

A Four-Leaf Clover

I found a four-leaf clover in a city yard today. A little four-leaf clover that perhaps had lost its way; And I bent above it, smiling, and it sparkled up at me...

Amy's Alibi

(Hilda Morrison, in Youths Companion.) (Concluded.) "Tan!" snapped Amy. "I paid 9 cents money, and I won't sell for any more. We old ones 'an' cripples who don't fight can do that much, I guess. An' I ain't good. I kept out two whole pounds of sugar for myself, though Mr. Cobby says he's only been lettin' a pound lately."

But the very next day the resentment changed to incredulous wonder, for a lawyer came out in an automobile and gave her a note and some bulky papers which he said were deeds. The note read: My dear Miss Curiosity Won't-be-good: You were a new one to me. I studied you by asking questions. Seems your sugar-sharing is a sort of life habit...

Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning to be extremely watchful to neglect, so important is the healthy action of these organs.

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Two days later Ann Amelia Rapp presented herself at the office of the Red Cross, followed by the protesting lawyer. "I've bring him here to fix up papers for the big Reoch farm," she began, without any preliminary. "You can use the income of sell, just as you like—though I'd hope you'll sell. The farm ain't but a snuff of the property, but the rest I'll handle myself. I've been to a doctor here an' to a base hospital doctor in the city, an' they both say I'm sound an' fit. I ain't but 55, an' my oldness an' tired feelin' has come from steady blowin' an' hoisin'. Now I've been restin a few days I feel fine."

"But why—what are your plans?" with some bewilderment. "Goin' to the front to handle and spend the money myself. The base hospital doctor has lauded for me to go over, an' I've cashed some of the bonds an' fixed the others so I can get to use 'em any time. Two or three I've kept as a sort of nest-egg to go with my little house. There's likely a cripple or something I'll want to bring back with me when the war's ended."

"I see. But is there any condition attached to the farm gift?" "Yes. There's a raft of stock on it, horses and cattle, an' sheep, an' hogs. You're to sell a few to get \$1,000, an' give it to Cobby, the grocer. I've spoken to him, an' he says it's plenty an' enough. He's to look out for old folks and keep 'em with sugar enough to have nine spoonfuls every day, without no skimmin'. I'd tend to myself only for hurry. I've got to buy nine hundred and ninety things the doctor says I'll be havin'. Good-by."

The Lieutenant's Betrothed

(From the French of Pierre L'Ermite) When the Lieutenant awoke he looked about him. He saw vaguely a large room with thin curtains and in their distant glow a nearer spot of light somewhat like an apparition. It was a Red Cross nurse in her white uniform. The vision smiled up on him in a motherly way.

"Well, Lieutenant?" Where is he? What has happened to him? He cannot remember. Then, one by one, as one picks up the meshes of a torn fabric, he recalls the past. His battery—it was climbing a slope in a little wood. They had filed off. The advance trains had to gain the shelter of a quarry. Soon they fired, the enemy slowly at first, then fast, then furiously fast! His back to a tree he stood there watching them with his two comrades. After this he remembers nothing at all. He looks at the nurse.

"What was it all?" "You might have been killed out there, ten times over. Come, don't fidget! Lie still again. "But what has happened? Oh, the abominable idea! One would say, Why, yes! They have cut off my leg." "My poor little lad! They had to do it." He is taking in the whole atrocious revelation. He tries to move. Oh, those first sensations after amputation! Even when lying still, he feels his loss, the break of balance. And by and by, when he can stand up, he, the brilliant Artillery Lieutenant—will have a crutch—two crutches. "O, mother!" he cries. Then "all at once he looks further on." Down yonder a "hundred miles from here, in a "hundred houses" garlanded with "gypsies" and roses and nesting in the depths of a valley, a young girl full of laughter, a "light blond" with "very blue eyes" is bringing her father on a "salver" his "little breakfast and the morning mail. She cries "gayly, "Papa, please open it quick! There is a letter from "Henry." He "hears the father's outcry: "Henry! He's wounded!" "Wounded? Severely?" "Poor little girl!" He sees it all: their anxious eyes, the mother coming in haste, the good old servant also. He takes in the whole scene. And this is the end—his fair dreams lying there crushed, with two broken wings!

All his reasons for clinging to life are swept away; why, then, is he not dead? Next morning, after the nurse has finished dressing his wound, the Lieutenant addresses her. "Madam, will you write a letter for me?" "I will write anything you wish to say." She comes back with a glass of water, a fountain pen and some paper. "I am waiting, Lieutenant." Slowly, painfully, as if each word were a shred torn from his heart, he dictated as follows: "My Poor Blanche, "I have to send you the sad tidings that a shell has burst breaking my right leg, so that they had to take it off at once. "I am, therefore, a cripple. Let me free you, then, from the promise you gave me so graciously, on the eleventh of July last in the reception of the Green House, in the presence of your dear parents. "It is fearful, frightful, what I am writing! But I have thought it over. It is my duty to set you and Henry free. I ought not, dear Blanche, to bind your youth and beauty to the broken life of a man both maimed and mutilated. I know all that I am losing. The sacrifice of my life would be as nothing in comparison with that my country asks of me this day. You will find enclosed in this all your dear letters and your photographs. Only let me keep the medals which you gave me. I shall need it so much in my future solitude. "Adieu, then so dear, one, whose I have seen so often, a little fairy spirit of peace, at evening after a day of bloodshed! Thou who wert once my betrothed, sweet and dearly beloved! The happiness I had is eagerly dreamed of giving thee may the good God give it in my stead! "HENRI."

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