

**A HALF-TONE.**

By Grace E. Bird.

Stanley Wales was so deeply absorbed in a magazine illustration that he rode three blocks past his corner. It was a half-tone of a girl's face, with straight brows, dark brooding eyes, and the delicate beauty of a Lily, a face that he had been subconsciously seeking for years. All his life he had paid so little attention to the fair sex that his relatives, desperate lest he be a bachelor forever, were even now conspiring to marry him as soon as possible to Dorothy Stalling, a distant cousin who had been abroad ever since she was a child. He had never seen the young lady in question, but with his usual passivity in such affairs he had as yet offered no vigorous opposition to their machinations, so the game went merrily on.

"I wonder if I could find the girl in the picture today?" he impatiently soliloquized as he retraced the way to his clubhouse for luncheon. First the illustrator, and then—"I wonder what her name is anyway?" he continued.

"I saw her behind a counter in a dry goods store," the artist was explaining, "and the face seemed to correspond to the author's idea of the character in the story. I drew it from memory. I forget the store, but I think I could find it for you," he obligingly continued, rereading his visitor's card and recognizing the name as one well known.

"I hate to trouble you, but I wish you would," Stanley answered anxiously.

Before long the men found the object of their search selling collars and neckties in a department store. The illustrator hurried away and Stanley walked past the counter twice. He observed that the girl, now disengaged for the moment, was critically studying the passer-by, and her quaint glance took in the young man loitering in the aisle.

"Is there anything I can do for you?" she asked. It did not escape his observation that her voice was low and sympathetic and its timbre musical.

"Yes, I thank you," he stammered, feeling more nervous than ever. "Collars, some collars, I think, er—collars, please."

"What size?" she inquired coolly.

"Size—why let me see—oh yes—I have almost forgotten—no—8—yes; 8 is correct."

"I think about 16 ought to be about right," she continued, eyeing the tall man critically, and with a business-like air taking down a box containing the articles in question. By a mighty effort Stanley Wales recovered himself and bought a dozen cheap collars, number 16—in reality he wore a size larger.

He left with a lingering vision of straight black brows and two blue eyes like stars. The next day and many more he returned to the necker counter and chatted with the girl during leisure intervals between customers. Her fellow-workers had begun to gossip. She begged him not to return.

"Then tell me your name and let me call on you, as I have asked you 40 times before," he responded.

"I will tell you Saturday," she replied abruptly, "and now good-by," she concluded, extending her hand.

He crushed her proffered fingers in his grasp.

The week seemed long, but the hope of fulfillment of her promise kept the man's courage. He was desperately in love. With his usual quick decision, he had determined to marry her in spite of every possible obstacle, from her refusal to his own personal ostracism. When the day came he found the counter besieged with bargain-hunters taking advantage of a sale. After the crowd had left she handed him a sealed envelope addressed to himself.

"Promise me that you will not open it until tonight at 6 o'clock."

Her fingers touched his as they both held the missive. He would have promised her anything at that moment.

"I shall look for you Monday evening," she smiled back at him.

"Without fail," he rejoined merrily. Moving to make way for a customer, he departed.

After dinner that night in his smoky smelling den, he broke the seal of a dainty little envelope that had been lying next to his heart. Inclosed was a delicately engraved card, and an unsigned note, begging him to keep her secret. She had been making a study of the self-supporting woman, and was at present investigating first-hand, the life of the American shop girl. Her engagement was up to-night, and this was her last experiment on that subject, as she now had enough material for the book she had planned to write. Distant kinship was her only excuse for permitting such a chance acquaintance.

"Yes, I will keep her secret on one condition," he was saying to himself as a knock at the door followed by the entrance of his mother interrupted his reverie.

"I have just received word from Dorothy saying that she has come back from Europe, and will be at home next week; so you will put off that hating trip for a little while, won't you, Stanley?" she coaxed.

"Yes, mother, anything to please you," he replied, with twinkling brown eyes and a merry smile, as he slipped into his pocket an unsigned note and a delicately engraved card bearing the name, "Miss Dorothy Stalling."

The brass industry alone supports 70,000 people at Waterbury, Conn.

**AUDITORS' REPORT**  
Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Showing Receipts and Expenditures of Somerset County, Pa., from the 1st day of January, 1906, to January 1, 1907.—Peter Hoffman, Treasurer of Somerset County, in account with Somerset County, Pa.—To Receipts of County, Bond, State, and Dog Taxes received from the Tax Collectors of the several Townships and Boroughs in said County for the years 1903, 1904, 1905, and 1906.

Receipts—Dr.			
1903.	County.	Bond.	State.
Ursina Bor.	.....	\$ 15.95	\$ 19.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 15.95</b>	<b>\$ 19.00</b>
<b>1904.</b>			
Greentown	.....	38.59	1.32
Fairhope	.....	91.59	13.55
Brothersvalley	.....	721.16	462.43
Ursina Bor.	.....	.....	14.56
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 851.34</b>	<b>\$ 481.86</b>
<b>1905.</b>			
Addison	.....	464.41	88.29
Allegheny	.....	150.00	31.40
Benson Bor.	.....	123.86	30.87
Berlin Bor.	.....	106.46	89.92
Boswell Bor.	.....	374.56	40.00
Black	.....	400.95	56.39
Brothersvalley	.....	849.32	100.00
Casselman	.....	13.32	9.59
Conemaugh	.....	570.00	35.00
Confidence Bor.	.....	207.08	39.40
Elklick	.....	1,117.16	215.40
Fairhope	.....	.....	8.00
Greenville	.....	125.00	29.56
Hooversville	.....	154.80	41.99
Jefferson	.....	180.00	20.00
Jenner Twp.	.....	185.00	432.49
Larimer	.....	194.05	48.62
Lincoln	.....	105.21	20.00
L. Turkeyfoot	.....	681.31	116.00
Milford	.....	455.69	90.20
Middlecreek	.....	13.07	23.46
New Baltimore	.....	6.99	2.00
New Centerville	.....	29.87	6.11
Northampton	.....	170.00	25.00
Ogle	.....	87.88	18.84
Paint Bor.	.....	213.21	42.20
Paint Twp.	.....	354.10	70.51
Quemahoning	.....	422.48	9.39
Rockwood Bor.	.....	145.00	30.00
Salisbury Bor.	.....	160.07	1.34
Shade	.....	422.48	1.34
Somerset Twp.	.....	595.10	117.19
Southampton	.....	2,000.00	500.00
Stony Creek	.....	125.75	20.00
Stoyestown	.....	660.00	178.90
Summit	.....	66.41	15.48
U. Turkeyfoot	.....	305.19	69.86
Wellersburg	.....	55.00	12.79
Windber Bor.	.....	541.26	106.69
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$12,721.62</b>	<b>\$2,997.81</b>

Expenditures.			
Assessors' pay	.....	\$ 2,082.49	
Assessors' pay, registering	.....	1,284.88	
Assessors' salaries	.....	118.85	
Bridge paint and whitening	.....	5,485.55	
Bridges, new	.....	1,893.14	
Connecting heating plant to jail	.....	1,100.00	
Clothing prisoners	.....	213.55	
Commissioner's salary, Specht	.....	1,000.00	
Commissioner's salary, Augustine	.....	1,000.00	
Commissioner's salary, Zimmerman	.....	1,000.00	
Commissioner's clerk, Ringler	.....	950.00	
Commissioner's assistant clerk, Ringler	.....	800.00	
Commissioner's traveling expenses	.....	327.91	
Commissioner's attorney	.....	325.00	
Computation	.....	24.00	
Courthouse rent	.....	1,750.00	
Court officers	.....	661.50	
Clerk of Court	.....	838.58	
Clerk of Orphans Court	.....	69.90	
County Auditor	.....	216.00	
Court stenographer	.....	146.00	
Court interpreter	.....	609.56	
Court and jail expenses	.....	206.02	
Clerk of Orphans Court	.....	206.02	
Commonwealth costs	.....	3,893.36	
District Attorney	.....	883.00	
District Attorney	.....	110.05	
Ditching on courthouse grounds	.....	10.50	
Election houses	.....	257.66	
Election expenses	.....	3,683.03	
Electric light	.....	611.31	
Freight and expressage	.....	357.34	
Fire insurance	.....	58.00	
Forest fires	.....	749.43	
Overpaid tax refunds	.....	209.06	
Furniture	.....	1,000.00	
Game Warden	.....	20.00	
Industrial buildings	.....	141.21	
Jury-Commissioner McMillan	.....	172.98	
Jury-Commissioner Hays	.....	172.98	
Jury's fees, grand	.....	1,077.58	
Jury's fees, petit	.....	5,571.45	
Jury fees refunded	.....	4.00	
Jail physician	.....	155.00	
Kindergarten	.....	2.00	
Law library	.....	33.50	
Livery hire	.....	33.50	
Laundry	.....	553.14	
Miscellaneous expenses	.....	14.64	
Medical attendance	.....	19.75	
Maintenance, Huntingdon	.....	91.25	
Maintenance, Morgantown	.....	99.68	
Maintenance, Wehnersville	.....	52.14	
Maintenance, Western Penitentiary	.....	1,464.01	
Newspapers	.....	7.78	
Office supplies	.....	227.15	
Overpaid tax refunds	.....	374.86	
Prothonotary's fees	.....	590.79	
Poor Board appropriation	.....	7,000.00	
Jury Commissioners' clerk	.....	374.86	
Printing and advertising	.....	1,055.95	
Rebate on timber	.....	22.75	
Records	.....	1,464.01	
Road damages	.....	856.81	
Recorder's fees	.....	113.00	
Return Judges, Senatorial	.....	29.00	
Return Judges, Congressional	.....	29.00	
Removing rubbish	.....	165.88	
Removing furniture	.....	5.00	
Stationery and postage	.....	300.82	
Soldiers' burial and grave markers	.....	363.05	
Teachers' Convention	.....	181.68	
Sheriff's fees	.....	3,771.12	
Sheep and cattle damages	.....	1,745.14	
Supplies	.....	15,317.87	
Superintendent of Bridges	.....	370.82	
Treasurer's commission on State tax	.....	164.70	
Treasurer's deeds to Commissioners	.....	118.00	
Telephone rent	.....	200.00	
Viewers	.....	528.36	
Watershed Institute	.....	200.00	
Watchman, night	.....	464.02	
Old orders paid	.....	41.85	
Treasurer's commission on 367,216.00@2%	.....	1,344.33	
Taxes paid on unseated land	.....	2,638.38	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$86,589.52</b>	

Credits.			
By orders paid	.....	\$52,506.37	
By commission on \$52,506.37@2%	.....	1,050.11	
By balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1907	.....	30,512.60	\$ 84,068.88
Balance in treasury courthouse fund	.....	.....	\$30,512.60
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$84,068.88</b>	

Outstanding Taxes.			
1904.	County.	Bond.	State.
Boswell Bor.	.....	\$ 195.09	.....
Larimer	.....	355.45	.....
Northampton	.....	10.48	.....
Ogle	.....	165.82	3.20
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$726.54</b>	<b>\$ 3.20</b>
<b>1905.</b>			
Boswell Bor.	.....	323.44	55.00
Brothersvalley	.....	1,704.29	199.99
Confidence	.....	117.56	26.26
Fairhope	.....	114.76	25.61
Greenville	.....	100.97	19.07
Jefferson	.....	91.21	27.80
Jenner Twp.	.....	150.69	28.69
Quemahoning	.....	425.89	59.25
Somerset Twp.	.....	1,089.20	98.94
Stony Creek	.....	127.29	25.96
Windber	.....	972.72	197.74
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$5,278.92</b>	<b>\$1,004.01</b>

Recapitulation.			
To balance in treasury January 1, 1906	.....	\$ 67,954.93	
To county tax received in 1906	.....	74,706.11	
To State tax received in 1906	.....	13,727.78	
To dog tax received in 1906	.....	2,977.64	
To unseated land tax received in 1906	.....	7,958.15	
To liquor license tax received in 1906	.....	1,755.50	
To State tax refunded by State	.....	11,486.26	
To forest fire tax refunded	.....	142.05	
To cash on Commissioners' ledger	.....	777.55	
To fines received	.....	628.07	
<b>Total amount received</b>		<b>\$181,569.97</b>	

Recapitulation—Dr.			
To balance in treasury January 1, 1906	.....	\$ 67,954.93	
To county tax received in 1906	.....	74,706.11	
To State tax received in 1906	.....	13,727.78	
To dog tax received in 1906	.....	2,977.64	
To unseated land tax received in 1906	.....	7,958.15	
To liquor license tax received in 1906	.....	1,755.50	
To State tax refunded by State	.....	11,486.26	
To forest fire tax refunded	.....	142.05	
To cash on Commissioners' ledger	.....	777.55	
To fines received	.....	628.07	
<b>Total amount received</b>		<b>\$181,569.97</b>	

Recapitulation—Dr.			
To amount in treasury January 1, 1906	.....	\$ 67,954.93	
To whole amount county, bond, State, and dog tax	.....	107,267.29	
To unseated land tax received	.....	7,958.15	
To county's share liquor licenses received	.....	1,755.00	
To fines received	.....	628.07	
To State tax refunded received	.....	11,486.26	
To forest fire tax refunded received	.....	142.05	
To amount from Commissioners' ledger	.....	777.55	
<b>Total amount received</b>		<b>\$197,397.73</b>	

Recapitulation.			
To balance in treasury January 1, 1906	.....	\$ 67,954.93	
To county tax received in 1906	.....	74,706.11	
To State tax received in 1906	.....	13,727.78	
To dog tax received in 1906	.....	2,977.64	
To unseated land tax received in 1906	.....	7,958.15	
To liquor license tax received in 1906	.....	1,755.50	
To State tax refunded by State	.....	11,486.26	
To forest fire tax refunded	.....	142.05	
To cash on Commissioners' ledger	.....	777.55	
To fines received	.....	628.07	
<b>Total amount received</b>		<b>\$181,569.97</b>	

Credits.			
By total amount paid on orders	.....	\$86,514.33	
By balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1907	.....	95,055.64	\$181,569.97
To balance in treasury, general fund	.....	95,055.64	
Orders for extra contracts for courthouse paid out of general fund	.....	31,253.32	
By commission on \$86,514.33@2%	.....	1,730.29	
By cash paid into bond fund	.....	2,752.77	34,631.16
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$181,569.97</b>	

Courthouse Fund—Dr.			
To amount in treasury Jan. 1, 1906	.....	\$ 84,068.88	
By orders paid	.....	\$52,506.37	
By commission on \$52,506.37@2%	.....	1,050.11	
By			