

A Widow's Hero

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When the widow Colville received a legacy of \$5,000 she sat down and did some serious thinking. She had been a widow for five years, but was one of the overlooked. That is, because she had been left in poor circumstances, she had not been sought by any of the numerous widowers as a wife. The time had now come when she would be.

Mrs. Colville had had plenty of time during her widowhood to store her mind. She had run to romance, instead of cook books and family almanacs.

The widow didn't say to herself that she wouldn't marry again, but she said that if she did it would be a hero. A hero might be slow in coming along, but she had plenty of time to wait.

It wasn't a fortnight after the news of that legacy got around that Deacon Hindman made an afternoon call on Mrs. Colville. He was all dressed up and had his boots greased. For five years he had simply nodded to her when they met. For three years he had been looking for a second wife—looking right over her head and beyond. And now he entered her house with a bland smile on his face, and he gave her hand a hearty squeeze, and without saying a word about the cash he complimented her on looking younger and many other things.

The deacon had a home, he said. It was now a desolate home, because there was no wife there. Let a bright star step in there to cook, sweep, bake, make the beds, put up the fall pickles and be a mother to the five children with unwashed faces, and his house would be a paradise on earth. Would the widow seize the golden opportunity? The deacon held out his arms, but the widow didn't see them. Instead she continued to sit on a cane-seat chair six feet away while she replied:

"Deacon, I feel that you have honored me, but I cannot give you my heart. If I marry again it must be to a hero."

"Do you mean the fellow who walks the tightrope at the circus?" he asked.

"Oh, no. I mean a man who has done a brave and gallant action and has thereby won the praise of his fel-

luckyberry girl, as an angel up above, would be only too glad to see him getting along in this world below. He therefore called on the widow. He had meant to call years before, but that vow had kept him from it. Would she be his?

"Mr. Matthews, are you a hero?" was calmly asked in reply.

"No, I wouldn't go to say I was. "Then it is useless to talk further on the subject. If I marry it must be a hero."

"But I'm selling more machines than any other man on the road."

"No sewing machine man can be a hero. This is my ironing day, and I am very busy."

Next day there came Mr. Griggs, the village grocer. He was red-faced, redder and fat, and he was a widower. He was a man of business. With that five thousand dollars he could enlarge his grocery and buy for cash. The widow Colville looked down to him as she opened the front door in response to his knock. He had left the grocery in charge of a clerk and must hasten back. He therefore led off almost at once with:

"Widow Colville? I am a widower."

"Yes?"

"I either want to get married again or I don't."

"I see."

"You are a widow, and you either want to get married again or don't?"

"Exactly, Mr. Griggs."

"As for me, I want a wife. I am here to ask you to marry me. You know who I am. You know what my grocery is. You can realize the happiness of being able to send to the grocery for anything wanted in the house without having to pay cash down. Is it yes or no?"

"Mr. Griggs, you are an abrupt man," was the reply.

"I am, widow. When a farmer drives up to my grocery with potatoes to sell I call out the price I will pay. That settles it. He takes me or he leaves me."

"I understand all other grocers in the county. I've got coffee down a cent a box below them all, and kerosene is to take another drop next week."

"Have you ever fought a duel with a villain?"

"No, ma'am, and I never shall. Groceries are my line, and I stick to 'em. Is it a hero you want?"

"It is."

"Then our little deal is off, and I bid you good-day. Remember the cash-down grocery when you have an order to give."

The next caller was a wire fence man, who had a job of fencing for a farmer two miles outside the village. He heard the widow Colville and her \$5,000 talked about, and it occurred to him that Providence was at last backing him for a good thing. He attended church of a Sunday to get a good look at her. No fault could be found with her looks. In the afternoon he called to see her. She divined his errand, and when he began to preface his remarks with words of praise for the way she joined in the morning hymn of "The Sweet Bye and Bye," she interrupted him with:

"You probably have matrimony in view?"

"Yes, I am a man who—"

"But are you a hero?"

"I—I hardly know what you mean."

"Have you done anything brave—gallant—great?"

"Why, I licked an autolite who almost ran me down."

"That is a mere nothing, sir. Have you handled sword and lance?"

"Not that I know of."

"Have you rescued any one? Have you taken a motto and upheld it with battle-ax? Have you, sir—have you—"

But the wire fence man had faded away. He wasn't the last by five or six. A fair-looking widow with \$5,000 in the bank can't sink out of sight like a stone thrown into a pond. But there came a slack at last, and the widow was asked if she didn't despair of finding her hero.

"But I have found him," she replied. "It is Mr. Graham, the shoemaker. We shall be married in two months."

"But what great thing has he ever done?"

"Made me a pair of shoes that took away a corn that had bothered me for five years!"

It Wouldn't Do.

"A man named Skidd wants his name changed."

"Why so?"

"He's going to manufacture automobile tires."

Feminine Chronology.

Stella—How old is Mabel?
Bella—Old enough to be younger.



low men. You have never saved a madden from being carried away by a villain, have you?"

"Of course not. What chance have I ever had?"

"Have you ever rescued a child as it was about to be swept over the falls?"

"There's nothing in the way of falls around here."

"But have you led men in battle? Have you controlled a frenzied mob? Have you put your back to a rock and defended a pass? Have you dashed into the ranks of the enemy with your trusty sword and put a hundred men to flight?"

"Look here, widow," said the deacon as he rose up, "I'm a plain man. I raise wheat, corn and 'taters. I mind my business and let other folks eat the fool. Is it yes or no to what I asked you?"

"If you were only a hero, deacon."

And the good man stamped out and slammed the door and the gate behind him. His tracks were hardly cold when the sewing machine agent came along. He was a man who had never married, because the girl he had been engaged to at twenty got lost in a huckleberry swamp and died of exhaustion. He vowed to be true to her memory, but when he heard of that legacy it occurred to him that

Speedometers Long in Use

"Every now and then we read of some wonderful new invention and the entire reading world marvels, and then a little later some one else discovers the fact that the new invention is nothing but an application or a revival of something that the ancients knew of and invented and used," said M. J. Hammer's Treatise on Architecture. He describes a method of measuring the distance traveled by a vehicle, the distance so arranged that when a pebble or ball was dropped into a brazen pot, this giving an audible notice of the end of the mile; with the hour-glass, gave the speed indicator, and when the day's journey was finished when the distance was found by counting the pebbles in the brazen pot. Vitruvius dedicated his book to the Emperor Augustus, who died A. D. 13, but the actual date of the publication is believed to have been a few years before the beginning of the Christian

era. As he speaks of this invention being used at that time, it is very likely more than 2,000 years old. It was also used for measuring distances at sea, a paddlewheel being fixed on one side of the ship to turn the gearing. If this wasn't the first odometer and speedometer combined I would like to know why."

The Limit.

Madge—Charlie tells me that football isn't as brutal as many believe.

Marjorie—The games I've seen haven't been half as blood-curdling as the college yells.

Useful Reflections.

Liverpool collects a thousand tons of refuse a day. Nearly all of it is put to some use.

Placed.

"What sort of person is Twitler?"

"He always says 'half hose' instead of 'socks.'"

A LOST ART.



"It seems to me that our new maid ought at least to know how to serve water, if she was six years with her last employer."

"Well, it's not surprising, dear. I know her last employer."

ECZEMA GONE, BOILS CURED

"My son was about three weeks old when I noticed a breaking-out on his cheeks, from which a watery substance oozed. A short time after, his arms, shoulders and breast broke out also, and in a few days became a solid scab. I became alarmed, and called our family physician, who at once pronounced the disease eczema. The little fellow was under his treatment for about three months. By the end of that time, he seemed no better. I became discouraged, and as I had read the advertisements of Cuticura Remedies and testimonials of a great many people who had used them with wonderful success, I dropped the doctor's treatment, and commenced the use of Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and in a few days noticed a marked change. The eruption on his cheeks was almost healed, and his shoulders, arms and breast were decidedly better. When he was about seven months old all trace of the eczema was gone."

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(Signed) Mrs. Mary W. Ramsey, 224 E. Jackson St., Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 24, 1910.

Vagaries of Finance.

"I understand you have paid the mortgage off your place."

"Yep," replied Farmer Cornsmeal.

"Then why do you complain of hard times?"

"All the neighbors have done the same thing. That leaves me with money on my hands that nobody wants to borrow."

Do noble things, not dream them all day long.—Kingsley.

BLAME PHYSICIANS FOR GROWTH OF DOPE HABIT

Druggists Say Prescriptions and Not Patent Medicines the Cause.

New York—Blame for the prevalence and growth of the morphine habit was placed on the shoulders of physicians, who prescribed the drug, at a meeting of druggists here tonight to protest against the recently enacted city ordinance prohibiting the sale at retail of any preparation containing morphine or its salts except upon a doctor's prescription.

The ordinance is aimed primarily at paregoric and at stomach remedies, according to members of the board of health who were instrumental in obtaining its passage. Caswell Mayo, one of the druggists, said he had made a canvass by mail of several sanitariums and the replies convinced him 90 per cent. of the victims of drugs formed the habit as a result of using prescriptions given by physicians and only 8 per cent. from using proprietary medicines.

Ignorance.

Laura Jean Libbey, discussing in Brooklyn her appearance on the stage, said:

"I talk in my monologue about love, marriage and the other interests of the heart. On these subjects women, especially young women, are strangely ignorant."

"They really make me think, you know," of the little girl who was asked by her teacher:

"What can you tell us of Solomon?"

"Solomon," replied the little girl, "was very fond of animals."

"And how, my dear," said the teacher, "do you make that out?"

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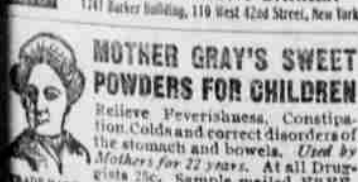
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