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When Day is Done

By W. F. BRYAN.

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Somewhere at the other end of the room, a song clung out its harsh, brassy note, and soon the hum of industry and the clatter of machinery gave way to the chatter of tongues as the operatives shut off the power from their machines.

As they gathered about the inspection desk to turn in their day's work, the great shafts overhead ceased their whirling and the sharp tune they had sung all day ended in a descending scale as the momentum died out. The day's work was done.

Now the girls were hurrying toward the washroom, a screened compartment, supplied with an iron sink, cakes of yellow soap cut to convenient size and a few roller towels of coarse cotton cloth. There was room for but a dozen at the sink, and, urged by the waiting line, the girls cut the ablutions scant and perfunctory.

When they had changed their working clothes for cheap and garish street flannel, they descended in the elevator to the street where the men employees were waiting for the favored few.

Ide Clark hurriedly rinsed her hands and slipped on her worn, dark skirt and frayed jacket. It was growing too warm for a coat, but she could not afford a new waist just now, and there were patches in the elbows of the old one. The jacket was old, but it was safe on the edges, which now defied further blinding.

For more than a year she had followed the regular factory routine, yet she had never become accustomed to this rush and turmoil of the streets when the mountainous buildings suddenly disgorged their hordes of workers into the narrow canyons below.

The hurrying armies, fighting their way east, west, north and south, terrified her. As she found herself caught in the tide bound for her home, she gave a little sigh of relief.

It would be all right until the corner was reached, when the cross-current of humanity again would be encountered. She still dreaded the effect of the busy life. She thought of the quiet country lanes of home, and how the sun was now shining across the fields, just turning green under the warming sun.

Here had been great hopes when she had left the country for the city. She had planned to study shorthand and typewriting while she supported her self at lighter clothing work. But there had been no office vacancies, and her fast vanishing funds had forced her to leave recourse to the factory, where her back was soon wreathed and strained and her fingers twisted and tired from handling the heavy material she forced through the speeding machines.

It was vastly different from the machine sewing at home, for the factory exacted the utmost work from each machine, human or iron, while a sharp-eyed forewoman prodded up and down the aisle ready to pounce upon any one who faltered.

Ide's hands were too stiff to hold a pencil after the day's work, and the dream of advancement had been forgotten in the necessity of the moment. But though she ached and her eyes seemed to burn in their sockets, she would not give up, she would not go back to Carletonville and confess failure.

She blushed as she thought of what going back meant. She had come to the factory because Jack Deering had needed the idea of her earning her own way.

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of traffic and its rush of humanity, was passed successfully, and Ide did not notice that a man turned out of the counter-current and hurried after her as rapidly as he was able.

Not until a hand closed upon her arm did she realize that she had been followed. She wrenched herself loose and hurried ahead, but a second time the hand fell upon her arm and she turned with a little cry.

"Please let me go," she said, while the tears blinded her eyes.

"Not much," was the triumphant answer. "I've spent too much time looking for you to let you go now that I have found you."

With a quick movement of her hand, Ide dashed the tears from her eyes and looked up into the laughing face. It was not a handsome face; the sun had burned the skin to a deep brown, and the brow was wrinkled by lines of care, while the high cheek bones and the hollows of the cheeks gave to the face a ruggedness redeemed only by the kindly smile of the sensitive mouth and the twinkle in the clear gray eyes, but to Ide it was the face in all the world she most desired to see.

"Is it really you, Jack?" she asked, wonderingly. "Or is it some dream?"

"I guess it's me—unless I've been changed in the last half hour," declared Deering as he smiled down into the upturned face, and his eyes filled with pity, as he noted the signs of care that marked it. "I've been looking all over for you. You never wrote back home and I just couldn't stand it any longer. I left Jethro to do the plowing and planting and I came down to look for you. It was a hard job, but I found you."

"And now that you've seen me, I suppose that you'll be content and go back to the planting," suggested Ide.

"If you'll come with me," agreed Deering. "If you won't, not so much dear, to let you run away from me again."

"You love me?" she asked wonderingly.

"Of course," was the prompt response. "There isn't a man, woman or child in Carletonville that don't know that."

"You never told me," she reminded.

"You wanted to marry me because I needed some one to take care of me," "Did I have to tell you that?" he asked in astonishment. "I supposed you knew."

"A woman likes to be told," explained Ide. "The next time you ask a woman to marry you, begin by telling her that you love her; not by explaining that you want to keep her out of the poor house."

"I love you," said Deering promptly. "Now will you marry me? We can be married tonight and start for home by the midnight train. That will be in time tomorrow just as the day is done."

"As the day is done?" sighed Ide happily.

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Ida had not lost her fresh coloring, in spite of her hardships, and, to the fear of the great masses of men and women homeward bound, was added the dread of an encounter with one of the human brutes who presume their attentions will be welcome to factory girls because they dress well.

More than once she had felt a hand placed familiarly upon her arm or had hurried on to escape the running fire of talk from a man who had dropped into step beside her and had persisted until a policeman came in sight.

Tonight Ide was frankly homesick. There was something in the breath of spring, tainted though it was by the reek of pavements and the noisome smoke of the city.

Back in the old days, when home was a home and not a hole in the wall, when she trod green earth and not the hard stones of the pavement, this was the hour she liked the best, when the day was done and the evening shadows changed into the purple night.

It was not often that Ide let herself get homesick, for those who would work by day must not cry all the night, but with this subtle suggestion of home in the air and in the sky the tears welled into her eyes.

The dreaded crossing, with its roar of steam, was just ahead.

Growing! Growing! Growing!

EVERY DEPARTMENT IN OUR BUSINESS IS GOING AHEAD ON THE JUMP.

June was the biggest month we ever had. We will see what we can do for July.

The man who is careful of his cash should see what we can do for him before he parts with it.

A Few of the Many BargainsFor Saturday.....

IN THE HAT DEPARTMENT.

The \$3.00 King Hat will sell for \$1.98
Men's Outing Hats, 48c to 98c
Men's Straw Hats, 48c to 1.98

IN MEN'S CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Men's \$13.00 Hewson Tweed Suits, \$8.48
Men's 13.00 Fancy Worsteds, 9.98
Men's 10.00 Canadian Tweed Suits, 5.98
300 pairs Men's \$2.00 Oxford Pants, 1.24
100 pairs Men's 1.75 Can. Tweed Pants, 1.24
Men's Outing Pants, \$1.24 to 2.50
Men's Black Suits, Extra Good Value at \$16.00, Saturday Price \$12.00.

Men's Black Cotton Hose, 2 pairs for 25c
Men's White Shirts, 42c
Men's Underclothing, from 19c to \$1.00
Men's Ties or Braces, 19c

LADIES' COSTUMES MUST GO.

Ladies' Costumes, regular price \$35, sale 20.00
Ladies' Costumes, regular price 30, sale 18.00
Ladies' Costumes, regular price 25, sale 15.00
Ladies' Costumes, regular price 20, sale 12.98
Ladies' Costumes, regular price 15, sale 10.98
Ladies' Costumes, regular price 12, sale 7.98

Ladies' Coats, from \$4.98 to 10.00
Ladies' Silk Suits, from 10.00 to 20.00
Ladies' Lustre Suits, from 3.98 to 8.00
Ladies' Skirts, from 1.98 to 12.00

Ladies' Black and Tan Kid Belts, worth 50c, for .39
Ladies' Black and Tan Kid Belts, worth 75c, for .50
Ladies' Black and Tan Kid Gloves, worth \$1.25, for .98
Ladies' Black and Tan Kid Gloves, worth \$1.00, for .78
Ladies' Black and Tan Long Kid Gloves, worth \$2.50, for 1.98
Ladies' White Lawn Waists, worth \$1.25, for .98
Ladies' White Lawn Waists, worth \$2.50, for 1.98
Ladies' White Lawn Waists, worth \$3.50, for 2.25

Our Special 75c Waist for 58c.

Ladies' Net Allover Waists, silk lined, worth \$6.00, for 4.00
Ladies' Net Allover Waists, silk lined, worth \$5.00, for 3.98
Ladies' Net Allover Waists, silk lined, worth \$4.50, for 2.98
Ladies' Silk Waists, worth \$7.00, for 5.48
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Ladies' Black Cotton Hose, 2 pair for .25
Ladies' Black and Tan Cashmere Hose, regular 25c, for .19
P C and D & A Corsets, regular \$1.25, for .98
P C and D & A Corsets, regular 1.00, for .78
P C and D & A Corsets, regular .75, for .68
Tape Girdle Corsets, worth 35c, for .25

EDMUNDSTON MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

EDMUNDSTON, July 3.—L. Bergeron, aged fifty years, committed suicide tonight by jumping from the Mill bridge. About two weeks ago Mr. Bergeron died and since that time his husband, who was an employer of James Murphy's mill, has been somewhat despondent. During the last day or two the unfortunate man had been out of his mind. Three children survive.

APPEAL WAS DISMISSED

TORONTO, July 3.—Justice Oiler dismissed appeal of John C. McLean, defeated Conservative in Stormont, growing out of recount. The returning officers left counterfoils on the ballots in two houses in Ontario, and appealed against these ballots being counted. They gave McLean, Liberal, his majority.

MAD DOG AT LARGE

TORONTO, July 3.—A mad dog is at large in Norfolk county and the people are in terror for their children. The animal bit three cows near Villa Nova and started off for Simcoe town. Several other cows and pigs were bitten by the same dog and all have died from unmistakable hydrophobia. The dog has so far eluded pursuit.

HAS AUDITED BOOKS

FREDERICTON, N. B., July 3.—Rev. E. E. Annand, who for some months occupied the pulpit at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, this city, has accepted the pastorate of a church at Piumas, Manitoba.

NEW CANADIAN NORTHERN LINE

TORONTO, July 3.—The Canadian Northern line between Ferry Sound and Sudbury will be opened tomorrow. This is an important link in the Hudson Bay line from Ontario and also will give Toronto another connection with the West.

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The Argo was designed to give the greatest comfort on the hottest day. Size the spacing 1 1/2 inch at the top, 4 1/2 between the points. That's one of the shapes that bears the brand of perfection.

They are double-stitched and the interfacing is cut away at the folds so they return from many laundry trips in perfect shape without ironing. Castle Brand Collars in 4 sizes and over, 50¢ each. Summer shapes—each, 3 for 95¢. The same style in Silk Brand at 4 for 95¢.

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