

The Daily Novelette

And Loud Enough
By Corona Remington

"It's a well known fact that if you want a thing hard enough you get that is hard enough and long enough."

John Winton straightened in his seat and stared at the lecturer. It was the first remark Dr. Jameson had made that had attracted his attention.

"The magic of wishing," the lecturer went on. "That's what you might call it for me. My power is often magical, and I could cite hundreds of cases where the effect has been almost miraculous. Just get the image of the thing you want in your mind and dwell upon it, think of it frequently and see it clearly and work for it. Makes you very aim a stepping stone to your goal. Don't get the idea that all you have to do is pray for it; the Lord helps those who help themselves. Continue the two-wishing and working. There's a great team and an equal amount of both will have a far greater effect than three times the amount of either of the others."

"That's all today. Thank you."

And a short, enthusiastic pause followed as the lecturer left the platform and John Winton slowly walked his way out of the room with the lecturer.

"Pretty good lecture, eh, Winton? You know, I believe there's something in that wishing business."

"I'm inclined to think so, too," John answered.

My kid brother is in my box," said the other man. "Mrs. Macmillan and I were talking about these before the other evening at dinner, and Glynsey claimed in and said:

"I know it's true, daddy. I'd wish for a thime to live, just once, though enough. Santa Claus always brings it to me every time he comes."

"And loud enough, she might have added," laughed Winton.

"Yes, loud enough. It might not be bad to put that into the requirements. Some folks want a thime they would have for the ad, and some don't have to have a pinky and the person who has a pinky know it's wanted."

Winton smiled at Macmillan.

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