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CHAPTER II—Continued.

The girl passed on without replying, and the old man joined Polly in the summer house. He sat down on the bench near her, fanning himself with his straw hat, and it was some time before he spoke.

"Hotter'n it was last night," he said.

"Hotter than it was night before last, I think," the woman replied.

"I gad, I guess you're right. You always raise me one; must have played poker in your time."

"'But if I were to play poker I might not always raise; I might sometimes simply call."

"Gad. I believe you have played; but that ain't what I want to talk about. See this?" He touched his shirt collar and it was fastened with a horseshoe nail. "Been a threatenin' to git it for a long time and got it jest now in honor of you, don't you see? But it ain't nothin' to laugh at. Will you let me tell you somethin'?"

"Yes, I am going to sit here a few moments longer."

"Don't exactly like the way you put it, but I reckon it's all right." He was silent, fumbling with the nail at his collar; he sighed deeply, threw his hat on the ground, thrust his hands into his pockets and leaned back against the vine-woven lattice work. And in the twilight she could see that his face was hard-set and his countenance eager.

"What were you going to tell me?" she asked.

"Somethin' powerful important to both of us, but you'll have to let me git at it in my own round-about way. By this time the whole town is discuss-

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in' the fact that three men, strange men at that, come here and called you Polly. And mebbe in the mornin' they will tell you that you better git out. Then what?"

"I'll tell them to go to a place not on the school maps, but well located in spiritual geography."

"I gad, that's the way to talk to avoid strength, but it won't do to tell 'em no such a thing. There is a way by which the whole affair may be made smooth."

"It is smooth enough now," she replied.

"I'll be dinged if it is; it's as rough as a toad's back; but we can smooth it. Now here," he leaned toward her. "I say now here, you marry me and the whole affair will be settled, for they won't dare to talk about the wife of the mayor of the town. Hah, what do you say? You see that I've got about the best place around here, and I was down the creek yesterday evenin' and that corn is goin' to turn out monstrous, hah? You can go right down to the store and trade out ten dollars' worth as a snort, hah? Then Nell can help you right along in the printing office and it shan't cost you a cent. As I told you once before, you ain't so powerful good lookin'. Your face ain't got that saft look that it ought to have, but we expect everything of a woman from the city, you know. Oh, I know I'm gittin' old, but I bet a dollar that I can jump over that bean pole right yander."

"I'll take the bet," she replied.

"Hah, what's that? You don't want to see me jumpin' round in the garden path at night like a toad, do you? Wouldn't like to have it said that you married a man simply because he could jump over a pole, would you? Look, don't you see I have got this here horseshoe nail jest to please you? Look how I am putting myself out."

"But you haven't told me that you love me," she said, and in the gathering darkness she could see her looking down.

"Haven't I? Well, I do. Love you well enough to let you go to the store and trade out ten dollars' worth at a snort, and if that ain't love, hanged if I know what is. Yes, I even love you more than that—I'll let you trade out fifteen. Now what do you say?"

"Mr. Aimes," she said, and her voice was low and sympathetic, "your earnest pleading warms my heart toward you, and it therefore grieves me to tell you that I am engaged."

"The horn spoon you say! But who to? But not to one of them men, I hope."

"No; not to one particularly, but to all three."

"The off ox you say! But you can't marry all three of 'em."

"No, I can't; but I can wait and see which one I really want."

"Miss," said the old man, catching up his hat and arising, "you come mighty near being the blamest creeter I ever saw."

He stood there fumbling with his collar; he took out the nail, held it a moment in his hand, and then, throwing it away, said: "Thar, I have flung my love and your honor out into bushes. Good night."

There was a great deal of talk in the village, and at one time it appeared that the mite society, for whose benefit Polly had so ardently begged a nickel here and there, would issue an edict against her; but the tide was finally turned by the president of the association, a widow with a business eye. She saw that to cut off the newspaper was to throw away a valuable adjunct, and so it was agreed that Polly might remain in the society and rest simply under a mild degree of suspicion. The question was discussed in the church, but the preacher, strong in his belief that church notices and abstracts of sermons should be printed, called a determined halt.

How much longer the affair might have been discussed, and into what remote and executive corners of affrighted virtue it might have been dragged, it would be difficult to say; but the arising of a new topic put it all aside. And this new topic was one of real excitement. Not far away in the hills lived a gang of desperate men, the Abe Peters boys, they were called. It was known, or at least it was strongly suspected, that they had robbed railway trains. Determined efforts on the part of the law had failed to bring them to justice. It was believed that they had formed an alliance with the Dalton gang, but this their leader denied, and offered, on condition of a pardon for himself and friends, to help the officers bring the Daltons into court or to kill them. This offer was accepted. The Daltons were killed or so badly crippled that nothing further was to be feared from them. Well, after this the Peters gang fought off the temptation to rob trains, but could not forego the pleasurable recreation of riding into a village now and then and shooting out the lights. So, just about the time the talk concerning Polly and the three men was sinking to a mere whisper of dying scandal, the Peters brothers rode into Broomfield, shot the town cow, wounded the prowling hog and shattered a lamp in the meeting house. This was the greatest outrage that had ever been put upon that part of the country, and old man Aimes, with his shirt unbuttoned, puffed up and down the street and swore that if anyone would go with him he would ride after the scoundrels. But everybody was busy. The sheriff was behind with his tax list, the constable wasn't feeling well; and while the citizens were discussing their inability to avenge themselves, Polly came up and said that she would go with Mr. Aimes.

"I gad," said the old fellow, looking upon her with admiration, "you'll drive me to the shop to get another horseshoe nail, but I think too much of you to see you put yourself in such danger. Let's wait awhile."

In the next number of the paper Polly scored the rascals, and this produced a scare. The people said that the Peters brothers would surely come back and riddle the town. And within a week afterfard they did come back, shouting, galloping through the streets. In fright the people sought their homes. The marauders dashed about, firing. They galloped up to the printing office and fired at the windows. And then from the inside came a puff of smoke and one of the Peters fell out of his saddle. Then there arose a furious melee, firing right and left, but the steady hand within the office fired again and out of a saddle dropped another man. Suddenly there was a new excitement among the marauders, and from behind a goods box came the double roar of a shotgun. The Peters brothers, those not on the ground, ducked their heads and dashed away, and when Polly stepped out, Nell, with a gun in her hand, came from behind the box. "I was watching," she said, "and I thought you needed me."

CHAPTER III.

Three men had been dangerously wounded, and the law, now brave enough, took charge of them. Polly and Nell were heroines. The president of the mite society called a special meeting in honor, and old man Aimes buttoned almost tight enough to choke him. Now it was declared that Polly should never leave the village; and it was also vowed that if she wanted to be acquainted with three men from away off somewhere it was her right, and that it was nobody's business if she had chosen to engage herself to them.

One afternoon Aimes called at the office and told Nell to go home. "Go right on now and wait there till I come," he said, thinking to whisper to her, but speaking loudly enough to be heard out in the street. "Yes, right now and when I do come I may have a mighty interestin' piece of news for you."

Nell went out and Polly knew what was coming. The old man sat down. "Little cooler than it was yesterday," he said.

"Yes," she replied. "Cooler than it was day before yesterday."

"Gad, I reckon you are right. Say, do you ricollect that some time ago I told you about my field of corn down the creek? Well, you ought to see it now. Seventy-five or a hundred bushels to the acre. And you know that I told you that you might even spend $15. Of course you ricollect it, for how could a woman and as brave a woman as you ever forget it. Well, I have been thinkin' the matter over since then and I have come to the conclusion that you may spend $20 at a snort. Now what do you think of it?"

"But you don't owe me anything," she replied.

"No, but I want to give it to you, don't you see—give it to you to spend at a snort, hah? I want to marry you, don't you understand?"

"Mr. Aimes, you are too brave a man to throw yourself away."

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Lot's wife was not engaged in genealogical research when she looked backwards.

It is not possible to preserve all kinds of vegetables, but everybody knows the tomato can.

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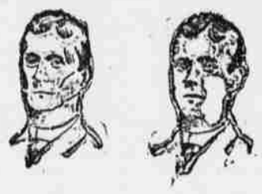

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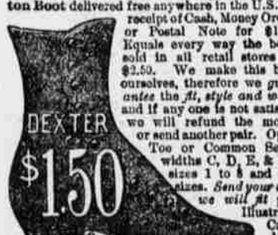

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Nov. 18, 1894.

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Leave Scranton for Pittston and Wilkes-Barre, via D., L. & W. R. R., 6.00, 8.08, 11.20 a.m., 3.50, 6.07, 8.50 p.m.

Leave Scranton for White Haven, Hazleton, Pottsville and all points on the Beaver Meadow and Pottsville branches, via E. & W. V. R. R., 6.40 a.m., via D. & H. R. R. at 7.45 a.m., 12.05, 2.38, 4.00 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 6.00, 8.08, 11.20 a.m., 1.30, 3.50 p.m.

Leave Scranton for Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Harrisburg and all intermediate points via D. & H. R. R., 7.45 a.m., 12.05, 2.38, 4.00, 11.38 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 6.00, 8.08, 11.20 a.m., 1.30 p.m.

Leave Scranton for Tunkhannock, Towanda, Elmira, Ithaca, Geneva and all intermediate points via D. & H. R. R., 8.45 a.m., 12.05 and 11.35 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 8.08, 9.55 a.m., 1.30 p.m.

Leave Scranton for Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago and all points west via D. & H. R. R., 8.45 a.m., 12.05, 9.15, 11.38 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R. and Pittston Junction, 8.08, 9.55 a.m., 1.30, 3.50 p.m., via E. & W. V. R. R., 3.41 p.m.

For Elmira and the west via Salamanca, via D. & H. R. R., 8.45 a.m., 12.05, 6.05 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 8.08, 9.55 a.m., 1.30, and 6.07 p.m.

Pullman parlor and sleeping or L. V. chair cars on all trains between L. & B. Junction or Wilkes-Barre and New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, and Suspension Bridge.

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Del., Lack. and Western.

Trains leave Scranton as follows: Express for New York and all points East, 1.40, 2.50, 5.15, 8.00 and 9.55 a.m.; 12.55 and 3.50 p.m.

Express for Easton, Trenton, Philadelphia and the south, 5.15, 8.00 and 9.55 a.m., 12.55 and 3.50 p.m.

Washington and way stations, 3.55 p.m.

Tobyhanna accommodation, 6.10 p.m.

Express for Binghamton, Oswego, Elmira, Corning, Bath, Dansville, Mount Morris and Buffalo, 12.10, 2.35 a.m. and 1.24 p.m., making close connections at Buffalo to all points in the West, Northwest and Southwest.

Bath accommodation, 9 a.m.

Binghamton and way stations, 12.37 p.m.

Nicholson accommodation, at 5.15 p.m.

Binghamton and Elmira Express, 6.05 p.m.

Express for Cortland, Syracuse, Oswego Utica and Richfield Springs, 2.35 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.

Ithaca, 2.35 and Bath 9 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.

For Northumberland, Pittston, Wilkes-Barre, Plymouth, Bloomsburg and Danville, making close connections at Northumberland for Williamsport, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and the South.

Northumberland and intermediate stations, 6.00, 9.55 a.m. and 1.30 and 6.07 p.m.

Nanticoke and intermediate stations, 8.08 and 11.20 a.m. Plymouth and intermediate stations, 3.50 and 8.52 p.m.

Pullman parlor and sleeping coaches on all express trains.

For detailed information, pocket time tables, etc., apply to M. L. Smith, city ticket office, 328 Lackawanna avenue, or depot ticket office.

"The Diff." DELAWARE AND HUDSON RAILROAD.

Commencing Monday, day, July 30, all trains will arrive at new Lackawanna avenue station as follows:

Trains will leave Scranton station for Carbondale and intermediate points at 2.20, 5.45, 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20, 3.55, 5.15, 6.15, 7.23, 9.10 and 11.20 p.m.

For Farview, Waymart and Honesdale at 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20 and 5.15 p.m.

For Albany, Saratoga, the Adirondacks and Montreal at 5.45 a.m. and 2.20 p.m.

For Wilkes-Barre and intermediate ints at 7.45, 8.45, 9.38 and 10.45 a.m., 12.05, 1.20, 2.38, 4.00, 5.10, 6.05, 9.15 and 11.38 p.m.

Trains will arrive at Scranton station from Carbondale and intermediate points at 7.40, 8.40, 9.34 and 10.40 a.m., 12.00, 1.17, 2.34, 3.40, 4.54, 5.55, 7.45, 9.11 and 11.23 p.m.

From Honesdale, Waymart and Farview at 9.34 a.m., 12.00, 1.17, 3.40, 5.55 and 7.45 p.m.

From Montreal, Saratoga, Albany, etc., at 4.54 and 11.33 p.m.

From Wilkes-Barre and intermediate points at 2.15, 8.04, 10.05 and 11.55 a.m., 1.16, 2.14, 3.39, 5.10, 6.05, 7.20, 9.03 and 11.16 p.m.

NEW YORK ONTARIO AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

SCRANTON DIVISION.
In Effect Sept. 16th, 1894.

North Bound.				South Bound.		
205 Local Pass	203 NY Day Exp	201 Local Pass	Stations (Trains Daily, Except Sunday)	202 Local Pass	204 Ontario Day Ex	206 Local Pass
....	P M 7 25	...	Arrive Leave N Y Franklin St	....	A M 7 40	....
....	7 10	....	West 42nd St	....	7 53	....
....	7 00	....	Weehawken	....	8 10	....
P M	P M		Arrive Leave	A M	P M	....
8 20	1 15	....	Hancock Junc.	6 00	2 05	....
8 10	1 09	....	Hancock	6 06	2 11	....
7 58	12 56	....	Starlight	6 18	2 22	....
7 51	12 46	....	Preston Park	6 25	2 31	....
7 45	12 40	....	Como	6 32	2 41	....
7 38	12 25	....	Poyntello	6 40	2 50	....
7 33	12 18	....	Belmont	6 45	2 58	....
7 22	12 03	....	Pleasant Mt.	6 55	3 06	....
7 19	f1159	...	Uniondale	f6 58	3 09	....
7 08	11 49	A M	Forest City	7 10	3 19	P M
6 51	11 34	9 15	Carbondale	7 24	3 34	5 34
6 48	f1130	9 12	White Bridge	7 27	f3 38	5 37
f6 45	....	f9 06	Mayfield	f7 32	f3 43	f5 42
6 41	11 23	9 03	Jermyn	7 34	3 45	5 45
6 35	11 18	8 57	Archibald	7 40	3 51	5 51
6 32	f1115	8 54	Winton	7 43	3 54	5 54
6 29	11 11	8 50	Peckville	7 48	3 59	5 59
6 25	11 07	8 44	Olyphant	7 52	4 04	6 04
6 21	11 05	8 41	Dickson	7 54	4 07	6 07
6 19	11 03	8 39	Throop	7 56	4 10	6 10
6 14	11 00	8 36	Providence	8 00	4 14	6 14
f6 13	f1057	8 33	Park Place	8 02	f4 17	6 16
6 10	10 55	8 30	Scranton	8 05	4 20	6 20
P M	A M	A M	Leave Arrive	A M	P M	P M

All trains run daily except Sunday.

f. signifies that trains stop on signal for passengers.

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J. C. Anderson, Gen. Pass. Agt.
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Erie and Wyoming Valley.

Trains leave Scranton for New York and intermediate points on the Erie railroad at 6.35 a.m. and 3.24 p.m. Also for Honesdale, Hawley and local points at 6.35, 9.45 a.m., and 3.24 p.m.

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Trains leave for Wilkes-Barre at 6.40 a.m. and 3.41 p.m.

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