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A Lover's Triumph.

"How strangely he appears!" Gladys exclaimed, regarding him curiously. "He is, indeed, miss. The poor chap is an idiot, or I'm much mistaken." "An idiot? Oh, how dreadful! Poor boy!" cried Gladys, pityingly. Then she added, soothingly, "Never mind your hat, papa shall buy you another." The young stranger nodded contentedly, as if he understood her, while his great blue eyes were fixed earnestly and confidently on her face. "What is your name, and where do you live?" continued the young girl, wondering what she should do with him now that she had rescued him from his persecutors, if he could not tell where he belonged.

The only answer to this query was a senseless smile, accompanied by a low crooning sound of contentment. "Oh, dear! can't you talk at all?" What is your name? You must tell me or I shall not know where to take you," said Gladys, beginning to look greatly disturbed, and wondering what would be the result of this strange adventure.

The boy reached out a white, slender hand and touched the girl's cheek, and the touch of those delicate fingers making a sound indicative of pleasure and admiration, but uttering no intelligible word.

It was evident that he was not only simple-minded, but that there must be some paralysis of the vocal organs as well that prevented his talking. A flush sprang to the young girl's face, and a strange thrill pervaded her at the touch of those delicate fingers. "He is the most beautiful boy I ever saw," she said, "but oh how dreadful for him not to know anything! I wonder who he is, John?"

"I'm sure I can't say, miss," replied the man, looking perplexed and somewhat annoyed. "How old do you think he can be?" John gave a long look at the young stranger.

"He's small of his age, miss, but I reckon he must be older than yourself."

"Older than I? Oh, I do not think that can be possible," Gladys exclaimed, attentively studying the strangely attractive yet vacant countenance before her.

"What shall we do with him, John?" she inquired, after a moment of thoughtful silence. "I think we'd best take him straight to the office, tell the master all about him, and he'll settle the matter."

"Yes, I believe that will be the best plan," Gladys returned, looking greatly relieved. "Papa will know just what to do. But," bending forward and laying her hand on the boy's arm to attract his attention more fully, while she spoke slowly and very distinctly, "can't you tell me where you live, boy?"

Do try, and then we can take you directly to your home." The girl looked up with a most confiding smile at her, gently took her hand from his arm, clasped it tenderly in both his own, and murmured, in an exceedingly rich and mellow tone, some strange sounds.

"Oh, how sorry I am for him!" Gladys said, with starting tears. "Wonder if he has any father or mother, brothers or sisters. It would break my heart to have a lovely boy like this, and not have him know anything. Hurry on, John, please; I am anxious to know what papa can do for him."

Arriving at Mr. Huntress' office in Dey street, Gladys alighted, bidding John detain the boy in the carriage until she could bring her father.

She ran lightly up the stairs, and found that gentleman just on the point of leaving to return home, but evidently very much pleased to have his daughter come for him.

She related what had occurred on her way to the city, and he listened attentively to her story; but his face grew grave as she proceeded, for he was so fond and careful of her that he could not endure the thought of her running into any danger.

"I fear you have been unwise, my darling, in taking this boy into the carriage with you," he said, drawing her fondly toward him, and bending down to kiss the bright, eager face upturned to him, as if he may have come from some fever-infested locality; you should have given him into the care of a policeman."

"But, papa, there was no policeman

near at the time, and the poor boy was so frightened and distressed I hadn't the heart to make him get out of the carriage, at least until we could get beyond the reach of those rude boys. I supposed, of course, he would tell us where he lived, so that we could take him home, but we could not understand a word that he said."

"Perhaps he is some foreigner," suggested Mr. Huntress. "No, I think not, for he seemed to know what we said to him. He isn't like those other boys—he looks as if he must belong to very nice, respectable people. His clothes are very plain, but as clean as can be—even his hands and nails are as white and clean as mine, which is not usual in a boy, you know. Come and see him, papa. I know you will pity him," pleaded Gladys, with a very sweet and sympathetic face.

She slipped her hand within her father's arm, and drew him with gentle force out of his office and down the stairs to the carriage, where John sat, looking a trifle anxious, and as if he feared a reproach for allowing such a child in his master's elegant equipage with his ill-dressed daughter.

Mr. Huntress was struck with the refined, even aristocratic appearance of the boy the moment his eyes fell upon him. He instantly recognized the wonderful beauty of his face, remarked the shape and color of his eyes, which, had they been lighted by the fire of intelligence, would have been his chief charm. His frame was slight, but he was finely formed, with shapely hands and feet. His head was rather massive for his body, and of that square structure, with a broad, full brow and an unusual height above the ears, which generally proclaims a large brain and rare intellectual capacity, and yet he was unmistakably an idiot, one who fell into those blank, expressionless eyes but too plainly told that.

Mr. Huntress entered the carriage, after assisting Gladys to her seat, and spoke kindly and cheerfully to the boy. He made no answer, but fixed his great eyes earnestly upon the gentleman's face while he shrank close to Gladys, as if he instinctively realized that she was his staunch friend, and would protect him against all evil.

"I do not wonder that you were interested in him, Gladys," said Huntress, regarding the stranger gravely, "he is peculiarly winning in appearance, though evidently very simple in mind."

"Do you suppose he was always so, papa?" Gladys asked. "It does not seem possible, for, aside from that vacant look in his eyes, his face has a wonderfully intelligent expression, especially when it is in response. Can't you make him say anything?"

"No, sir; he tries to talk, but I cannot understand what he means," said her father, a question, Gladys, said "Boy, you have lost your hat—would you like a new one?" the young girl questioned.

"What? what?" he instantly answered, putting up his hand to his head, thus showing as before that he had comprehended something of what was said to him.

Mr. Huntress felt lighted. "Try something else," he commanded. "Where do you live, boy?" Gladys inquired.

This query, like the previous one, only elicited a perfect storm of unintelligible sounds.

"Do you wish to go home to your friends?" Gladys continued, making another effort.

But the only response was a short, sharp ejaculation of pain, while the boy had seized her hand and laid his cheek affectionately against it, looking appealingly into her face, as if thus to signify that he did not wish to leave her.

"I cannot understand him at all, papa, only it seems as if he wishes to stay with me," said Gladys, with a sigh.

Mr. Huntress thought a moment, then he turned to the coachman and said: "Drive home, John."

"Oh, papa, are you going to take him home with us?" cried Gladys, eagerly.

"Yes; for tonight, I find myself strangely interested in him, and I have not the heart to turn him adrift up on the street. He evidently belongs to a good family and has probably strayed from home and got lost. We will care for him until we can learn who his friends are, and can return him to them," Mr. Huntress replied, and they then proceeded directly home with their strange protégé, where Mrs. Huntress received them with considerable surprise, although her sympathies were also soon enlisted in behalf of their charge, and she bestowed the kindest of care and attention upon the unfortunate wretch so singularly thrown into her family.

Mr. Huntress caused an advertisement to be inserted in the papers the next morning, inquiring for the friends of the wanderer.

But a week passed and he received not one word in reply, and thus his identity remained a profound mystery. Meantime, the subject of those inquiries was so docile and tractable; so affectionate in his manner toward every member of the household, and so trustful, appearing to recognize instinctively that they were kind friends, he was so exceptionally nice about his person, and habits, and so gentle in his manner, that they all became greatly attached to him, and they felt more and more that he belonged to some family of good blood and high position, in spite of the very common clothing which he wore, and his imbecile condition.

There was nothing about him to give the least clue to his identity. Every article he had on was thoroughly examined to try to find some name; every pocket was searched with the same purpose, and at last Mr. Huntress began to believe that he must have been brought from a distance to New York by some person or persons, and there willingly deserted for some secret reason, with the hope, perhaps, that the authorities would care for him and have him sent to some institution for weak-minded people. (To be Continued.)

Very Hard Indeed. There are so many things that appear unnecessary, and which for the life of us we can see neither purpose nor end. It may be corns or just one of those thorns in the flesh the why and the wherefore of which we cannot see. Nevertheless they are of the kind that are easily removed. Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor makes short work of them. Try it and see how nicely it coaxes them out, using none other than Putnam's Corn Extractor. Sold by druggists.

George Washington, 85 years old, and Martha Rockwell, 68, of Brookville, Ind., were married on the steps of the court house at Kokomo, the ceremony being the third of the kind which the bridegroom had undergone. Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother's Gravel Worm Expeller is pleasant, sure and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

Western Ontario.

Serious Result of a Halloween Trick Played at Windsor.

Chatham's Fair Board in a Bad Way—The Provincial Fair Stock Show.

Dr. T. G. Johnston will be a candidate for the mayoralty of Sarnia for 1897.

Jas. Yard, Sarnia, sold his race horse May Stanton to Jas. O'Leary, of Fort Lambton. The price paid was \$400.

Conrad Sheltzer, Woodstock, shipped two carloads of hogs to Montreal and one to Hamilton last week. Price, \$2.60.

The Provincial Winter Fair Stock Show will be held at Guelph on Dec. 8 and 10, when \$4,000 in cash will be offered in prizes.

The Water Supply Company, Stratford, who own the waterworks system, have offered to sell out to the city for \$10,000.

W. Hanson, of Fullarton, has sold over 200 barrels of choice apples this fall, and has one orchard full of fruit that he is not touched.

Wm. Roddick, who is one of the leading promoters and directors of the Farmers' Binder Twine Company, Bradford, reports a successful year's business.

After paying all expenses, the ladies of the Park Street Methodist Church, Chatham, have a balance of \$177 from the proceeds of the anniversary tea-meeting.

The directors of the Northern Exhibition, Walkerton, have a debt of \$1,250 hanging over their heads from previous years, and how to meet it is the conundrum.

The Sarnia Presbytery meets in the Presbyterian Church, Watford, tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2 p.m., to consider a call to Rev. Mr. Bell from Napier and Brooke.

There are twenty patients at the Chatham hospital. The visiting trustees are Hon. Thos. Ballantyne and Mr. John McIntyre, and the physician Dr. D. M. Fraser.

The Berlin Free Library want \$7,000 to build a new library building. During the past year 16,500 volumes were issued. The library has now a total of 233 readers.

The Galt Humane Society will get up a petition against live pigeon shooting, to be signed by sympathizers in the various towns and cities for presentation to the government.

Michael Nolan, of Downie, came to Stratford with a load of hay Friday, and, while on the road, a rope gave way, and Mr. Nolan fell heavily, thus breaking his right arm.

Messrs. Jeffrey Widdis and J. N. Fitchett, both Downie teachers, have resigned their situations, and will go into farming after Christmas, the former at Peterboro and the latter at Napier.

On Wednesday, at the residence of J. Davidson, 4th line, a alliance, his daughter, Miss Florence, was married to Donald McKay, of Wallace. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. Munroe, B.D. Fifty guests sat down to the wedding dinner.

Thieves visited the house of Conrad Raza, lot 42, con. 2, South Easthope, and carried off a large quantity of stuff from his cellar. Among other things, some 25 pounds of butter were taken, together with a couple of bags of potatoes, a jar of jam, one cabbage, and a number of other things.

Warden Locker, of Elgin, has appointed the following nominating officers for the January next: Division No. 1, H. F. Jell, Rodney; division No. 2, J. D. Blue, Dutton; division No. 3, M. Campbell, Fingal; division No. 4, W. L. Wickett, St. Thomas; division No. 5, John Hazen, Aylmer; division No. 6, D. Taylor, Belmont.

The Hamilton Provident Loan Company has demanded immediate payment in full of the mortgage on the Peninsular Fair grounds at Chatham. The owners of some horses are also after money won in races at the Fair, but the board is not in a position to undertake to pay any prizes, until a definite settlement with the loan company is reached.

Thomas Craig was brought up on Monday at Goderich before Judge Masson to receive sentence on seven indictments, including forgery, false pretences and larceny. He received for each of five cases 23 months, for one six weeks, and the sentence in the remaining case was reserved. Terms of imprisonment are to run concurrently.

At Windsor Daniel Ryan received serious injuries as the result of a Halloween trick. He was returning to his home on McDougall avenue late at night on his bicycle, and was running on the sidewalk. When near his residence, he collided with a telephone pole which had been set across the walk, and was thrown violently to the ground. His throat was cut so badly that it required several stitches, and he lost several teeth. His wheel was wrecked.

Stratford Beacon: Enoch Prince, of East Garafraxa, who incited the recent investigation of Draper county finances, has now an investigation of his own on hand. He is charged by Miss Martha Potter, of the same township with having hugged and kissed her in his own house two weeks ago last Monday, for which offense the Vuxumy Miss Potter seeks substantial damages in \$200 old cash. The Potters wanted a criminal prosecution, but were advised that there was little chance for a conviction.

One of the most unique, effective and highly successful bills ever presented at the Grand Opera House in Chatham was that provided by Principal Bracken and his staff of McKeeough school in the shape of a Halloween concert and commencement.

The chorus embraced 600 childish voices, the McKeeough school was present in full force, and the school orchestra supplied accompaniment. A pretty and infinitely pleasing cantata, "The White Garland," constituted the chief musical feature of the evening.

Entrance prizes were awarded to 35 pupils. The McKeeough medals were distributed as follows: Room 8, gold medal, Samuel Park; room 7, Meta Wilson; room 6, Gordon Wrong; room 5, Nellie Clements; room 4, Elsie Roberts; room 3, Carmen McIntyre; room 2, Murray Reeve; room 1, Ernestine Bishop.

Principal Bracken, who was teaching associates won hearty encomiums from the several speakers. Mr. Becken was presented with a handsome volume of poems by a pupil of McKeeough school.

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the gradual falling off of the production of the older territories, the ever increasing demand for petroleum and its products, and lastly, the good price which oil commands, and is likely to for a long period. A large number of new wells have been put down around Petrolia. Perhaps the most notable of these is a well finished during the latter part of September by Mr. R. Lawver, on the property behind his home—origin territory to the drill. His first venture brought a nice producer, good for four or five barrels. He then moved his rig east, and put down another and struck a very fine well, with large quantities of gas. This started pumping a lot of oil, and, as far as we can gather, has been producing about 25 barrels a day ever since, the rig being run mainly by gas. In all probability Mr. Lawver will continue to drill over his farm. Mr. A. C. Edward is also drilling on his property immediately east of Mr. Lawver's, and it is to be hoped that more wells like these will be reported.

The Hog Cholera

Can Be Spread by Dogs or Carried on Boots.

Its Ravages in East Essex—1,500 Animals Already Slaughtered.

Ottawa, Nov. 3.—The hog cholera, which has existed in the county of Essex for some years, has lately increased to an alarming extent, and the Department of Agriculture is taking energetic steps to stamp it out. Dr. McEachern, chief veterinary inspector for the Department, after spending some time in the affected townships of Malton, Andover, Colchester South and Gosfield South, states that since January the disease has broken out in all the farms in these four townships. It is

VERY CONTAGIOUS, and can be carried, for instance, on the boots or by dogs. It has been determined to appoint one or two men to see that the measures adopted by the Department are carried out.

Each farm is to be put in quarantine and printed directions distributed, indicating the means of routing out the disease, the mode of cleaning and disinfecting the premises, and so forth.

THE SLAUGHTER. Hogs are being slaughtered on the infected farms, and an indemnity under the Contagious Diseases Animals Act paid, namely, one-third for those which actually died, and two-thirds for those of the value of those in contact. About 1,500 hogs have already been present year and about \$1,000 month is being paid out by the Department in indemnity. It has been thought advisable also to stop the movement of hogs, hog products and hog manure, within the limits of the above-named townships, to prevent the disease from being carried beyond the infected area.

CO-OPERATION. Essex county is largely devoted to the growing of corn and feeding of hogs, and consequently the matter is of vital importance to the farmers of that county, and the officers of the quarantine service are promised the active co-operation of the farmers and municipal officers. This co-operation is essential to the complete success of the plan of the Department. The cases of hog cholera which have occurred recently in the vicinity of Toronto come from Essex.

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