

## GIRL CAPTURED BY BRIGANDS FINDS HERO

By JOHN PHILIP ORTH.

Miss Claire Benson had the pony and phaeton brought around to the door of her father's house in Bellville that she might take a drive down the Shady Beech road. She stepped into the vehicle, gathered up the lines and gave the pony a cut with the whip and was off. A man always utters a cluck to start a horse; a woman always gives him a cut.

After a drive of three miles Miss Claire turned out of the road and hitched the pony and then strolled into a grove to sit down and think as the summer breeze sighed through the branches above her head.

The girl thought and thought and thought! She had got it about settled in her mind that her hero would never come along, when a chipmunk ran along the ground before her and dived into his burrow.

"Poor thing—he shall not smother down there because he fears me!" exclaimed the tender-hearted girl as she rose up and looked around for help.

In a moment more she was running through the woods, thinking she heard the voices of men. She was right about that. She hadn't taken a hundred steps when three brigands lying hidden in a hollow leaped up and came rushing at her. They wore rough clothes; they had long hair; their whiskers were black as the ace of spades and matted with leaves.

"Seize her and to horse!" shouted the leader.

Miss Claire was duly seized. She wanted to stop and explain about that suffering, suffocating chipmunk, but the brigands were hustlers and they made her hustle, too.

In a minute and a half three horses were reached, and the leader of the brigands shouted:

"Keep the sheriff off, boys, until I can get a little start!"

And then there were whoops from the bushes across a creek, and the reports of firearms from all around, and Miss Claire was hustled further. That is, the leader mounted his cayuse and she was grabbed and hoisted up to him and the beast started off on a run for life.

"After 'em, boys!"

"Shoot 'em down like dogs!"

"No quarter to brigands!"

"Ki-yi! Whoop!"

Miss Claire only partly lost consciousness. It was a wild ride up and down hills—across meadows and through thickets, and she prayed that the sheriff's party would not fail. It was wonderful how very quickly that suffering chipmunk was forgotten.

At length justice prevailed, as it always should, but never does when the other man has the most money to spend on lawyers. The two brigands covering the retreat were killed off after being struck in vital parts about thirty times apiece and then the leader's horse gave a stumble and a groan and fell to breathe his last. Nobody hurt in the fall—merely bounced some more. Behind the carcass knelt the last and the most desperate of the brigands and emptied his guns at the advancing foe and then died with the sacred name of "mother" on his ashen lips. Then the sheriff's posse dashed in with whoops of victory.

Miss Claire Benson lay sprawled out in a graceful and picturesque position.

"Who are you, and how did you happen to butt in here!"

"She's the girl," answered the brigand leader who had died and come again to life with promptness and dispatch.

"The girl be hanged! You made a mistake! There is the girl over there you should have carried off, but she was late in getting here. Nice sort of a thing you've done!"

Miss Claire recovered her dignity, and as the "sheriff" stepped forward and raised his hat she demanded in turn:

"Sir, will you explain this outrage?"

"I'll try to, miss, and beg your pardon a thousand times over. We are moving picture actors, and are out here acting a play for a reel. The girl who was to be carried off by the brigands is a farmer's daughter, but through some blunder she didn't reach her assigned place in time. It seems you were there, and the brigands thought it was all right to go ahead. Isn't it so, Mr. Aldrich?"

The brigand leader had doffed hat, wig and whiskers and laid aside his guns and bandolier, and he now appeared as a fine looking young man. With a bow and a smile he said:

"It's my fault, and I can't hope to be forgiven. I think you tried to make an explanation, but it was too late then. Our cue was out and we had to hustle. You were in the woods to gather flowers?"

His query reminded Miss Claire of that poor chipmunk, and she forgot all else temporarily and cried out:

"Some one must come with me at once! There's a poor little animal dying back there!"

With her hand in Mr. Aldrich's they hastened back to the woods with scarcely a word between them, and presently arrived at the tragic spot. When the chipmunk business had been explained the young man sat down on a log and laughed.

It was three months later when Mr. Benson felt it his duty to say:

"Claire, I could never give my consent to your marrying an actor."

"I don't expect one to ask for my hand," was the reply.

"But this—this Mr. Aldrich?"

"Oh, he went into the coffee trust long ago!"

## COULD NOT SAY NO TO ADELAIDE

Major Atkinson, according to his wife's testimony, doesn't know how to say no to Adelaide, his niece. This assertion is borne out by the fact that when Adelaide asked him to appear in juvenile costume at what she called a "kid party," which she was to give at his summer home, he consented with an outward smile and an inward groan.

"I wish," he said to his wife in private, "that Adelaide hadn't insisted upon my taking part in this ridiculous affair of hers. In fact, I don't see why she wants to give such a nonsensical party."

"Why do you aid and abet her?" demanded his wife. "When I suggested that she think of something newer and more dignified, you immediately said, 'Let her have any kind of party she pleases.'"

"Well, one doesn't like to be always interfering with her pleasures. There's no particular harm in her having a child's party, is there? But I know I shall feel like a perfect idiot dressed in the little girl's early Victorian costume that Adelaide has picked out for me." He glanced into the mirror and sighed as he stroked his graying Vandyke beard.

The afternoon of the party Adelaide, after tying the strings of a quaint little sunbonnet under the major's beard, drew away and surveyed him from the top of the sunbonnet to the tips of his white stockinged and black slippered feet.

"Uncle, you're certainly the most execrably funny sight I ever beheld," she declared. "I'm so glad I found those pantalettes in grandma's old trunk. They're perfectly killing. You'll make the hit of the evening."

"I suppose I'm what you'd call a screaming success," said the major, somewhat wryly. "You don't think I'm too complete, do you?"

"No, you're just—just lovely," Adelaide squeezed the large sun bonnet hand of her uncle, half of which was neatly incased in a white lace mitt. "But with that cigar in your mouth you're a sight to behold."

"Well, I must have a little smoke before your guests come, Adelaide. I'll just take my magazine and read and smoke on the lawn until the festivities begin."

A little later, as Mrs. Atkinson and Adelaide were putting the finishing touches on their own costumes, they saw a striking looking couple alight from a motor car and approach the major, who rose with his accustomed courtliness and greeted them.

"Good gracious, Adelaide! Your uncle appears to be absolutely unconscious of his absurd attire," exclaimed Mrs. Atkinson. "He is taking those people around the garden as unconcernedly as if he were dressed in a business suit. They must think he is crazy! Here, I'll slip on a long coat over my short skirt and run out and explain."

The major welcomed his wife with a smile. "I'm glad you joined us, my dear, for I wish you to meet Professor and Mrs. Lee of the university, who have heard flattering reports of our garden and have come way out from the city to see our rare roses. We are honored, I'm sure."

"I think," said Mrs. Atkinson to the visitors, after acknowledging the introduction, "that you are seeing something else quite as rare as our roses." She laughed and looked at her husband.

"By Jove, I'd forgotten this fool rig," exclaimed the major, with some temper. "I wonder what you can have thought of me."

"Well," laughed Professor Lee, "the friends who told us about your roses said that some of your neighbors considered you rather eccentric to devote so much of your time to flowers. When we introduced ourselves I thought you were perhaps a trifle unusual in your dress."

"Unusual! I should think so," exclaimed the major. Then, turning severely to his wife, he said: "I can't see, my dear, why you ever permitted Adelaide to go up such an idiotic party. I fear you give that girl her head too much." He glanced down at his costume again. "This is really preposterous. Is that you calling Adelaide? Yes, we'll be there at once. You see, Mrs. Lee, the party is beginning and I've promised my niece to be in the grand march. You'll join us, won't you?"—Chicago Daily News.

## SEPARATING YOUNG AND OLD

Growing Pullet Requires More Food Than Old Birds and Feeds Better When by Herself.

Young chickens, like young people, have more or less timidity, and therefore it is not well to run young and old together, at least it is much better to have them separate if you can well do so. Then again the pullets are still growing, and they need plenty of flesh-forming feed, such as barley, bone, meat, with less of fattening foods.

The hen should not be deprived of these either, but she can get along on less, as what you give her will not be taken away from the purpose for which you intended it, as in the case with the pullet, which not only needs these things for making the egg, but to go toward the development of her body.

It naturally follows, too, that the developed bird will require less feed than the pullet, and because the pullet is somewhat timid she is likely not to get enough, or even her share. The young will feed more free among themselves, and, if you can possibly do so, keep them to themselves.

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## Statement Showing Financial Condition of Laporte Twp.

Harvey A. Hess, in account with Laporte Twp. as Overseer of Poor for the year ending Dec. 4, 1912.

To balance in hand from last Audit	\$246.07
Received of George Karge, Col.	50.00
Receipts filed	\$296.07
Dr. Randall Med Services, Broschart family	6.00
Rent & repairs on house of Shed Peterman	40.00
George Karge, postage for sending statement	2.00
Overseer services	6.00
Balance in Overseer hands	242.07
	\$296.07

Philip Peterman in account with Laporte Twp. as Overseer of Poor for the year ending Dec. 4, 1912.

Received from outgoing Overseer	\$107.23
Received from County Treas.	100.00
	\$207.23

Receipts filed

Paid State Hospital acc't Mrs. Emig Dec. 6, 1911	\$22.75
Paid State Hospital acc't Mrs. Emig, Mar. 7, 1912	22.75
Paid State Hospital acc't Mrs. Emig, June 15, 1912	23.00
Paid State Hospital acc't Mrs. Emig, Sept. 10, 1912	23.00
E. Speary for wood for Broschart family	5.00
E. Keeler, loading goods	25
W. B. Snider provisions, Broschart family	32.83
Car fare for Broschart family	2.00
Freight bill shipping Broschart goods to Ricketts	4.76
Overseer services	6.00
Balance in Overseer hands	61.39
	\$207.23

George Karge, in account with Laporte Twp. as Col. of Road Taxes for the year ending Dec. 4, 1912.

To amt. due Twp. from last audit	\$1,071.96
To amt. Duplicates of Road & Special Road Taxes	1,900.43
	\$2,972.44

By Exonerations on Taxes of 1911	40.20
By Exonerations of 1912 Taxes	20.80
By Land Returns	48.56
Commission on same	2.12
Amt. collected 5 per cent. off	1,241.39
By Rebate on same	66.22
Collector's Commission	37.81
Amt. collected even	220.09
Commission on same	11.00
Amt. collected 5 per cent. added	365.66
Balance in Collector's hands	907.83
	\$2,972.44

Jacob Jacoby in account with Laporte Twp. as Treas. of Road Funds for the year ending Dec. 4, 1912.

Rec'd from Geo. Karge, Collector	\$1,888.05
Rec'd from County Treas. E. Sweeney	200.00
Rec'd from Joseph Heisman	1,218.40
Rec'd Bonus on cash Tax	84.62
	\$3,341.07

Orders Redeemed

By work on road	\$1,023.43
By Lumber	31.31
By Building Culvert	5.00
By Culvert Pipes	315.00
By Supplies	33.27
By Repairs on machinery	13.75
By Water Traughs	10.50
By Postage and Printing	10.25
By Freight	60
Supervisor Expenses	86.00
Treas. & Sec'y commission for 1911	41.98
Auditors expenses for 1911 and 1912	10.3

Attorney Fees	15.00
Judgments and interest paid	728.50
Treas. & Sec'y nomination	47.74
Balance in Treasurer's hands	959.49
	\$3,341.00

Financial Statement of Laporte Twp. for the year ending Dec. 4, 1912.

Ant. of indebtedness Dec. audit 1911	\$2,045.84
Judgments paid	701.00
Amt. of indebtedness	1,344.84
	\$2,045.84

We the undersigned Auditors do certify that the foregoing statement is correct to the best of our knowledge.

E. C. PETERS  
HOWARD MASTELLER } Auditors

## Administrator's Notice

In Re Estate of William Fairman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of Administration upon the Estate of William Fairman, late of Davidson Township, Sullivan Co., Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present same at once duly authenticated, and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment to the undersigned.

LLOYD FAIRMAN,  
Administrator.  
Sonestown, Pa., Dec. 2, 1912. x1-10

## NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

To the tax payers of Laporte Township, I hereby inform you that 5 per cent. will be added to State, County and Dog Tax not paid by January 1, 1913.

GEORGE KARGE,  
x 12-20. (adv.) Tax Collector.

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In effect Sept. 9, 1912.

Read down		Flag stations where time is marked "F"		Read up	
Sunday	Monday	Sunday	Monday	Sunday	Monday
5:20	4:15	12:45	10:17	7:43	.....
5:25	4:19	12:50	10:20	7:46	.....
5:28	4:22	12:53	10:22	7:48	.....
5:35	4:28	1:00	10:30	7:55	.....
5:44	4:37	1:07	10:37	8:00	.....
5:48	4:41	1:11	10:41	8:05	.....
5:52	4:45	1:15	10:45	8:10	.....
5:56	4:49	1:19	10:49	8:15	.....
6:00	4:53	1:23	10:53	8:20	.....
6:04	4:57	1:27	10:57	8:25	.....
6:08	5:01	1:31	11:01	8:30	.....
6:12	5:05	1:35	11:05	8:35	.....
6:16	5:09	1:39	11:09	8:40	.....
6:20	5:13	1:43	11:13	8:45	.....
6:24	5:17	1:47	11:17	8:50	.....
6:28	5:21	1:51	11:21	8:55	.....
6:32	5:25	1:55	11:25	9:00	.....
6:36	5:29	1:59	11:29	9:05	.....
6:40	5:33	2:03	11:33	9:10	.....
6:44	5:37	2:07	11:37	9:15	.....
6:48	5:41	2:11	11:41	9:20	.....
6:52	5:45	2:15	11:45	9:25	.....
6:56	5:49	2:19	11:49	9:30	.....
7:00	5:53	2:23	11:53	9:35	.....
7:04	5:57	2:27	11:57	9:40	.....
7:08	6:01	2:31	12:01	9:45	.....
7:12	6:05	2:35	12:05	9:50	.....

S. D. TOWNSEND, Gen. Manager, Hughesville  
H. A. KNIPE, General Supt.

## Roll Call.

Bernice and Mildred	Present
Sonestown	Absent
Muncy Valley	Present
Ricketts	Absent
Nordmont	Absent
Forksville	Absent
Hills Grove	Absent
Eagles Mere	Absent

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## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First National Bank of Laporte  
of Laporte, in the State of Pennsylvania  
at the close of business Nov. 26, 1912

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	60,412.24
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	24.68
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Primaries on U. S. Bonds	292.62
Bond Securities, etc.	2,970.00
Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	5,448.46
Due from National Banks (not reserve agts)	46.34
Due from approved Reserve Agents	7,135.81
Checks and other Cash Items	77.00
Notes of other National Banks	975.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	180.86
Legal Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	6,628.45
Legal-tender notes	2,835.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	1,250.00
TOTAL	114,775.31

## LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	25,000.00
Surplus fund	3,500.00
Undivided Profits, less expenses and Taxes paid	819.36
National Bank Notes outstanding	24,406.00
Individual deposits subject to check	43,986.11
Demand certificates of deposit	17,045.82
Certified checks	6.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	19.02
Total	114,775.31