

# A Victim of His Devotion

Monsieur Potard, apothecary, had just retired from business after thirty years passed in selling pills and plasters. Although he complained much of hard times and increasing competition it was generally estimated that he had laid by at least a million francs.

Henceforth his sole care would be the establishment in life of his only daughter, a task which he felt would require his undivided attention. He was particular in the matter of sons-in-law. He had handled and sampled a good many nautical drugs in the way of business, but an unsatisfactory son-in-law was a dose that he could not swallow. What made the matter worse was the probability that Bertha's taste would not coincide with his own. In fact, that young lady, who was now eighteen, had been "spoiled" by idolatry and had become exceedingly capricious as well as imperious. When she said "No" to any proposition, that settled it. Potard knew this very well, but he said to himself that as the choice of a husband was a serious affair which would make or mar the girl's whole life he would be firm for once, even to the point of exerting all his legal and moral authority as a father. His daughter should marry a business man. He had the contempt of the average well-made man of business for lawyers, authors and public functionaries, and embraced them all in the contemptuous term "scribblers."

Now Bertha knew something of "business" and hated it. Her idea was that she was rich enough to afford a husband whose sole occupation should consist in admiring her and gratifying her wishes, rather than in scraping five-franc pieces together.

The father made the first move in the game by taking his daughter aside one day and telling her, with much circumlocution, that he had selected a husband for her, young Cordenois, who, despite his youth, was a sober-minded man of business, and already sole proprietor of one of the best drug shops in Paris. Besides, he was the son of a very old friend. To this proposition Bertha flippantly responded that business was business, but marriage was something different, and that she would have no husband except one of her own choosing.

Now was the moment for firmness, but when Potard attempted to bring that reserve into action Bertha met it with the declaration that she would immerse herself in a convent, rather than marry M. Cordenois, whereupon the old gentleman retreated in great disorder. The convent, he thought, was worse than an undesirable son-in-law. He forgot the axiom that a girl's threat to take the veil generally means that she is no longer heart-whole. In point of fact, Bertha's choice had been already made and in a sufficiently romantic manner.

Every evening for a month she had observed, in the window of the house opposite, a young man engaged in the harmless and idyllic occupation of training a canary bird to fly to neighboring windows and return at its master's whistle. At first Bertha's interest was confined to the canary, but it was soon transferred to the master, a tall young fellow with a brown mustache, big blue eyes and a frank and intelligent expression. Discouraged questioning of the chambermaid elicited the information that the bird-tamer was a lawyer named Ludovic Desmoulins, who had recently, with his widowed mother, come to live in the quarters. Thereupon the usually merry Bertha became pensive and troubled. She said to herself that it was folly to fall in love with a man to whom she had never spoken, and whom she knew nothing, but she felt in love all the same—perhaps because it was folly.

The canary's hour of exercise nearly always found her on her balcony leaning over her embroidery—which was an especially convenient refuge for her eyes when they happened to meet those of the young lawyer. She went to such a pass that her mother's reception days and chance calls at the sacred hour were very tortures to her.

As had been intimated, Ludovic's eyes had occasionally wandered from his feathered pupil to the dark-haired beauty opposite, and he promptly decided that the flashing black eyes, veiled by their long lashes, and the most charmingly innocent and infantile smile whenever Bertha spoke to her maid or her mother, formed a unique and altogether irresistible combination.

"The education of Fifi, the canary," he expressed rapidly. Before long he concluded his flight to the Potard balcony where he regaled himself with the delicacies which the whole family observed upon him.

Soon he became a regular and expected guest. The only member of the household that failed to welcome him was Potard, the huge cat that hung for years, the ornament of the drug shop, a more primitive instinct, Potard had the smart of his repulse by the canary, he had sworn to be revenged upon the first opportunity. Meanwhile, the young man, who had been named Bertha, observed among the wedding presents one which she had not previously noticed. It was a pretty little stuffed canary, with its wings extended as if it were about to fly from its silver perch, holding in its bill a scroll with the inscription: "The Victim of His Devotion."

**Hi-yu Eggs.**

Among the passengers leaving on the stage this morning were Messrs. Coleman and Carroll, who carry with them contracts for eggs aggregating 850 cases, which are to be delivered in March. This is probably one of the largest egg shipments that has ever been attempted over the ice.

## CHAMPION PROPOSER

Omaha Swain Asks Fifty-Six Women in Two Hours.

Omaha, Jan. 10.—Albert Hansen, a distracted and reckless lover, proposed to fifty-six young women this week in the space of two hours. The youth had quarreled with his sweetheart in Avoca, Ia., and had come to Omaha to marry himself off at all hazards as a matter of revenge. Hansen is a laggard in love and his coming is the sensation of Omaha's public buildings which are filled with young women typewriters, clerks and copyists.

The young woman entered the office of Marriage Clerk Harry Morrill with a look of grim determination. He laid down \$2.10 for a license, and in response to the usual questions said he had spent his twenty-two years of life on a farm near Avoca, Ia.

"What is the name of the young lady?" asked the clerk deferentially, when the prospective bridegroom had been properly recorded.

"I don't know yet," said Hansen. "I was expecting to get her after I got to Omaha."

"Oh, you understood that we had a matrimonial bureau in connection," exclaimed the marriage clerk, as a light dawned upon him.

The Iowa youth assented, and the clerk called County Judge Vinsonhall into consultation. "I want a girl who has style," said Hansen, when the Judge inquired as to his tastes.

"When Mamie went sleigh-riding the night I was to call I told her I would go to Omaha and get a wife away ahead of her or any girl around Avoca. I want her to be well."

The guest was escorted to the office of Registrar of Deeds Croker. "Miss L—" said the judge to a striking brunette who was busily beating a typewriter, "permit me to present Mr. Hansen, of Iowa, who is in search of a wife."

The girl looked for a moment upon the healthy, red cheeks of the farmer boy, took in his vari-colored necktie and heavy gold watch chain and grasped the situation. "I hope you have a little money in the bank," she remarked with an encouraging smile.

"I've got \$200 saved up," responded the candidate, "and my uncle has the only good barbershop in Avoca."

"Well, I'm making \$75 a month, and I guess I'll try and live on my salary," said the girl, growing embarrased as the crowd grew.

"How would a widow do?" asked the clerk, as the searching party drew near to the County Clerk's office, where Mrs. E—H— is chief stenographer.

"All right," assented Hansen, "only I'd rather she wouldn't mention it when we get back to Avoca."

The widow had been in the same trying position before, and handled her suitors deftly. "It would be impossible for me to leave with all these girls to look after," she said, "but if any of my assistants suit you I will be glad to give my consent."

Hansen, with the marriage clerk at his elbow to fill in embarrassed pauses, asked each of the six typewriters in turn to be his wife. Some would not look up from their writing, some blushed and others took offense.

The Court House was thus exhausted, but other enthusiasts, newly added to the expedition, volunteered to make the rounds of the City Hall. "I'm sure you'd like 'em over there," said one, "the city has a bigger levy and they feed 'em better."

Hansen, jaded but determined, acquiesced, and the party set forth. With a credulity beyond belief, the farm boy called on the city officials and accepted their co-operation in the search of a wife. The City Hall is well favored in its stenographers, and Hansen only objected to one possibility, a girl with masses of flaming hair. "I wouldn't dare take her to Avoca," he said, as he hurried out into the corridor.

When the weary rounds were completed and Hansen found himself as solitary as before, he leaned disconsolately against a pillar. "Well, anyhow, I've got my return ticket," he said, "and I don't believe these girls can come up to Mamie, anyway. I think I'll go back to Avoca."

A novel sort of lightship is to be moored off the Otter Rock, Islay. It will have no crew, and will be worked by the compound gas system. Two large gasholders will contain as much gas as will light the lantern for several months. The gas, escaping from the holders to the lantern, will operate the clapper of a bell placed on a deck belfry, and the rocking of the vessel will set the tongue going as well. The Otter Rock marks a particularly dangerous part of the west coast, and the new plan will be submitted to a severe test.

## COWBOY JOHNSON

Saved His Money After Considerable Shooting.

Bisbee, Ariz., Jan. 11.—Naco, a border town and one of the roughest towns in all the west, was thoroughly aroused over the attempted robbery of \$2,000 last night and the resulting lively time.

"Cowboy" Johnson, a well-known character over the southwest, has been in Naco for the past few days, winning and losing thousands of dollars over the roulette tables. Last night he looked up in his trunk \$2,000 Mexican, John Richie and Ben Crawford, who are particularly hard characters, set about to get this money and broke into Johnson's room. They unlocked the trunk and secured the money, but did not escape before Johnson appeared on the scene. Two policemen were summoned and attempted to arrest Richie and Crawford, who put up a hard fight. Every man drew his pistol and began firing. Crawford was wounded twice. Two of Captain Mossman's Rangers appeared on the scene and succeeded in arresting the burglars and took them to jail. The two men are said to belong to a gang that has caused the rangers a deal of trouble and of whom they have been in pursuit for some time.

Johnson, who was in the midst of the fight, shows great daring. He wears the most valuable diamonds of any man in the territory and is sought out generally by the bandits.

**Chicago's Bad Car Service.**

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Mayor Harrison's campaign against the Union Traction Company is bringing out startling information in the matter of service. He detailed twenty detectives to count people with and without seats during rush hours.

In a North Clark street car with seats for thirty were 168 persons. On a Wentworth street car sixty-six persons could not get seats. The same percentage was reported on nearly all lines.

The figures will be used by the Mayor in preparing his message on the question of the city exercising its police powers in regulating and improving the car service.

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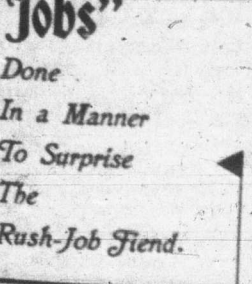
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## THE PLATFORM

1. An honest administration; economy consistent with progression.
2. The general improvement of the city streets, lighting, sidewalks, etc., consistent with a reasonable expenditure.
3. No salaries for aldermen.
4. Civic control of saloon licenses.
5. Civic control of franchises of the Telephone Co., Electric Light Co., Water Co. and all similar franchises.
6. The proper carrying out of the health ordinance.
7. Proper regulations regarding taxation, thereby securing the equal distribution of taxes.
8. A complete and thorough system of fire inspection.
9. The appointment of all city officials and the awarding of all contracts in the best interests of Dawson, regardless of political or other influences; and that all contracts be let by tender to the lowest responsible bidder and a bond taken for the due performance of same.
10. Absolute control of all affairs which should properly come under city government.
11. That we will request the Government at Ottawa to abolish the liquor permit system.

## ITEMS

## ATORIUM

Feb. 3 Lady Windermere's Fan  
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