

# The Sleeping Partner

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Everybody in Brocton was surprised when the will of Eben Darrow was read and Ellis Burton was named as a beneficiary to the extent of ten thousand dollars in cash and two buildings on the main business street of the town.

"Why, they were not very closely related," advanced our critic.

"Oh! old Darrow did it out of pity," declared a second. "You see, Burton was born lazy. He has never had to work, for he don't know how. The old man knew he would starve if he didn't leave him provided for."

When the friends of Ellis came around to congratulate him, they found him ensconced in his favorite arm chair, indulging in his afternoon nap, an invariable adjunct of his daily routine.

"It's my great luxury, a snooze," confessed Ellis frankly. "You see, for ten years I lived with my uncle in the far South, where, in summer time, nobody works between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. It's a hammock and a nap, except for the natives. I fell in with the sleeping habit."

For all his indolence Ellis was a great favorite all around. He revered all womankind, and had a way of petting the children that made him universally popular. Ellis was generous to a fault, never out of humor, and he did not even get excited when he was informed of his heirship.

One day a young man asked for him at his hotel. The proprietor of the hostelry indicated his pleasant-faced guest, asleep in a chair in the lobby.

"I don't like to disturb him," observed the newcomer.

"Oh, Burton wakes up as easily as he goes to sleep," said boniface. "Just give him a nudge. He'll take it friendly and natural." So the young man went over to the side of the comfortably disposed slumberer.

"Hello! What's up—a fire, or something like?" challenged Ellis.

"No, a little matter of business," came the explanation. "I am Arnold Wells, and I am looking for a business location. I understand that you own the little vacant store opposite here, and I would like to know its rental."

"Oh, that's it, eh?" said Ellis.

"What's going to be your line, Mr. Wells?"

"Why, I have been running a small place down the line in automobile accessories. They have put the new paved highway through Brocton, so I am planning to move to where the prospects are best."

"Yes; but say, I also own the corner building. That's vacant, too. And there's a flat overhead. I suppose you have a family?"

"Only a sister."

Ellis manifested a growing interest in the clear-headed, intelligent young man, who explained that he had less than a thousand dollars to invest in the prospective enterprise. It all resulted in a suggestion from Ellis that his visitor expand his business propo-

sition and take in the sale of automobiles, as well as accessories, he furnishing the capital. Ellis could sit around the place and talk to customers, making sure it was furnished with a comfortable easy chair. He need not forego his customary afternoon snooze, and, if there was any outside work to do, what more pleasant than a cushioned seat in a luxuriously appointed car? So a bargain was cemented, the big store was fitted up, and the brother and sister established in modest living quarters.

Ellis was aroused to a new interest at the first sight of Edna Wells. Edna kept the books of the business, her brother put in full time working up business and the happy Ellis decided that he had fitted right into an ideal occupation, if his activities could be so considered.

Just as the business seemed on a settled basis Arnold broke down from overwork. His doctor insisted that he go away for two months' rest. Edna was to go with him as his nurse. The last evening they spent in Brocton she came to Ellis.

"Mr. Burton," she said, "you shall not lose, after all your generosity towards us, for if Arnold does not recover his health he will make over to you his share in the business. But I did hope," and her wistful, pleading eyes caused Ellis to thrill, "that you would—would wake up. Oh, forgive me! But if you would only take the interest in the business you are capable of, that would give poor Arnold new life and hope."

"You dear, sweet friend!" exclaimed Ellis, roused out of himself. "You've given me a grand motto: 'Wake Up!' I'm going to do it."

All Brocton marveled just after that. One man noticed Ellis on the street at daylight and rubbed his eyes, and looked twice. From morning until night Ellis was moving briskly about town, working up business or out among the farmers selling them machines. When the hour for his accustomed nap arrived he would take a run around the block. He joined an athletic club. A springy step, a rare glow of health were now present with him. The supreme moment of his life came the day Edna and her brother returned to Brocton and proudly he vaunted the business progress he had made.

And later came the reward of well doing—upon one eventful evening when he told Edna Wells that he loved her.

Test of Woolens.

One test is to cut off a bit of the selvage and touch a match to it. If it shrivels up, but does not burn, it is wool, but if the fabric burns with a flame it is cotton. Another way is to put a bit of the cloth in a test tube or other glass receptacle with a solution of caustic soda. The soda will eat up the wool, leaving that which is not wool.

Just a Little One, Maybe.

While to be sure we believe George Washington never told a lie we always will wonder how he got around it if Mrs. Washington ever asked him if he didn't think her new way of serving parsnips made them perfectly delicious.—Macon Telegraph.

Opium. Opium is the dried juice of the white poppy, a flower that grows in many parts of Asia. A few days after the flowers have fallen off the plants men go through the fields in the afternoon and make little cuts in the poppy head. Out of these cuts a milky juice oozes, which dries into a brown, sticky paste. Every morning the men go through the fields again and scrape off this paste, which they put into jars. Later on it is made into half-pound balls and then packed for shipment.

Bronzing Small Articles.

Small articles may be gilded by immersing them in the following solution, which must be used at nearly boiling heat: Caustic potash, 180 parts; carbonate of potash, 20 parts; cyanide of potassium, 9 parts; water, 1,000 parts. Rather more than one and one-half parts chloride of gold should be dissolved in the water when the other substances are to be added, and the whole boiled together. This mixture is often employed by dealers in cheap jewelry.

The First Gas Respirator.

The first apparatus to enable persons to enter a noxious inflammable atmosphere was called an "aerophore" and was the invention of M. Denayrouse, a French inventor and scientist. It was first tested at Chatham, England, 44 years ago, and was reported successful. Vast improvements on this device, which comprised an air-pump, lamp and flexible tubing, have since been made and these have saved the lives of hundreds in mine accidents and other disasters where rescue work would be impossible without their use.

Time is Money.

In Korea, both among prosperous Christians and among those to whom money is a hasty and infrequent visitor, a favorite subscription blank is one which says: "I promise to give — days to church work this year." The days thus given are devoted to evangelistic services or to the building of churches and schools.—World Outlook.

The Lee Family.

The Lee family of which Gen. Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate army during the Civil war, was a member, was of English origin. One of his ancestors emigrated to Virginia in the reign of Charles I, and the family was prominent then, during and after the Revolutionary war.—Columbus Dispatch.

Important Rivers.

Just as Egypt has been made by the Nile, so Mesopotamia has been made by the Tigris and the Euphrates. The view put forward with some authority that the rivers should be kept exclusively for irrigation and not be depended upon for transport is challenged on many grounds, one of which is that irrigation and navigation can be effectively combined, and indeed made mutually advantageous for many years to come.

The Old-Fashioned Folio.

The advantage of the old-fashioned folio was that it was safe from borers.—Emerson.

The Village Stocks. The curious old habit of punishing offenders by placing them in the public stocks seems very far in the shadowy past, yet a number of these old wooden machines may still be seen in England. Usually they stand, or they stood, on the village green, near the church; and it is not such a long while since stocks ceased to be used in the land.

Cannot Do Without Sleep.

Sleep is a necessity of life no less than is food. No man has ever succeeded in keeping awake for more than a few days continuously. If he is forced to do so, as in ancient Chinese tortures, where constant tickling of the feet made sleep impossible, he falls at last into a comatose state from which he never awakes.

Handicap Worth While.

When a handicap becomes the fulcrum over which we pivot success with the long iron bar of determination it ought to make us shake hands with the hindrance and say, "Thank you! You have helped me out fine!"

To Make Attar of Roses.

After having gathered a quantity of roses, place them in a jar, then pour upon them some spring water. Cover the top with thin muslin to keep out the dust, and expose the jar to the heat of the sun for a few days, until oily particles are observed to be floating on the surface of the water. Take off this oil substance and place it in a bottle. This is the perfume known as "attar of roses."

Dark Ages.

The term is applied to a portion of the Middle Ages, including the period of about 1,000 years from the fall of Rome to revival of letters in the fifteenth century. It is generally regarded as beginning with invasion of France by Clovis, 486 A. D., and closing with invasion of Naples by Charles VIII in 1495. Learning was at a low ebb during this period.

Burning Truth.

Said the facetious feller: "These golf fanatics get a lot of satisfaction out of reduc'n' their strokes from last season, but the real joy of life comes from bein' able to reduce the number of tons of coal from the winter before."

A Glass Horn.

An innovation in phonographs is an instrument equipped with a horn of beveled mirror glass. The claim of the makers is that the horn of a talking machine best amplifies the tone when its surface is smooth and rigid, hence one of heavy glass is preferable to one of wood or metal.

Their Surprising Way.

"I was never more disappointed in anybody in my life than I was in my cousins up to Kay See," admitted Gabe Gosnell of Grudge, who was just back from a visit to the Big Burg. "Why, with everything on earth going on and anything you could think of liable to happen at any moment, I'll be switched if they don't poke off to bed at between nine and ten o'clock every night of the world!"—Kansas City Star.

Making Gas From Wood. Experiments on wood as part substitute for coal in gas making have been carried out in France. The wood used was sea pine in the form of billets cut from the middle of the trunk. The charge of the wood was about half the weight of that of coal, and carbonization occupied half the usual time. When running one retort with wood to every two with coal, no appreciable difference in the calorific power of the gas was noted. Of the two by-products—small coke and tar—the former amounted to 5 to 10 per cent.

Mineral Lake.

A lake near Biggar, Saskatchewan, has been found to be saturated with sodium sulphate, and the deposits under the lake and alongside the edge to be nearly 97 per cent pure sulphate. The mineral is used extensively in the manufacture of sulphuric acid, in photography and other industrial purposes.

Fats in the Body.

Fats in the body occur under the skin in the muscles and around certain organs. They act as a protection for the body against injury and serve as a stored supply of fuel, in case food cannot be taken. Fats are liquid in the body and are stored in albuminous cells.

Spanish Literature.

While literary Spain sank into a deep slumber after the day of Cervantes and Lope de Vega, it awoke brilliantly in the latter half of the nineteenth century, presenting to the world Palacio Valdes, Perez Galdos, Jose de Pereda, Juan Valera, Echegaray and other distinguished writers.

The World is Cheerful.

Doctor Johnson's old schoolmate said that he could not be a philosopher because "cheerfulness was always breaking in." Our world of mankind cannot be that kind of a philosopher, either for the same reason. It may have its moods and depressions, or prove to the utmost the reasonableness of despair; but there is an inexhaustible well-spring of vigor within it, and vigor is another word for joy.—From the Unpopular Review.

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