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DOWN PANAMA WAY.

By
Louise J.
Strong.

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Retta in the rose arbor was reaching for a bud above her head when her cousins, Charlie and Alf, came out the side door and stood drawing on their gloves.

"Don't get reckless, old man," Charlie counseled as if continuing a conversation. "Retta means all right. She's a little flighty; that's all."

"That's what I used to think," Alf returned gloomily, "but I'm convinced now that she really shrinks from a marriage with me. I suppose she doesn't love me as she thought she did when we became engaged."

Charlie shook his head. "Oh, no, Alf, you're mistaken. She's wrapped up in you."

"Looks like it," Alf laughed sarcastically. "This is the third time she's backed out, declaring she was not ready when the day loomed close. I haven't wanted to hurry her. I know a girl gives up a good deal when she marries. But a fellow with nobody and never a home to remember naturally thinks considerably of having a home of his own, especially with a little wife that's just—"

He broke off for an instant, then went on: "I'm able to provide for her in the style she is accustomed to or I would not have asked her to marry me. And if we are ever to be married there's no use in waiting longer. If she's found that she cares for some—"

"None of that, Alf!" Charlie interrupted. "Retta flirts a little, but that's all. Have you told her how seriously you regard the postponement?"

"No, and I'm not going to either," Alf declared sulkily.

"Some one should," she—

"Some one shouldn't and shan't!" Alf said fiercely. "No girl is going to be coerced into marrying me. I suppose if I howled around and raised a great racket she would give in, but we'll be married until she's perfectly willing without outside pressure. I'll get out of the way for awhile and let her have a chance to find herself; won't even write to her. I've influenced her too much, maybe."

Charlie still shook his head, but offered no further remonstrance, merely asking, "In what direction are you going to perambulate and when?"

"Oh, down Panama way and as soon as I can fix my business to leave it, and that won't take many days."

Charlie whistled. "Not going in for an engineering job in that sickly hole, I hope."

"I may find a job when I get there, but I'm going foot loose. I've always been interested in the big ditch scheme. It'll be a diversion to examine it at close range."

"And Retta?" Charlie began.

"I'll tell Retta and leave her free to find herself, as I said. And I don't want any one to interfere to say one word to influence—"

They passed around the corner of the house on the way to the gate, and Retta sank limply upon a bench. She had been too startled to move at first and then perceived the impossibility of revealing her presence. It was eavesdropping, but she was not thinking of that or of the errand to Aunt Anna that had brought her across lots through the rose arbor. The "finding" of herself had come with a suddenness that shook her breathless as she listened. She had not realized before how much her happiness depended upon Alf and Alf's faithful love or how very dearly she loved him.

"Poor fellow!" she sighed tenderly, wiping away eyes. "Poor fellow! I've been with him I knew he never had a home and how he is looking forward to one of his own! He's such a home body, and I've been cheating him—keeping him in lodgings when he hates it so—and when I want—yes, I do—only I'm such a flyaway! I do want to make the dear boy a home. And he's going off to—to—Where is Panama way? A sickly hole, Charlie called it. Oh, he mustn't! He mustn't!"

She fled home, into the library, and began a search for information concerning Panama way, a search that was somewhat hindered by her linking the two words. But by the aid of the

encyclopedia, the physical geography and magazine articles she soon acquired more knowledge of the country than her erstwhile boarding school teacher would have deemed possible. For Retta's strong point was not learning. She was just a sweet little girl, womanly and tender, with a careless shrinking from responsibility, engendered by her entire freedom from such. But now her heart was aroused, and she was aghast with horror at the idea of Alf, her own Alf, going down Panama way to endure all sorts of torments and dangers and finally die of the dreadful fever! He should not! He should not! She would prevent it somehow, and it must be done at once, for he would be making arrangements to leave his business, even this minute, perhaps!

She rushed away to consult her mother, but that good lady, being deeply engrossed in some charitable function, was out indefinitely, and Retta, feeling no time could be wasted, determined to act for herself. Perhaps if she had had the advice of an older head she would have been less precipitate and irrevocable in her actions. "I'm moving a clean swath, burning my ships behind me," she commented confidently, in the middle of a tempestuously busy afternoon in which she did some very unconventional things.

"I suppose it does look curious to them; I suppose the bride to be's mother is usually to the fore and the b. to b. hangs back in blushing confusion, but I can't wait on mamma when Alf's getting ready this very minute for Panama way. I've got to fix it so there's no getting out of it and leave me a rag of—and I don't care much if they do stare—and I guess I'm sure of dear old Alf!"

Yet she was a bit anxious as she waited in a convenient spot for way-laying him as he left his office. If Alf were bent and determined on Panama way, she would be in a pretty predicament! She whirled around the corner, apparently oblivious of him until she almost collided with him. Then her heart sank at his grave and formal apology. He had been more deeply hurt and offended than he had shown the evening before when she had insisted on a further postponement, but she must—she caught her breath as he said coldly:

"I am glad to meet you. It will save my coming up this evening to tell you."

"And I'm glad to meet you," she broke in, laughing nervously. "I want to tell you that I've—I've changed my mind, Alf."

"Changed your mind?" he repeated blankly.

"Yes, about—about—it was harder than she had imagined with his cold, unresponsive eyes upon her; what if he should—she quaked, but plucked on—about our wedding—and we won't postpone it, after all."

He flushed angrily as he replied. "You were not asked to change your mind—nor the arrangements you made last evening."

"You mean that you don't want to—that you won't now," she cried, with wide eyes.

"I mean that you are not to be compelled, influenced. When did you see Charlie?" And between his teeth he muttered savagely, "Just wait till I see him!"

"I haven't seen Charlie to speak to since yesterday morning!" she declared, and burst into a bewildering torrent of explanation and tears. "Oh, if you won't, Alf, if you've changed your mind and don't want me now, when I've found out how much I want you—I won't—I'll have to run away! For, oh, Alf, I went alone and bought the dress—and took it to madame's and was measured—and I've ordered all the invitations—and engaged the caterer—and the flowers, all—just as we planned—because I wanted to show you how much I care." Sobs that she struggled to repress choked her.

"And you haven't seen Charlie—no one has influenced you?" he demanded incredulously.

"I—no one has said a word to me about it! I—I found out how much I really cared, and I couldn't get ready fast enough, though mamma was away, and I had to do it alone," she panted impetuously.

He melted entirely. "You dear little whirlwind! You have smashed the proprieties!" he breathed softly and proudly. "I wish—he glanced about furtively; no, it was too public! "Anyway we can have an hour at the store selecting our furniture."

And, tucking her hand under his arm, they wandered away down the "primrose path," the journey down Panama way entirely and forever forgotten.

Strength in Vegetable Growth.

"Strength is not a thing usually attributed to maidenhair fern," remarked a local florist, "and yet if its roots have not sufficient room they will break the strongest flowerpots. Blades of grass will force the curbstones between which they spring out of place. Indeed, the strength of vegetable growth is wonderful. The most striking example is the island of Aldabra, to the northwest of Madagascar. The island is becoming smaller and smaller through the action of the mangroves growing at the foot of the cliffs. The roots break off immense pieces of stone, which fall into the sea. Into the gaps thus formed the waves eat their way. In a few years it is likely that by the combined action of the waters and mangroves the island will disappear."—Philadelphia Record.

A Remedy.

Tramp—Madam, I am suffering from indigestion. Lady—Why, I'm sorry. What can I do to help you? Tramp—Madam, you can cure me instantly by giving me something to digest.—Harper's Weekly.

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Used House for Fortress.

Athens, July 31.—There has been a pitched battle between Turkish troops, supported by Bashi-Bazouks, and a small band of Greek insurgents, who had entrenched themselves in a house in the outskirts of Sares, European Turkey (50 miles northeast of Saloniki). The band was completely wiped out, but 30 men were killed before the soldiers, aided by artillery, succeeded in capturing the miniature fortress.

During the fighting the Bashi-Bazouks pillaged over a hundred houses and burned a number of Greek buildings in Sares.

T. & N. O. Report.

Toronto, July 31.—The May report of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission was issued yesterday by Provincial Treasurer Matheson. The report shows:

Receipts, \$77,041; disbursements, \$51,496; profit, \$25,545.

The expenses include \$3,312 paid for insurance.

Passenger traffic brought in \$40,027 and freight traffic \$30,842. The number of miles in operation was 138.9, as against 112 miles a year ago.

Taft for President.

Columbus, Ohio, July 31.—At the meeting of the State Republican Central Committee yesterday a resolution was adopted endorsing Secretary Taft for the Presidency by a vote of 15 to 6. An amendment, proposed by the friends of Taft and opposed by Foraker men, was adopted by a vote of 11 to 10, saying in effect that there is no intention to eliminate Senators Foraker or Dick from politics in Ohio.

Commission's Busy Year.

Ottawa, July 31.—The Secretary of the Railway Commission says that the annual report is almost ready for publication.

During the last twelve months the Commission considered 1,200 applications for rate changes, and during the previous twelve months, an increase of 200 per cent.

Insane Man on Train.

New York, July 31.—Frederick Ford of Philadelphia became insane in a train after leaving Albany yesterday, and made several efforts to kill his two-year-old daughter by throwing her from a window of the train. He was restrained by other passengers. Ford also tried to leap from the train.

Boy Drowned.

Kingston, July 31.—An immigrant youth of 18 was riding horses across a long bar from Big Island to Amherst Island, when the horse was carried off its feet by a wave and the boy drowned.

Elections in Philippines.

Manila, July 31.—The independence factions that united in the campaign under the name of the Nationalists, appear to have won the general election held throughout the islands yesterday.

Woman Drowns in Creek.

Uxbridge, July 31.—Mrs. Wilkin, probably 75 years of age, was found drowned yesterday morning with her head and shoulders in a small creek that empties into the electric light pond.

A Titled "Drummer."

Detroit, July 31.—Lord Sholto Douglas, son of the Marquis of Queensberry, has taken a job as drummer for a local jewelry house.

Weak Kidneys

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Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

THERE FOR HIM.

Observe the careless green goods man. He doesn't have to worry. Or when he goes out after coin Undignifiedly hurry. For you can put this in your pipe—The sucker crop is always ripe.

He knows he will have time enough To dawdle at his dinner. That he can loaf most all the time And still come out a winner. That men with coin will live in wait To hand him money on a plate.

He doesn't have to turn his hand Or bend his back in labor. He only has to exercise His sharp and trusty Faber, Inviting them to bring it in. Then hold his sack to catch the tin.

That's why he wears a holy calm About his placid features. He knows full well the weakness of His simple fellow creatures. And, knowing how to turn the trick, He doesn't have to carry brick.

Her Feelings Hurt.

See the poor actress. She is very sad. What is the cause of her woe? Has her salary been cut from \$10,000 a week? No; she is still getting that trifling sum, at least on the billboards. Has some millionaire who once loved her ceased to do so?

No; she still has four of them on the string. Is she in danger of losing her complexion? Hardly; it is nailed on. Are any of her grandchildren sick? No; they were all well at last account.

Then why does she weep? She has cause enough. A horrid newspaper man has threatened to print her picture in the paper. And she is afraid he will do it? No; she is afraid he won't.