

His Magnum Opus.

By LULU JOHNSON.

Copyright, 1907, by M. M. Cunningham. Poinderexter pulled the sheet of paper from the typewriter carriage and added it to the pile in the wire basket beside him.



Ever since that night six months before, when he had come back to his darkened home to find the note on the dresser of his room notifying him that Agnes had gone away with the man he had considered his best friend, he had worked with feverish energy upon the novel.

He had taken little Elsie and had crossed the continent with her that she should be far removed from all who might allude to her mother. As they sat in the car, the child lost in wonder at the constantly shifting scene, he had planned the story, and once he had made his new home he had set to work.

All the bitterness of his heart he had written into the book. It was the plain tale of his own experience, told with the simple directness of one who feels deeply, except that into the last chapter he had written an ending such as he wished that she might suffer. Almost gloatingly he drew the picture of remorse and shame that followed the desertion, and now reading it over he shuddered at the evil picture his own fierce desire had conjured up.

of her mother's fall painted in words of bitterness such as only wounded pride and dead love can conjure. She would see her mother's soul in all its nakedness, and his would be the hand that had thrown aside the garments of time and charity.

"Are you sleepy, daddy?" Poinderexter roused himself. "Not a bit," he declared. "What makes you think that, daughter?" "You are so still," she explained. "and you don't talk."

"Daddy's a little tired," he explained. "Shall I tell you a good night story?" The child nodded her head contentedly, and Poinderexter began a fantastic tale. He had a fertile fancy, and these good night stories were glorious moments in the child's life.

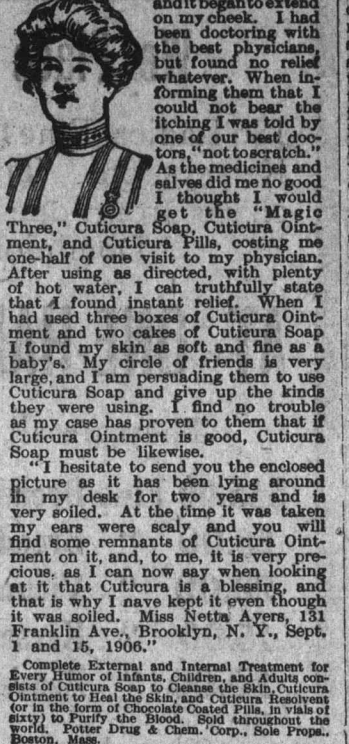
As they neared the climax his voice grew soft, and when at last the end came he waited for the usual applause of "That was lovely, daddy." Instead, soft lips brushed his cheek and the tired child sank off to sleep. Tenderly he bore her to her bed and tucked her in as gently as a woman might have done.

Some day she would read the book with a clear vision, and perhaps she would understand. There is always some one to disillusion with awkward speech. Perhaps she might never know how true to life the story was. Then again some chance remark might bring in upon her the truth.

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He who fears death has already lost the life he covets.

THE PARALYTIC DODGE.

Effective Cure For an Imposter in an English Prison. Paralysis is often imitated by beggars and so closely that there is no detecting the imposition. A fellow is directed how to hang his wrist loosely down dropping the fingers of one hand and to drag the limbs in such a manner as to imitate a paralytic stroke to the life. He is drilled up to the proper business mark by marching him around the beggars' kitchen for hours at a stretch and night after night.

Not many years ago one of these mock paralytics, who was accustomed to throw off his seeming infirmity and play the part of a beggar by way of a change, was caught in the very act of breaking into a house and committed for trial. Here he got up such a semblance of hopeless paralysis as deceived everybody. When the trial came on he carried his bear sullen and unheeded prick with a needle or even the touch of a red hot iron without relapsing into his normal attitude.

QUEEN'S SCRAP-BOOK.

Queen Alexandra Keeps Snap-Shots Published in London Newspapers. Queen Alexandra, who takes the keenest interest in photography, is busily adding to her collection of scrap-books during her stay in Denmark. Most of the Queen's scrap-books are filled with snapshots taken by her self. Many newspapers she has had copied and printed, but as a rule she sends the films to a professional photographer.

KAISER IS NIMROD.

Emperor's Hunting Achievements Entirely Outclass Those of Roosevelt. Among the many trials that President Roosevelt had had to bear is the accusation that he resembles the Emperor of Germany. The fondness of both for hunting has been pointed out as an example of the like-mindedness of the President and the Kaiser. Statistics have recently been published which cast light upon the hunting achievements of William II. They make Theodore Roosevelt's occasional excursions in search of well-deserved rest and a few grizzly bears seem Sunday school picnic by comparison.

"Annie Laurie."

William Douglas whose love ballad, "Annie Laurie," has become one of the famous lyrics of the world, wooed, but failed, to marry Annie Laurie. The real Annie Laurie gave "her promise true" to Douglas, but wedded another, a wealthier suitor, Ferguson, of Craigdarroch. Douglas who was ready to "lay me down and die," went to the wars and when he came back married also and left a goodly crop of heirs. The tender melody that has won the hearts of people the world over was set to the words many years after by Lady John Scott. Annie Laurie was born Dec. 16, 1683, at the home of her father, Stephen Laurie, at Maxwellton, Scotland, an old-fashioned stone mansion fortress that had once been the castle of the earls of Glencairn.



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Girls to Be Pitied. I know of many well to do middle class families where the daughters, having received the education of canary birds, are launched on a sea of gayety with a cargo of pretty smiles and frocks to captivate husbands - London Madams.

Riches of Simplicity. Poverty is relative. Thousands who call themselves poor would be rich on their incomes if they would abandon a senseless and vulgar competition with their neighbors and live more simply. - London Truth.

Where it Falls. "Silence is golden," remarked the party with the quotation habit. "Perhaps it is," rejoined the contrary man, "but a dentist has never yet been able to fill teeth with it."

Soul Mated. "She declares they were made for one another." "How does she make that out?" "He craves about the monthly amount she'd like to spend."

For Alderman TO THE ELECTORS. Ladies and Gentlemen: I desire to announce myself as a candidate for alderman for the year 1908. My record of the past year is before you. If it has met your approval, I would appreciate your support very much. Yours truly, SAMUEL BULLIS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM. Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for the position of Alderman for the coming year, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. If elected I will do my utmost to keep down the expenses of the city. I appreciate the vote you gave me last year, and hope I may hold the confidence of your support this year. Respectfully yours, FRANK E. JAXTER.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM. Ladies and Gentlemen: At the request of many good citizens, I am again in the field for Alderman for 1908. I have already served two terms in the City Council to the entire satisfaction of my supporters, as I fully believe. As the funny man said, "Money is tight," and large numbers of our worthy workmen and laborers are thrown out of employment just when they need it most. If elected, I shall advocate the city pushing through all possible works during the winter to aid the unemployed workmen and laborers. I shall advocate bringing to the city all desirable industries and factories, so long as the city is amply secured as to any advances. The city assessments require some modifications, which will receive my attention. The good ladies will support me, of course, as they instinctively know a good thing when they see it. GEO. G. MARTIN. Chatham, 5th December, 1907.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, - I am a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Chatham for 1908, and respectfully ask for your support at the coming election. As an Alderman, I trust my conduct has been such as to meet with your approval.

As a Taxpayer, I am desirous of keeping down the tax rate, and I am sure that much may be done by practicing rigorous economy, and, if elected, I will adopt and insist upon the most careful scrutiny of all accounts with a view to cut off all useless expenditures. I believe that the City's business can be done efficiently without waste or extravagance.

The prosperity of our City depends on the condition of our mechanics and laborers, if they are prosperous our merchants and property-owners share in the good times. Any industry or enterprise, therefore, which will create a steady demand for labor at good wages will have my hearty support. With this view I would be ready to offer reasonable inducements to any new, substantial industry proposing to locate here. Each case should be regarded strictly as a business proposition, on the part of the City, to be dealt with on its merits, and with reference to the particular circumstances. I supported the Chaplin Wheel Works By-law because I thought it a good business proposition, and I opposed the Beet Sugar By-law because I thought it a bad business proposition.

I stand for a progressive policy based on sound business principles and methods.

I have lived here a great many years, and have received many kindnesses at the hands of my fellow citizens. I thank you for the support you have so generously given me in the past, and if you see fit to elect me to the highest office in your gift, I will do all in my power to merit your confidence by faithful, honest, and zealous work.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season, I am, Faithfully yours, THOMAS SCULLARD

TO THE RATEPAYERS

I am a Candidate for the office of Mayor for the year 1908, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. My record as an Alderman for the past three years is before you and if my endeavors to serve the City's interests have been approved of by you I will be pleased to have your support.

I have never hesitated as an Alderman in letting you know where I stood with regard to any public question. If elected Mayor I shall advocate the most rigid economy in public expenditures the coming year. The construction of pavements, however desirable, should practically cease until part of the present large Debenture Debt is paid off, in order that our tax rate may be reduced to a more reasonable figure.

I am in favor of encouraging New Industries that give promise of permanence and stability. I will ask you to accept this public intimation as intended for you personally, as at this busy season of the year the demands of business are such that I cannot take the time to have personal interviews with all of you. Any assistance you may render in the way of favorably influencing your neighbor, to whom I may not be personally known, will be much appreciated. Respectfully yours, CHAS. AUSTIN

To the Ratepayers and Electors of the City of Chatham

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN - I desire to announce myself as a candidate for the office of Mayor for the year 1908, and if elected will guard your interests with zealous care. I have been a member of the City Council for five years, three years of which I have been Chairman of the property committee, one of the most important committees in the City Council, and I have endeavored to carry out in every particular the duties of the office. If elected Mayor, I can assure you that I will endeavor to keep down the expenses of every department where it can possibly be done, without impairing the progress of our city. I believe that we should have more manufacturing industries in our midst, and will give every assistance I possibly can in encouraging the same. In conclusion, my record as an Alderman for five years is before you. If that record meets with your approval I will be thankful to have your support in the coming election. Yours respectfully, WM. POTTER.

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