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A Broken Idol

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good qualities and he was gratified to observe, as he thought, an access of warmth in his daughter's treatment of the heart-sick officer.

It was evening in the rink. Jimmie and Miss Vanstone had just completed a series of involved semi-circles, intended probably to represent a flowering convolvulus in a state of delirium. The young woman was breathless and suggested a moment's rest.

Then it happened. Jimmie Lawson poured out his soul in seven words and waited for the answer. She looked at his earnest face, smiled and shook her head. "It is impossible, Mr. Lawson," she said. "I do not like your nose. You must forgive me, but I couldn't, really."

"What's the matter with my nose?" said Jimmie, a shade resentful.

"I prefer the Greek type," she said. She glanced involuntarily at Lieutenant Lang who was passing.

"Ha!" said Jimmie, noticing the glance and its object. Then he laughed, begged pardon and went skating with Georgina Le Grand, the centre forward of the hockey team.

"Why did he laugh?" pondered Miss Vanstone. But Lang found her and these puzzling thoughts were soon obliterated.

But the laugh meant much. Jimmie remembered one vicious day when Lang was a Garrison half-back, careering down the field with the ball under his left arm, and his right fist working like the piston-rod of an engine. He remembered the long, low tackle, the crashing fall, when Lang's face was jammed into the frozen earth and Jimmie lay unconscious across the warrior's neck. He remembered—

But this was not the time for mere recollections. It was the time for action. Lang would be accepted if something was not done, and that speedily. Jimmie, gliding along in a waltz with Georgina, was talking four feet to the yard. Carefully, as if by accident, he bumped his partner into Lang and Miss Vanstone and the four of them fell in a heap. Jimmie swung his arm. Accidentally—his fist met the Greek nose of the subaltern.

Miss Vanstone looked and shrieked. The Lieutenant's nose was all askew. A lump had developed on the left side and there was a fearful hollow in the middle.

When Lang broke his nose on the football field a beauty doctor had mended it with paraffine. And Jimmie knew.

They do say that the Major lost his case of champagne.

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