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Big Carnival, Athens Rink on Thursday January 22nd

THE FIGHTING HOPE

By Virginia L. Wentz, from Wm. J. Hurlburt's Play

PROLOGUE.

A strong man bravely facing the foe who would brand him with disgrace, calmly, silently fighting them to a finish; a convict declaiming his innocence from behind prison walls which enfold him because of his weakness and his wickedness; a beautiful young mother battling for a stainless name for her children and for the fair name of their father—what more interesting themes than these could a novelist devise for a real life romance of today?

CHAPTER I

MAN AND WIFE.

ROBERT GRANGER, JR., who had already learned "The Purple Cow," was endeavoring to master another gem from the Burgess Nonsense book. The drawings appealed to him immensely. He sat on the edge of the rug, his back against his father's chair, his legs of six years' growth stretched out, the book open upon his knee. Occasionally he made a dash with his hand at an inquisitive fly.

Across from him on a low rocker, her shining head bent slightly over in the serious operation of sewing a button on a coat, softly hummed his young mother. Presently the boy shuffled along the floor, still keeping the book on his lap, till he got close to her and lodged his chin on her knee. "See if I don't know it, muddle," said he. And he began:

"The roof it has a lamy time
A-lying in the sun;
The walls they have—they have—
An incipient dimple showed in his mother's cheek.

"to hold him up;
They do not have much fun."
Finished she gayly. She pushed the boy's hair back from his brow and kissed him. "Now run down into the garden, honey, and play with nurse and Baby Harold. Plenty of sun and fresh air and deep breathing, you know. That's what makes a little fellow into a big, strong man, eh—not too many nonsense verses?"

Robert put his book away reluctantly. "But I love poetry, too, darling," asserted he, stroking her face prettily, before quitting the room. "He's his father over and over again—gentle, appealing, winning. And sentiments, too. I'm afraid," added Anna, with a slow, enigmatical smile, as she snipped off the thread with her sound, perfect white teeth.

She rose to put the coat away. In doing so the contents slipped from one of the pockets that had been hanging over her knee. She stooped to replace them, the contents varied and inconsequential as any boy's. Then her glance fell upon a bill of fare—a French bill of fare, full of naughty things to eat and drink for two. It bore the date of the day previous.

A dancing little spirit of mischief played in the beautiful gray eyes. "I'll keep it for myself my lord's return," quoth she. "I'll chaff him with it a bit when he gets home this afternoon, pretend I'm catty and jealous, injured virtue through and through. Oh, lordy, lordy, fancy me being jealous, and of dear old Bobs!"

Robert Granger reached his suburban home in Westfield early that afternoon. It was Saturday, a fine summer day, and he'd promised to take his boys to Cranford, a few miles distant, for a sail on the river.

"Glad you have on that dress, Anna," said he. "It's awfully becoming, and I want you to look your prettiest. Brady is coming out this afternoon, and—" "But the boys—the river?" Her first thought was of her children's disappointment (though her dislike for the man Brady, who always "got on her nerves," came in a close second).

"The boys? I'd quite forgotten. Well, you'll have to fix it up with them; put them off till some other time, I—" "Robert, I wish—I wish you wouldn't forget like that. It's growing to be a habit with you, dear, and I hate—I hate to have the children lose faith in your promises. I want them to learn that a promise means"—

He interrupted with some sharp incoherence, and Anna's wide, surprised eyes goaded him into a tempest of words.

"Are you so burdened with motherhood," he cried, "that you can't even be a wife? It's plain to see that I'm only worth to you what I may be worth to the children, and no man—no man, I repeat—can stand that sort of thing."

Anna flushed and wondered what she could have done to cause this extraordinary outbreak. Her first impulse always where Robert was concerned was to try to appease where



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she herself had been found wanting. In the symphony of womanhood she had but played over and over again the large of motherhood, this slim, girlish figure with the exquisite flowerlike face, for her physical attitude toward even her boyish, irresponsible husband was largely maternal.

She wondered, but in this instance she was rather at a loss. There was a senseless ambiguity about the affair that baffled her. She flushed better. It seemed to be an indignity that even for a second Robert should have become so exceedingly small in her eyes. When she returned from "fixing it up" with the boys she crossed to the window and looked out into the garden. The sun was still shining, but it had lost its gold to her.

There was a plenty of its gold in the ripples of her brown hair, however. Robert noticed it. He saw, too, that her slight figure, dressed in the simplest of white dainties, ran around the corner of pretty curves wherever one's eyes lighted and followed the lines. There was an offended look about her back and a half amused displeasure touching her profile.

"I'm sorry I spoke like that, Anna," said he, trying to apologize. "A man has a lot to fight against—at the end of several halting sentences—"of which even his wife knows nothing." "Have you to fight?" asked she, turning around and laughing in spite of herself. "You don't look like a fighter, Bobs. You look like a man to whom—well, to whom things come."

"Nothing," observed he, with befitting gravity—"nothing comes without hustling and exertion and perspiration, either of brow or spirit." "In that case," said she, still regarding him reflectively, "I ought to know about this perspiration and the other accompaniments. With two children it's quite time I began to face things." She came nearer and laid her hand on his shoulder. "Things might strike me differently, you see, if I knew more. Your odd, puzzling little moods—I could make allowances for them." He grew confused beneath her candor.

"My ill temper," he blurted out, "was of course, inexcusable. Still—" "Oh, nonsense! I don't mind the ill temper in the least. I've heaps of my own to match it. It's the freshness of the thing, the weakness of such a twisted, untrue mood that bothers me. How would you feel," she added quickly, "if you got some remote hint that your mahogany cabinet was a veneered imitation or if the smallest doubt came to you about the genuineness of that Inness landscape there? You'd have forty fits on the instant. Now, that's how I feel about you and the children—my small collection. If I should discover one day that you were sham products of a bad period instead of being originals of the best—oh, deary me!"

"But, Anna, you want perfection. Now, a man?" "Perfection? Not a bit of it! To live in the company of three angels would be a nightmare. It would demoralize me to feel myself so abject an outsider. As to temper, you may even on occasion storm because you've mislaid your gloves or your commutation tickets or throw the soup at Bridget's head if it's not hot and well seasoned. In those cases, you see, I should understand your motives and your modes of action would not be baffling. It's the illusive, twisted moods, as I say, that confuse me, make me think of bad periods and things."

Here the bell rang, and Bridget entered in Miss Mary Graham.

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Purely Personal

Mr. Thomas B. Barrington of Morrin, Alberta, has returned home to spend the winter with his mother Mrs. B. Barrington and relatives accompanied by his nephew Mr. Andrew Ferguson.

Miss Henrietta Purvis of Lys, a former well known resident of Athens has been spending a few days here as the guest of Mrs. H. R. Knowlton, Church St.

Baltimore Seal-Shipped, Fresh Oysters at Maud Addison's Henry street

Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Wing, Smith Falls, is visiting friends in Athens and vicinity.

Mrs. Stella Morton, Grand Rapids, Mich., who has spent the last three months as a guest of Miss Adda Hunt Victoria St., returned to her home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Sheffield spent Sunday at Junetown at the home of Mrs. Sheffield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Warren. Mr. Warren has been confined to his bed for some time and is yet in a very critical condition.

We are pleased to be able to say that Mrs. M. Derbyshire and daughter Miss Birdie, are improving and we hope they will both be able to take their places in the choir again soon.

Mrs. T. L. Kelly officiated at the organ Sunday morning and evening at the Methodist church, in the absence of the organist, Mrs. Derbyshire.

Mr. Huron Rowsome is attending the winter fair at Ottawa.

Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb is progressing favorably in the Brockville General hospital.

Mrs. Bellamy, Alexandria, is visiting her daughter Mrs. G. F. Donnelly.

Mrs. Millock has leased the East half of Mrs. H. E. Connell's residence on Main St.

The many friends of Mr. Gordon S. Thompson will be grieved to learn of his illness in a Vancouver Hospital. Mr. Thompson occupied next ward to the late Mrs. I. C. Alguire, although ignorant of the fact at the time of Alguire's death. We hope Mr. Thompson's recovery will be speedy.

Miss Mildred Hockey, of Athens, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Leonard Halladay of Charlton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Morrison have returned to Athens having spent Xmas and New Year with relatives at Kitchener and Alliston, Ont. They were accompanied home by Miss Christina Hiller of Kitchener (Mrs. Morrison's sister) who will remain with them for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Powell of Elgin spent the week-end in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scovel Robeson, Mrs. Powell's parents.

Several attended the special meetings being held in Frankville on Sunday last.

Many will be sorry to hear of the serious illness in Vancouver, B.C., of a former resident of Athens, Mr. Walter Lander, with very little hope of recovery.

Mrs. LaPointe, of Plum Hollow, is spending a short time in town at the home of her daughter Mrs. Lloyd Flood.

Mr. Lloyd Flood has returned to his home in Athens after a short sojourn in Kingston Hospital where he was receiving treatment for injuries received while overseas.

Mrs. M. Webster, and Mrs. Horton, of Brockville, spent Sunday in Athens with their mother, Mrs. B. Livingston.

Attend the Hockey Match on Saturday, January 17th and see Athens win their first game of hockey this season. Portland will be here and a good game is promised.

The old saying, "you can't believe anything you hear and only half what you see" was verified this past week about the wedding bells that didn't ring.

Reserve Thursday evening, January 22nd for the Big Carnival on the Athens Skating Rink.

Mr. Maurice Foley has sold his Barber Shop to Mr. Gershon Wing. The Epworth League resumed its weekly service this week.

Since the new year the enterprising owner of our Cigar and Tobacco Store, has added a "Bar" to his business. Said Bar is very strong and its purpose is to keep the door in the rear of the shop securely fastened when the proprietor is not there.

Call at E. J. Parcell's and pick out that new "Alladin" Lamp—There is no need to sit in the semi-darkness

now, burns less coal oil and gives many times the light of the old style lamps.

The Calico Dance on Tuesday evening proved a success.

The Epworth League intend holding a skating party next Monday evening with refreshments after at the league room.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. I. C. Alguire, held on Sunday morning in the Methodist church was largely attended. Rev. T. A. Vickery officiating. The large attendance and the many floral tributes gave evidence of the high esteem in which Mrs. Alguire was held. The body was placed in the vault for burial in spring. The pallbearers were: Messrs. G. W. Beach, H. H. Arnold, G. W. Parish, J. F. Gordon, H. B. Holmes and H. R. Knowlton.

We are in receipt of the first issue of a classy little class Journal of the Returned Soldiers' Preparatory Class of the University of Toronto. We note with pleasure that the editor and business manager is one of our local boys in the person of H. M. Cornell. We congratulate Mr. Cornell on the success of his efforts so far and anticipate continued success.

A. H. S. Reports
REPORT OF THE STANDING OF PUPILS OF A. H. S. FOR NOV. AND DEC. 1919.

Form I. A.—B. Bates, 88; M. Sheffield, 81; A. Webster, 77; Beryl Bresser, 75; E. Roddick, 73; J. Judd, 69; G. Gray, 65; F. Wing, 64; A. Hudson, 63; F. Kavanagh, 63; G. Johnson, 62; G. Acheson, 61; E. Whitmore, 60; M. Earl, 59; C. White, 58; N. Rathwell, 58; T. Watson, 55; V. Irwin, 55; T. Stafford, 57; L. Earl, 56; C. Hudson, 56; M. Gibson, 56; M. Jackson, 56; M. Charland, 55; Beatrice Bresser, 53; J. McAvoy, 52; E. Brown, 51; C. McFadden, 51; E. Spence, 50; H. Kerney, 48; B. Leeder, 47; W. Mustard, 46; G. Howitt, 45; J. Hutchings, 45; M. Seymour, 34; B. Parish, 28.

Form I. B.—C. Townsend, 79; S. Burchell, 76; R. Steele, 73; C. Kidd, 72; G. Conlon, 71; F. Wiltsie, 70; G. Phelps, 69; B. Gray, 68; S. Tennant, 66; Z. Topping, 65; C. Yates, 64; K. Hill, 63; A. Alguire, 63; H. Rowsome, 62; D. Peat, 62; B. Trotter, 61; G. Barber, 60; A. Scott, 58; H. Chick, 57; C. White, 57; Z. Leeder, 54; C. Laying, 54; N. Baxter, 51; S. Hollingsworth, 51; E. Billings, 47; H. Stevenson, 45; A. Code, 44; V. Wiltsie, 42; A. Judson, 40; H. Ferguson, 29.

Form II.—H. Rabb, 89; L. Sheffield, 84; L. Phelps, 81; B. Newsome, 80.6; A. Hazleton, 79; E. Davis, 75; K. McAvoy, 74; H. Roddick, 71; H. Avery, 70; R. Taylor, 69; I. Code, 66; H. Mainse, 63; K. Heffernan, 62.8; A. McAvoy, 62; V. Topping, 61; C. Topping, 61; C. Heffernan, 60.6; M. Earl, 58; K. Beale, 57; M. E. Brown, 55; V. Dancy, 54; M. Lyons, 53; M. Bulger, 52; L. DeWolfe, 51; R. Kirkland, 50; B. Kelly, 48; M. Johnston, 47; M. Howe, 46; E. Eaton, 44; R. Morris, 42; W. Morris, 42; R. Lays, 40; L. Coon, 33; S. Vickery, 31.

Jr. III. Form.—E. Tett, 89; C. Earl, 87; W. Baxter, 83; A. Comerford, 81; C. Vickery, 80; M. Kenny, 80; F. Leggett, 79; L. Guttridge, 79; E. Kilborn, 76; J. Bates, 76; G. Yates, 76; R. Whitmore, 66; L. Taylor, 66; A. Scott, 62; H. Beale, 57; L. Steacy, 56; J. Heffernan, 46.

Sr. III.—Normal Entrance—A. Beale, 83; D. Kendrick, 81; M. Godkin, 81; C. Brown, 80; W. Bulger, 76; Mary Alguire, 75; Maria Alguire, 73; A. Taber, 72; M. Seymour, 71; Marjorie Hollingsworth, 71; G. Percival, 70; J. Shea, 70; E. Peterson, 69; A. Seymour, 64; H. Tackaberry, 62; M. Taber, 62; M. Fleming, 60; M. Conlon, 59; A. Gray, 58; W. Slack, 58; H. Fleming, 57; E. Davis, 54; N. Mulvena, 53; C. Miller, 53; N. Young, 53; A. Richards, 51; M. McAvoy, 50; May Hollingsworth, 49; G. Robinson, 36.

Sr. III.—Junior Matriculation—C. Brown, 71; A. Beale, 68; M. Godkin, 68; D. Kendrick, 68; W. Bulger, 65; G. Percival, 64; Maria Alguire, 64; L. Curtis, 64; R. Burchell, 63; A. Taber, 60; J. Shea, 59; E. Peterson, 58; A. Seymour, 56; M. Taber, 53; A. Gray, 53; M. Conlon, 52; N. Young, 51; M. Fleming, 50; C. Miller, 50; B. Davis, 49; W. Slack, 48; H. Fleming, 48.

The Minister of Education has just issued the awards in the Carter Scholarships and we find that Athens High School secured the First Scholarship and Brockville Collegiate Institute the Second and Third. Miss Lillian Burchell who won the Scholarship deserves much credit for her success and we extend our congratulations.

The Carter Scholarships are awarded in the Counties of Leeds and Grenville to candidates writing on Faculty Entrance or Honour Matriculation Examinations in June or July. To be eligible a candidate must pass one or both parts of the Faculty Entrance or Obtain Honour Matriculation.

The value of the scholarships are: First—One Hundred Dollars; Second—Sixty Dollars; Third—Forty Dollars.

HOCKEY

Athens at Westport.

Friday morning last, the local hockey team journeyed to Westport to play a return match and the game was much faster than the score would indicate. Westport tallied the first score during the last minute of the first period. In the second period the Athens boys, "went up into the air" and Westport hung up six more scores. The third period was real hockey in which both teams were at their best and Athens scored two goals leaving the score at the final whistle seven to two for Westport.

The above game was probably the cleanest exhibition of hockey that has been played for some time. Gord Lawson acted as referee and W. Brackenbridge as judge of play and credit is due these officials for the sportsmanlike way in which they handled the game.

Although the Athens team had little or no practice before the trip they played a surprisingly fast game. Laying was at his best and Gifford was in good form at centre.

Through poor train connections the visiting team was forced to spend the night at Westport and the boys wish to thank those who so kindly assisted in making the evening pleasant and enjoyable. The rink offered the best means of passing a pleasant hour and the Athens skaters were agreeably surprised with the cordial reception accorded them on the ice by Westport's fair sex, who were one and all remarkably good skaters.

An exhibition match is being talked of between the two teams to be played at Westport at a later date.

On January 17 Portland plays at Athens. Game called at 3 o'clock. Come and cheer your own team.

Wedding Bells

Wood—Rutherford.

At the bride's home, Wroxeter, Ont., at high noon, the marriage took place of Lulu, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rutherford, to Dr. Rufus C. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wood, Erin, Rev. J. G. Kenny, Gorrie, great-uncle of the groom, officiated, only immediate relatives being present. The bride wore a navy chamoise gown, with sequin trimming. She carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses, and wore the groom's gift, a string of pearls. The bridesmaid, Miss Clara Rutherford, sister of the bride, wore a sand satin dress, with corsage bouquet of orchids. Dr. E. Cavanagh, of Toronto, assisted the groom. Following a dainty luncheon, the happy couple left for points in the States. The bride travelled in a tan velour coat, with beaver trimmings, and brown satin hat with Alice blue facing and French flowers. On their return Dr. and Mrs. Wood will live in Tottenham, Ont.

Dr. Wood, who was an Athens boy, was born in Athens 26 years ago, and attended school in Elgin, Chesterville, Cornwall, Grand Valley, Erin, and College in Toronto. Mr. Wood is a grandson of Joseph W. Kerr, Athens, Ont.

Obituary

Mrs. Richard Crummy.

Relatives here have been advised of the death on Monday night at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. James Haslem, Bowell, Alberta, of Mrs. Esther Crummy, widow of Richard Crummy, and mother of Rev. Dr. Eber Crummy, of Moose Jaw, Sask., the well known Canadian Methodist leader.

Born at Easton's Corners 82 years ago, the daughter of the late Thomas Empey, the late Mrs. Crummy resided the greater part of her life at Frankville. Following the death of her husband she moved to the west to reside with her daughter, and there her death took place. She was a Methodist in religion and a devoted worker in the church.

Surviving are five sons and two daughters: Rev. Dr. Eber Crummy, Moose Jaw; Albert, Sidney and Henry at Frankville; Arthur, in the West; Mrs. James McKenney, M.P.P., Claresholm, Alberta, and Mrs. James Haslem, Bowell, Alberta. Henry Empey, Brockville, and Sidney Empey, El Reno, Okla., are brothers of the deceased, and Mrs. Mary Patterson, Brockville, and Mrs. John Johnson, Smiths Falls, and Miss Mulvena Empey, San Diego, Cal., are sisters.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, January 13th, at Frankville.

Joseph Knapp.

It was with much sorrow that the friends and relatives of Joseph Knapp heard of his sudden death at his home in Elmonton, Alberta.

He was born in this district about 62 years ago, and a resident of Plum Hollow until eleven years ago, when he went to Edmonton. He leaves to mourn his loss, Grant Knapp, Smith, Alta.; Mrs. Geo. Reed, Mrs. P. B. Cross, both of Edmonton, and Curzon, of Smiths Falls; also his sisters, Mrs. E. T. Gibson, of Toronto, and Mrs. C. H. Smith, of Houghton, Sask.

His wife pre-deceased him twenty-six years ago. The funeral was held on Monday, December 29, 1919, in the Athens Methodist church at 2 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Vickery conducting the service. Many beautiful floral tributes were received from friends.

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Ayrshire Breeder's Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Brockville District Ayrshire Breeders Club will be held in the Committee Rooms of Victoria Hall, Brockville, on Thursday, January 22 at 1.15 p.m. sharp. E. S. Archibald, B.S.A. Director of Experimental Farms, will address the meeting, topic—"The needs of Ayrshire Breeders." It interested you are cordially invited to attend.

W. H. SMITH, B.S.A., Sec'y.

WANTED

Applications will be received by the undersigned up to and including January 22nd For a Police Officer for the Village, also Janitor for the Athens Town Hall.

Applicants may apply for One or Both positions stating Salary expected respectively.

List of duties may be seen at my office G. W. LEE, Village Clerk

Dated this 14th day of January, 1920

NOTICE.

All parties owing accounts to Mr. George Flood, Tinsmith, Athens, are requested to settle same at once as Mr. Flood needs the money to make another start in his business. He has leased the building next to Heber Pearce's residence, and intends starting again as soon as possible.

AUCTION SALE OF HAY ETC.

Under the instructions from the Executors of the Estate of Lillian Ferguson, I will offer for sale, by public auction, at her late residence, one mile East of Athens, on Tuesday the 20th day of January, 1920.

30 tons hay, 200 bushels oats, 50 bushels buckwheat.

TERMS:—Cash.

A. M. Eaton, Auctioneer, Dated 10th January, 1920.

Public Library Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Athens Public Library will be held in the Library room on Monday evening, January 19th at 8 p.m. The object of meeting is to receive the Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer and to appoint a board of management for the New Year.

All readers of the Library and everyone interested in it are requested to attend.

\$100—REWARD—\$100

One Hundred Dollars Reward will be given by the Charleston Lake Association for information that will lead to the conviction of the party or parties who this winter broke into cottages at Charleston Lake.

W. G. PARISH, S. C. A. LAMB, President. Secretary.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

First meeting of the council of the Rear of Yonge and Escott for 1920 was held at the township hall, Athens, on Monday, January 12th, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, when Messrs. D. R. Sheffield, reeve; T. G. Howarth, E. S. Earl and Geo. O. Hayes, councillors, subscribed to their declarations of office and qualification and took their seats at the Council table.

By-law to appoint certain township officers was introduced and read the first time. Second and third readings were laid over until next meeting. Council adjourned until Saturday, January 24th, at 10 o'clock, forenoon, unless sooner called by the reeve.

R. E. CORNELL, Clerk.