

WHAT CAN SHE DO?

By E. P. Roe.

(Continued.)

To Arlen Lacey, the sight of Edith listening with glowing cheeks and intent manner to a stranger too that seemed the embodiment of that conventionalality of the world which he despised and hated, was a vision that pierced like a sword. And then Gus' contemptuous words, Edith's non-recognition, though he tried to believe she had not seen him, was like vitriol to a wound. At first there was a mad impulse of anger toward Edith, and as we have intimated, only Edith's presence prevented Arden from demanding instant apology. He knew enough of his fiery nature to feel that he must get away as fast as possible, or he might forever disgrace himself in Edith's eyes.

As he rode home his mind was in a sad chaos. He was conscious that his airy castles were falling about him with a crash, which though unheard by all the world, shook his soul to the centre. Too utterly miserable to face his mother, loathing the thought of food, he put up his horses and rushed out into the night.

In his first impulse he vowed never to look toward Edith again, but before two hours of fruitless wandering had passed, a fascination drew his feet toward Edith's cottage, only to hear even Edith's laugh ring out too loud and reckless to come from the lips of the exquisite ideal of his dreams. Though the others had spoken in thunder tones, he had ears for these two voices only. He rushed away from the spot, as one might from some torturing vision.

"The real world is a worse mockery than the one of my dreams. Would to heaven I had never been born."

CHAPTER XIV.

WE CAN'T WORK.

The gentlemen agreed to meet the ladies the next day at church. Mrs. Allen insisted upon it, as she wished to show the natives of Pushton that they were visited by people of style from the city. As yet they had not received many calls, and those venturing had come in a reconnoitering kind of way. She knew so little of solid country people as to suppose that two young men, like Gus Elliot and Van Dam, would make a favorable impression. The latter with a shrug and grimace at Zell, which she, poor child, thought funny, promised to do so, and then they took leave with great cordiality.

So they were ready to hand the Allen's out of the carriage the next morning, and were, with the ladies, who were dressed even more elaborately than on the previous Sabbath, shown to a prominent pew, the centre of many admiring eyes, as they supposed. But where one admired, ten criticised. The summer hotel at Pushton had brought New York too near and made it too familiar for Mrs. Allen's tactics. Visits to the town were easily made and frequent, and by brief diversions of their attention from the service, the good church people soon satisfied themselves that the young men belonged to the fast type, an impression strengthened by the parties themselves who had devotion only for Zell and Edith, and a bold stare for any pretty girl that caught their eyes. After church they parted with the understanding that the gentlemen should come out toward night and spend the evening.

Mr. Van Dam and Gus Elliot dined at the village hotel, having ordered the best dinner that the landlord was capable of serving, and a couple of bottles of wine. Over this they became so exhilarated as to attract a good deal of attention. A village tavern is always haunted by idle clerks, and a motley crowd of gossips, on the Sabbath, and to these the irruption of two young bloods from the city, was a slight break in the monotony of their slow shuffling jog toward perdition; and when the fine gentlemen began to get drunk and noisy it was really quite interesting. A group gathered round the bar, and through the open door could see in to the dining-room. Soon with unsteady step, Van Dam and Elliot joined them, the latter brandishing an empty bottle, and calling in a thick loud voice.

"Here landlord (hic) of wine, for these poor (hic) suckers, (hic) I don't suppose (hic) they ever tasted (hic) anything better than corn whiskey. (hic) But I'll moisten (hic) their gullets to-day (hic) with a gentleman's drink."

The crowd was mean enough, as the loafers about a tavern usually are, to give a faint cheer in prospect of a treat, even though accompanied with words anonymous with a kick. But one big raw-boned fellow who looked equal to any amount of cornwhiskey, or anything else, could not swallow Gus's insolence, and stepped up saying—

"Look here, Capen, I'm ready enough to drink with a chap when he asks me like a gentleman, but I feel more like puttin' a head on you than drinkin' with yer."

Gus had the false courage of wine and prided himself on his boxing. In the headlong fury of drunkenness he flung the bottle at the man's head, just grazing it, and sprang toward him, but stumbled and fell. The man, with a certain rude sense of chivalry, waited for him to get up, but the mean loafers, who had cheered were about to manifest their change of sentiment toward Gus, by kicking him in his prostrate condition. Van Dam, who also had drank too much to be his cool careful self, now drew a pistol, and with a savage volley of oaths, swore he would shoot the first man who touched his friend. Then helping Gus up, he carried him off to a private room, and with the skill of an old experienced hand, set about righting himself and Elliot up so that they might be in a presentable condition for their visit to the Allens.

"Curse it all, Gus, why can you not keep within bounds? If this gets to the girls' ears it may spoil everything."

By five o'clock Gus had so far recovered as to venture to drive to the Allens, and the fresh air restored him rapidly. Before leaving, the landlord said to Van Dam—

"You had better stay out there all night. From what I hear the boys are going to lay for you when you come home to night. I don't want any rows connected with my house. I'd rather you wouldn't come back."

Van Dam muttered an oath, and told the driver to go on.

As a matter of course they were received very cordially. Gus was quite himself again. He only seemed a little more inclined to be sentimental and in higher spirits than usual.

They walked again in the twilight through the garden and under the budding trees of the orchard. Gus assumed a caressing tone and manner, which Edith half received and half resented. She felt that she did not know her own mind and did not understand him altogether, and so she took a diplomatic middle course that would leave her free to go forward or retreat. Zell, under the influence of Mr. Van Dam's flattering manner, walked in a beautiful but lurid dream. At last they all gathered in the parlor and chatted and laughed over old times.

On this Sabbath evening one of the officers of the church seeing that the Allens had twice worshipped with, felt that perhaps she ought to call and give some encouragement. As he came up the path he was surprised at the sound of voices. With his hand on the doorknob he paused, and through an opening between the curtains saw the young men of whose bar-room performance he had happened to hear. Not caring to meet any of their ilk he went silently away shaking his head with ill-omened significance. Of course the good man told his wife what sort of company their new neighbors kept, and who didn't she tell?

The evening grew late, but no carriage came from the village.

"It's very strange," said Van Dam. "If it don't come you must stay all night," said Mrs. Allen graciously. "We can make you quite comfortable even if we have a little house."

Mr. Van Dam, and Gus also, were profuse in their thanks. Edith bit her lip with vexation. She felt that gentlemen who to the world would seem so intimate with the family, in reality held no relation, and that she and Zell were being placed in a false position. But no scruples of prudence occurred to thoughtless Zell. With an arch look toward her lover she said—

"I think it threatens rain, so of course you cannot go."

"Let us go out and see," he said.

In the darkness of the porch he put his arm around and drew the unresisting girl to him, but he did not say like a true man,

"Zell, be my wife."

But poor Zell thought that was what all his attention and show of affection meant.

Edith and Gus joined them, and the latter thought also to put his regard in the form of caressing action, rather than in honest outspoken words, but she turned and said a little sharply—

"You have no right."

"Give me the right then," he whispered.

"Whether I will ever do that I cannot say. It depends somewhat on yourself. But I cannot now and here."

The warning hand of Van Dam was reached through the darkness and touched Gus' arm.

The next morning they walked back to the village, were driven two or three miles to the nearest railway station, and took the train to the city, having promised to come soon again.

The week following their departure was an eventful one to the inmates of the little cottage, and all unknown the most unfavorable influences were at work against them. The Sunday hangers-on of a tavern have their points of contact with the better classes, and gossip is a commodity always in demand, whoever brings it to market. Therefore the scenes in the dining and bar rooms in which Mrs. Allen's "friends" had played so prominent a part were soon portrayed in hovel and mansion alike, with such exaggerations and distortions as a story inevitably suffers as passed along. The part acted by the young men was certainly bad enough, but rumor made it much worse. Then this stream of gossip was met by another coming from the wife of the good man, who had called with the best intentions Sunday evening, but pained at the nature of the Allens' associations, had gone lamenting to his wife, and she had gone lamenting to the majority of the elder ladies of the church. These two streams uniting, quite a tidal wave of "I want to know," and "painful surprises," swept over Pushton, and the Allens suffered woefully through their friends. They had already received some reconnoitering calls, and a few from people who wanted to be neighbors. But the truth was the people of Pushton had been somewhat perplexed. They did not know where to put the Allens. The fact that Mr. Allen had been a rich merchant, and lived on Fifth Avenue, counted for something. But then even the natives of Pushton knew that all kinds of people lived on Fifth Avenue, as elsewhere, and that some of the most disreputable were the richest. A clearer credential than that was therefore needed. Then again there was another puzzle. The fact that Mr. Allen had failed, and that they lived in a little house indicated poverty. But their style of dressing and ordering from the store also suggested considerable property left. The humbler portion of the community

doubted whether they were the style of people for them to call on, and the rumor of Rose Lacey's treatment getting abroad in spite of Arden's injunction to the contrary, confirmed these doubts, and alienated this class. The more wealthy and fashionably inclined, doubted the grounds for their calling, having by no means made up their minds whether they could take the Allens into their exclusive circle. So thus far Mrs. Allen and daughters had given audience to a sort of middle class of skirmishers and scouts representing no one in particular save themselves, but from a penchant in that direction went out and obtained information, so that the more solid ranks behind could know what to do. In addition, as we have intimated, there were a few good kindly people who said—

"These strangers have come to live among us, and we must give them neighborly welcome."

(To be Continued.)

CHOICE CLARET, ETC., ETC.

Just Landing:
50 Cases
CHOICE CLARET

100 Barrels
Bass Ale,
QUARTS AND PINTS.

100 Barrels
Guinness' Porter,
QUARTS AND PINTS.

100 Cases Burke's Irish Whisky,
* * *

Quarts, Pints and Half Pints.
FOR SALE LOW BY
LEE & LOGAN,
SAINT JOHN, N. B.

PLOUGHS.
If you want to buy a Steel Plough this fall be sure and call at James S. Neill's Hardware Store, where you can buy one at a reduced price to close the lot out.
JAMES S. NEILL.
Fredericton, Sept. 10.

Door Locks, Knobs & Hinges.
JUST received from New Britain, Conn.
5 Cases Door Locks
3 " Patent Locks
For sale low, wholesale and retail, by
JAMES S. NEILL.
Fredericton, Sept. 10.

Special Discount
FOR CASH,
FOR 30 DAYS.

Watches, Jewellry,
SOLID SILVER WARE,
RICH ELECTRO PLATED
WARE AND CLOCKS.
ELEGANT FANCY GOODS

In great variety,
Selling at Cost,
To make room for New Goods.

My stock is very complete in every department and anyone requiring goods in my line will find it to their advantage to give me a call before buying.
S. F. SHUTE,
Sharkey's Block,
QUEEN ST.
Fredericton, March 29th, 1884.

COAL. COAL.
To arrive daily expected:
1 CARGO O. M. Sydney Coal;
1 Cargo Joggins;
1 Cargo Egg and Stone.
—IN STORE—
150 Ton Reg. Store and Chestnut Coals;
100 Ton Double Screened Grand Lake. I
Full weight and measure guaranteed.
This is the best season of the year to leave your orders.
JOHN RICHARDS & SON.
Fredericton, Sept. 13.

GUNS. GUNS.
ANNUNTIATION.
DOUBLE AND SINGLE BARREL GUNS,
Breach Loading Guns, Powder, Shot and Case,
Powder Flasks, Shot Bags, &c., &c.
Z. R. EVERETT.
Sept. 24.

Varnish. Varnish.
JUST TO HAND.
1 CASE Japanned's Rollin' Varnish;
1 Case Crown and Anchor Rollin' Varnish;
Finishing Varnish;
Wearing Body Varnish;
Black Japan; Pure Shellac;
Pure White Lead in 12 lb. pails.
Z. R. EVERETT
Aug. 21.

WILEY'S DRUG STORE.

SULPHUR AND IRON
SHAKER

BITTERS!
DALMATION

Blood Bitters!

Insect Powder!

MENTHOLINE!

JUST RECEIVED.

John M. Wiley,
DRUGGIST,
OPPOSITE NORMAL SCHOOL,
Queen Street, Fredericton.

September 3, 1884.

Lime. Lime!
JUST RECEIVED,
EXTRA No. 1
Green Head
LIME,
ALSO:
Calcined Plaster,
ALSO IN STOCK

Buckwheat Kenell,
Shorts, Bran
and Oats.
LIME & SEED SPECIALTIES,
—AT—
W. E. MILLER & Co.'s
FEED AND SEED HOUSE,
QUEEN STREET, OPPOSITE PEOPLE'S BANK

JUST RECEIVED.
ANOTHER CARLOAD EACH
Granulated & Yellow Sugar
....ALSO....
25 BOXES 'PLUCKY' SOAP,
Equal in quality to 'Welcome,' but cheaper.
A. F. RANDOLPH & SON.
F' ton, Sept. 13.

Haying Tools.
A LARGE and well assorted stock of Haying
Tools, for sale low, Wholesale and Retail by
JAMES S. NEILL.
July 9.

Steel and Iron Cut Nails
AT FACTORY PRICES,
AT
JAMES S. NEILL'S.

THE NEW BOOK STORE. The Finest Line of Books & Stationery

To be had in the City and at Lower Prices than Ever.
Also: Room Paper & Paper Blinds.
ALL NEW PATTERNS;
ORGANS OR SALE AT THE VERY LOWEST CASH PRICES.

W. T. H. FENETY.
Orders for Job Printing of All Kinds will Receive Prompt
Attention
May 5th, 1884.

STOP AND READ.
GENTLEMEN:

Get your Clothing made at
W. E. SEERY'S. For nice Stylish Suits
he cannot be surpassed in the city.
Prompt attention to cutting.

W. E. SEERY,
Wimot's Alley.
Fredericton, May 10th, 1884.

1884.
JUST RECEIVED AT THE
"IMPERIAL HALL,"
A LARGE STOCK OF
TWEEDS

For Spring and Summer,
In all the Latest Shades and Patterns. These Goods will be
made into SUITS or SINGLE GARMENTS to order, in FASH-
IONABLE STYLES, at the SHORTEST NOTICE, and at VERY
LOW PRICES FOR CASH. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Also,
Hats, Shirts, Ties, Collars, Braces, Gents' Underclothing, &c.
VERY CHEAP.

THOMAS STANGER,
Opposite Post Office, Queen Street, Fredericton, N. B.
Fredericton, May 6th, 1884.

JAMES C. FAIREY,
NEWCASTLE, N. B.
SPECIAL NOTICE.

NEW FURNITURE WAREHOUSES.
Received this Day:
Two Car Loads Assorted Furniture
WHICH WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH ONLY AT LOWER PRICES THAN EVER OFFERED!

JAMES C. FAIREY.
Newcastle, Nov. 21, 1883.

IRON. OAKUM.
BOILER PLATES

RECEIVED and in store, Ex. Barque "Paramatta," and S. S. "Hibernian" and "Caspian."—
17,700 Bars Refined and Spoke Iron,
200 Bundles Flating and Hoops, various sizes and gauges,
210 Bundles Navy and Hand Picked Oakum.
48 Bundles Nos. 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25,
310 Sheets Nos. 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 Sheet Iron,
3 Cases Galvanized Sheet Iron.

I. & F. BURPEE & Co.
30 Boiler Plates, Best B. B. and B. B. B. and Lowmou,
47 Bils Tie Oak Steel, 141 Steel Pipe Plates,
27 Bils and 15 Pans Round Machine Steel, 15-16 to 3 Inch.
TO ARRIVE PER "PHENIX," FROM ANTWERP: 25 Cases Sheet Zinc, Nos. 6 to 10.

SLED SHOE STEEL,
SHEET ZINC. SHEET IRON.
LATEST ARRIVALS.

NEW SPRING GOODS
EX. "BUENOS AYRES," VIA HALIFAX.

SCOTCH TWEEDS, BANNOCKBURNS,
CHEVIOTS WORSTED COATINGS,
NEWEST DESIGNS, And a
CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF
Gents' Spring and Summer Suitings,
&c. &c.
AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
T. G. O'Connor.
N. B.—First-Class Cutter: First-Class Work: Lowest "Hard-Pan" Prices. T. G. O'C. April 11.

New Brunswick Railway. Operating 443 Miles.

SUMMER TIME TABLE.
All Trains are run by ESTIMATED STANDARD TIME, which
minutes slower than St. John actual time.

COMMENCING MONDAY, June 2, 1884, Trains
will run as follows:

St. John Division.

DEPARTURES.

7 25 A. M.—From Water Street, St. John—Mixed
Accommodation for Fredericton.

6 30 A. M.—From Water Street, St. John—
Boston Fast Express for New York and
for St. Stephen, St. Andrews, and
Woodstock, and all points North and South.

4 30 P. M.—From Water Street, St. John—Ex-
press for Fredericton.

8 30 P. M.—From Water Street, St. John—Night
Express for points West, and for St.
Stephen, Woodstock, Houlton, and all
points North.

1 00 P. M.—From Fredericton—Accommodation
for St. John.

6 25 A. M.—From Fredericton—Passenger, and
Mail for McAdam and points West, North
and South, and for St. John.

4 30 P. M.—From Fredericton for St. John.

7 00 A. M.—From Gibson for Woodstock and
points North.

ARRIVALS:

5 30 A. M., at St. John—Fast Express Train from
all points West, and from St. Stephen, Wood-
stock, Houlton, and all points North.

9 15 A. M., at St. John, Water Street—Express
from Fredericton.

4 30 P. M., at St. John, Water Street—Express
from points West, and from St. Stephen, St.
Andrews, Woodstock, Houlton, Fredericton,
and all points North and South.

8 00 P. M.—At St. John, Water Street—Mixed
Accommodation for Fredericton.

3 10 P. M.—At Fredericton, from McAdam at
points West, North and South.

7 30 P. M.—At Fredericton—Accommodation from
from St. John.

9 30 P. M.—At Fredericton—Passenger and Mail
from St. John.

4 20 P. M.—At Gibson from Woodstock and points
North.

Fullman Sleeping Cars on Night Trains,
and Drawing Room Cars on Day Trains to and
from Bangor. Berths secured at ticket office,
Water street—G. A. FREEZE, agent.

No Train leaves St. John Saturday night or Sun-
day morning.

A train arrives at St. John from the West Sun-
day morning and a train leaves for the West Sun-
day night.

Through connections are made from Boston on
Sundays nights.

Connections are made at Yarmouth with trains of
the Maine Central Railway, and at St. John
with the Atlantic Coast Railway, and at all
points West of Fredericton Junction for Freder-
icton, and at Gibson by branch line for all points
north.

Tickets for sale in Fredericton at New Brun-
swick Railway Ticket Office, and at Messrs. J.
Richards & Son's Agency, Queen Street.

N. T. GREATHHEAD, E. R. BURPEE,
Genl. Pass and Ticket Agent.
St. John, N. B., June 2, 1884.

New Brunswick Railway Co. (Operating 443 Miles.)

SPECIAL LIMITED TICKETS.

GOOD to go by CONTINUOUS TRAINS ONLY.
Will be sold at the undermentioned ticket
stations at the following reduced rates:

ST. JOHN { TO WOODSTOCK } \$2.00
CARLETON { TO ST. ANDREWS } \$2.00

WOODSTOCK { TO ST. JOHN } \$2.00
HOULTON { TO CARLETON } \$2.00

ST. JOHN { TO ST. STEPHEN } \$2.50
CARLETON { TO ST. JOHN } \$2.50

ST. STEPHEN TO { ST. JOHN } \$2.50
CARLETON { TO CARLETON } \$2.50

N. T. GREATHHEAD, E. R. BURPEE,
Gen. Pass and Ticket Agent.
Woodstock, July 2nd, 1883.

CARD OF THANKS.

THE Subscriber has this day sold his Stock-in-
Trade to MR. J. B. McALPINE, and
has most respectfully to solicit for him a con-
tinuance of the liberal patronage bestowed on the
subscriber during the last twenty-five years.
Thanking the public for the same,
April 21st, 1884. Yours respectfully,
DANIEL LUCY.

Special Notice.

THE Subscriber has this day purchased from Mr.
D. LUCY, the whole of his Stock-in-Trade,
consisting of

BOOTS, SHOES,
CLOTHING
HATS, CAPS, &c.,
For the purpose of carrying on a
RETAIL & WHOLESALE
BOOT, SHOE, & CLOTHING BUSINESS.

He hopes that by strict attention and fair deal-
ing to merit a share of public patronage.

Respectfully yours,

J. B. McALPINE,
(Successor to D. Lucy.)

OPP. STONE BARRACKS,
QUEEN ST., FREDERICTON.
Fredericton, April 30th, 1884.

FREDERICTON Marble & Stone Works

JOHN MOORE Proprietor.

I MOST RESPECTFULLY BEG LEAVE TO
call your attention to my large stock of

Marble Headstones and Monuments

Being largely in the best markets, I can place
them at prices much less than others are doing.

Headstones and Monuments of any Design
and Price, from the cheapest Tablet to the
most expensive Monument, furnished
with promptness and despatch.

STONE POSTS
And all kinds of stone work furnished promptly.
Do not buy before you see me or my agent, as you
will save money by buying from us. Our work
stands foremost for durability and appearance in
any place where it has been set up, as well as
being much cheaper.

Write me for prices, or call on my agent before
on purchase, or you will waste money.
Yours Respectfully,
Aug. 6, 1884. JOHN MOORE.

BY RAIL FROM BOSTON.

5 CASES GENERAL HARDWARE, includ-
ing Ice Picks and Patent Door Hinges,
R. CHESTNUT & SON.