

# Money to Burn

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### THE STORY

Hiram Butterworth, miser, dies suddenly leaving his fortune of more than a million to Elmer Clarke, nephew. Before his death Hiram arranged for payment with interest of \$40,000 which he had swindled a man out of forty years before. Unknown to Elmer, his sweetheart, Nellie Cathcart, bank teller, is heiress of the swindled man, Colorado Charley, crook, and his partner, Mae, plan to pluck Elmer. Posing as a partner named Doris Gatewood, Mae calls on Elmer. Elmer is a candidate for school trustee.

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That was a very delightful if unconventional dinner. Miss Gatewood was charming. It was her business to be charming and she knew her business. Her charm received a considerable impetus, however, from the charm which she extracted from Elmer. Under the ameliorating influence of her delightful personality, Elmer was in perfect form. He was interviewed without being aware of it, nor did Doris Gatewood have to interview him. Everything she wanted to know came out naturally in their conversation. In fact, the lady almost forgot she was playing a part.

She was returning to Los Angeles on the train which came through Pilarcitos at ten-thirty that night. After dinner she suggested that, unless Elmer had something better to do, they might kill time by going to a movie. Since Nellie was dining out that night and Elmer had nothing better to do than escort his new-found acquaintance to the movie, he declared he could think of nothing more delightful. So they went to see a thriller, and once during an exciting moment of the photoplay Miss Gatewood seized Elmer's hand impulsively and clung to it, apparently quite oblivious of what she was doing.

After dinner Elmer walked with her to the train and got her little travelling case out of the checking station in the depot. Before she boarded the train she had exacted a promise from him to call upon her and her brother at their Los Angeles home and have dinner with them. Elmer said he expected to be in Los Angeles in a few days to buy an automobile, and would take that opportunity to renew an acquaintance so happily begun.

Upon arrival in Los Angeles, Mae, alias Doris Gatewood, reported to Colorado Charley that the fish was on the line; that nothing now remained to do save get out the net and land him.

### CHAPTER VIII

When Elmer Clarke returned to his humble home after seeing Doris Gatewood off at the railroad station, he was sensible of having passed one of the most delightful evenings in years. Of course he had spent many delightful hours in Nellie Cathcart's company—Nellie was always delightful; but about this other girl there had been a charm so utterly different from Nellie's that Elmer, after the fashion of his sex, yielded to the delight of it without bothering to analyze it.

She dazzled him. She had, in effect, dared him to like her—and he had. He wished he might see her again.

Elmer lunched with Nellie the following day and discussed with her his coming campaign for election to the board of trustees of the Union high school—a subject in which Nellie displayed the most avid interest. For a reason so vague he did not pause to define it, he refrained from telling Nellie of the visit of the young lady reporter the evening previous. Nellie wondered why he did not. She had seen him walking down to the station with this stranger and had marked her thoroughly, from the toes of her smart boots to the tip of her saucy hat. In particular, Nellie had been struck by a note of spurious merriment in her gurgling laugh as the pair passed, too interested in themselves to see her. That laugh had been just a trifle too loud.

On Tuesday Elmer received a long letter from Absolom McPeake, conveying very definite information regarding the estate. It consisted largely of very valuable business real estate in the city of Muscatine, a plethora of frame shanties in the poorer section of the city, from which Uncle Hiram had drawn rentals entirely disproportionate to the value of the property, stocks, bonds, farm mortgages and a little private banking business—a usurer's shop, in reality.

Mr. McPeake felt confident that the little banking business could readily

be disposed of to form a branch bank of a large local institution. Of course, in view of Uncle Hiram's death, this bank, so dependent upon his presence, would not now be sold at much of a profit, but it could be disposed of without loss, and McPeake advised this course.

After reading that letter, Elmer felt more than ever inclined to follow the dictates of his humble ambition and purchase a fine car. He carried the letter over to the Pilarcitos Commercial Trust & Savings bank and showed it to the charming trust officer of that institution. Nellie was much interested and proffered some advice when Elmer declared he was going down to Los Angeles the following day to place an order for the new car. He promised Nellie the first ride in it.

Before he could drive away from the agency with his new possession the next day, a smart uniformed chauffeur appeared and reminded him that a gentleman able to afford a first-class car could not possibly descend to driving it himself. Elmer was struck by the force of this argument and engaged the man at a salary of fifty dollars a week.

While waiting for the license plates to arrive, he telephoned Doris Gatewood and was rewarded with shrill feminine cries of delight from the lady in question. Could he not come out to the house for luncheon? She had just finished her story and was about to mail it east—perhaps he would care to read it first?

Elmer would. He said he would be delighted to; and at one o'clock he slid noiselessly up to Colorado Charley's dainty bungalow and discovered the girl and her alleged brother waiting for him on the lawn.

The famed prodigal, returning from his unwholesome adventure with the husks and the swine, could not have been received with more enthusiasm. The luncheon was exquisite and served by Doris Gatewood herself. She flushed prettily when Colorado Charley reminded Elmer that she had cooked it herself. Charley ate little, however, and appeared languid and disinterested, as became a semi-invalid. Having been informed that he was a veteran of the World War, Elmer at once had for Colorado Charley a distinct feeling of fraternity, and the conversation was almost entirely of soldiering. In preparation for this, the bunco man had "boned up" on the A. E. F. from an invalid ex-soldier at Arrowhead hospital and another at the Veterans' home at Sawtelle. When it seemed that he might be getting into deep water, Doris saved him by suggesting that it was time for him to take his after-luncheon nap.

"Poor Charley gets so excited and nervous when he talks of those terrible scenes," she explained to Elmer. "It wears him out even to think about them."

Elmer suggested that Doris and he go for a ride. Doris replied that she would adore it—so they went, in calm defiance of Elmer's voluntary promise to Nellie Cathcart that she should be the very first person to ride in his new car. In justice to Elmer it must be added, however, that he had completely forgotten that promise. Having been lightly made, it had been as lightly forgotten.

While in France Elmer, in common with thousands of other young Americans, had visited Paris after the Armistice and had there listened to the old saw that if one should sit long enough on the sidewalk in front of the Cafe de la Paix, everybody he had ever known would eventually pass by. Elmer had sat there half a day and been accosted by nobody more important than a military policeman who had made him exhibit, in writing, his right to sit there.

It occurred to Elmer upon his return to Pilarcitos three days later that this is indeed a very small world. An exile from Pilarcitos had seen him driving along Santa Monica boulevard with Doris Gatewood, and a former Pilarcitos belle, who had emigrated to Los Angeles and was eking out a precarious existence as an extra in the movies, wrote home to Alice Goodfellow that she had seen Elmer Clarke fox-trotting in a Hollywood cafe with a girl who had everything on her except the kitchen stove.

This gossip so interested Alice that she felt it her Christian duty to mention it to Nellie Cathcart, who said nothing but wondered a little.

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### Has Two Meanings

The expression "double entendre" has the same meaning as the expression, "double meaning"—a word or phrase that can be interpreted in either of two ways, one of which is often of doubtful propriety.

### Improved Uniform International

# Sunday School Lesson

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### Lesson for August 2

#### PHILIP'S MISSIONARY LABORS

LESSON TEXT—Acts 8:5-40.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Philip Tells a Stranger About Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Philip An Early Missionary.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Pioneering for Jesus.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Gospel Breaks Over the Frontier.

1. Philip Preaching in Samaria (vs. 5-8).

In taking the gospel to the Samaritans we see the broadening of the scope of Christianity. Philip was one of the seven so-called deacons. He went to Samaria and preached Christ showing that God's purpose included these despised people. Christ is the true message of the evangelist. Not Christ as an ethical teacher or as an example, but Christ as the Savior from sin through the offering of himself on the cross as a substitutionary ransom.

2. Philip Preaching to the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-39).

Following the preaching to the Samaritans, the gospel was preached to the Ethiopian who was in all probability a Gentile. In his conversion we see the gospel in its outreach to the ends of the earth.

3. Philip meeting the Ethiopian (vs. 26-39).

a. Leaving work by divine direction (v. 26). The Lord called Philip away from a great work in Samaria and specifically directed him to this man. The Spirit of God directed him to go near and join himself to the chariot. The tactful question put to the treasurer gained him a seat by his side. The mission which at first seemed so unpromising was now clear.

b. An officer of state seeking the way of salvation (vs. 27, 28). The Ethiopian had been to Jerusalem to worship. Despite his high official position he was not ashamed of the worship of God. The journey from that far-off country required hardship and expense, but to one whose soul yearns after God this is all joy.

c. A providential meeting in the desert (vs. 29, 30). The coming together of these two men was clearly the predetermined way of God.

4. Philip preaching to the Ethiopian (vs. 30-35).

a. The Ethiopian's employment on the way (v. 30). He was reading the Word of God. The particular portion was the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. A most excellent way to spend one's time while traveling is to read God's Word. It is through God's Word that the individual is shown the way of life.

b. The need of an interpreter (v. 31). The Ethiopian was reading one of the clearest testimonies to the Messiah in the Old Testament, yet he was unable to understand it. The Ethiopian, a great statesman, needed an interpreter of the Scriptures. The gospel needs to be experienced before one can be a witness to its saving power. The human mind in its natural state is blind to spiritual things, making the work of an evangelist indispensable. Preaching the Word of God will always be necessary. God has designed that through the foolishness of preaching, men shall be saved. Valuable, indeed, as the Bible is in the hands of men, the touch and influence of the believing man who has experienced the work of God in his own heart is needed.

c. Philip's message (vs. 32-35). He began at the scripture which the Ethiopian was reading and preached unto him Jesus. This shows us that the person presented in the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah as suffering in the stead of others was Jesus Christ, also that the central theme of the preacher's message should be Christ crucified. He did not preach Jesus as a great teacher, but as a Savior who had suffered and died in the stead of sinners. The vicarious atonement is a note which is at the very heart of the message of every evangelist.

5. Philip baptized the Ethiopian (vs. 36-38). As a result of Philip's preaching, the eunuch proposed baptism. When Christ is truly received men will desire to confess him in baptism. Where this desire is lacking the gospel in its fullness is evidently not preached. The Ethiopian might have offered many excuses as to why he should neglect this important ordinance, but like every man who is honest before God, he was willing at any cost to render obedience.

6. The Ethiopian rejoicing (v. 39). Having been baptized, he went on his way rejoicing. Confession of Christ and obedience to his Word always brings joy.

### Realized Futility of Fight on Christianity

"Thou hast conquered, O Gallilean!" These, according to a legend, were the dying words of the Roman emperor Julian, who was the son of the half-brother of Constantine the Great and who succeeded Constantine as emperor in 361 A. D. He was brought up a Christian, but his early teaching was soon modified by his interest in Neoplatonism and other philosophy and he acquired the name Julian the Apostate because after he became master of the Roman world he ordered a return to pagan worship and issued many decrees against Christianity. His was not the true paganism as it had been practiced in times past, but an idealized amalgam of paganism and philosophy which he learned from the rhetoricians who taught him and which was associated with a preference for the culture of the ancient Hellenic world. Julian marched at the head of a powerful army into Persia and in 363, after a long and futile march, he found himself surrounded by a superior Persian force in a desert region in the hot and sultry season. The emperor was always in the thickest of the fighting, but after many desperate encounters with the enemy he fell mortally wounded, treacherously stabbed by a Christian, according to an unauthenticated story. Just before he died Julian, the legend says, threw some of his blood toward heaven and exclaimed: "Victor Gallilee!" Thou hast conquered, O Gallilean! This legend was mentioned by Theodoret, bishop of Cyrhus, in the fifth century, but most authorities regard it as a pure fabrication or merely an elaboration of the account of the emperor's death given in the poems of Ephraim Syrus, who died in 373. Nevertheless, fact or fiction, the story symbolizes the fact that the work of Julian the Apostate perished with him.—Pathfinder Magazine.

### Preserve Old Home of William Cullen Bryant

The dedication by the Massachusetts Historical society of the birthplace of William Cullen Bryant at Cummington, Mass., draws attention to the fact that within 25 miles of New York is the home in which Bryant lived and wrote for the greater part of his life. It is Cedarmere, at Roslyn, on the north shore of Long Island, now preserved as a shrine of American poetry. Not only that, but in the country cemetery at North Roslyn the poet himself rests. Few more beautiful spots can be found on Long Island than Cedarmere. Bryant's grandson, Harold Godwin, who occupies the homestead, has kept the house as it was when occupied by the poet. There is the old library with the worn volumes, many of them priceless. The homestead at Roslyn is situated upon the waters of Hempstead harbor. There are tall trees on the dikes between the harbor and the mill pool of the place. There are rustic bridges, rare old wistaria vines and sloping lawns. In many of his writings the spirit of the Roslyn homestead breathes through Bryant's words. But, although much time has passed, nothing has changed at Cedarmere since the days of the passing of the poet.

Photographic Perfection  
A "camera-mirror" which reflects a person's image as that image will appear when photographed has been invented by Dr. Peter Schlumbohm, a Berlin chemist, and is expected to become a useful adjunct to photography, especially to film production. The mirror is based on the principle that the camera's eye takes in only a certain part of the light spectrum, giving a different tone in a photograph from the image as it appears in natural light. Doctor Schlumbohm has produced a special glass which reflects the same tones as a camera; the tones which do not appear in a photograph are absorbed by the glass.

Farm Land Figures  
The most valuable farm land in the United States, per average acre, is in Florida, where it has increased 77 per cent in value since 1915. The cheapest land, according to Collier's Weekly, is in Montana, where it has decreased 28 per cent during this same period.



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