

The Case of Miss Hartnett

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When Deacon Joab Whitman called at Miss Taylor's select and highly moral and refined school for girls to arrange for the attendance of his ward, Fanny Hartnett, aged seventeen, his attention was called to the fact that the school buildings were surrounded by a fence eleven feet high; also that all windows above the first story were frosted and impervious to masculine gaze. Further, no pupil was allowed outside the fence without a chaperon.

Miss Taylor, who had barely turned forty-seven and carried the idea that it was twenty-seven instead, then went on to speak of the lectures she gave every Wednesday night, of the care taken to keep newspapers and novels from her pupils, of the early hours for bed and of the fact that the only man about the institution, except a couple of servants, was Professor Balch, who had charge of the higher mathematics and was an old bachelor of the most incorruptible principles.

Then she had a number of questions to ask about the young lady, and the deacon had to admit that now and then the latter giggled, she also chewed gum, she had been caught reading novels, she had had a beau, and she loved to go to a circus.

"In fact," said Miss Taylor, "she is what you would call flip!"

"Yes, I guess so. Not too flip, but a little flip."

"I see. Well, while this is not a reformatory, we do now and then take in a pupil in order to cure her of flippancy. The fee is a little larger, but we warrant a perfect cure."

The deacon was willing to pay a little more, and the financial end was soon settled. A week later the new pupil arrived. Perhaps Miss Fanny was flip. At least, she was in good health and spirits, inclined to look on the bright side, and she could sing some and whistle more. In the village where she had been brought up she was considered something of a tomboy, but the phrase was not used to her detriment.

She was given to understand by Miss Taylor what was what and sent to her dormitory. She offered no protest or argument, but from the way she set her jaw and compressed her lips Miss Taylor anticipated rebellion at no distant date.

One of her methods of compelling the young ladies to walk the chalk line was quarterly reports. Every three months each of the girls was called into the private lecture room and her derelictions announced to her and recorded on a blank.

It depended upon that girl to make immediate improvement, or the report would be mailed away to father or guardian. As a matter of fact, no report was ever mailed, as such action might have resulted in financial loss to the school, but the threat had always proved a very effective weapon.

It came to be whispered about as the regular quarter day drew nigh that Miss Taylor had been saving up many complaints against Miss Fanny and that there must be many tears and promises to keep a report from the hands of the deacon.

Much curiosity and considerable anxiety were felt, save by the delinquent herself. She giggled and whistled and bribed the grocer's boy to smuggle in gum, and when the fatal day at length arrived she went smiling to the sacrifice. Miss Taylor kept her on pins and needles for three or four minutes to let the scare strike in and then soberly began:

"Miss Hartnett, I have received several complaints against you and have grouped them under the term counts. I will read them to you: 'Count 1. That on the 3d of September, two days after your arrival here, you tried to tear a board off the fence in order to look out. It is believed, but not absolutely proved, that there was a young man on the other side of the fence at the time."

"Count 2. That on the second week of your arrival you made use of such terms as 'bully gee,' 'come off,' 'too thin,' etc."

"Count 3. That on the third week you were chewing gum and eating caramels."

"Count 4. That while going to and returning from the postoffice in charge of Miss Lee you refused to cast your eyes down or look in another direction on meeting various old and young men."

"Count 5. That on a certain night in the fifth week of your arrival and while you were supposed to be asleep in bed you were as a matter of fact sitting up in bed and singing about an old darky whose name was Uncle Ned."

"Count 6. That on one occasion you mounted to the roof of your dormitory by way of the stairs and scuttled and waved your handkerchief at some young men playing baseball."

"Count 7. That it is believed, though not proved, that an epistle of a sentimental nature was tied to a stone and thrown over the fence and that it was meant for you, and you received it and boasted that Uncle Sam didn't run all the postoffices in the country. There are reasons for believing that on the next night you threw a letter over in response."

"Count 8. That at various times you have argued that there was nothing wicked about the circus or the theater and that you have said that you pitied old maids; also that you have giggled when my name and condition in life have been discussed. Further, that you have said that you would be married before you were twenty-one. Further, one more, that you have referred to Professor Balch as lopsided and squint eyed."

"There are the respective counts, Miss Hartnett, just as they have been prepared to go to your guardian, and now you may tell me what you have to say in offset—that is, I don't suppose you have anything to say."

"Oh, yes, I have!" replied Miss Fanny as she drew a paper from her pocket. "Yes, I have something to say, and I have also grouped it under the term counts. I will read them, if you please:"

"Count 1. That upon my arrival at the school I was told of about 500 things I mustn't do."

"Count 2. That I was sent to a dormitory about as bare and poverty stricken as our old garret at home."

"Count 3. That I have had about half enough to eat up to date and want to get out and steal war turnips."

"Count 4. That one evening I got out into the yard, and while snooping around I passed Miss Taylor's room and looked into the window and saw Professor Balch holding her hand in one of his and patting it with the other."

"Count 5. That the night in October when it blew such a gale a lot of papers were blown from the professor's window. One of these he didn't recover from the yard next morning was a half sheet on which he had written two verses of poetry to Angelina's eyes. There is only one Angelina connected with this secluded school, and she is not a teacher."

"Count 6. That we don't have blankets enough on the beds to keep us warm."

"Count 7. That the only three girls who get sweet cake are the three who keep asking the principal when her twenty-seventh birthday will arrive."

"Count 8. That this secluded and highly moral and refined prison for girls—"

"Just one moment, Miss Hartnett," interrupted Miss Taylor in her sweetest tones, "I think we are at cross purposes."

"Yes, ma'am."

"When I come to look again at the record I read you it appears to apply to Miss Harker instead of Hartnett. Similarity of names, you see."

"Yes, ma'am."

"And when you come to look again at your record—"

"It seems to be a couple of verses of poetry that I scribbled off last night. I hope it is not against the rules to write poetry, ma'am?"

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"Well, no, not if you submit it to the teacher. You may leave this, if you will, and I will look it over and see if your meter is correct. You may go, my dear. Please tell Miss Vaughn to step in here. I must tell her that she doesn't seem to have the interest in her studies to be expected of her."

"Thoughtful Man. A lady who is subject to heart disease took tea last Sunday with a neighbor, and while sitting at table her husband rushed in without a hat and in his shirt sleeves."

"Be calm!" he exclaimed hurriedly to his wife. "Don't excite yourself. You know you can't stand excitement, and it might be worse!"

"Good gracious!" cried the wife. "The children!"

"They're all right. Now, Mary, don't get excited. Keep calm and cool. It can't be helped now. We must bear these visitations of Providence with philosophy."

"Then it's mother!" gasped the wife. "Your mother's safe. Get on your things, but don't hurry or worry. It's too late to be of any use, but I'll fly back and see what I can do. I only came to tell you not to get excited."

"For mercy sake," implored the almost fainting woman, "tell me the worst!"

"Well, if you will have it, the consequences be on your own head, Mary. I've tried to prepare you, and if you will know—don't excite yourself; try and keep calm—but our kitchen chimney's on fire, and all the neighbors are in our front garden!"

She survived.—London Answers.

—To easily remove the handle from an ax, place the blade on top of a heated stove and leave it there till the iron around what is known as the "eye" becomes quite hot. Heat expands the iron, making it an easy matter to drive the handle from the blade.

—The reason so many brilliant people don't get on in the world," says the Philosopher of Folly, "is that they waste so much time showing other people how brilliant they are."

—Notwithstanding the cry of no work and hard times in Altoona the Pennsylvania railroad company this week paid out in that city and vicinity from \$650,000 to \$700,000 in wages to its workmen.

—The milk scale is as essential to dairy education as the keystone is to the arch.

—The best remedy for wrongs done to us is to forget them.

—A rural melodrama should at least have a grass plot.

Program For The Chautauqua. At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua held last week at the Eagle Hotel, Prof. Filler, the new Chancellor, presented his report of the program for the Assembly to be held the coming summer. The Chautauqua Assembly will open on Friday, July 3rd, and close August 5th. The lecturers and entertainers for 1908 have been selected with great care.

Among those who have been engaged for the summer are Prof. F. H. Green, who will deliver a number of lectures and have charge of English Literature; the domestic science department will be under the care of Mrs. Sarah Tyson Rorer who has no superior in the culinary world. Prof. Martin, of Bucks county, will have charge of Nature Studies and will deliver a series of talks. The Rev. Dr. Smith, of Harrisburg, is booked for an illustrated lecture. Other lecturers noted are Dr. Grant, Dr. Rose and United States Senator Carmack. Miss Tappan in a piano recital and Prof. Wyndham on the Panama Canal, Miss Steek in recitations, Leland T. Powers in a recital, the New Century Ladies Quartet, and the Lotus Glee Club in two concerts each and many other famous entertainers are amongst the stellar attractions engaged.

Among the distinguished guests who have promised to attend is Governor Stuart, who will take part in Recognition Day and deliver an address. Altogether the program is exceptionally fine and the Assembly promises to be a very entertaining and instructive occasion. We are unable to give the program in full, but the above noted promise to make the season a memorable one.

Programs can be secured from Prof. Marvin G. Filler, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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