

# The Only Fool

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Sarah Martin married Jim Hewson because she was a hired girl and working for \$2 a week; because, again, she was tired of work and wanted a home. Jim Hewson married Sarah Martin because he also wanted a home and because he knew that she earned \$8 a month. That would pay the rent on a cottage in a village in those far back days.

Jim was lazy. He was born that way and couldn't help it. He hadn't energy enough to sweat a shirt collar, and therefore when he worked he got paid according to his energy, which paid seldom exceeded 15 cents a day.

The bridal tour of the newly weds consisted of walking a mile arm in arm, each with a basket on the free arm, to a huckleberry swamp a mile away. There they picked twelve quarts of berries—that is, Sarah picked ten quarts and Jim two. Then they walked back to town and sold the berries to a grocer for 6 cents in cash.

"You see," said Jim as he juggled the money in his hand, "we can get along as easy as grease. This money would buy us provisions for a week."

The bride half laughed at the remark, but soon felt serious and hadn't much more to say. Two weeks later, however, she had. Jim had gone to see her in the kitchen in which she worked and was feeling glad that he was a married man when she said:

"Jim, I have been thinking things over."

"Well?" was the query. "I have come to the conclusion that I was either a lunatic or an idiot to have married you. You are all wrong. You are lazy and shiftless. You haven't got the energy of a potato bug. You want me to work and support you instead of it being the other way. If you were the best husband in the state I wouldn't do it."

"Well, what are we going to do?" asked the husband after a lapse of a minute.

"I can't get a divorce from you, Jim, for I haven't got the money to put one through. If we agreed on a separation it would do me no good, for I'd still be bound to you. If I was free altogether I might stand a chance of getting a husband who would provide a home and comforts for me."

"You mean if I should die you'd have your chance?"

The wife didn't reply. She only looked at him.

Jim rose up and left the house without a good night and went to his bed of hay in the stable, and for an hour he did more thinking than he had done in a year before.

In about a week he tried suicide. He went over on the railroad track in mid-afternoon, and when the 3 o'clock express came along he was standing between the rails and facing it. The whistle screamed and tooted, but Jim stood there as if spiked to a tie. The engineer tried to stop the train, but the pace was thirty miles an hour when the cowcatcher did its work. Five minutes later a man who had witnessed the accident from forty rods away came running up just as the victim was climbing the fence of a cornfield into which he had been hurled. He had a slight limp in the left leg, but that was nothing for Jim to kick about.

Sarah had heard of this attempt and started out to look for Jim, but she didn't have the luck to find him. He was missing from his usual haunts for three or four days, and then he turned up on a bluff overlooking the mill pond half a mile from the bridge. He was going to try the water cure this time. The bluffs were thirty feet above the water, and Jim couldn't swim a stroke. Instead of striking the water, however, he struck a strip of mud.

"You blamed idiot! What did you jump for? I saw you when you made the leap!" said a passerby.

"I wanted to die," replied Jim.

Sarah got every loose boy in town to hunt for Jim, but they hunted in vain. He had one more attempt coming to him, and if found at all he wanted to be found dead. He went two miles away from town and hired to a farmer to sprinkle paris green over the potato vines of his patch. The farmer left him alone for an hour, and Jim mixed a big dose of the powder and drank it down. It was an overdose, however, and it was thrown off, and his life was saved again.

It was when poor Jim was tottering down the road toward the village that a man in an auto overtook him and halted to say:

"If you aren't drunk, then you are sick. Get in here. Now, what's the matter?"

Jim told him all, and, curiously enough, the autoist proved to be an uncle of his whom he had not heard of since his boyhood days. When the uncle had heard the story to its end he said:

"Jim, you had a fool for a father. You have got three fool brothers and fool sisters and about five or six fool uncles and aunts and the Lord only knows how many fool cousins, but you are the first fool in all the family that ever owned up to being a fool. You shall be rewarded in consequence. I will buy you a house and lot in the village, give you \$5,000 to set you and Sarah on your feet and bet that you'll come out very near the top. A man who is a fool and knows it is a better man than one who thinks he is wise and doesn't know it."

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In Sympathy. The two men had met at a dinner party and were talking in a corner by themselves.

"You see that tall woman with the sharp nose and the critical eye?" asked one of them.

"Yes," said the other quietly. "Well, I've watched her for quite awhile. She's always got her nose into somebody's business. She's the last woman I'd marry."

"Which shows how strangely in sympathy we are," said the other without resentment. "She's the last woman I did marry." —Exchange.

The Lacking Stroke. "Do you think it would improve my style," inquired the varsity man who had got into the crew through favoritism, "if I were to acquire a faster stroke?"

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A good inflow makes a good outflow; he who takes in much can and must give much. —Sarkis.

## Questions that a Good Citizen Should Know.

- D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?
  - R. Yes.
- D. What form of Government is this?
  - R. Republic.
- D. What is the Constitution of the United States?
  - R. It is the fundamental law of this country.
- D. Who makes the laws of the United States?
  - R. The Congress.
- D. What does Congress consist of?
  - R. Senate and House of Representatives.
- D. Who is our State Senator?
  - R. Theo. M. Kurtz.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?
  - R. President.
- D. How long is the President of the United States elected?
  - R. 4 years.
- D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?
  - R. The Vice President.
- D. What is his name?
  - R. Thomas R. Marshall.
- D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?
  - R. By the electors.
- D. By whom are the electors elected?
  - R. By the people.
- D. Who makes the laws for the state of Pennsylvania?
  - R. The Legislature.
- D. What does the Legislature consist of?
  - R. Senate and Assembly.
- D. Who is our Assemblyman?
  - R. Wilmer H. Wood.
- D. How many State in the union?
  - R. 48.
- D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?
  - R. July 4, 1776.
- D. By whom was it written?
  - R. Thomas Jefferson.
- D. Which is the capital of the United States?
  - R. Washington.
- D. Which is the capital of the state of Pennsylvania?
  - R. Harrisburg.
- D. How many Senators has each state in the United States Senate?
  - R. Two.
- D. Who are our U. S. Senators?
  - R. Boise Penrose and George T. Oliver.
- D. By whom are they elected?
  - R. By the people.
- D. For how long?
  - R. 6 years.
- D. How many representatives are there?
  - R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)
- D. For how long are they elected?
  - R. 2 years.
- D. Who is our Congressman?
  - R. S. Taylor North.
- D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?
  - R. 38.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?
  - R. The Governor.
- D. For how long is he elected?
  - R. 4 years.
- D. Who is the Governor?
  - R. Brumbaugh.
- D. Do you believe in organized government?
  - R. Yes.
- D. Are you opposed to organized government?
  - R. No.
- D. Are you an anarchist?
  - R. No.
- D. What is an anarchist?
  - R. A person who does not believe in organized government.
- D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?
  - R. No.
- D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?
  - R. One who believes in having more than one wife.
- D. Do you belong to any secret Society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?
  - R. No.
- D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?
  - R. No.
- D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?
  - R. The board of Aldermen.
- D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?
  - R. Yes.

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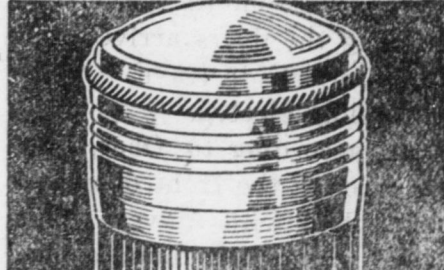
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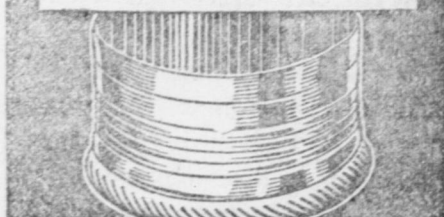


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