

THE DAILY NOVELETTE

THE SPUR

By Jessie Douglas

MARJORIE tilted the shabby hat on her head with the greatest of care and looked at herself in the mirror. The image before her eyes blurred and she put her hand up to her cheeks and rubbed away the tears.

"What have you got to cry about? With eight Christmas cards and this, and this!"

"You're all alone here, aren't you?" he asked. "So am I. All the rest of my family out West and I never felt so lonesome in my life. Nothing like a big city to make one feel lost. I've just had a box from home, jelly and turkey and all that. I wish—I wish, I wish you were here."

"There—might be," she whispered, and then the door had shut behind her and she was leaning hard against it with her heart hammering wildly.

"If there were just some one—some one who had asked me to come today! But every one's got a home and a family and I guess they're right."

"Merry Christmas!" she whispered. "Oh, it can't be flowers!"

She unwound the green tape, lifted off the cover almost reverently and turned back the green tissue; then she hung herself on her knees before the couch and gave an exclamation of delight.

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"Do they?" he begged; "do they? Or do you think there's a chance for me?"

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BOYS ACCUSED OF ROBBERY

Three Fugitives From Glen Mills School Are Quickly Caught

Media, Dec. 20. — Having silenced a pet poodle by beating it nearly to death, three boys from the Glen Mills school ransacked the home of Frank Moyer, of Media, Sunday night, in the absence of the family. They took \$250, the family says.

After completing their search for valuables, the boys attacked the pantry and made a meal of mince and oatmeal pie. Also, they kindled such a fire in the kitchen stove as to endanger the house.

Watten Moyer, a son of Frank Moyer, with Harry McGrodney and Edward Odgen, searched for the robbers

and soon came upon the Glen Mills fugitives. On being returned to the institution, the boys, according to the authorities, confessed to the housebreaking.

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