

A STORY.

BY ALICE G. HOWARD.

You ask me to tell you a story. Humane, bewitching true, I must reveal to you a story. Not a mere tale of a young man...

A WAR-TIME ROMANCE.

BY AMY D. WENMORE.

"Ann Creedy, uncle Pomp came quickly. Here is a horse pawing our front steps, with a wounded officer clinging round his neck..."

"La Chie, what do it all mean? a horse acting so human-like—a knocking that way, I think it must be one of our own soldiers, boys, it is so shabby..."

"Where he was?" "Some home-made wine was given him, which seemed to revive him a little, and he feebly inquired..."

"Careful nursing, milk, and nourishing food might bring him round. The bullet had evidently passed through his arm, shattering and breaking it..."

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"It was in November, 1864, and the war was drawing rapidly to a close. Poor Ellen Carter as it were, a wife of a lost cause..."

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WELL TOLD TALES.

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"But, auntie, we must not steal, and you know we cannot afford any chickens, for they are a hundred dollars a pair..."

"Dat's no stealing, chile," said uncle Pomp; "what a body takes now is only the war's appropriation like..."

"Yes," added aunt Creedy chiming in, "what day was it to free all de honny niggers for de Lawd's sake?"

"Where am I?" again the weak voice asked from the bed, and for the first time reason returned to his brain...

"Ella Carter," he exclaimed, "I saw you once when you were a little girl years ago, but why are you here and alone?"

"Never alone while I have Pomp here," cried she affectionately, "but I am glad to see a relation once more..."

"With four 'people' so interested in each other, their stay was soon told, and Captain Handolph then related his adventures, which had come to his memory now..."

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NEVER TOUGHED THE MULE.

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"My father had two mules," said the North Carolina man, and the rest of the members gathered around to listen...

"That night, by jolly, one of those mules broke out of the barn and just started out on an exploring expedition..."

"He saw at a glance the gun had been discharged, and he ran right at the edge of the creek..."

"The member from Maine poked the bell and told the ducky to ring in the cigar case..."

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CRUSHED THE CONDUCTOR.

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Three fishermen got off the train at Cedar Lake and started work for a night ride. They had a long string of bass with them...

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EX-ECUTIVE.

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Grace—Maud says she was born in 1872. Ethel—Well, she never could remember dates at school and of course her memory grows weaker as she grows older...

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THE CATARRH CURE.

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I was afflicted from infancy with Catarrh, and for ten years with eruptions on my face. I was attended by the best physicians, and used a number of Blood remedies with no permanent relief...

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Every dog has his day—and so does every dogma. The old time mother and father were frequently a spanking team.

The bed of a lake is always furnished with a sheet of water. Some wisecracker defines punctuality as "fifteen minutes beforehand."

Musical conductors beat their way through the world by scores. The tramp is a man who had tried nearly all the walks of life.

The grocer who gives sixteen ounces to the pound is a model in his weight. Good looks go a long way, but finally the paint wears off and there you are.

The highwayman is enough of a danager to know how to draw on a fellow at sight. Why is an Irishman running a foot race like the letter 'N' Because it makes Pat pant.

At this season of the year we believe it is commendable for a woman to mince matters. "That was a stroke of the master hand," said the boy, when the school-teacher punished him.

Where there's a will there's a way, of course. When a woman has a will she has to have her way. Cable—"I understand that you lost the steamer for Europe." Stone—"Yes, my wife had to go back for another haircut."

When doctors disagree, they do not forget to charge for the time they spend in argument that precedes disagreement. A man is like a postage stamp. When he is badly stuck on himself, as it were, he is not worth two cents for any practical use.

AN OPINION. "What's your opinion of Mawson?" "Well, for publication I have no opinion of Mawson, and privately I have even less.

GLAD THINGS WERE DULL. "How are things in your business?" "Dull, I'm glad to report." "Glad to report?" "Yes, I'm a saw sharper."

A WAY THEY HAVE. Gummy—"I left my gun standing in this corner a half-hour ago, and now it isn't here." Gargyle—"Was it loaded?" Gummy—"No." Gargyle—"Then it's off. Unloaded guns always do."

WHAT SHE WANTED. Mother (angrily)—"I'll ring your ear, you naughty girl, if you don't behave yourself better." Daughter—"Oh, will you, mother? I've been waiting for a pair of ear-rings for ever so long."

HOMELY ENOUGH TO STOP A CLOCK. Bunting—"Why isn't breakfast ready?" Mrs. Bunting—"The cook says her clock stopped in the night." Bunting—"Well, I told you that cook was no prize leany when you hired her."

FREDDY'S QUERY. Freddy Fangle—I want to ask one more question, papa. Fangle—More, more, then, and then you go to bed. Freddy Fangle—Do you railroad men dine off a time-table? Fangle—I guess you had better go to bed right away.

A LITTLE DRAWBACK. "Dick Skinner says marriage is a failure." "A failure? I thought he married a fortune." "Yes—but the girl that went with it suspended payment."