

# MC2465 POOR DOCUMENT

## THE GRANITE TOWN GREETINGS

### The Legacy.

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It was the day before Christmas, John Choute lifted the handle of life, shining brass knocker with a heart that was full of boyish daring, and the sound of the rapping echoed triumphantly through the house. The man felt as if he had parted with 20 years of his existence; they had gradually faded from his reckoning the afternoon before as the train carried him from the city toward his ancestral town among the hills, and where he had stepped onto the station platform at the end of his journey, John Choute had forgotten the grey hairs on his head and the grip of time's professional has very far away.

All might be had kept the ~~old~~ <sup>new</sup> him, and the morning sunshine had cast a radiance on its reality. Up under the eaves of the Choute homestead he has slept in his old room with the familiar taste of sleepy rain-drops patterning on the roof, and with the morning he has looked out at the tiny-panted window and seen the glistening fields of his childhood streaked by long lines of shadows as the sun blazed just above the horizon, the naked trees stood gaunt as ever along the winding road, and on a distant height the Seaver homestead was bright with the dawning day.

"I'm going up to see Betina this morning," he declared.

And so it came about that John Choute set the knocker on the Seaver door at sunrise, feeling the warmth of his presence.

"What, John Choute?"

A little woman opened the door and held out welcoming hands. The man knew it was Betina, grown very like her mother.

"I said as he took both hands in his and as he took both hands in his and bent over with gentle courtesy.

"And we didn't used to hardly dare look at it when it had just been polished," laughed back Betina.

The man shook his head and followed the little woman across the wide hall in the sitting room ~~up~~ <sup>to</sup> the back parlor, and he spread out his hands before the fire, though he knew quite well the room was warmed by a cushion over the wall-sunroom to be regretted the gloomy thing an instant.

You look marvelously like your father, John," said Betina, looking up at him as he warmed his hands with the gestures she remembered of his mother.

They sat that way, John Choute of Choute produces one nice smile of the original Joins?"

Betina laughed gently.

"And we always have a Betina among the girls."

Then she spoke of the old romantic legacy of John and Betina, how it was that the generation of Choutes and Seavers, who had taken their names or land from an English King, had hoped for the union of John Choute and Betina Seaver, and when that had failed the wish had been repeated, for the generation of grandchildren, only to be defeated again and passed down through the years.

Now Betina spoke happily of the life-blood of its fulfillment, for a younger John Choute had grown to manhood, and Betina's nose was very charming.

John Choute listened with a sudden feeling of age. There was a time when he had been openly anxious to the return of his own generation, and he saw there no reason that he had always been in his present no older woman's face and eyes than a girl across the even living of his life. Could he not

the legacy of John and Betina might have been for him if he had come back and persisted in his seeking? The loneliness of the years grew big as he looked over at the little woman across and saw the gladness of her life in every feature. His voice broke as he answered the question she had asked.

"I'm here at Tom's for Christmas. My bookseller declared that he ought to eat Christmas dinner with his own kin, and sent me off."

The tales brought back were full of memories that were dear to them both. They laughed together over old days of happiness, and the old days were close as they spoke of those now lying in the churchyard.

Finally John Choute found himself telling of his own life; of the difficulties during those first years to gain in the small end of the wedge and the joy of his first success and recognition and of the influence he had gained among his fellowmen.

But as he talked the man found that in his heart the loneliness of his life was standing out against the brightness of which he spoke. For how much more these things might have counted with Betina! She was a little girl of little value that weighed heavily in her own sweet presence. He wondered if he were too old, if the legacy belonging to his name had passed beyond his grasp. He got up and stood before the fire again, a tall grey-haired man and the tender strength was in his face that brought little children to his arms with trepidation.

Betina looked up and waited for him to speak.

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John Choute put his hands on her soft hair and his voice half-heardings in that had never been there but for her.

"It's the legacy for John and Betina, sweethearts," he pleaded.

Her lips tremble slightly and the words came slowly.

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### Rail Fence Philosophy.

The harder you knock down a true man the harder he will bounce.

The straighter a man takes his white key the more crooked he walks.

This is the time for hedging-hedge on the farm and in the expense account.

What we regard as stumbling blocks often turn out to be stepping stones.

The town chug who used to ridicule the country boy "now has to ride the farmer's auto."

No young can succeed in farming if he has a gizzard where his heart ought to be.

The male is not pretty to look at, but he makes good at every task put up to him, while a beautiful horse often balks.

Good looks do not count when it comes to a hard pinch.

Many a successful railroad president will prove a failure running a chicken farm.

Why should any farmer in good health face a terrifying old age, but the middle-aged farmer can always make the soil support him.

Who should any farmer in good health work more now to go to seed?

The total amount paid for hire, including allowance for board. The payment should be reckoned for the full time of service, and should include the value of board.

The inquiry relating to earnings for domestic service is asked for in Schedule No. 1.

In addition to the frequent inquiries to which reference is made in the column "Letters to the Editors," there are many others from individuals who are not manufacturing establishments or manufacturers in Canada in 1910 which are out of the common.

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