

DOCTOR JACK.

The letter which said so much, and yet so little.

My dear, dear Jack: Dr. Jack Jennings, glancing over his morning mail in the privacy of his bachelor apartment, that was a distinct combination of apartment and office, stared incredulously at the dainty missive in his hand.

It is no fit place for you to go, said Dr. Jack. My maid, who has both spirit and muscle at need, will accompany me, replied the lady.

I will say so more, said Dr. Jack, snatching his jaw, as he took his last stand. I refuse to be responsible for your visit to such a pesthouse as that Italian tenement. It is the very folly of fanaticism, he continued hotly, as he met the steady gaze of the secretary's eyes and realized all his bluster was in vain.

I think you are rather exceeding your professional privileges, Miss Vane answered calmly though her fair face flushed. I have my ideas of duty, and you know there is happily no need of my exceeding the matter further.

And this was the final incident that had seemed to lead to the amazing document that Dr. Jack, after reading for the tenth time, considered to be his last breast-plate, when it disturbed the doctor's heart against all professional belief.

They had never seen a trace of sentiment apparent in Mildred Vane's manner to him. They had met with the friendly camaraderie of those who seek together in ways of justice and self-sufficiency, to work and rest for any glimmer of romance.

And all the time she had glanced the secret his heart was hiding, read in his honest eyes, heard in his tender tones.

After the first bewildering shock of the letter, his phrenology began to rebel and to rebel in Dr. Jack's mind with some over-growing excitement, like some exquisite strain breathing through music he had been too dull to comprehend.

And he repeated her name, as he rose and strove to steady heart and voice under the fierce pang of love, this fair, strong girl must never guess.

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What her woman's intuition read in his lines of rigid restraint he can not say, but she went on gently: This letter came to me—put aside all foolish pride and let me help her to be happy and best.

I have been wondering all day if you would come, she said, holding out her hand to him. Wandering? he asked. Could you doubt it for a moment? Frankly, I did, she said. I have been studying you all these months without learning that you are rather an unusual person.

Take it, he repeated tremulously. How could I take it save as a favor beyond my wildest hopes and dreams? I never knew what lie, joy, hope, mean, until today.

An Ancient Foe

To health and happiness is hereditary, as it is every other time immemorial. It causes hunches in the neck, disfigure the skin, inflame the mucous membrane, wastes the muscular, weakens the bones, reduces the power of resistance to disease and the capacity for recovery, and develops late consumption.

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I wished me to consider, but, the fair face flushed, I am a stubborn young person, as you know. And really, after that little story we had yesterday, I felt I must settle matters or I might lose you, so I wrote at once.

These are objections, of course. You ought to be a Catholic. But our good Bishop, who is a dear old friend of mine, agrees that for the present, considering all your other good qualifications, such as being a young girl, a Catholic, and a good business girl, you will find him most liberal.

And so you will take charge of the "Water Misericordias" at once. The Water Misericordias, echoed Dr. Jack.

Don't you like the name? she went on. I seemed to me such a fitting one for a hospital like ours, where there is so much hope. And then, too, it is, I explained, a memorial to my own dear mother, who died three years ago.

A hospital! A memorial to her mother! He was to take charge. For a moment the room seemed to reel around Dr. Jack, as he whirled down from the dizzy heights of the dream world in which he had been wandering all day.

And while he sat stunned, breathless, in the chaos of his shattered fool's paradise, she went on eagerly to unfold her plan for the beautiful charity, of which in the dark ways they had trodden together, she had found there was such crying need.

She was going away indefinitely, and she would like to leave it well established in his care.

And I feel, she added, her fair face flushing, that this lifework will lead you to the Light and Truth that as yet you cannot see. And now will you see papa and settle business matters with him tonight?

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I will come again and speak to your father. I can only thank you now, thank you for your great goodness, and return this letter that came to me by mistake this morning. I must apologize for opening—reading it—before discovering it was intended for some happier man.

The words came brokenly, awkwardly, but he could do no better. His whole strong, steady being was like a harp with every cord unstrung. She took the note he extended to her, glanced at it underlingly, and then her face broke into its own bright smile.

How stupid of me! This letter is to my old friend Jacqueline Grand, and she doubtless received yours. I must have exchanged the envelopes in my hurry last night.

Jacqueline is one of my dearest and best school friends. I have just discovered that she is desperately in love with one of the best fellows in the world, and they are too poor to marry, and so it has been postponed indefinitely and hopelessly—and—said. At the glance of the lines of the letter a smile of light shone upon the regular, and she lifted clear, questioning eyes to Dr. Jack's face.

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He paused in his outburst. The eyes that met his were so calm and steady in their gentle gaze.

I am glad, she said softly. And Dr. Jack felt there was surely never wooing and winning so strange as this.

Though I was not sure of you, as I said, you have been my choice from the first, as I told papa.

Agnes Dr. Jack was conscious of a certain shock, but the speaker went serenely on her amazing way.

There were other things that he

The Terrible Pains of INDIGESTION

Mr. Wm. H. MacKee, Mount Bryton, P.E.I., says: "For more than a year I suffered with all the terrible pains of indigestion, and my life was one of the greatest misery. It did not seem to make any difference whether I ate or not, the pains were always there, accompanied by severe bloating and a belching of wind. I did not seem to get relief at night, and sometimes hardly got a bit of sleep. In my misery I tried many remedies said to cure indigestion, but they did me not one particle of good, and I fully expected that I would always be afflicted in this way. At this time my brother came home on a visit, and urged me to try MILBURN'S LAXATIVE PILLS, and get me a few trials. By the time I had taken one trial I began to improve and could eat with some relief. I was greatly cheered, and continued taking the pills until all traces of the trouble had disappeared, and I could once more eat all kinds of food without the slightest inconvenience. I am so fully convinced of their virtues as a family medicine I have no hesitation in recommending them."

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