

The Visible Soul

A Short Story by G. H. S.

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MR. SAMUEL GREENE, the leading lumber merchant in a large Western city, was known as one of the most prosperous men in his section of the state. He had acquired his wealth by hard trading and close bargaining. Few people could get ahead of him; and though it was his frequent remark that every dollar he owned was honestly made in trade, his customers and his tenants knew him only as a hard man, not unscrupulous, but disposed to exact the last dime. At home or in church (to which he went occasionally) his thoughts were too much occupied with schemes of money-making to afford any spare room for affection or religious feeling. His business acquaintances rather envied him, as one who had conquered the secret of success. The lumber merchant sat in his little office at the close of an October day. It had been a day full of business and its aggravations. He was thinking of going home, when there suddenly came a rat-tat at the door. "Come in!" called Mr. Greene, gruffly. "Oh, it's you, Simmons. Well, now, what's wanted?" "Mr. Greene," said the newcomer, a sturdy-built, honest-looking man of middle age, "I've come to see if you won't let me have another bill of lumber—some Michigan pine I need for that contract I have on the east side."

"No, Simmons, you can't have another foot of lumber from my yard, that's flat," said Mr. Greene, harshly. "As soon as you pay up what you owe, you can get more; not till then."

"But, Mr. Greene," protested Simmons, "this is a serious matter to me. Why, I've been paying you hundreds and hundreds of dollars, good money, for your lumber; and as soon as this job is through you will be the first to get your money. You don't surely mean to say you refuse?" "That's just what I do mean," snapped Greene. "But I've no time to talk about it. You can take your choice; pay up your last bill, or go without."

"Thank you, Mary," he said in a tone so kindly that his wife looked at him in surprise. "Now, dear, you see I am all right. Won't you please get Tom to hitch up and drive around to Simmons, the carpenter, and tell him I want to see him immediately? In fact, tell him to bring Simmons with him." He pulled out his watch. "I must have him here within the next half hour."

"Five minutes later he could hear the sound of the departing coach, showing that the coachman had sped upon his errand. Mr. Greene again touched the bell, and one of his daughters responded. "Edith, I want to send down to the widow Grogan's. You know she is one of my tenants. Can't one of your girls go down and bring her up? It's only ten minutes' walk, and I must see her this evening."

"Why, papa," said the daughter, "and so late?" "Oh, said the merchant, "it's only 7 o'clock. You go, Edith, and I will make it up to you. You can take the street car and be down there in a twinkling. And to her astonishment, he kissed her. Such a thing had hardly happened since the girls were babies."

It was well within the half hour when Tom drove up before the door, and Carpenter Simmons mounted the steps. He was shown up to the merchant's room. "Come in, Simmons; come in!" said Mr. Greene with a show of animation. "I came, Mr. Greene, but I haven't the slightest idea—"



Dog-matic People

Are often capable of doing injury to less positive people, the very enthusiasts of their affirmation making up for lack of argument and want of evidence. And the worst of all dogmatists are those doctors who, backed to the wall by old dogma of the schools, insist that certain patients are beyond all medical help, because, forsooth, their diseases are beyond the limited medical knowledge of the dogmatist. "When the physician had given me up I was cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery." That statement, varied sometimes in form but identical in fact, is one of the common expressions found in the letters of those cured by "Golden Medical Discovery." Sometimes the statement runs: "I was given up by four doctors, showing a desperate effort to find relief in local practitioners. But however the story begins, it almost invariably ends with the statement, 'I am perfectly cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.' Persons suffering from "weak" lungs, hemorrhages, deep-seated cough, emaciation and weakness, have been restored to perfect health by the Golden Medical Discovery. The philosophy of the cures effected by this marvelous medicine is not hard to understand. Life is sustained by food, digested and assimilated. The basis of health is a good appetite and a sound digestion. In almost all cases of disease loss of appetite is an early symptom, and this is promptly followed by a wasting of the flesh. For some cause the food eaten is not being converted into nutrition and the body and its organs being starved, must grow weak. There is only one way to get strength and that is by food. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery heals diseases of the stomach and allied organs of digestion and nutrition, so enabling the body to assimilate the "needed" nourishment. This various forms of "weakness," so-called, are cured by the "Discovery"—"weak" lungs, "weak" heart, "weak" nerves, "weak" or sluggish liver, etc., because the organs are made strong by food, which is perfectly digested and assimilated after the "Discovery" has healed the diseases of the stomach and allied organs of digestion and nutrition.

"I am sure you are no one can see you?" "None but you," was the reply. He opened the door. "Sam! Sam!" said the gentle voice of his wife. "What's the matter? We saw you go up, and we haven't heard from you since you came home." She nervously grasped his hands in her own, which were trembling. "Nothing, Mary," said the lumber merchant, hurriedly. "Nothing's the matter, only I wish you would send me up a cup of tea—a cup of good

strong tea. I want to take it here in my room. I have something on my mind; nothing to trouble you, Mary, but I must be here alone for a little while."

"With something between a gasp and a sob the wife went down stairs. Presently she returned with the cup of tea."

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The time of our annual inventory is near at hand; in order to reduce stock, we offer the people of Scranton and vicinity the opportunity of buying Dry Goods of good quality at the Lowest Prices ever quoted in this city. The quality of every article is warranted to be as represented. Money refunded to any dissatisfied customer.

Sale Commences Wednesday, Jan. 2, and Continues Until Goods Are Sold

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WOULDN'T MARRY COUSINS.

The Couple Will Get a Dispensation at the Cost of \$100. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Biddletford, Me., Jan. 1.—Alfred Hughes, thirty years old, and Miss Clara Bouthlette, twenty-two years old, two well-known French Canadians of this city, approached the altar of St. Joseph's church yesterday with the expectation of being married, but after waiting in the sacred edifice for nearly two hours, momentarily expecting the ceremony to be performed that should make them husband and wife, were informed by Rev. Father Canuel that the marriage could not take place, as the rules of the church forbade the union of first cousins gave in case of a dispensation of the pope.

ONLY WEEP FOR HER HUSBAND.

Insanity Charge Against Mrs. Albert W. Hurrst Is Dismissed. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—On October 24 Alva W. Hurrst and Mabel Scott, each aged 20 years and both prominent, were married. Seven days after this Hurrst left a good position, wife and home and sailed to Honolulu. Not a word has Mrs. Hurrst heard since from her husband. Yesterday a complaint charging Mrs. Hurrst with insanity was issued. Mrs. Hurrst said her husband's neglect had caused her to cry considerably, and her whole thought was to go to him.

The physicians recommended dismissal of the proceedings, and Mrs. Hurrst returned to Pomona. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott, of Pomona, came from Bloomington, Ill., three years ago, where they had lived for years. They were neighbors and intimate friends of ex-Vice President Stevenson.