

Mary and John

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Norman Druce stepped into the first taxi he spied as he made his exit from the theater. The musical comedy had been good and Druce stretched out his long legs contentedly as the cab wheeled him homeward. He looked down at his well shod feet which caught the remnants of light from brilliant Broadway. Something more brilliant than his shoes sparkled in the lights that sifted through the cab window. Druce stooped to pick it up. It was a wedding ring.

"By jove!" muttered Druce to himself. "Some fair damsel in tears by this time—lost her wedding ring! Humph! She has a good big hand who ever she is—why, this fits my little finger."

Druce leaned forward into the light and examined the ring. It was a very broad band of gold.

"There is a lot of writing inside, but this beastly light—I can't make out a letter." After several turnings and twistings of the ring Druce gave up the attempt to decipher the inscription.



Chorus Girls Brushed Laughingly Past Him.

"magic into his heart. With no reason whatever for the feeling, Druce had been conscious of a personal pride at the tremendous applause of her audience."

It was not until he reached in his waistcoat pocket for change with which to pay the chauffeur that Druce remembered the wedding ring that he had found. He was about to give it to the man when he decided that it would be much better in his own care.

In the light of his apartment, Druce examined the inscription within the ring. He made it out easily.

"Mary and John, 1909, Church Around the Corner." Well, of all the idiotic things to put in a ring! ex-postulated Druce. "John and Mary! Great Scott! Out of the thousands and millions of Johns and Marys two of them have elected to get married and I will have to look over the register and find this particular two."

Norman Druce was secretly pleased at the prospect of the little adventure and hoped to have the joy of presenting the young matron with her wedding ring.

At three o'clock the next day Druce arrived at the church. Luckily, the sexton was entering the church when Norman Druce sought admittance and permission to examine the records of marriage.

He was soon scanning a list of marriages contracted in nineteen-hundred and nine. Each name in that seemingly endless list had to be studied with a hope of finding not too many unites ones bearing the names of Mary and John. There were many Johns and an equal number of Marys but they were either married to a Peter, a Martha, an Ephemia or a Jacob. Finally his eye found a John and a Mary. Mary Daphne to John Venne. For a second the name of Venne did not strike his consciousness. He looked for the address of the girl, Mary Daphne. It was not far from the church. He would go and

make inquiry regarding the girl's present address.

Druce was given an address which was not far from his own apartments. When he had finished dinner Druce went in search of the couple who had lost the ring. Upon inquiry, the hall boy told him that Mr. and Mrs. Venne were at the theater every night.

For the first time the significance of the name appealed to Druce. Daphne Venne! That was the name of the girl in the play—the girl who had stolen his heart. And she was married; her full name must be Mary Daphne Venne.

Druce had not the heart to make further inquiry but promptly hailed a taxi and gave the name of the theater. He again thought of Daphne Venne and the beauty of her eyes and the exquisiteness of her dancing, her singing and the charm of her smile, yet now it was as the wife of another that he thought of her.

"Strange that she wore my flowers," thought Druce as he made his way to the stage box.

Toward the end of the performance Druce sent a note to the star. In it he mentioned the fact that he was in possession of a wedding ring he had found. Druce knew that if the ring was hers no other information was necessary.

He received an answer immediately. Miss Venne would be pleased to see him after the performance. An usher would take him to her dressing room.

When the curtain had rung down and Norman Druce found himself following an usher to the star's dressing room, an irritating excitement possessed him.

Dozens of chorus girls brushed laughingly past him, but he was unconscious of their glances.

Outside the door, Druce had to wait a moment. When it opened and Daphne Venne stood before him in a simple clinging little gown of golden brown and her beautiful face free from make-up, Druce expected his heart to stop beating—she was so pure and sweet and wonderful in her simple attire.

"You are Mr. Druce?" she questioned, as she held open the door for him to enter.

For answer and partly because it was difficult to speak, Druce held out the wedding ring.

She took it eagerly. "Oh, how good of you to bring it to me—how in the world did you ever find out to whom it belonged?"

"I went to the church and looked up all the Marys and Johns who had ever married," Druce laughed.

Daphne Venne joined him and her eyes looked squarely into his. "It was very, very good of you and I thank you. Mr. Venne will be even more delighted than I am—he was very much upset about the loss."

"I assure you—I can't blame him." Try as he might Druce could not help the admiration in his eyes. Daphne Venne colored beneath it.

There seemed to be nothing more to say and Druce turned as if he would go.

"You won't mind, Mrs. Venne, if I send you a floral tribute now and again—lilies of the valley—they added a charming touch to your costume last night. I am an admirer of your work."

"It was you who sent me those beauties last night? I thank you very much—look!" She pointed to her dressing table and Druce saw his flowers. "I love to smell them while dressing," Daphne Venne said.

"I must go," Norman Druce held out his hand and she slipped hers into it.

"Wouldn't you like to meet my brother? He can thank you himself for having restored his wedding ring."

"Your brother!" Druce turned quickly and caught the dawn of a smile in Daphne's eyes.

"Yes—he often brings me to the theater—so I won't get lost." She smiled whimsically. "It was no doubt then that he dropped his ring. My sister-in-law, Mary Daphne Venne, believes in the foreign custom of a man wearing a ring, also."

"But your name—Daphne Venne?" A gladness had come into Druce's heart.

Daphne laughed mischievously. "My own first name is Priscilla and it hardly suits the profession, so I took Mrs. Venne's name of—"

"Daphne," finished Druce with a peculiar tenderness in his voice. "You will let me take you home tonight, won't you? I want to meet the brother who so thoughtfully lost his ring."

Daphne looked for a moment into his eyes.

"Yes," she said, "and we will have a nice little supper—all four of us."

"But tomorrow night—only you and I," said Druce, as they stepped into a cab.

Probably the Reason.

Passenger—This is a very slow train, guard.

Guard—Yes, sir; I think it must be those sleeping cars behind.—M. A. P. London.

Where Trappers Flourish.

On Prince Edward Island about twenty-five thousand muskrats, five hundred minks, one thousand red foxes and a few weasels are killed every year.

OUTBREAK IN MADERO'S ARMY

Orozo, One of His Own Generals, Orders His Arrest.

DARES MEN TO SHOOT HIM.

Insurrecto Leaders Declare Outbreak the Result of a Plot to Break Up the Revolutionary Organization.

A Day's Even's in Mexico.

General Madero, the provisional President, turned what was evidently intended as a coup of malcontents to disrupt the insurrecto organization into a triumph for himself.

Fearing that an attempt might be made on the life of General Navarro, the Federal commander who surrendered at Juarez, Madero sprang him away to the Rio Grande and enabled him to reach United States territory.

The Mexican capital is virtually in a stage of siege and machine guns have been mounted to protect the palace.

Juarez, Mexico.—The supreme test, the clash between the military and political authorities, was experienced by the Provisional Government of Mexico and Provisional President Francisco I. Madero, Jr., is complete master of the situation.

After a day of thrilling incidents, during which the lives of Madero and his chiefs were in danger, General Orozo, in a moment of passion ordering the arrest of the little rebel leader and demanding the resignation of the Provisional Cabinet, the capital of the Provisional Government is quiet.

Madero Issues Explanation.

Senior Madero gave out the following explanation of the day's events: "Orozo, excited by the victory, probably from the adulation and bad advice of persons interested in causing disunion among us, committed a fault which fortunately had no consequences."

"He complained that the troops did not have sufficient provisions, and wanted to lay the fault upon the persons designated by me to provision the army, but the truth is that in the storehouses we have more than enough provisions, so that the fault is with the provider of his corps, who has not attended to his duty."

"He told me also that he did not like the persons whom I had designated as Cabinet officers, but I told him that it was not he who should tell me whom I should appoint."

Clashed Hands and Made-up.

"There being present a considerable number of soldiers at the place where we met, it appeared to me opportune to address them and explain to them what was transpiring. They all showed that they were well disposed to concord, and in order to terminate the small and disagreeable incident before them Orozo and I clasped hands and forgot everything, as I took into account that although it was true that he had just committed a fault, on the other hand, he had given good service to the cause."

YEARS EXPORTS \$2,012,749,505

Two-Billion-Dollar Mark Passed for the First Time

Washington, D. C.—Exports from the United States for the first time in any 12-month period passed the two-billion-dollar mark, being \$2,012,749,503 for the year ended with April, according to figures prepared by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Exports in April, \$158,004,276, were larger than for any previous April, while the imports were nearly \$14,000,000 less than those of April, 1910. Of the total importation during the month, amounting to \$129,128,122, there entered free of duty \$58,000,000 worth.

The excess of exports over imports for April was \$37,800,000 and for the 10 months ended with April \$378,800,000.

20 Belgian Soldiers Drowned

Antwerp, Belgium.—A news dispatch reports the capsizing of two barges laden with Belgian soldiers, during a storm, on the Lualaba river, one of the head streams of the Congo river, near Lokandu, Belgian Congo. Thirty lives were lost.

's Dodge Guilty

Guild Hall, Vt.—Guilty of manslaughter was the verdict returned in the case of Mrs. Florence M. Dodge, of Lunenburg, who has been on trial for the last two weeks for the murder of William Heath, of Dalton, N. H.

For Big Relief Fund

Tokio.—Prince Katsura, Premier and Minister of Finance, is leading a movement to obtain a fund of \$10,000,000 to be used for the relief of the sick and poor of Japan.

WITH THE STATE LAWMAKERS

Barnhard Explains Capitol Statuary.

George Gray Barnhard, who wrought the two beautiful groups that have been placed on either side of the main entrance to the State Capitol, addressed the House of Representatives. He spoke of the dignity of labor and the brotherhood of man, which, he said, he had tried to exemplify in marble. Labor, he said, is the best thing in life and the best friend of man. The vision of the figures in the two groups, he said, came to him eighteen years ago while walking along a lonely road. It was storming and lightning was playing about him. He thought of the men of sorrow, of joy and of hope. "I lived with the groups," he said, "but did not put them to paper but kept them in my mind until my native State called me to do sculpture work for this beautiful Capitol. 'Do as you will' I was told and I gradually put my vision into marble."

The groups, he continued, show two sides of life. One group represents the burdened souls who cannot follow the laws of brotherhood; the other, love, fraternity and labor. Speaker Cox appointed a committee to adopt plans for the formal acceptance of the groups.

Big Appropriations For Universities.

The Appropriations Committee reported out with favorable recommendations the bill recommending appropriations for the University of Pennsylvania in the sum of \$995,000. Temple University has been allowed \$110,000. Ten thousand of this amount is for maintenance and the balance shall be applied to new buildings whenever the Auditor General is satisfied that the institution had secured by gift from the city of Philadelphia a suitable site. State College has been awarded \$800,000 and Western University of Pennsylvania has been given \$400,000. The sum of \$25,000 has been allowed for the entertainment of visitors to the Navigation Congress, which will be held in Philadelphia next year.

Thompson Toll Road Bill Is Defeated.

The Thompson toll road bill, which was the original road bill in the present session of the Legislature, was defeated decisively in the Senate. The measure was intended to relieve certain counties of the State which are toll ridden by creating a fund and empowering the State Highway Department to purchase and condemn all toll roads and make them free. The bill would have required a half million of dollars to carry out its provision for the ensuing two years.

Banker Released From Prison.

The State Board of Pardons recommended a pardon for William W. Ramsey, a Pittsburg banker, who was sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment on indictments found during the municipal investigation in that city a few years ago. Ramsey's sentence would have expired the latter part of this month.

Bills Passed By Senate.

The Senate passed these bills: House bills compelling corporations organized for the purpose of the storage, transportation and furnishing of water or water power to furnish such power for public purposes.

House bill exempting hospital motor ambulance from the speed laws and requiring that such ambulance and motor fire apparatus be furnished free of charge with registration certificates and number of tags.

House bill authorizing boroughs to unite with boroughs or townships in constructing, acquiring and maintaining water works.

Appropriating \$30,000 to State College for the erection of a building for milling and testing grain and its products.

Appropriating \$500,000 for the acquisition of toll bridges more than 1,000 feet in length not used by railroads and abolishing tolls thereon.

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution so as to permit the Legislature to regulate and fix the compensation and hours of work of persons employed by the State, county or any municipality.

Five House bills repealing special acts affecting Lehigh County and relating to the pay of County Commissioners, jurors, auditors, etc. A general law covers the acts repealed.

House bill regulating the use of firecrackers, fireworks, blank cartridges, pellets, tables, etc., in any county of the State, and providing penalties.

Requiring County Commissioners and borough councils to appropriate annually to G. A. R. posts in their county or borough a sum not exceeding \$50 to defray the expenses of Memorial Day.

Bills Passed In House.

These bills were passed by the House: The bill to make the pay of all election officers outside of Philadelphia and districts governed by special acts, \$5 a day.

Providing for taking testimony of witnesses in civil suits residing in other States or counties.

Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment for consolidation of courts of Allegheny County passed 134 to 17.

TERMS.—The terms of subscription to the Reporter are one dollar per year in advance.

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DEMOCRATIC.

FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce that Arthur B. Lee, of Potter township, is a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries to be held September 30.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

We are authorized to announce that John E. Leamon, of Ferguson township, is a candidate for the office of Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic party.

FOR REGISTER.

We are authorized to announce that William H. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, in Spring township, is a candidate for the office of County Register, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries to be held September 30.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries to be held September 30. J. MITCHELL CUNNINGHAM.

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We are authorized to announce that John D. Miller, of Walker township, is a candidate for County Recorder, subject to the decision of the Democratic party.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce that J. M. Keichline is a candidate for the office of District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic party.

FOR PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorized to announce that D. R. Foreman, of the Borough of Bellfonte, is a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

TO EDITOR REPORTER—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held Sept. 30, 1911.

FOR REGI TER.

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