, all green and wavy with maples, then away off acros the medders; and up, up to the woody hill tops that touched the blue canopy o' heaven.

Oh, how can anybody that lives in the country ever lack for religious privileges? God is so nigh everywheres in natur', and he speaks through her so plain and so direck! Why, if I could git the time, if I hadn't so much housework ter do and one thing a'nother, I'd make a practice o' goin' out every day as reg'lar as I say my prayers, to some beautiful, sollum spot a' purpose to commune with my Maker through natur'. In no other way can we git so near to God.

As I said, it seemed uncommon pleasant to me in meetin', that Sunday mornin.' The horses stompin' in the sheds didn't seem ter disturb me as usual, and the chirpin' of the birds, and the dronin' of the crickets through the drowzy air sounded awful nice and soothin.' Inside the house was full of good, old-fashioned smells. Patigony mint and boy's love and tanzy and cammomile; for all the old ladies, and a good many of the young folks, had a bunch of one or the other, and perhaps a sprig o' green caraway seed ter munch away on, in case they's inclined to be sleepy.

I looked down to where dear old Squire Brown set in his pew in front o' the pulpit—asleep and noddin' so quick he was—and I noticed that one hand wisely supported his head, in order ter keep on his red wig o' hair. But he wa'nt alwers so careful, for I remembered how nigh he often come ter losin' on't, and how one Sunday it did actewally slip clear off'n his bald pate, and how he jumped and clapped his hand to his head, and all the young folks laughed, and some o' the old ones. Even Parson Lamson jest barely saved himself by a timely sneeze!

Strange that all this should come back to me so, on my weddin' morin', but it did, and a good deal more, and I had a hard tussle bringin' myself into a proper frame o' mind to 'tend the service.

Mother alwers had a him-book to herself, on account o' seein' better, ye know, so Hannibal and me we looked on tergether, and I had the proud pleasure o' hearing him sing for the fust time. He's got a most powerful voice, and his *expression* does beat all! Everybody was looking at him. Why he acted it all out so, as you might say! When he struck a high note he riz up to his full statur,' balanced himself kinder teenterin' on his toes, stretched up his neck, rolled his eyes 'way inter the back part of his head, and *sech* a tone as he fetched—high—oh, *terrible high!* and on the con'try, when he sung a low note, he jest scrooched all down inter his stummuch and chist, and somethin' rumbled way down in his insides, low—oh, terrible low and sollum! I think his *'low A'* was the very lowest one I ever heered! His singin' was sartinly imposin,' and I know it imposed on everybody that heerd it. As for me, I felt so excited and lifted up by it, that I kept awake all through the sermon, and didn't even nod once, and was right on hand ter rouse up mother and Hannibal in season for the doxology. Then came the benediction, and we walked out tergether as we came in, with everybody lookin' and admirin' and envyin'. And I tried ter realize that I was married, and that this was my weddin' day, but somehow I couldn't; it all seemed like a dream.

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JNO. SHIRREFF,
Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Newcastle,
15th July, 1887.

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JOHN SHIRREFF,
Sheriff

Sheriff's office, Newcastle, Sept 6th, A D 1887.

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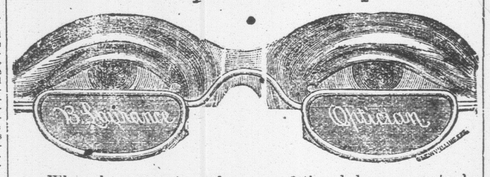

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