

**WOTTE**  
A breast high among the corn,  
By the golden light of morn,  
The sweetest of the sun,  
A mazy a glowing line had won.

In her cheek an autumn flush  
Deeply dyed—such a blush  
The moist of brown was born,  
Like red poppies grown with corn.

Round her eyes her tresses fell,  
Which were the blackest none could tell,  
But long lashes veiled a light  
That had also been all too bright.

And her hat, with shady trim,  
Made her tressy forehead dim—  
Thus she stood amid the stocks,  
Praising God with sweetest looks.

Sure, I said, 'Heav'n did not mean  
When I reap thou shouldst but glean;  
Lay thy sheaf down near a care,  
Share my harvest and my share!  
—Thomas Moore.

**THE RUBY HEART.**

UNT JESSICA had been round the world more than a dozen times, but what is vulgarly called a "globe trotter." In her day she had collected many rare and curious and beautiful things; but now she was an old woman, and her time was come to die in the great silent house, filled with the furniture that had belonged to Aunt Jessica's forebears many score years ago, and enriched by the spoils of many lands, brought home by the energetic hands of Aunt Jessica herself.

There was one treasure above all that I coveted, and that I would have sold my soul to have had for my own—my cousin Edith.

As for the money—well, I am not more distinguished than a people, but I would rather have had Edith without a penny than all Aunt Jessica's money without Edith.

William and Bertram and I were sitting in the dining-room. Edith was above, helping poor aunt in the hard work of dying. Three raps came on the floor. We knew they were a signal that we were to go up, and that aunt had asked for us; and up we went.

"I have left everything divided among you four," she said; "and the ruby heart is to go to whichever of you three chooses the diamond ring people and with difficulty.

I remembered the jolly old days when she used to come and see us at school and tip us, and I wished that death and time could have been more merciful. She went on.

"You know it has a charm to make you happy in your love. It would have made me happy, but he died, and it hadn't a chance to do its work; and now my time's come—it has been weary waiting."

And with that—the first and last time we ever had of a romance in my aunt's life—she turned her wrinkled old face to the pillow with a sigh like a tired child's, and there were only four of us left in the room.

After the funeral and the reading of the will the three men set to work to divide the charms.

"I shall take the library and aunt's bedroom first," said Bertram. As these were the rooms she had most used, I imagine he thought he had made the best choice. "You other fellows can arrange as you like."

William chose the dining-room and the guest chamber, and they took the whole day searching systematically inch by inch for the ruby heart. I began to look in the dining-room, but Edith came in.

"Do you care so very much for the ruby heart?" she asked.

"I confess I should like to find it," I answered.

"I shall help you to look?"

She pulled out a book or two from the shelves in an aimless, desultory way, and then said:

"It's very suspicious of doors, don't you think?"

So we went on the river.

The next day I began to look for the heart again. Edith sent her deanna companion (who had once been her governess) to ask me if I did not think it would be nice to drive. Of course I said I thought it would, and off we went.

That evening she asked Bertram and William if they would like to come out next day to see some ruins.

"Thanks," said Bertram, "but I think my first duty is to my aunt's memory. It would be nice to drive."

"Besides," said William, who never had much sentiment, like Bertram, "it's worth thousands of pounds, I believe."

"To say nothing of the charm," I added.

"But you'll come, Wilfrid?" she said, looking at me with her soft gray eyes.

"Of course," I answered.

Bertram and William scowled at me. They would have given their ears, their lives, anything, in short, but their chances of a ruby heart worth thousands of pounds for the privilege that it would be nice to drive.

To be in love with cousin Edith was a mode, a fashion, among us. Besides, Edith was now an heiress.

"As soon as I have fulfilled dear aunt's last wishes," said Bertram—he talked the silly fool, as if aunt had wished him to find the ruby heart, "I shall be glad to accompany my cousin Edith on any excursion she may propose."

"So shall I," said William.

So Edith and I went to the ruins alone together.

"I hope it does not seem like disrespect to poor aunt's memory," she said, as we drove snugly back in the dog cart that evening, "our going out like this. But I couldn't bear to stay in the old house alone where she was so kind to me. It's better to go, and I'm sure she would have wished it."

I felt that it was foolish of me not to make an effort to find the ruby heart. So next morning I got up very early and came down before the servants were about. I had pulled out half the drawers of the Chinese cabinet and looked into them, when my heart leaped into my mouth at the touch of a hand on my shoulder—Edith's!

"Still after that wretched ruby?" she said. "How you waste your time!"

"Why? Don't you think I shall find it?"

"I don't know," she said, looking at me with her eyes wide open, "but I don't think you will find it there, because Bertram has been through that three times already. Did you ever get anywhere before breakfast and gather them yourself?"

So we went into the kitchen garden and ate strawberries till the gong rang for breakfast. Bertram and William were getting quite sulky and savage from the non-success of their search, and the little time I had devoted to it annoyed them.

"I believe," said Bertram, with an air of savagery, a little overdone, "that

**FOR LITTLE FOLKS.**

**RAM'S HORN BLASTS.**

**EDUCATION** cultivates natural ability. A false plan is like honey with poison in it. Some men with short memory will tell long yarns. The higher life is lived in the lowest vale of humility.

The sins of tyrants become the blood-hounds of justice. The gospel train of salvation carries no second-class passengers. The fear of endless torment is not the gospel motive of repentance. The man who preaches for pay never loses any sleep over the non-success of his sermons. The debt of kindness must be paid on time or it must wait to be settled at the day of judgment. Sin unpunished shows a heart that is hardened. A forgiven offender reveals a heart that is tender. The man who has the "Sun of Righteousness" in his heart can carry sunshine with him wherever he goes. The man who loves truth will not be satisfied with mere courtesies—he will be married to it at the earliest opportunity. When a woman gives another a "glance of her mind," it is probably in love, nor offers it with the hand of mercy. To have a rich man talk about giving the widow's mite is an absurdity. First, he is not a widow; and, second, he does not give his all.—Raven's Horn.

**A COLUMN OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THEM.**

Something that will interest the juvenile members of every household—Grand Aunt and Bright Sayings of Many Cuts and Cautious Children.

**A Hard Hit.**

Little 5-year-old Helen was lecturing her cousin, an Adebelt freshman, on the evils of foolishness, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Why," she said, "a big boy like you shouldn't be so foolish. I'd be ashamed of you if you were my brother."

"Why do you call him foolish?" inquired her uncle.

"Just cause he is," said Helen.

"Why, if he keeps on he'll be most half as foolish as his father."

"And the poor uncle hadn't a word to say."

**Tommy's Mouse Trap.**

The family had been greatly troubled with mice. Father and mother both tried in vain to get rid of them, and they could not catch them at all. Then Tommy took a hand. The ingenious youngster secured a piece of rubber hose about four feet long. In one end of the hose he put a piece of cheese, fitted snug and tight, while all around the outside he smeared some scented cheese. The hungry mice soon scented it.

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**A REVOLUTIONARY TAVEN.**

It was 150 Years Old, and Sheltered Washington's Founders.

The old building on Court street, known as the Parsons tavern, which is celebrated as the hotel where George Washington stopped at least once in passing through Springfield, is now being torn down to make room for a modern ten-story building. It is probably the oldest building in the city, and has been used for a tenement house of late years.

The building was one of the taverns of revolutionary days and was about 150 years old. It stood, when built, on the southeast corner of the present Court square. It was a large structure for those days, three stories in front with a short roof sloping forward from the ridge pole and a long meandering roof sloping to the rear and cutting the house off at the second story. Just before the Revolution it was used as a place for the sheds and "lives" barn. By the time it was built in 1750, it was used as a hotel. The work was honestly done, however. Great hand-hewn timbers formed the framework and were joined by wooden pegs. Every nail, hinge, brace, or other bit of ironwork was hand-forged. All the woodwork that was used in the building was cut by hand. Even the narrow clapboards had a moulded edge and were grooved. No point ever touched their sturdy sides or any part of the exterior of the old house to any extent, and the shaggy, weather-worn appearance which resulted added greatly to the attractiveness of the building.

The present site of Court square was always the center of attraction for the town. There were the church, the court house, the whipping post, and most of the trading shops. Auctions were held on the site, and the day was held on the site. The Parsons tavern, where the young men would wrestle, consequently the tavern was always a rendezvous and a place where gossip dwelt in company with filipinos and toddy. It appears that Zenas Parsons was the first host, and from him the tavern took its name. It was while he was landlord that on Oct. 21, 1789, Washington spent the night in the tavern while on a visit to New England. The great man slept in the second story room to the right of his dining room. The record of the stay is in the diary of Col. Worthington, Col. Williams, Adjutant General of the State of Massachusetts; Gen. Shepard, Mr. Lyman, and many other gentlemen sat an hour or two with me at Parsons' tavern, where I lodged, and President Adams was the first host, and from him the tavern took its name. It was while he was landlord that on Oct. 21, 1789, Washington spent the night in the tavern while on a visit to New England. The great man slept in the second story room to the right of his dining room. The record of the stay is in the diary of Col. Worthington, Col. Williams, Adjutant General of the State of Massachusetts; Gen. Shepard, Mr. Lyman, and many other gentlemen sat an hour or two with me at Parsons' tavern, where I lodged, and President Adams was the first host, and from him the tavern took its name.

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The governor had a fine black driving horse called Dexter. Although strong and spirited, Dexter was docile and obedient, and was patted and made much of by his master. As the governor kept no other horse, Dexter had the stable all to himself, with a clean stall and a full manger.

The stable was near the house, and in addition to Dexter's stall and harness-room, contained a large carriage-room, an oat-bin, and a haymow over the stall.

One night, when the family and the servants were away from home and the governor was in the house alone, he was awakened by an ominous crackling and a bright glare on his chamber window, and before he could collect his sleepy wits he was startled by a cry unlike any sound he had ever heard. As he sprang out of bed the cry came again, and hastening to the window he learned the cause. The stable roof had caught fire, and the smoke and flames Dexter was calling his master to his rescue.

Pausing only to don coat and slippers, the governor rushed out. The outside door of the stable leading into the stall was already blocked by flames, and the only entrance to the harness-room and a narrow entry leading past the oat-bin. These rooms were on fire overhead, and burning wisps of hay and shingles were raining down in showers.

Blinded by smoke, the governor stumbled along the roundabout way, and reaching the stall sooner than he expected, fell headlong down the steps against the excited animal, who was vainly tugging at his halter. Thinking some new danger threatened him, Dexter gave a mighty kick that sent his master sprawling and lamed him for a month.

"Whoo, Dexter!" shouted the governor. "Don't you know me, sir? Steady now, old fellow, and we'll get out of this."

Recognizing his master's voice, Dexter turned his head toward the prostrate man and uttered a coaxing whinny quite unlike his previous loud cries of alarm. Knowing he need fear no more kicks, the governor crept up and out the halter, and calling Dexter to follow him, limped blindly through the smoke-filled entry and the two blazing rooms beyond. And close after him went Dexter, his nose pressed against his master's shoulder, man and horse reaching the safe outer air together.

"It was Dexter's obedience that saved him," said the governor. "I could not lead him, and he had the shrewdness to follow, unaccustomed way, I must have left him to perish in the flames. But he followed like a well-trained soldier, and we escaped from our burning stable furnace almost as safely as Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did from theirs."

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The common belief that horses in a burning building are always panic-stricken and refractory, not recognizing their friends and refusing obedience to those who would rescue them, is not strictly true, as is proved by an incident related by a Youth's Companion contributor.

The governor had a fine black driving horse called Dexter. Although strong and spirited, Dexter was docile and obedient, and was patted and made much of by his master. As the governor kept no other horse, Dexter had the stable all to himself, with a clean stall and a full manger.

The stable was near the house, and in addition to Dexter's stall and harness-room, contained a large carriage-room, an oat-bin, and a haymow over the stall.

One night, when the family and the servants were away from home and the governor was in the house alone, he was awakened by an ominous crackling and a bright glare on his chamber window, and before he could collect his sleepy wits he was startled by a cry unlike any sound he had ever heard. As he sprang out of bed the cry came again, and hastening to the window he learned the cause. The stable roof had caught fire, and the smoke and flames Dexter was calling his master to his rescue.

Pausing only to don coat and slippers, the governor rushed out. The outside door of the stable leading into the stall was already blocked by flames, and the only entrance to the harness-room and a narrow entry leading past the oat-bin. These rooms were on fire overhead, and burning wisps of hay and shingles were raining down in showers.

Blinded by smoke, the governor stumbled along the roundabout way, and reaching the stall sooner than he expected, fell headlong down the steps against the excited animal, who was vainly tugging at his halter. Thinking some new danger threatened him, Dexter gave a mighty kick that sent his master sprawling and lamed him for a month.

"Whoo, Dexter!" shouted the governor. "Don't you know me, sir? Steady now, old fellow, and we'll get out of this."

Recognizing his master's voice, Dexter turned his head toward the prostrate man and uttered a coaxing whinny quite unlike his previous loud cries of alarm. Knowing he need fear no more kicks, the governor crept up and out the halter, and calling Dexter to follow him, limped blindly through the smoke-filled entry and the two blazing rooms beyond. And close after him went Dexter, his nose pressed against his master's shoulder, man and horse reaching the safe outer air together.

"It was Dexter's obedience that saved him," said the governor. "I could not lead him, and he had the shrewdness to follow, unaccustomed way, I must have left him to perish in the flames. But he followed like a well-trained soldier, and we escaped from our burning stable furnace almost as safely as Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did from theirs."

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