

SOWING SEEDS IN DANNY

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Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co. THIS STARTS THE STORY Mrs. J. Burton Francis, a woman with high ideals and more than the ordinary measure of the milk of human kindness...

Then Blanche sweetly admonished her: Oh! lay aside your idle boasts. No pleasure thus you'll find; The flowing bowl a serpent is; Oh, sign our pledge, while yet you can, Nor look upon the wine...

PLEASE ma'am. Pearl said, addressing Mrs. White. "Jimmy and me thought anything about a rattlesnake would do for a temperance piece, and if you had only let Jimmy go on you would have seen what happened even to a snake that what he hadn't ought to, and please ma'am, Jimmy and me thought it might be a good lesson for all of us."

Robert Robin Watson (otherwise known as Buggsey), who had that very day been installed as a member of the Band of Hope, after he had avowed his determination "never to touch, taste nor handle alcoholic stimulants in any form as a beverage and to discourage all traffic in the same," was the gentleman on the program...

Miss Barner thought that Pearl's point was well taken, and too, Jimmy with her into the vestry, from which he emerged a few minutes later, flushed and triumphant, and recited the same selection, with a possible change of text in one place:

I belong to the Band of Hope, Never to drink nor to smoke; To love my parents and Uncle Sam, Keep alcohol out of my diaphragm; To say my prayers when I go to bed, And not put the bedclothes over my head;

As I was going to the lake I met a little rattlesnake; I fed him on some jelly-cake, Which made his little stomach ache. The musical committee then sang: We're for home and mother, God and nation, friend and brother, Give us now your hand, and won loud applause. Little Steer Moore knew only the first verse, but it would never have been known that she was saying dum-dum-dum-dum-dum-dum-rum-dum-dum-dum, if Mary Simpson hadn't told.

There! I guess there isn't no kick about that, Pearl thought to herself as Buggsey finished, and the applause rang out loud and louder. Pearl had forgotten to tell Buggsey to come down when he was done, and so he stood irresolute, as the applause grew more and more deafening. Pearl beamed and waved and at last got him safely landed, and when Mrs. White announced that today was Taffy Day, owing to Miss Barner's kindness, Buggsey's cup of happiness was full.

to come—they were so sweet and pure and lovely now. Unconsciously she bowed her head on her hands, and a cry quivered from her heart. The yellow sunlight made a ripple of golden water on the wall behind her and threw a wavering radiance on her soft brown hair. It was at that moment that the Rev. Hugh Granthey, the new Presbyterian minister, opened the vestry door. Mrs. McGuire and the Watsons was the boundary line between the two estates. In the spring Mrs. Watson and the boys put up a fence of green poplar poles where they thought the fence should be, hoping that it might serve the double purpose of dividing the lots and be a social barrier between them and the relic of the late McGuire. The relic watched and waited and said not a word, but it was the ominous silence that comes before the hail. Mrs. McGuire hated the Watson family collectively, but it was upon John Watson, the man of few words, that she lavished the whole wealth of her South of Ireland hatred, for John Watson had on more than one occasion got the better of her in a wordy encounter. One time when the boundary dispute was at its height, she had burst upon John as he went to his work in the morning, with a storm of far-reaching and comprehensive epithets. She gave him the history of the Watson family, past, present and future—especially the future; every Watson that ever left Ireland came in for a brief but pungent notice. John stood thoughtfully rubbing his chin, and when she stopped, not from lack of words, but from lack of breath, he slowly remarked: "Miss McGuire, yer a lady."

It would be hot where ye are, but it would be hotter for ye if ye were here, and ye'd jist have the trouble o' movin'. Stay where ye are, Pat, wherever ye are. He walked away leaving Mrs. McGuire with the uncomfortable feeling that he had some way got the best of her. The Watsons had planted their potatoes beside the fence, and did not dream of evil. But one morning in the early autumn, the earliest little Watson who went out to get a basin of water out of the rain barrel; to wash the "sleeps" out of his eyes, dropped the basin in his astonishment, for the fence was gone—it was removed to Mrs. McGuire's broodpile, and the lady herself was industriously digging the potatoes. (CONTINUED TOMORROW)

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