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THE MAN FROM THE WEST

BY. E. EVERETT GREEN.

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CHAPTER I.

The Hopes of the Hennikers.

"Oh, Bosh! I say, though, how ripping! Are you sure? How d'you know? Who told you?"

"Why, Coachman to be sure. He's got it straight from the governor. They're all coming down either next week or the week after, and bringing a house party, too. Ripping fun, you know that! Coachman is to buy or job a half a dozen horses, and some they bring along with them—the cattle they've had in London—and I daresay a jolly few motors, too! Ripping!"

"Oh, Bosh! Is Coachman pleased? Will he like having his stables full?"

The handsome 17-year-old lad whom his sister called Bosh, grinned from ear to ear, and perpetrated a neat vault over the table.

"Old Methuselah don't take kindly to new men on old acres; that's the fact, Hilda. He's kept the berth, I believe, for Mary's sake—like the other old servants; but he don't like us any the more for that. He'll do his duty for all he's worth; but he'll turn up his nose at us all the while!"

"He's nice to us, Bosh. He's taught us both to ride—he and Mary between them."

"O, bless you, he don't mind us—you and me, Hilda, nor the kids, because he knows we chum with Mary, and take jolly good care she's not trampled on. But he hates us being here at all—you may bet your boots on that! And he'd like to sweep the whole lot of us out—lock, stock and barrel—and see Mary installed as lady of the manor; and hanged if she wouldn't run the show a sight better than we shall!"

"O, Bosh, that's just what I feel so often! That Mary belongs here—and we don't!"

"Well, the old man should have left it her, then. I know the mater always thought he would, after she came to live here with him. That's what put dad in such a bate. You remember, don't you? I was about 10, so you'd be going on for 12. There used to be awful shines about this Mary Acryngton, and how the old fellow had taken her to live with him, and that she'd worm himself into his good graces, and get everything left to her!"

"I know, I know! I never could think why they minded so much. I thought we were very jolly as we were. But, of course, when I came here and saw what Coombe Basset was like—and having a heap of money, too—why then one began to understand."

"Of course there's a lot that's ripping fun here; yet, all the same for that, I can't think that the old fellow meant to cut Mary out of his will altogether, and I'm blowed if I understand why he didn't leave her the whole blooming show! She's just a tip-topper, she is. Which we sha'n't ever be, my dear."

"None of us will ever be a patch upon Mary," cried Hilda, loyally, "that's why Mona and Norma are so snuffy to her, and why she was left down here with us—to teach the kids instead of going up to town and getting a season. O, she doesn't mind. She's perfectly sweet about it, and loves Coombe Basset as we shall never love it. But, all the same, it's a sin and a shame that she was left with nothing—after all her goodness to the old man. And they say he cared for her, too—"

The boy had suddenly gripped his sister's arm.

"I say, Hilda, did you ever think how that was?"

"What do you mean, Bosh?"

The boy's laughing face had grown suddenly grave. A different look shone in his eyes. The manhood latent in him suddenly seemed to leap into being. Lines that were almost stern showed themselves round the straight mouth and firm chin.

"I never thought of it till I got down here and heard people talk; but I've got an idea that the old man was half afraid of dad."

"But what's that got to do with it, Bosh?"

"Why, don't you see? Dad's about the same relation to old Acryngton as Mary, only she's got the same name, and we're all Hennikers; but cousins pretty much of the same degree. Dad was always supposed to be the next man in after the old fellow kicked, till he suddenly evolved this young Mary to come and take care of his declining years. This put a spoke in dad's wheel, and he jolly well knew it, too. So he was always cutting across to see the old fellow and nose out what was going on. He never knew I used to hear him tell the mater that the old man was as close as an oyster. But I'm dead sure he was in a funk he'd lose the property and all the oof too. It was just a jolly big surprise when he found that the old chap had never made a different will after Mary came, and that everything came to him just as though she wasn't there!"

"I call it a shame!" flashed out Hilda, "when she had been such an angel to him all the time, and he so difficult and cantankerous and suspicious, as they all say he was. Nobody could manage him but Mary, and she wore herself to a thread-paper doing it; and then to come in for nothing!"

The boy had gripped his sister's arm. The lines on his face were more pronounced.

"Hilda, sometimes I have a kind of a sort of a feeling about that; and I'm pretty well sure that dad's got the same!"

"O, Bosh—what? Tell me!"

"What if the old fellow had made another will, and for fear of dad had hidden it away somewhere? You know he popped off quite sudden at last in his sleep. He might have meant to tell Mary before he died, and hadn't the chance."

Hilda's eyes were sparkling—"snapping," as the Yankees call it.

"O, Bosh, suppose he had. But wouldn't he have had a lawyer to do it? Wouldn't he have given it to somebody to take care of for Mary?"

"Well, of course, that's the sensible thing to do; but it seems to me if there is anything that old fellows play the goat over more than another it's making their wills. If he did make one doing justice to Mary, it don't follow it'll hold water in law. There's no knowing. But I can't get it out of my head that there must have been something of the kind—"

"O, Bosh, if there is, let's find it!"

"Easier said than done, my dear, in a big, rambling place like this, and our reverend father wouldn't be best pleased if we succeeded in such a quest. Hist! Here's Mary coming, and the kids. Not a word to her, on your life!"

The door of the quaint, old, low-ceiled, lattice-windowed room was flung open by a pair of kittenish creatures—boy and girl—who came tumbling in together in a condition of blissful dirt and disorder. They were followed by a tall, slender girl, in a simple black gown, with white linen at throat and wrists. She carried her shapely head with a peculiar grace, and every movement was marked with a delicate precision and finish, which gave a curious distinction to her whole personality. The face was very delicately featured, and the complexion of a rose leaf—purity and softness. The mouth was curved, and had a very sweet and gracious expression, the upper lip a little short, just showing the line of beautiful white teeth. The eyes were of a sparkling hazel, soft and dreamy, yet holding starry lights in their depths. They were veiled by long, curved lashes which were many degrees darker (as were the delicately pencilled and delicately arched brows), than the softly curling and abundant hair of the color of ripe chestnuts This hair grew low on her brow, and stood off in a crisp, natural wave. At the first glance the spectator thought "What a picturesque face!" at a second and third he was like to add, 'What a very lovely one, too!"

"Mary, mavourneen, have you heard the news?" cried Hilda, springing forward to meet her, whilst the lad began a game of romps with the puppy-like pair of chubby children.

"That your parents and the girls are coming down? Yes, I met Mrs. Bacon and she told me."

"Dear old Piggie! Is she in a great pucker?"

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Chesley.

Piano.

Primary Grade.—Pass—Marguerite Florence Hooper, Chesley; Jean Myrtle Johnston, Chesley; Eva Mildred McDonald, Chesley; equal.

Intermediate Grade.—Pass—Percy H. McQueen, Chesley.

Clinton.

Theory.

Primary Grade.—Rudiments only.—Pass—Jean Hamilton, Seaforth.

Junior Grade.—Counterpoint and History.—Pass—Bertha C. Armstrong, Brussels. Harmony and Counterpoint.—Honors—Donna Bice, Dungannon. Counterpoint only.—Pass—Alice Bell, Londesboro, Ont.

Collingwood.

Piano.

Primary Grade.—Honors—Muriel M. Morris; Meaford; Edith Durnford, Duntroon; Pearl M. Hall, Meaford. Pass—Allegra Howe, Oxmead; Edith Marion Appleyard, Clarksburg; Emma Caroline Boell, Thornbury; Norma Elizabeth Boettinger, Thornbury; Mary Ellen Idle, Clarksburg equal.

Junior Grade.—Pass—Mabel Finlay, Collingwood; Miss M. McTaggart, Collingwood.

Intermediate Grade.—Pass—Eleanor C. Tobey, Collingwood; Constance J. Alexander, Thornbury.

Guelph.

Piano.

Primary Grade.—Honors — Rachel Secord Guelph. Pass—Ethel Bolton, Oustic; Nellie M. Laidley, Guelph.

Junior Grade.—Honors — Robina Grace Martin, Guelph, Charles Frederick Price, Guelph, equal. Pass—Harry E. Cotton, Guelph; Emeline McAllister, Guelph; Mildred Champion, Eramosa.

Owen Sound.

Primary Grade—Honors—Irene Cunningham, Owen Sound; Mary Warrilow, Owen Sound equal. Pass—Ethel Bye, Garryowen; Nora Foster Parker, Owen Sound; Ophelia Rourke, Allenford; Dorothy Rowe, Markdale equal; Lena M. Jackson, Hepworth; Verna M. Corry, Wiarton; Ruby A. Simpson, Owen Sound equal; Dorothy Edge, Owen Sound; Stewart Parke, Owen Sound, equal; Mabel E. Dankert, Hepworth; M. Amy Adair, Owen Sound; Lena M. Brock, Owen Sound; Helen Fleming Owen Sound; Jean Pattullo Gamble, Owen Sound, equal.

Junior Grade—Honors—Alberta G. Luton, Owen Sound; Jessie M. Clow, Owen Sound; Emily A. Ferguson Dundalk; Helen Hair, Owen Sound; equal; Laura B. Gray, Owen Sound; Nadine Middlebro, Owen Sound; F. Gertrude Runnings, Owen Sound equal. Pass—Grace Ridell, Annan; Eva Christie, Owen Sound; Marjorie Davis, Wiarton; Jean Duncan Woodford; May McAulay, Wiarton; equal; Euphemia Henry, Strathovon; Marion Frost, Owen Sound: Lilian Kirkham Walter's Falls; Muriel McAulay, Owen Sound, equal; Georgina Barton, Dundalk.

Intermediate Grade — Honors — Gladys Maitland Owen Sound; Pearl Middlebro, Owen Sound. Pass—, Camilla Kramer, Owen Sound; Rhea Rundle, Dundalk; Rose Hunt, Owen Sound; Kathleen E. Lynch Owen Sound; Marjory McWilliam, Dundalk; Hazel Sinclair, Dundalk, equal.

Singing.

Primary Grade — Honors — M. May Howell, Owen Sound; Alice Louise Jordan Meaford; Ruth Duncan, Keady. Pass—Lottie Duncan, Keady; Ethel Bye, Garryowen.

Junior Grade — Honors — Juanita Moore, Owen Sound; Mary Ewings, Meaford. Pass—Lillian Lewis Owen Sound; Ada Eby, Southampton; Laura M. Murphy, Owen Sound; Annie Siegrist, Shallow Lake, equal.

Intermediate Grade — Honors — Kathleen McLeod Southampton; Marion Cheyne, Southampton.

Theory.

Primary Grade — Harmony and Rudiments—Honors—F. Gertrude Runnings, Owen Sound; Essie Hodson, Owen Sound. Pass—Ruth M. Shaw, Owen Sound. Harmony only—Honors—Ethel M. Baxter Owen Sound; Elizabeth Abell, Kemble. Pass—Tena M. Brock, Owen Sound; Lois L. Hurlbut, Kemble; Irene Williamson, Owen Sound, equal. Rudiments only—First-class Honors—Camilla Kramer, Owen Sound. Pass—Annie Siegrist Shallow Lake.

Junior Grade—Harmony, Counterpoint, History—Honors—Ruth Duncan, Keady. Harmony, Counterpoint — First-class Honors—Jean M. Oatt, Owen Sound; St. Clair Merritt, Owen Sound. Honors—Rose Hunt, Owen Sound. Pass—Viola Cruickshank Owen Sound; Alice M. Stewart, Owen Sound; C. R. Ardill, Owen Sound. History only—First-class Honors—Camilla Kramer, Owen Sound. Honors—Helen K. Burgess, Owen Sound. Pass—Margaret J. Duncan, Grimston.

Intermediate Grade—Counterpoint. Form—Honors—Helen K. Burgess, Owen Sound. Pass—Margaret J. Duncan Grimston. Form only—First-class Honors—Jean M. Oatt, Owen Sound. Honors—Juanita Moore, Owen Sound.

Seaforth.

Piano.

Primary Grade.—First-class honors—Lena Holmes, Clinton. Pass—Margaret Cowan, Seaforth; Cora Pearl Dodds, Seaforth, equal; Aileen Scott, Seaforth; Eva Edna Isobel Lockhart, Seaforth.

Junior Grade.—Pass.—Annie G. Govenlock, Seaforth; Florence Pearson, Clinton; Evelyn Clarke, Constance.

Intermediate Grade. — Bertha C. Armstrong, Brussels.

Stouffville.

Singing.

Primary Grade — Honors. — Gertrude Clubine, Bethesda; Irvin R. Hunter, Mount Albert, equal. Pass—Emma Lillian Terry, Sharon.

Junior Grade. — Honors — Eva March, Bethesda. Pass — Minnie Leek, Mount Albert.

Stratford.

Piano.

Primary Grade.—Honors — Norma Kathleen Stuart, Mitchell; Jessie E. Fraser, Shakespeare. Pass. — Ruby Georgina Weir, Milverton; Agnes Thorn, Stratford; Helen Christine MacKinnon, Milverton; Gladys Gastrell, Stratford, Eleanor Hepburn, Stratford, equal.

Junior Grade — Honors — Ethel McKee, Millbank. Pass — Frieda Faull, Millbank; Winnie Stevenson, Listowel; Flora Adelaide Holman, Monkton.

Theory.

Primary Grade.—Rudiments only.—Pass—Gladys Gastrell, Stratford.

Junior Grade. — Harmony, Counterpoint, History — Honors — Jessie Fraser, Shakespeare. Counterpoint only—First-class honors. — Pearl Bar Steinkoff, Stratford. Pass—Louise Cameron Lang, Stratford.

Intermediate Grade. — Musical Form only—First-class honors—LilliePauline Anderson, Stratford; Pearl Bar Steinkoff, Stratford. Honors—Hazel Winter, Seaforth.

Tillsonburg.

Piano.

Primary Grade.—Honors — Walter H. Gibson, Tillsonburg. Pass—Leila Wilson, Tillsonburg; Evelyn Williams, Tillsonburg; Ruby Helen Crouch, Springford.

Junior Grade.—Pass—Thirza Downing, Brownsville.

Walkerton.

Piano.

Primary Grade.—Honors — Edith Kidd, Mildmay. Pass—Pearl Eckenswiller, Walkerton; Pauline M. Clapp, Mildmay; Clara Schwalm, Mildmay; Pearl Longthorne, Clifford; Verna Skelton, Walkerton.

Junior Grade. — Pass — Marion T. Robertson, Walkerton; Ethel I. Barnett, Paisley; Jean M. McKeracher, Paisley, equal.

Intermediate Grade. — Pass — Mabel Irene Albright, Walkerton.

Wiarton.

Singing.

Junior Grade.—Honors—Fosse Eva V. Jones, Wiarton; Mrs. William Cameron, Hepworth. Pass—Ivy Jermyn, Wiarton; Belle M. Kelso, Shallow Lake.

Windsor.

Piano.

Primary Grade. — Pass — Gladys Pearl Johnson, Windsor; Daisy Ella Baker, West Windsor, Jacob Geller, Windsor, Muriel E. Keenan, Detroit, Mich., George Roy Moir, Windsor, equal.

Wingham.

Piano.

Primary Grade. — Honors — Bella Gordon, Langside; Olive Jackson, Brussels. Pass—Lavinia A. A. Pearen, Marnick.

Junior Grade. — Pass — Perle Sharpe, Brussels; Miss Fowler, Teeswater; Eva Gracey, Wingham.

Woodstock.

Piano.

Primary Grade—Pass—Muriel Kerr, Strathroy; Clara Virtue, Muir; Iley Houlden, Woodstock, Alice McFarlane, Eastwood, equal.

Junior Grade—Pass—Beatrice Hollingshead, Culloden, Agnes H. Staples, Ingersoll, equal.

Intermediate Grade—Pass—Fanny Munroe, Woodstock.

Theory.

Primary Grade—Harmony and Rudiments, first class honors—Alma R. Haight, New Durham. Honors—Beatrice Hollingshead, Culloden. Pass—Agnes H. Staples, Ingersoll. Harmony only, honors—Mabel Viola Kneale, Burgessville.

Intermediate Grade — Harmony only, pass—Edith Laycock, Woodstock. Musical form only, first class honors—Edna M. Laird, Woodstock, Edith Pearl Karn, Woodstock, equal. Honors—Elene Beaton, Woodstock. Pass—Stella R. Murray, Tavistock.

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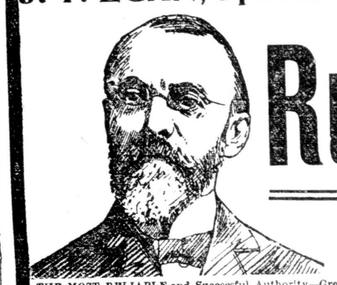

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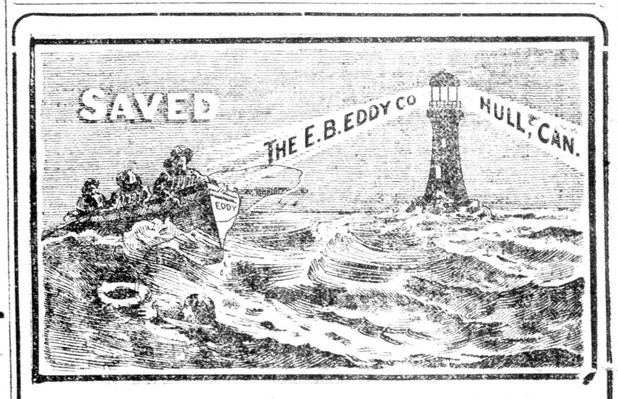

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