By JEANNE O. LOIZEAUX

(Copyright, 1911, by Associated Literary Press.) When John Sherwin was thirty-five freedom came to him like a shock. Nellie, the crippled sister he had "Young folks must worship trees supported since his father's death, when he was thirteen, died. Three months later the weak, pretty, incompetent mother, who had also depended on him, went outlike a breath of summer wind. The tiny house, nione, was left, and Annie Martin was putting it to rights and wonder he, a rough-haired little boy, had ing when this big, dark, self-sacrificing man would wake to the fact that he had had a right to the normal life

that he loved her. But he did not see it. From childhoud she had lived there beside him with her mother, helping where she ran away. I saw her go up the hill could, never falling him. Duty had and into the woods a while back. made a slave of him. A boy who sup | She'sports a mother and sister at thirteen, who studies at night and sits at an swinging over the grass toward the office desk all day, who is nurse to hill an invalid and the payer of bills, is old before his time.

Annie had become to him like the sky and the green grass-he falled really to see her. Years were showing with Annie, too, but gently, for her great sweetness was an inner quiet, and would have died for him

When his mother had been dead a something happened. His old friend Morris came into the office at closing her tenderness. time, and walked home with him.

"Look here, Sherwin," he said; you've been studying mechanics on the quiet for the last twenty years-1 know you had to stay here while others were depending on you. Now, throw it up and come over to the shop. It will be work you want to do, and if you get on, as I know you will, I'll take you into partnership in a few years. You've got the scrimping habit with yourself-you allow yourself no pleasure, no time, nothing but drudgery. Can't you see you're getting to be an office fixture, man? Just a machine? Think about my offer-no, don't think-accept! John Sherwin stopped short on the street and looked at his friend.

"Morris, I believe you are right-I'll resign Saturday, and come over Monday. It's what I've always wanted, and now I dare to change."

"That's the ticket-and since your house is paid for, get married, live a



Her Deep Eyes Were Very Serious. Christian, John! The woods are full of nice girls!"

The men talked on, Morris wishing he dared give him a hint about Annie Martin, but was too sincerely fond of the girl to seem to champion her cause; and then their ways parted, and John walked home with something new in his heart-joy, freedom from care, a thing that sang in him and lifted the stoop in his shoulders and put a light in his

Monday he went to the machine thops, rejoicing in the change, the freedom, the action; he loved every wheel, the movement and strain, the men who worked beside him, dirty, perspiring, who smoked and sometimes swore, who loved and hated right humanly. He began to live. Then he began to see that he had missed something out of his life. The fresh spring seemed to make the vague ioneliness worse, and he thought he wanted his mother and

One night when he had been down town on an errand and was walking some through a little wood in the moonlight, the truth reached him. lutning a corner he came suddenly upon a man and girl in each others' arms. Neither saw him, and he stole away, leaving them standing in their fream of love. It was love that he had missed.

He went to bed, but his sleep was roubled, and in the gray of the morning he waked suddenly, with a same, a face, in his heart. Then he knew he had always wanted Annie Martin-he knew why she was stiff and shy with him. The misery fell away and he slept like a child.

It was late, and Sunday morning, when he woke and remembered. He was up in a moment and at the win-It had been the promptest spring in the world, and the first faint green of grass and willow had deepened and spread. Orchards were pink and white, and down on his own walk the flags ran like blue flame. The birds were half mad with their own longs, and the wind was a soft inand joyous.

He washed, dressed and shaved to the king with impatient care, hastily made and drank some coffee, and went out into he sun. The first buds of his sweetbriar bush were beginning to unfold. and he plucked them all and went touse, where her mother stood draw- Record-Herald.

on her gloves and preparing to join the demure stream of churchcoers that flowed past.

"Where is Annie?" he asked, tossng his soft hat to the porch floor and shaking his heavy dark hair in the sun. "Is she going to church?" The old lady stared at him wistfully, wondering at his new look of

youth, thinking of her daughter's happiness "Annie? Going to church?" she said, but not meaning half she said. nowadays, I believe. They seem to think God is only outdoors-if they think of religion at all! What do

you want with Annie?" He laughed, but an Impulse of foolishness came over him, a memory of the time when his father died, and

child named Annie. "I came over to play with Annie," of other men-when he would discover he said, with a serious face. "Can't she come out? Won't you let her?"

The mother caught his mood, "You'll have to find her, John, She

But he was gone, bareheaded,

Then he came to where she stood, leaning against a tree, her heavy fair hair bright against the trunk, her blue dress falling away from her white arms and neck. As he came closer, still allently over the grass, he saw that her deep eyes were very thing. She was tall and fair and serious-too serious for a pretty weman's eyes on a Sunday in May, Suddenly he was afraid. What if she would not listen to him? What if, year and most of the bills were paid, after all, she did not care as he did? His whole look was a plea, a cry for

She heard him and turned and met that look, giving a startled, almost pitiful little cry. He had intended to speak of something else first, but now it seemed to him that even an instant was longer than he could wait to know his fate with this dear woman, who had so long been near him and still so far from him. He came to stand beside her.

"Annie," he said, haltingly, "I have come to say that I-love you. I have always loved you, but I didn't know it pid and slow, and was bending next man flied out. under my family burden, and had no life of my own that I could have the advice of the fans was better thought of it. But I have always or the advice of our captain." loved you-how could I help it?"

her eyes very sweet and her cheeks He went on: "Annie, you don't know how I want

Something unresisting in her attitude made him take both her hands, draw her to him, hold her closer and

yet closer, "Will you, Annie?" She took a quick, deep breath and nodded her head against his shoulder, and he stooped and kissed her thing."

soft cheek. Then, with a quick gesture, she broke away from him and searched eyes full of hope and love. Her own the game was over.

eyes filled with tears. "What is it?" he asked, quickly.

You stupld, blind, slow darling!" though I love you now that you are free and happy, that it almost killed me to have you bearing that burden alone so long? Didn't you see that have wanted all the time to help you? But I'll forgive you, now that you have at last asked me!

Treasures From Rubbish Heaps. Rev. Professor Milligan, D. D., lecturing before the Glasgow branch of the Egyptian Research Students' association, referred to the papyrus fragments recently recovered from ruins of houses and temples, and especially from the rubbish heaps on the out skirts of old towns and villages in Egypt. Thanks to the dry climate, these had remained uninjured, and the result was that we had now a very large number of original documents or papers extending from several hun dred years before Christ far down into Byzantine times. It was proved conclusively, the lecturer said, that the Greek in which our New Testa ment was originally written was the "common" language or vernacular or

Apples in British Markets. The apple is the most important fruit coming to the British market American apples are very popular, led by such varieties as the Newtown Pippin and the Hood River. The only ob jection urged is that of size. The most popular sizes are those ranging from 120 to 150 a crate, whereas some of the arrivals from Oregon and California run as large as 70 or 80 s crate. The English retail trade does not want the extra large apple, Fruit is sold by the pound, and the number of a fruit that can be contained in a fixed weight plays a large part in its

Tried on Biscults.

"Why does a player pick up two the game, he said: bats before he goes to the plate?" "It makes one bat seem lighter done had he injured both legs!"

Don't you see?" "I see. It's a fine scheme. I think I'll try it on the biscuits at our board ing house."

The Diagnosis.

"I can't imagine what is the matter with my daughter, doctor. She mopes around all day and seems to be eating her heart out-

"Eating her heart out, eh? If that's the case, she evidently has indiges

Triumph of Ratiocination.

Damocles saw the sword suspended toxication. John felt strangely light hair, I judge your wife has been by the hair. "Since it can't cut the sharpening her pencil," he remarked

Dangerous Combination.

While he was shooting at rats a Cia. cinnati man killed a woman. A foracross the green grass to Annie's a dangerous combination.—Chicago and a revolver continue to constitute TIP FROM FAN IS VALUABLE

Instances Are Many in Which Star Heeds Suggestions From Bleacherite-Ewing Took One.

Almost every ball player, in either the major or the minor leagues, is able to tell of some occasion when his Immediate action was influenced by some suggestion from the fans before whom he was playing at the time. Ordinarily the players have a sort of contempt for the people in the stands. but once in a long while the latter come across for a great measure of appreciation.

One of the most flluminating fllustrations of the susceptibility of the player to the people sitting behind him was afforded one day when, in a close game, "Buck" Ewing, the greatplayed with the golden-haired girl est catcher of all history, was trying to hold a runner on second. There was also a runner on first and a hard hitter-Jake Stenzel by name-was at

After Ewing had thrown the ball down to second three or four times a fan up is the stands yelled to him: 'Why don't you get that man at first he's half way down to second all

Ewing took the tip. Making a bluff to heave the ball to second, he suddealy turned and hurled it to first, getting the runner there by three or

"A tip from the fans is worth two from the conchers," said Ewing, as the umpire declared the man on first out, and the game was over-

"Chief" Zimmer, one of the greatest backstops of his day, or, indeed, of any other day, tells of a time when he was catching a game for the old St. Louis club in New York. The score in the ninth inning was 2 to 1 in favor of St. Louis, but in the last half of the last inning the Giants got a man around to third base, with only one man out.

The batter lifted a foul fly way over beyond the left fielder's reach. Zimmer set sail for it and easily could have made the catch. As he was putting out his hands for the ball a man in the 50-cent seats yelled:

"Let it go, Zim; if you catch it the man on third will score." Zimmer, in telling the story, said:

"I let the ball go and it was only consciously till last night. You reckoned as a foul. On the next pitch know I have always been a little stu- the batter had struck out, and the "So there was one occasion when

asked you to share, even had I than was the judgment of our coach John Clarkson, after his transfer

Still she looked straight at him. from Chicago to Boston, used to tell of a time when a Hub fan came to his relief in an emergency. Clarkson was pitching against his o'd teammates. you-need you! If you could marry The score was 2 to 1 in Boston's favor, but every base was occupied with a White Stocking and the count on "Pop" Anson at bat, was just three and two. "Aim one at his head John" shout-

ed a Chicago man in the grand stand. "He's mad enough now to hit at any-

Without a second's hesitation, Clarkson aimed the ball at the left temple of the White Stockings' leader, his face-the good, kind face, with and let it go. Swinging madly at the its few weary lines, and its dark ball, Anson missed it by a foot, and

she murmured. "Can't you see that Although Handicapped by Injured Leg Manager of Pittsburg Pirates Gets Ten Putouts.

> While a targer number of putouts have been reported made during a single game in minor leagues, it remained for Fred Clarke, one of the 'old men" of the Pittsburg club, to establish a record for major league

Fred's ten putouts during the Cardi-

nal-Pirate game the other day established a mark that has never been equaled in the "big show," and the probabilities are that it will stand for some time to come. Only twice, so far as known, has Manager Clarke's performance been equaled in any kind of a league. On

September 10, 1896, Dick Harley, playing center field for the Springfield (Mass.) club, came through with eleven putouts. On August 17, 1897, Shorty Slagle, playing with Grand Rapids, chalked up an even dozen putouts. When President Dreyfus was in-

formed of Clarke's work, also that he



Fred Clarke.

had injured one of his legs prior to "I wonder what Fred would have

Training Date Too Early. "It seems a waste of time and

money for teams to take long and expensive trips in the spring only to return home to meet with weather that prevents the players from letting themselves out." This is the opinion of President

Ban Johnson of the American league. "Next year I think all the teams will content themselves by leaving for the south toward the end of March and return just in time to begin the championship season."

Mr. Johnson thinks April 12, the opening date this -ear, far too early.

"Phillie" Quartette.

Manager Charley Dooin, who is baseball's sweetest singer, is thinking of organizing a Phillie quartette of himself, Earl Moore, Dode Paskert and Jack Rowan and going on the road at the end of the baseball season, Dooin believes that such a stunt would prove a big attraction.

AMERICAN POLO PLAYERS AT WORK



for the purpose of getting themselves | May 31.

The illustration given above shows | into condition for the big games with two members of the American polo the English team. The championteam practicing at Lakewood, N. J., ship games will start at Mineola on

MILLERS ARE RUNNING AWAY the present leaders to land their re-

Joe Cantillon's American Association Team Starts Out With Rush-All Teams Look Alike.



Manager Joe Cantillon.

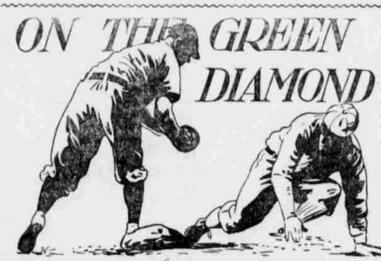
get along without "Daredevil" Dave prove what I say by pointing to Goode Altizer and "Long Tom" Hughes. If and Clarke of my team. They have the Millers had not won the pennant been with other big clubs but have o decisively last year, it is quite never had a chance to play regularly concern in other camps. Philadelphia creased confidence in themselves have in the National league and Detroit in developed them into first-class ball FRED CLARKE MAKES RECORD as large a margin, and yet critics ex- them if I could. Experience is a big cept in those two cities do not expect factor in the success of youngsters.

spective pennants. But always there s wonderful respect for a previous winner and the hard-hitting Millers with their pitchers going fairly well are a tough proposition. Several of the games won by the Twin City out-Joe Cantillon's merry Millers are fit might almost as easily have been cination. Two cases of smallpox converting the American association captured by the opposition, but it's a pennant race into a merry scramble habit of stronger clubs to win the for second place and answering the close games. If the Millers continue question affirmatively that they can their present gait for another month much of the interest in the ultimate disposition of the pennant will be dissipated in advance.

PLAYERS DON'T GET CHANCE

Manager Tenney Says Many Youngsters Not Given Opportunity to Prove Their Worth.

levue "Many young ball players do not have a chance to prove their worth Philadelphia with the big teams," says Manager St. Vincent's Home, Philadel-Tenney of the Boston Nationals. "They show enough ability in the minors to warrant scouts recommend-Home, Pittsburg ing them for purchase or draft, but when they report for duty they find Pittsburg there is so much competition that they must sit on the bench rather than display their skill. Soon they are turned back to the minors without a trial, and in many cases they become discouraged. Those are the very men I want to build up my team. We haven't had a chance to do much Chester scouting, but we are willing to profit Crittenden Home, Philadelby the other clubs' research. I can isters of Charity, St. Cath-Blind, Philadelphia . ossible there would not be so much until now. Constant practice and in German Hospital, Philadelthe American lengue amassed quite players, and I would not displace Scranton State Hospital 128,213.20 Senate Passes Important Measures



Heine Zimmerman rapidly is showng "he is there."

Fred Merkle smashed out a longlistance home run at New York. Babe Adams appears to be pitching the brand of 1909 ball this season.

Teams may win and teams may ose, but the Tigers growl on forever. Young Wheat of Brooklyn promises to give Frank Schulte a race for slugging honors this season.

"The White Sox made nearly as many hits this year as they did in the whole season of 1906," said one

Johnson, the Highlanders' shortstop, who has been shy on the batting end, woke up and batted out a home run off Hall of Boston. Scout Fred Lake of the Browns is

league at present, but he has not dug up any players as yet. The Philadelphia fans say that

Hans Lobert is a much better third sacker than Eddie Grant. It does seem that way in the score so far. Del Gainor, the new first baseman of the Tigers, seems to be a real ball player. He has made good with the

Detroit fans and Manager Jennings. Altizer, who was such a phenom in the American association, has been unable to fathom the wiles of the major leaguers. Downey is now on the

An Amherst collegian who knew Heary as a catcher says that if it were not for the fact that Henry would grow too fat waiting for a chance to replace Street the youngster would be a worthy performer in his old position. Red Dooin is the real leader of the leaders. The Phillies' manager is heading the batting list of the National league, and the Phillies are at the head of the percentage column.

The passing of Freddie Parent from the big league was somewhat unexpected, but he has not dropped out of sight, for the Eastern league is only a notch below the big leagues. Clarke Griffith is eager to demon-

strate he did not get so much the worst of that trade with the Phillies. Some person has discovered that the new cork centered ball is responsible for the long distance hits this

Trying to kill the ball doesn't kill it as often as it kills batting averages. Goode has a finished style in the outfield, judging fly balls well and making no fuss about getting under them.

Thus far all the heavy hitting of New York teams has been done away from home-mostly in southern train-"Tris" Speaker, the Red Sox run

maker, believes that the best kind of a batting average is one that is built while team mates are on the sacks. Nashville, Tenn., is crowing over the fact that Sunday ball can be played there now. It is twenty-eight years since such a thing was possible

before. The unconditional release handed Sam Leever by the Pittsburg club gum-shoeing around the Eastern marks the end of the big league career of one of the veterans who has

done much for the Pirates. Anti-fat producers have been trying for years to reach Clyde Engle, but the handy man of the Red Sox has a treatment of his own. His early season speed is a testimonial.

At least Fred Parent left Chicago something by which to remember him His last game with the White Sox

AB. R. H. SB. SH. P. A. E. Parent, ss. 5 1 3 0 0 2 2 0 Suggestion for the baseball players brotherhood: As long as the White Rats refuse to appear on the stage with baseball players, why not get out injunctions preventing vaudeville ar tists from producing alleged baseball plays and other sketches supposedly based on out of door sports? "Beat the Giants to win the pen-

nant!" is the cry of the Cubs this George Mullin, the big Tiger pitch-

er, is to be operated on if he follows the advice given him by the doctors Ty Cobb says he likes to step up to the plate when the bases are filled. Most batters like to come up without any one on so they are not blamed so much if they fall down.

Pitcher Joe Crisp, taken last season from the Newark Eastern league club by the St. Louis Browns, insists that he has retired from baseball. Crisp was released to the Topeka club, but refused to report.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

Information and Gossip at Harrisburg.

DOINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Brief Mention of Matters as They Occur at the State Capital Official and Other-

School Board Code Signed.

Governor Tener approved the school code and it took effect at once, except where otherwise provided. The information that it had been signed was communicated to the House while in session, and received with applause. The Governor used several pens in signing the bill and they will be presented to Senator El. L. Tustin, who presented the measure in the Senate, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Schneffer and Dr. G. M. Pattips, of West Chester, a member of the School Code Commission. Dr. Philips was present when the code was signed.

Small-Pox Among Foes Of

Vaccination. The State Health Department resived information that smallpox had broken out near Waynesboro. Franklin county. This town has been a stronghold of the anti-vaccinationists and Commissioners of Health Dixon has recommended general vacwere diagnosed as chicken-pox by a local physician and the reports to the department show that a number of people have been in contact with

More Money Voted By House, The House passed finally the following appropriation bills:

St. Joseph's Hospital, Phila-Salvation Army Home, Bel-Catholic Home for Children, 8,000.00 House of Refuge. 2 Improvement Children's .240,000.00 5,000.00 Springdale General Hospital, 1,800.00 Institution for Blind, Pitts-Glen Mills School Iniversity of Pennsylvania, 995,000.00 Monument to John Morton,

arine's Home, Rending 1,000.00 unsylvania Home for Glen Mills Hospital 20,000.00

passed by the Senate were these: The House bill requiring that the payment of wages shall be semimonthly and providing penalties for the violation of the act.

Among the more important bills

Appropriating \$80,000 to George Gray Barnard, the sculptor. House bill providing that all buildings insideings inside of coal mines shall be constructed of incombustible

House bill amending Section 19 of the act of June 10, 1893, so as to authorize County Commissioners of each county to construct a permanent election room or election house and for that purpose to purchase such real estate as they deem neces-

House bill requiring fire drills in factories and industrial establishments where women or girls are em-

House bill creating the office of fire marshal to be attached to the Philadelphia Department of Public Safety. The Senate passed a joint resolu-

tion which has already been adopted by the House, stating that it is the earnest wish and desire of the people of Pennsylvania that the Panama Canal be so fortified by the National Government as to insure its continued freedom from any danger of injury, destruction or capture.

House bill permitting corporations manufacturing electrical machinery to own real estate in Pennsylvania. House bill permitting boxing

matches in Schulykill, Luzerne and Montgomery counties. House bill exempting savings accounts of less than \$1,000 from taxa-

tion for State purposes.

House bill providing for the payment for the maintenance and support of children or minors who have been sentenced by Pennsylvania courts and committed to institutions outside the State.

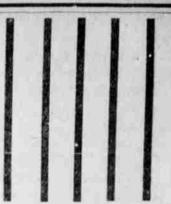
House bill making it unlawful for unauthorized persons to interfere with electrical meters or other electrical appliances. House bill proposing an amend-

ment to the Constitution so as to permit special legislation regulating

House bill regulating the lending of money upon personal property. salaries and wages. Providing for the liquidation, distribution of assets and dissolution of corporations under the supervision of the Commissioner of Banking.

Appropriating \$20,000 to the Philadelphia Jewish Sanatorium for consumptives, located at Eaglesville. Montgomery county.

Regulating the purchase or condemnation of real estate by boroughs for the purpose of constructing wharves, landing places, etc.





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