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THE TROUBLE WITH DAN

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It was a wet night, very wet and chill, although the fine rain barely made the gutters run. A saunting night, deceptive to the eye and bringing woe to those unguarded souls who braved its seeming mildness scorning umbrella or mackintosh.

In the house of Finch Macomber all was hospitality and cheer. The volume of many cordial voices mingling with the strains of the city's choicest orchestra poured out into the gloom as the doors opened to admit well covered figures whose somber wrappings gave little hint of the rich apparel beneath.

She who a half hour ago was Justina Macomber, now to be known as Mrs. Almon Hartwell, shed bright eyed and smiling, by her husband's side. Her hand ached from many fervent grasps; her round cheeks blushed from many kisses, welcome and otherwise. She longed for the moment when escape would be hers, and with Almon's arm about her they might hear the shutting of another carriage door and speed away upon life's happy journey.

The man at the door was still busy, although that lull had come between general arrival and departure. At rest his broad, clean shaven face had borne a grim of polite welcome. Now it was grave and worried, and he glanced frequently over his shoulder to scan the throng crowding the rooms behind.

Many knew the old family lawyer man and nodded at him familiarly, wondering at his perturbed look. Then his mistress came up.

"What's the trouble, Dan? Tired out?"

"No, mum."

"Anything go wrong?"

"No, mum; but there's a mighty people here. Most of 'em I don't. I'm fearin' lest you may have somethin' stole mebbe."

Mrs. Macomber chuckled. "There isn't the slightest danger, Dan. What with an officer watching the presents and a detective keeping his eye on things, we needn't worry. I think. Why don't you go home and get a bite to eat and a cup of coffee? You haven't sat down since morning. I'll tell Mary to take your place."

"No, mum! Not till they're all gone, mum."

"You're foolish," said the lady and moved away.

"Maybe!" muttered the old man, leaning one thick shoulder against the wall. "The lobby's a sight, boy he's told me. Three nights now and not sleepin' well. 'Dan,' he says to me this noon, 'I dread the reception.' 'It's hard for one pair of eyes to cover it mebbe. Two of us be more handy,' says he. 'But Mr. Macomber allows me the grand lough, and I'll have to hand her alone.' And it's so.

"The detective? A needle in a hay-stack! Oh, well, there'll probably be nothin' happen. Ah, but he think of Miss Tina a lovin' as . . . And to stop and kiss old Dan goodby when she starts for the church, all in her wedding gown like the angel she is . . . A lady when I first come twenty year ago to work on the houses. Lifted my son, she did, and 'twas 'Dan, Dan' till I was like a mother gal and in the house forever. And ten, three months after she was married. 'Twas time I quit, too old, too old. Lucky I've been to get where I am, and no one suspectin'. Still, 'twas my honest trade, and only now and then I'd need a man. A walter, a cockboat, a hostler, a boiler, a nurse gal—he—he—and now a nice respectable old butler man middle the door and everything else. Sure, he's a curious couple, a bloomin' queer one. Father a Yankee, mother English, one born in Australia, brought up in France, married in Kansas City, and now for twenty year a New Yorker, decent and layin' by cash. Dan, you're not a bad sort to do so well by your gray hairs."

These reflections, we could be a burst of shouting mirth, a rush of feet, a shower of rice and a flying coupe changed to swift attention. Dan closed the portal after the flowing coupe and watched the scattering to the dressing rooms, for the exodus was at hand.

The crowd began to thin with Dan's rapid dispositions. A heavy set man, with his overcoat collar high turned to his ears, pressed close upon the heels of the Drayton party. There was a sudden stoppage. Dan's watchful eye narrowed sharply. The old servant's hand stole cautiously up the back of the overcoat beside him to touch the hair and lift it slightly with an upset finger.

"Wig," he growled to himself and cropped! By"—

"Right along!" sounded his pleasant call, and with the movement his foot went out. The gentleman beside him stumbled and clicked his teeth with an exclamation.

"Beg pardon!" said the butler and caught him gently around the body, but with hands that ran scrutinizing and pressed on curious hard knobs.

"Go on, please," entreated Dan calmly, dropping his right arm and slipping to the left and forward. "Not hurt, sir, I hope?"

A mumbled "No," with a shake of the lowered head.

"Do move on!" cried the lottie. "I want room. He's fainted."

No one had seen that heavy, paralyzing heart blow nor heard the gasp as the victim sank to his knees. Some looked back and shook their heads, unknowingly, to see good old Dan tenderly supporting the sufferer, while he called genially across the hall to the detective, talking to Mr. Macomber:

"Bracelets!"

After the last carriage had rolled away another was driven up, and the bracelets worn by the short haired, hard jawed man, so unceremoniously bundled in, were not Justina's.

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The advantages of a narrow road are: First, lessened original cost; second, maintenance, a sprinkling cart being able to cover a twenty-four foot roadway with one passage, thus reducing the cost of sprinkling; the cost of sweeping and repairing the pavement is also reduced; third, healthfulness, the stretch of green grass on either side of the roadway being much more healthful than any pavement; fourth, advantages in lighting, as the street lights may be placed away from the trees; fifth, the stretch of earth and grass affords better means for water to get at the roots of trees; sixth, the gas and water mains, etc., being under the grass plots, there is no necessity of tearing up the pavement with the well known evil results; seventh, less surface for the collection of dirt and dust.

The only objections offered to narrow roadways are that a twenty four foot roadway will not accommodate its traffic and that teams cannot turn around. The traffic of a street will determine the width of road, and it will be easy to widen at little cost if the traffic demands it at any future time. Any width that is too large to turn within twenty-four feet can go to the first street intersection.

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ALL TOOK A HAND.

How an Indiana Town Was Cleaned up by Its Citizens.

A town in Indiana was cleaned recently at very little expense and in rather a novel manner and now looks as if an army of "white wings" had gone over it. The members of the village improvement society decided that the town needed a general cleaning up, and notice to that effect was published in the local newspaper. The society asked every one to aid it, particularly the school children, and announced that after the work was over ice cream and cake would be served.

The day set for the cleaning was on Saturday, and the work was begun in the morning and kept up until late in the evening. Men, women and children, armed with rakes, hoes and heavy brooms, took hold with a will, and paper, leaves, sticks and other matter were raked into heaps and carted away. Some positive nuisances were cleaned up which soon would have required the attention of the board of health.

The town's enterprising improvement association has been in existence only two years, but during that time it has accomplished a great deal. Through its efforts two new schoolhouses have been built, a fine library secured, many shade trees planted and the residential streets improved 100 per cent. Its one aim and object is to make the town a better place to live in.

Enlisting Children's Aid.

The pioneer in civic improvement work, an association in Stockbridge, Mass., long ago saw the necessity of interesting children in town improvement, and in another town where the boys and girls were trying to maintain beautiful surroundings a disinterested man offered $4 to any boy or girl who could cultivate the best flower bed. Several towns in Missouri, among them Cartilage and Bethany, offer prizes every summer and urge children to exhibit at their county fairs. In some instances boys who are employed as newsboys carry water long distances after school hours that the little patch outside their forlorn homes may be cultivated. Still another phase of the work is seen in Honesdale, Pa., where the children pick up papers on the street and deposit them in the cans provided for the purpose.

To Boom a Town.

This is an era of hustling. The doctor, lawyer, insurance man, real estate agent and mechanic find competition and most hustle to meet it. As with men so with towns. They have got to offer newcomers good water, sewerage, clean streets and pleasant surroundings to catch and hold them. They must do it even to retain those who have lived for years in the place.

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AN EXPERT IN CHIROGRAPHY

(Original.)

Carl Kraaft, expert in chirography, sat in his study in the city of Berlin examining by lamplight a package of papers. While thus engaged the door opened and a stranger entered.

Kraaft had that afternoon testified in a murder case, in which he had shown conclusively that the prisoner had written threatening letters to the murdered man. The expert's reasons why these letters had been written by the same person as letters proved to have been written by the prisoner were so convincing that the jury would have convicted him without leaving their seats. But the case must be summed up by prosecuting attorney and counsel, and that would require another day.

"Herr Kraaft," said the visitor, "I listened to your testimony today in the Keller case, and my confidence in your skill is so great that I have decided to employ you in a case I have in hand."

"Please be seated, sir."

"Here is a letter which came to light after an interval of twenty years. It was written in 1849. You will remember that the year previous occurred the revolution of 1848. During that troublous period a prominent member of the legislative body defied the revolutionists, throwing all his influence with the government. He stated to several intimate friends that he had been threatened with death by the revolutionists if he did not cease his opposition to their work. One day he was found dead, and everybody knew that he had been murdered. Nevertheless the murderer or murderers were never discovered. This letter, recently found among the papers of the murdered man that escaped notice at the time of the murder, was evidently written by the leader of a revolutionary society and threatened him with death if he did not accede to the society's demands."

The speaker threw the letter on the desk before the expert. It read:

Herr R.:

The revolutionary committee warns you that if you speak tomorrow in the congress of Berlin opposing the tyrant and denouncing the motives of the revolutionists you will never address another assembly. By order of the committee

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The expert bent low over the letter as he read it.

"Now, the receiver of this letter," the visitor continued, "addressed the meeting referred to and the following day was found dead with a bullet in his back. Hans Oberbeck is well remembered as a young enthusiast but twenty-two years of age. He disappeared as soon as the revolution was suppressed. I have letters bearing date of 1852, 1857 and 1860 which are similar in chirography to the one before you, though they bear a different signature. I have come to you for the purpose of getting your opinion as to the identity of the writer of these recent letters with the man who wrote the one of 1848."

The speaker threw three more letters on the desk, which Kraaft opened and appeared to study intently for a time, then said: "The letters bearing the name of Oberbeck and those bearing the name of Herman cannot possibly have been written by the same person because I [illegible] that Oberbeck died of a fever in 1849. The reason I remember his death is that he being a prominent revolutionist, it excited considerable comment at the time."

"And if he had not died of a fever he would have died by the rope."

"I remember that, too" said the expert in a scarcely audible voice.

"There is a chapter of this little story with which you are perhaps not familiar. A year ago the grave of Oberbeck was opened and found to contain a coffin filled with stones."

Kraaft made no reply, but bent lower over the letters, as though deeply immersed in them. Rising with the letter of Oberbeck in his hand he held it near the lamp, as if to get better light. Suddenly as near that a corner of it caught fire. In a twinkling the flame was blown out by the visitor, who covered the expert at the same time with a revolver.

"Pardon me," said the latter. "Your carelessness came near costing a life."

"How so."

"You are not only to study this case, but you are to go over your testimony given today with a view to seeing if you have not been mistaken."

"What is your interest in that case?"

"The prisoner is my brother and an innocent man. That I know, though I can't prove it."

"How did you get these letters?"

"I am the grandnephew of Herr Keller, who was murdered by the revolutionary committee, probably by Hans Oberbeck himself. The Oberbeck letter only came into my possession a year ago. I immediately examined Oberbeck's grave, then put the case in the hands of detectives in America, where so many revolutionists went after the fiasco of 1848. They got on the track of Oberbeck, who returned to the fatherland in 1860, under the name of Herman. In 1861 he returned to America and entered the Union army. In 1866 he came to Berlin and has since been living here under the name of"—

"Yes, yes; I see. I will go over my work in the Keller case and tomorrow will give revised testimony. A few days later I will sail for the United States. Is this satisfactory?"

"It is."

The next day Carl Kraaft was recalled to the stand at his own request and pointed out errors in his testimony that he had discovered only the night before. As this was the main testimony against the prisoner, he was acquitted.

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All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 25th day of June 1905, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 25th day of June 1904.

S. W. KIVETT, Admr.

LAND SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale granted by the superior Court of Randolph County on the petition of E. P. Hayes, Admr. of W. A. Lineberry, deceased, to Jessie McCollum and husband, J. H. McCollum et al, I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the town of Randleman, N. C., on the premises, on Saturday, the 23rd day of July, at 12 o'clock M., the following described tract of land, to wit:

Lying and being in Randleman Township, adjoining the lands of Mrs. Miriam Shirley, L. A. Spencer, J. J. Bostian, W. H. Wimbushia and others, containing eleven acres more or less, it being the land owned by W. A. Lineberry and known as his home place.

This land will be platted in to lots suitable for dwelling and business houses, and will be sold in such lots as platted.

Tract No. 2. Lying and being in Randleman Township, adjoining the lands of Joel Bostian, containing seven acres more or less, and fronting on a stone in John Clapp's line, running thence West 15.30 chs. to a stone, John Kearns' corner, thence North 8.00 chs. to a stone in the road, County and state aforesaid, and beginning at