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A Valentine Story.

For nearly ten years Drixie had been carving on the trees a fanciful design of his own contriving-a heart, in outline, with a sort of plus sign cut in the middle. It looked more like a religious symbol than anything else-a mystic emblem carved by some medieval hermit mislaid in this steam-and-trolley

age of ours. significance. It was a love token-lit- downward, on the floor in the hall tle less than an open declaration in this He returned to his home in bitter wrath was Hendricks Hart, and hers was of disappointment, rage and jealousy.

ter his father sold the rather unprofitable farm up among the hills, and sympathy—her comforting love. started a grocery store. Then some juvenile wit tried to improve upon it, and nicknamed the little fellow "Chicken" Hart, but this he resented, proving the inappropriateness of the title with such hardness of fist and vigor of thrust that his mates soon dropped it. They compromised upon "Drixie," and this style persisted. He was scarcely twelve then. Now he was a wellgrown young man, and not an unaton the trees had persisted, too—until saw his own boyish symbol—the big one dreamy October afternoon, Stella heart with the little cross cut deeply ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HERSELF. Gaylaird floated into Meadowville and within it—one of the first he had ever began the upsetting of all its traditions. | carved. Then the suffering maples and beeches got a respite.

How Jennie Cross had regarded the hieroglyphic propensities of her eccentric admirer is not definitely known. It knees in the snow. is probable that of late years they had caused her some mortification of spirit; but there is no manner of doubt that she was far more deeply annoyed at their sudden cessation. Although she had never formally accepted Drixie—for except through the medium of his jack-knife he had never proposed—she is a spirit; but there is no manner of doubt that dawning upon her cheek flamed into angry scarlet, which spread and deepend till brow and ears and throat were passed through the breast bone and all ablaze. Hot tears streamed from her eyes. She snatched away her hand except her daughter Mina. The young caused her some mortification of spirit; so?" academy they used to "get their lessons" together; that is, Drivie mostly got the lessons and humbly presented her with the fruits of black the streets, bewindered and disconsolate until the perversity of fate, and his own marvelous aptitude for blundering, still again, for the third time that day, her with the fruits of black the streets, bewindered and disconsolate until the perversity of fate, and his own marvelous aptitude for blundering, between the streets and the streets are the streets. her with the fruits of his toil-which was very nice, for with her girlish quickness she often made a better recitation than he did, and even got credit small stock had been ordered from a for helping him along. On holidays they had many a romp together, and since they had grown to an age demanding more ceremony, he was her ing, and nothing remained except a few constant escort to "parties" of every pink carnations; but it suddenly ocdescription. The gossips had long ago decided that it was "a match," and their comments were singularly free as a peace-offering to the offended from disapproval. Drixie's freaks were maiden. The more he thought of it the still a favorite topic, but both these young folks were generally liked.

The gossips, however, struck quite another note when Stella appeared and all the young men went trailing after her-Drixie leading the van; yet I doubt that the faithless lover suffered half so much from their caustic criticisms as did poor Jonnie from their outspoken sympathy. "What difference does it make to me, anyway?" she protested, almost tearfully; but in vain. Stella was a city girl and an interloper. For my own part, I can't admit that she was Jennie's equal in beauty; but she was distractingly pretty, and love." she had that wonderful gift of fascina- burni she had that wonderful gift of fascination which in most cases avails far more than beauty uninspired. If her golden hair was less abundant than purpose which were as far from being to the freakishness of the well, which is constantly under their observation. But now the matter has taken a new and more peculiar turn. Arrivals from the highest was the hardness of heart with with more "style." If her features were less regular, they were charmingly piquant. If her eyes had less depth and earnestness, they were full of animathe brightest ever heard in Meadowville is out of question. This last, which of sobbing almost hysterical in their clay entirely fills the six-inch pipe ated train, was to Dixle the greatest attraction of all; and his appreciative-

ness won him, if not her heart, at least considerable favor. As for her dresses they made a senthe envy of the young and a scandal to the old. As a matter of fact, they were perfectly correct and extremely becoming. To the men they were merely an imperfectly understood element

in her general attractiveness. snipped up all her actions and with vindictive needle-stabs made a veritable crazy-quilt of her character, Stella wag not a bad girl at all. I don't consider that according to her opoprtunities she was any more of a flirt than the rest

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of them; but her opportunities were large, and with a feminine lack of clemency she made the most of them, neither giving nor asking nor receiving

quarter. That poor Drixie made a pitiable spectacle of himself, and furnished the ocal gossips with plenty of choice maerial, must be conceded. Ultimately he made himself a nuisance, and had to be snubbed. All through the fall he took Miss Stella out driving as often as she would consent to go; and for a time she found the brown country oads, winding amid wooded hills aglow with the rich fruit-tints of the ripening leaves exceedingly alluring, and often thrilled Drixie's heart with her ex-

clamations of delight. After the snow came they had a sleigh ride or two; but now, although she found keen pleasure in the crisp music of the runners and the gleam of the feathery crystals that as cold as the winter air, and Drixie's ton, was instantly killed Finally, he took advantage of Saint succeeded in getting out not much the Valentine's Day-very cleverly, as he worse, but Mr. Graham was dead. fancied-to send her a present, a trinket of considerable value, along with one of those eleborately inartistic sentimental valentines which are exposed for sale side by side with revolting caricatures in village shops. His present was promptly returned. Then he called. Stella was not at home-off on a sleigh-ride with one of his rivals, he suspected-and he caught sight of his

But to Drixie it had quite another carefully selected valentine lying face callow youth's own estimation. And, and ground the discarded jewel under indeed, it was open enough to those his boot-heel. For an hour he paced up who knew him. For Drixie's full name and down his room, suffering torments Jennie Cross; so the riddle was easily At last there same a sudden revulsion of feeling. He burst into tears, and his "Hen" Hart the boys had called the whole heart turned back with a pasclumsy, shame-faced youngster when sionate throb to Jennie. He longed, as he first came to the village school, af- he had never longed for anything in the whole world before, for her gentle

> He hastened to her home. She, too, was out; gone for a short walk, they told him, rather coldly. He ascertained the direction she had taken, however, and fairly ran along the road to overtake her.

> found her standing beside a maple tree. "Jennie! Jennie!" he cried.

betrayed him. It was not usual to offer flowers for sale in Meadowville, but because it was St. Valentine's Day a florist in the nearest city and ostentatiously displayed in the front window of one of the stores. It was now evencurred to the woe-begone Drixie that it might be a good idea to send these more the ingenuity and delicate tact of the scheme impressed him. So he bought the flowers at a price that was sheer robbery on the dealer's part, and subsidized the clerk to deliver them. Upon the card which was to accompany them he wrote: "Dear Jennie, I'm so sorry. Please forgive me, and don't take it so hard. I'll call tomorrow.

Then he went home, feeling almost elate. Now it happened that Jennie had given considerable attention to the language of flowers," and she knew that pink carnations meant "woman's love." Bitterly self-conscious and burning with mortification, she attrib-

which she also accredited him. seemed to the proud girl a last humiliation, and she passed the night in fits face is out of the ordinary. The blue violence. When Drixie called in the morning she would not see him.

The months that followed were the

most miserable that Drixie had ever known. He felt abominably ill-used. He abjured the society of all women, sation among the women; they were dark or light, but found small comfort He heard of Stella's departure in it. without a pang; but at the thought of Jennie, and how he had forever forfelted her love and even her friendship, he felt as if his heart would break. So he tried to forget his woe in close ap-Really, though the sewing circle plication to study—he was pretending to read law-and in long and reckless bicycle rides across the country. If he could keep his heart pumping hard enough it didn't seem to ache so

cruelly. One evening he was coasting, in the heedless fashion that had become hab-itual with him, down the steep grade that winds like a corkscrew around te precipitous sides of Sugarloaf Hill. On the left was a perpendicular cutting; on the right was a sheer drop of several feet and below it a rugged slope obstructed by trees and stumps. Suddenly, about half-way down, he perceived that the repairers had been at work on the side of the road next the cutting, and had set up a temporary fence to prevent vehicles from driving into an excavation which they had opened there, leaving a narrow track on the outer edge. And in the middle of this track, riding toward him with uncertain movements and obvious lack of confidence, he saw another cyclist-it was a girl-it was Jennie Cross. All this flashed before him in a moment. His speed was beyond control; there was not an instant for deliberation—scarcely time to act. He gave a sharp wrench to the right, his wheel leaped

Farmer Killed by the Fall of a Straw Stack.

Lady Shot Dead While Dusting Table on Which Lay a Revolver.

A Youth Loses His Life While Cleaning His Gun-Mother and Babe Drowned.

FARMER KILLED. Milton, Ont., Feb. 9.-Mr. James floated down through the air and filled Graham, a farmer on the third line the fields, Stella's manner was growing Trafalgar, about three miles from Milsensitive heart got a chill. He contin- while helping a neighbor, Mr. Georg ued, nevertheless, to jangle the door-bell of her uncle's dwelling with un-down and removed half a straw stack, abated persistency, more and more frequently finding the young lady out.

Mr. Graham and two boys. The latter

> HE WAS CLEANING A GUN. Malton, Ont., Feb. 9.-Yesterday morning, as Jas. Madget, aged 20, son of Henry Madget, of Weston, was cleaning an old gun, the weapon was accidentally discharged, and the con-tents entered the young man's right breast. Two doctors were called immediately, but they were unable to do anything to save the young man's life. He died within an hour.

FATAL RUNAWAY. Picton, Ont., Feb. 9 .- Mr. Henry Haight, of Melford, was killed Monday evening by being run over by a team. Mr. Haight and his wife were in Picton, and started for home. When just outside of the town, going up Brisbain's hill, they were overtaken by two teams running away, going in the same direction. One of the teams jumped on Haight's cutter, knocking him out and killing him instantly. Mrs. Haight was bruised, but not badly hurt. Mr. Haight was clerk of the division court of South Marysburg, aged 79.

MOTHER AND BABE DROWNED. St. John, Que., Feb. 9.-Mrs. Alex. take her.

Presently he observed tracks, which

Laing, of this place, left her home with her child on Saturday evening, some instinct told him were hers, lead- and as she did not return a search ing aside into a little grove. He floun- was commenced and continued all day dered through a snow-drift, and soon and night. Monday morning a child's tractive specimen, either; but that boy- On its bark, obscured by years of and the body of Mrs. Laing was found ish trick of carving his valentines up- growth and rusty with weathering, he in the river, but the body of the child

Detroit, Feb. 9.-Mrs. Ida L. Johnston, of 495 Hastings street, accidental-The wretched girl was so glad to see terday. Dr. Joseph Beisman, whose him that she forgot all and held out her office is in the same house, had left a hand. He seized it and dropped on his revolver on the table in his office. Mrs. "Oh, Jennie! Do you really love me that lay on the table with the re-Johnston was dusting the instruments had very naturally come to regard his devotion as one of her helongings. That she rather liked him, in spite of his odd ways, was evident exough. At the wandered along the village ways, was evident exough. At the streets, bewildered and disconsolate was he floor, dead. Mrs. Johnston was killed Her Before Taking her eyes. She snatched away her hand except her daughter Mina. The young Charles S. Johnston, a printer. Mr. Johnston, her husband, is a druggist at Lake Linden, Mich.

WELL SPOUTS CLAY.

It Is Also a Sare Indication of What

the Weather Is Going to Be. Chamberlain, S. D., Feb. 8.—The government artesian well at Lower Brule Indian agency is a freak that is puzzling the geologists of the Northwest. Originally the pressure threw the solid six-inch stream of water to a height of 21 feet above the top of the well casing. Soon after the well was completed the pipe would become choked and at such times the water would not flow for two or three days at a time. Then without apparent cause the pipe suddenly would become clear and the water would again spout to its former height. After continuing for a few days, during which time it almost constantly spouted large quantites of sand, the water once more would become choked and cease to flow. This became so frequent and so regular that in time the his as was the hardness of heart with the agency say that beginning about three weeks ago the well at intervals which the clay is conveyed to the surduring the temporary eruptions, and rises slowly above the top of the cas-



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ing, exactly as sausages emerge from a sausage machine, until the top is so high in the air that it becomes over-balanced; then five or six feet of the length topples over upon the ground. The continued upward movement of the clay in a few minutes causes more of the column to topple over. This has continued until circular pieces of the blue clay, aggregating several hundred feet in length, have been deposited on the ground in the vicinity of the well, necessitating the employment of men to remove the huge deposits before the top of the casing should become com-pletely buried. The discharges of blue clay are accompanied by very little water, and the clay, probably from the great pressure required to force it through the well casing, is always hard

and dry.

Another peculiarity is that these eruptions invariably begin a short time prior to the advent of windy or stermy weather, and continue until the weather again becomes settled.

Decorations.

The Denunciation of Them by Sir Charles Tupper.

Cut at the Prince of Wales as Well as a Slur on the Late Sir John Macdonald.

Montreal, Feb. 9.-La Presse (a Conservative journal) says that Sir John Macdonald, who accepted and wore the Grand Ribbon of the Spanish Order of Isabella the Catholic, must have turned in his grave when he heard Sir Charles Tupper criticise the Canadian wearers of foreign decorations. Sir Charles must have remembered that incident in the life of the leader before yielding to the pleasure of announcing to the whole universe that he was compelled to refuse from the King the Belgians a rank in Order of Leopold. Sir Charles the only forgot the career of Sir John, but committed an unpardonable sin with regard to the heir-appar-

ent to the throne, by reminding Sir Wilfrid Laurier that there exists an Imperial statute forbidding British subjects from wearing foreign decorations unless they wear them in military service of the power which gives them. Sir Charles ought to tell us in what campaign the Prince of Wales gained the Grand Cordon of the Legion of Honor which France gave to him. If the wearing of the decoration of the Legion of Honor is legal for the first gentleman in England, we do not see why it would be illegal for the first citizen of Canada. As to Sir Charles Tupper, we beg him to consult the life of Sir John Macdonald and to read the speech which the Marquis of Lorne pronounced in the presence of his royal wife at the inauguration of the Royal Society of Canada, and which he finished by asking the Canadian Academicians to wear the foreign decorations

which they had received for their fine

the Money.

work.

Delaware, Ohio, Feb. 9 .- A startling statement has been made by Miss Nancy Fix, who was tortured and robbed of a fortune Tuesday night, and who is in a dying condition from the effects of her injuries. She recov-ered sufficiently to describe her assailants, four in number, two of whom were mere boys. She said that after binding and torturing her the men compelled her to reveal the hiding place of her money and that they secured \$15,000 in cash from a jar where she kept it.

The robbers attempted to set fire to her clothing, and after securing the money they left her bound and nearly naked. Before going they built three fires in the house with the intention of burning it, and then locked the doors.

A LONDON LADY

Tells How Her Health Came Back

There are too many women who suffer from dreadful backaches, pain in the side and headaches, who are weak, nervous and run down, whose life, energy and animation seem gone. Here's a lady-perhaps you know

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"My blood was so impoverished that I had no color in my face. I lost flesh and became very weak. The condition of my heart friightened me, as I suffered from sharp pains and violent palpitation. It was impossible for me to get restful sleep at night, and on this account I was unable to walk even a short distance, as the slightest exer-

tion made me so short of breath that

could scarcely move.

"I was easily startled, and mentally became very despondent, thinking I was going to die shortly. I had to give up my painting, which was my chief pleasure. Last November I gave up treatment with the doctors because their medicines seemed of no effect. then commenced taking MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS, which got at W. T. Strong's Drug Store. "From the time I commenced their use a radical change took place. My nervous system was completely restored to its usual strength and vigor. I have now taken four boxes, and am strong and well. They have restored healthly blood; the color in my face has returned, and I sleep as well as ever I did. I do not suffer now from ceart or nerve trouble, I can walk any distance today without inconvenience or weariness. All my friends remark

scarcery time to act. By severe the step that have leaped from the verge, he felt himself hurled through the air like a siles, step the step that husy hardibood which is a joy to a mother's has leave to present the a stunning concussion; and all was dark and silent.

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