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A Double Courtship

CHAPTER I.

The Nomadic Club was holding its monthly dinner, and the dinner was a success. Quite one-half of the men in this world look upon the eating of a long dinner as a tiresome duty, and nearly everybody at the table was content to see the waiter bring a glass of champagne. The Nomadic Club had no home (which was right and appropriate on the part of the Nomadic Club), and it was only for the purpose of dining once a month.

To this fact it was its cunning habit to invite as guest of the club the most prominent man it could catch, and extort from this guest a speech. "Members of the Nomadic Club, you may smoke!"

The members edged their chairs slightly back from the tables, and the waiter brought a glass of champagne. The youngest members smoked pipes under the impression that it made them look Bohemian.

"Look here, Staplehurst," whispered the chair, "I'll propose the Queen first, and then, after a bit, I'll propose your health, and then—"

"My dear fellow," said the Guest of the Evening, with much fervor, "if I have any influence with the gods, some happy accident will intervene to prevent you. I rather fancy a thunder-bolt will come through the ceiling and knock you over, but I'm not sure about the details. I had no idea that a speech was indispensable."

"For a man who has written the big book of the year," said the chair, "you are an unconscionably stupid person, Staplehurst. Why, this ought to be the proudest moment of your life! If any one thing represents fame, this does. Here are you, invited by a body of representative men in art and literature and what not—"

"What not is good."

"And yet you aren't happy. Why, upon my word, Staplehurst—do you want a light?—upon my word, I believe you're one of the men who don't know when they're really well off."

Gilbert Staplehurst looked at the red end of his cigarette and stroked his short-cropped beard thoughtfully.

"I am nearly always crying for the moon," he confessed. "It's rather pleasant to desire the absolutely unattainable."

"Soyez content, mon ami. You have a charming wife."

"That's quite true," agreed Gilbert Staplehurst with much heartiness. "You're earning goodness knows how much a year out of your books."

"My income is pretty fair, certainly."

"Big house at Chelsea; no children to bother you; only slightly gray; not content as to figure. Why, bless my soul, Staplehurst, what more do you want?"

The Chair, rising to propose the loyal toast, looked down indignantly at his young as some of these men around him. It was a fine thing to have the world before you instead of behind.

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Among the Brigands

Friendly Native (shaking hands with stranger about to depart)—I wish you won't be molested by the brigands. Gentleman (who has been badly fished at the inn)—Your advice comes too late, my friend; the thing's done.—Leschaalle.

The Will That Failed

Have you tried over and over again to give up the drink habit, and failed? Have you asked yourself why you should fail where others have succeeded? Have you reckoned up how many of your friends have actually succeeded in giving up drink by mere force of will? If so, you must admit that the number is very, very small. When the drink habit has reached a certain point it becomes a disease which no effort of the will can control. You may abstain from intoxicants for a month, six months, a year or more, but the desire for stimulant is there and constantly asserts itself. Until this desire is entirely removed, you can never feel that you are free from the disease. There are hundreds of healthy, happy men throughout the length and breadth of the land who will tell you that the treatment at the Lakeside Institute, Oakville, completely and permanently removes this desire. For literature bearing on this subject and for full information, address the manager, Lakeside Institute, Oakville.

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with a small pencil three words: "Thanks," "Success," "Youth." The word "youth" he underlined, that he might not forget to speak of the topic of which the word was to remind him. As he held his pencil on the card, he looked before him. For a moment he saw, not four long white-clothed tables with quick-eyed men seated there, but a train coming in at Paddington, and a youth alighting before the train stopped, in his impatience to make a name for himself with the least possible delay—a well-looking youth, with plenty of wavy hair; with the complexion that health brings, and the quick step that comes with 22 and thinks of going at 40 or 50 years.

The youth of 22 looks about him delightedly, observing everything, almost laughing with the sheer joy of living. He has been up from Devonshire three times before, but always with an economic aunt or a careless uncle. This morning he is alone. Today the fight begins. He, young Gilbert Staplehurst, is his own regiment; he has no one to his back to encourage him. Outside Paddington Station—

"Fellow-members of the Nomadic Club!" cried Gilbert Staplehurst, as he hears the Chair's voice, swiftly comes down from the clouds of retrospection to the table-land of reality. "I have come to drink with me the health of the guest of the evening, Mr. Gilbert Staplehurst. (Cheers.) We are not accustomed to our dinners to date the language that flatters at the expense of the language that is true, and it is only right that I should tell you frankly that Mr. Staplehurst, unfortunately, has the impudence not to be satisfied with his career, albeit that career has been one that nearly all of us present here tonight envy. (Hear, hear.)"

"I need not give you a list of the words which have made the name of Gilbert Staplehurst famous wherever English literature is read. I need not tell you how, after Steven-son's 'The Day After Tomorrow,' and day out, he not so very long ago found himself one of the few men whom the world delights to honor. (Cheers.) We of the Nomadic Club, who desire to meet talent and acknowledge its existence, have done ourselves the pleasure of asking him to be our guest tonight, in order that we may assure him of our regard—(hear, hear)—and our sincere felicitations. (Cheers.) I give you the health of Gilbert Staplehurst; and if one of two of you can sing without causing any fatality—a laugh—we might give it with musical honors." (Cheers.)

The Nomadic Club was made up of excellent young men, most earnest in their various professions, and with many public and private virtues; but of these virtues accuracy in music was not one. Nevertheless, the congratulatory chorus of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was given with great enthusiasm; and if some did sing an octave lower than others, their hearts were doubtless in the right place. Something came to the throat of Mr. Staplehurst, as alone seated, he watched the excitement. A good proportion of the members were on what is called the right side of 30; some were as absurdly young as 21. The noise they were making delighted these younger ones, and they gave the "Hip-hip-hurrah" with so much of strenuous enthusiasm that a jovial smoking-concert in the hall below, finding itself outwitted, the waiter to inquire whether the earthquake was over.

"It's very good of you to say those pleasant things," said Gilbert Staplehurst.

"Did it rather neatly, didn't it?" said the Chair humorously. "I suppose that Demosthenes and myself are really the only two orators worth mentioning."

"I am quite serious," said the Guest of the Evening.

"You shouldn't be, Staplehurst. Life is not a performance to be serious about. The best way is to look on it as a game."

"I should laugh," said Staplehurst, good-naturedly, "if I were only as young as some of these men around me. It's a fine thing to have the world before you instead of behind."

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A DEADLY BOLT

Slow a Father and His Three Sons in Kentucky.

Sadiz, Ky., May 13.—Monday afternoon, during a severe rain and wind storm here, John J. Wallace, a prominent farmer, and his three sons sought shelter under a large sycamore tree. Men had no sooner reached the tree than a bolt of lightning struck it and killed all four of them instantly.

THE IDEAL MAN.

Rev. Anna Shaw Proclaims Prof. E. H. Griggs as the One.

San Francisco, May 12.—Prof. Edward H. Griggs, of Stanford University, who is 30 years old, handsome and brilliant, talked last night before the Woman's Congress on "The Modern Changes in Ideas of Womanhood."

While Prof. Griggs was speaking Rev. Anna Shaw was speaking her eyes from him. As he progressed her look of interest gave way to one of great elation.

She had at last discovered a perfect man, her ideal of a husband, and she could hardly await the conclusion of Prof. Griggs' lecture to proclaim the fact. As soon as he had finished she went up to him and in a voice of triumph declared that she thought she found in these thoughts and lives this life is the man to go with the ideal woman.

At this the applause was so tremendous that Prof. Griggs, who had modestly withdrawn, was compelled to return and bow his thanks.

GREAT HAILSTORM.

Two Thousand Trees in a Quebec Sugar Orchard Destroyed—Hail Piled Two Feet Deep.

Richmond, Que., May 12.—A terrific thunder and hail storm passed over the township of Melbourne from the north-west to south-west yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock.

Thomas Jones had all his barns completely destroyed.

Wm. Eames' barns had the roofs taken off, and an outbuilding twelve feet square covered by a well was carried half a mile away.

Of a sugar orchard belonging to James, numbering three thousand trees, only one thousand remain standing.

Barns belonging to John Johnson and John Main were blown away. William Fraser's barn was badly out on the face by hailstones.

The path of the storm was about a mile wide, and the people living within two miles of it on either side were not safe of its effects until this morning, as only a little hail fell elsewhere in the township. The hail in some places has piled up two feet on the fences.

Yamaska, Que., May 12.—At four o'clock yesterday afternoon hail fell for over a minute, entirely covering the ground with hailstones of the size of pigeon eggs. The storm was accompanied by strong north winds followed by a heavy shower. A number of church windows were broken and also those of several houses.

THE RAILWAYS.

Contractors Suing the T. H. & B. Railway for Over \$100,000—Sir Rivers-Wilson Talks.

The Erie Railroad will carry bicycles free on all its lines.

The Pan Handle gives prizes to its engine men for economy in the use of coal.

C. P. R. receipts from traffic for the week ending May 7, 1909, for the same week last year, \$308,000, increase, \$45,000.

A Lapeer, Mich., telegram says: The Chicago and Grand Trunk under the management of Chas. M. Hays, is making several important changes. The extra heavy steel rails. Plans are also ready for the removal of track from Battle Creek to Port Huron. It will be laid soon.

Mr. S. F. Washington, of Hamilton, acting on behalf of Good & Co., the contractors who built the Victoria branch of the T. H. & B. Railway, has entered an action against the T. H. & B. Railway Company, the Dominion Construction Company, and Engineer Wingate for over \$100,000, which includes balance due on the railway contract and damages for violation of their agreement. The claimants also ask for an order removing E. B. Wingate from his position as referee between them and the company, and want damages from the engineer for refusing to give them a final certificate on the work between Hamilton and Welland.

President Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, of the Grand Trunk, talked in this way recently to a New York reporter: "I am very hopeful of the future of our road. We are introducing certain administrative reforms, and with a firm hand at the helm, and intelligent management we soon have the affairs of the company on a firm foundation. We do not contemplate any change in the physical condition of the road. We are not aggressive, and not at all for extensions. In fact, we would like to get rid of some of the branches of our road, which have been of no advantage to the company. If we could only see the end of the rate cutting we would be happy. All the road wants is fair rates, fairly maintained. I am sure the very best results from our connection with the Joint Traffic Association, which I have absolute confidence in, sincerity of its members and their determination to live up to the agreement, and was greatly impressed with the pains taken at the different conferences to form such a contract as would comply absolutely with the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Law."

PASSENGER AGENTS MEETING. San Francisco, Cal., May 12.—The central passenger agents of nearly all the transcontinental lines are hurrying westward to attend the meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger Association in this city today. The demand of the Southern Pacific and the Canadian Pacific for a differential on the business out of this territory is a matter which promises to be debated at great length.

"A fearful crank, an awful croak. My wife has come to be." So said a friend one dreary day, in confidence to me.

"Didst e'er inquire," said I to him, "What pains and aches she knows? As like as not she's tortured by Some one of woman's woes."

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WESTERN DAIRYMEN MEET.

Cheese Factory Syndicate Instructor Appointed—A Competent Man.

The directors of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario met on Saturday, May 9, in the secretary's office, London. There were present: President A. F. McLaren and R. M. Ballantyne, Stratford; Harold Eagle, Attercliffe Station; John S. Pearce, London; J. N. Paget, Canboro; A. Pattullo, Woodstock; Thos. Gibson, Fordwich; John Frain, Hamilton, and H. White, Hawkesville.

Arrangements were completed in connection with the cheese factory syndicate organized in the London and Ingersoll districts. Mr. John B. Muir, Avonbank, was appointed instructor and inspector to take charge of the syndicate. He will begin his duties as soon as possible by visiting all the factories in the group. After his first visit he will make a visit to each factory in the group as often as time will allow during the season. Where an instructor is not available the instructor will be expected to make a special visit in order to remedy if possible the difficulty.

Mr. Muir is a man of wide experience, and has been particularly successful in making the highest quality of cheese. He was the most successful prize taker at all the exhibitions last year, and his cheese have always sold in advance of the other stories on the same market because of their superior quality. Mr. Muir is also a practical butter-maker, and was appointed instructor in what branch at the Provincial Dairy School in 1894. His wide and varied experience, and the association is to be congratulated in securing his services for this special work.

IN LABOR CIRCLES.

Strike in Windsor—Tinners and Plumbers Want a Shorter Workday.

Windsor, May 13.—The Windsor plumbers and tinners struck yesterday morning for a nine-hour day instead of one of ten hours, without reduction of wages. Of the seven shops, four yielded in the London and Ingersoll districts. The other three are holding out. These three are Morton & Christie's, employees seven men; Neveux, Clinton & Baxter's, six; and D. L. Wiggins, three. The employers who granted the men's demands are: Purser & Sons, eight men; R. Radford, two; Pennington & Brian, seven; and M. D. Squires, four.

Kansas City, May 12.—The strike of 44 of the Armour Packing Company's men has assumed international proportions, the strikers having petitioned the National Council of Federation of Labor to declare an international boycott against the Armour products.

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