

THE GLEANER

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Modern Good Has Own Standard of Freedom

I have come in contact with a number of modern coeds at various institutions; and many of them have been able, not to say willing or eager, to discuss excessively delicate subjects with the utmost freedom, as long as the discussion remains on a scientific or dispassionate basis.

I am quite unable to state, however, that they are infinitely more sophisticated than their mothers; or than the preceding generation of coeds; because I have no way of knowing how much their mothers knew.

I might even go so far as to hint that if opportunities do not present themselves, they make their own opportunities. It takes a high-grade of statistician to worry the inner meaning out of this state of affairs.

Glock Made for Pope Marvel of Ingenuity

The most beautiful clock in England is said to be found in the British museum. It is believed to have been made by Pope Sixtus V, that pontiff, brought up (as some tell) a swineherd, who amused when he reached the holy see such treasures as eclipsed the wealth of Europe; to whom much of the magnificence of Rome is owed.

Three stories high it stands, telling on its dial the fast days, the signs of the Zodiac, the motions of the sun and moon in their course. Besides the minute dial a cherub raises a stickle as the hour strikes, while his neighbor turns an hour-glass over.

But you will need all your eyes for the topmost story, divided into four balconied tiers. On the lowest the gods of the days of the week pass slowly round. Above, the Virgin and Child are seated, before whom angels make obeisance as they pass by.

Crowning it all a beautifully molded cock perches on the dome; and when the chimes have rung he flaps his wings and crows!

Gratifying State of Bird Life in Florida

While there is no doubt that great damage was done to the bird life of the Everglades by hurricanes in Florida, it is encouraging to know, from a report made to the biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, that there are still numbers of beautiful plume birds in this region.

An official recently made a trip through the Lake Okechobee region and had an opportunity to witness a rare and beautiful sight, one that a bird lover might expect to see but once in a lifetime. At a point about ten miles east and north of Belle Glade, Palm Beach county, and as far as Pahokee, in all a distance of about 25 miles, there were thousands of American egrets and snowy egrets, stretching away as far as one could see.

Scene of Bloodshed

The famous Sigriya rock of Caylon has a story of blood behind it, says an article in the Times of India. Standing 11 miles from Dhanubalia on the Trinco road, it rises sheer to a height of 400 feet above the surrounding plain and was the stronghold of one Kassapa who seized the throne after killing his father and attempting the life of his brother.

War Tank's "Insards"

Generally speaking, the major part of the inside of a war tank is taken up by the engine or motor. There is enough room at the sides of the motor to let the mechanics get around for adjustment. In front there is space for the driver. In front of the driver is either a machine gun or a light sub-machine gun which shoots through a port in the armor.

Great Diplomat Well Paid, Document Shows

A valuable document, believed to have been stolen from archives of the French government in the revolution of 1793, is included in a special copy-edition of the life of Talleyrand, which is being bound for a member of the Talleyrand family. The paper orders the payment of 300,000 francs to Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Perigord, France's most famous statesman, for his services as ambassador to the court of St. James in the reign of Louis Philippe, a post given him for promoting that monarch's accession to the throne.

The paper is interesting and curious, in that it reveals the astonishing sum paid Talleyrand at this period, 300,000 francs being almost a princely fortune, far above the average reward of ambassadors.

Goose Put Forward as Canada's National Bird

Canadian naturalists have been concentrating on the choosing of a national bird for Canada to commemorate the diamond jubilee of confederation. Mr. J. Miner, an authority on bird life, gives his vote to the Canadian goose, which he describes as "the noblest creature that ever lived on land, in air, or in the water."

Wild geese, he says, pair off for life. The male guards his mate on the nest. As soon as the young hatch he protects them from the opposite side of the mother, keeping the babies between the parents. He will leave his family for his mate, and for her only, but he will die for any of them. When traveling in the air the male Canada goose leads the way, breaking the air for his mate, who is quartering behind him, and his family travel next to her.

"In brief," says Mr. Miner, "he is one of the most self-sacrificing, godly-principled leaders the human eye ever beheld, and to know him is to love and admire him."

Javanese Delicacy

"Rystafel" is a dish peculiar to Java, writes Nellie M. Scanlan, in John O'London's Weekly. In a Java hotel you order Rystafel. The waiter brings in a large bowl of rice. You take a generous portion on to the soup plate provided. Behind him in a row are from 10 to 15 other waiters, each with a dish or two, from which you take a sample. There are curried chicken, fried bananas, dried fish, meat balls, hard-boiled duck eggs, preserved ginger, chopped onions, chunks of pineapple, raw herring, sliced cucumber, peppers, chillies—sometimes up to 30 varieties. The diner helps himself to all his capacity will allow.

Difference in Rainfall

There is uncertainty about what constitutes a day's rainfall. At London, for example, popularly regarded as a wet place, it seems that the best the clouds ever have done was 8.12 inches of rain in 24 hours. In France, however, there was a shower at Jopsum which checked out at 31.17 inches in the same time. At Genoa, the best rain was 30 inches for a day's job. Gibraltar has a record of 33 inches, but it took 26 hours to get down. In the Khasi hills, India, the record drizzle is 30 inches a day for five consecutive days. This foots up at 15,000 tons on every acre.

Legends of "True Cross"

There is no authentic information as to the composition of the cross on which Jesus was crucified. Legends on the subject are legion. The alleged fragments of the cross preserved as sacred relics are composed of pine. According to one legend, the true cross was made of four kinds of wood—palm, olive, cedar and cypress—representing the four quarters of the globe. A more poetic legend says the cross was made of aspen, supposed to account for the almost constant quivering of the leaves of that species. —Pathfinder Magazine.

Explaining "Cur Market"

"Cur" is the abbreviation of the word "curbstone." A curb market is one wherein the brokers buy and sell securities on the curbstone or in the middle of the street, as in the city market in New York. It is in the market that stocks of a great many companies are dealt in which are not applied to the New York Stock exchange for listing, or which are not to be listed there, and where stocks are dealt in "over the counter"—that is, between the things of the New York Stock exchange.

Your Wishes

Have you found it? There is something for you to do and you can do it better than anyone else. If you know where to hunt for it—and are unconcerned about it, then it will not be done and you will be the loser. Don't let anyone deceive or discourage you. When you were created it was for a purpose, and it is up to you to find your field of greatest activity and begin your life-work. You can, if you will, determine and shape your own destiny.

"Charge of the Light Brigade"

By HELEN R. BARTON

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"SEE, sis," mused the somewhat famous Ralph Curtis, "I come up here to hibernata with you only when the city and my profession become too much for my feeble intellect." And Ralph blew smoke rings of costly imported pipe tobacco toward the cobwebby rafters of Rusty Curtis' "barn," as she called the vast old wooden structure that she had inherited from her grandmother some ten years before.

"Well, Slim," challenged Rusty, "why disparage, then? If it's a haven of refuge when matrimony, patrimony and alimony become too much of a burden—"

"Hey! Hey! Nobody said anything about alimony," interposed the genial cartoonist. "But just the same, I can't even rusticate with you, Sis, unless you indulge in a few modern conveniences. And you know quite well that I'll go fifty-fifty with you."

So that was what started the charge of the light brigade, as Rusty humorously described the small army of electricians who, after Slim's temporary return to New York, invaded her mountain retreat.

But for once, the spring of the New England mountains was disturbed by other than Zym splashing noisily down the brook pursuing gold trout, the plaintive rebuke of a hoot-owl, or the whispering magic of a whip-poor-will. The silence of years of vast solitude was broken by the ring of axes as trees were cut, poles set and wires strung from the main power line two miles below the "Barn" up the steep, winding mountain trail-road. And a gang of rollicking, merry, care-free electricians sang, whistled, laughed and joked as they advanced steadily through the calm mountain.

Plumbers were at work piping a mountain spring down to the barn and a shower bath and running water were installed, awaiting only the necessary electricity to run the motors and supply the "power."

The third week that the electricians were at work, Rusty began to worry a bit over expenses. She had figured the job to last ten days at the most, and here were almost twenty-five days gone already! And broaching her fears to the tall, bronzed "boss" of the gang, Rusty bent her troubled gaze down the serene, quiet valley.

"One man and a helper could finish, ma'am," briefly answered the stalwart boss.

"Oh, if you'd only told me!" gasped Rusty. "I was just wondering if the bill was going to be too dreadfully high!" And the girl compelled her eyes to meet those of the youthful boss, and she was startled by the discovery that never before had she seen eyes so blue.

"I could find out, ma'am; how much were you figuring on?"

"Well . . . not too dreadfully much; I haven't such a large bank account. This business of finding and keeping health isn't exactly a job for a starting orphan!"

"Are you?" inquired the boss softly, gazing down at her down-bent rusty head with a strange softness in his blue eyes, "a starving orphan, ma'am?"

"Don't," gasped Rusty, fighting an almost uncontrollable desire to laugh, "ever call me ma'am again! My name is Miss Curtis!"

"Evasion is a feminine word in French . . ." drawled the irrepressible boss softly, delighting in the swift color that flooded the girl's face.

"Oh no; I'm not starving, and I have one brother. Does that answer your question satisfactorily?" bantered Rusty mischievously.

Next day, Rusty received her bill from the light company, and it was signed by the late president's own son, Howard D. Hunt. In dismay, the girl hastened out to the line where the rangy young "boss" was busy doing the finishing-up process of connecting the barn with the power line before turning on the power.

"There must be some mistake. Do you know who this Mr. Hunt is?" began Rusty with worried eyes fixed upon the bill rendered for a mere hundred dollars. "There were ten men working three weeks, and two men eleven days—and I'm sure this Mr. Hunt has made a mistake!"

Dawson carefully snipped a bit of loose wire and exercised an unusual amount of attention on the taping of a joined wire before he began to descend the pole slowly and carefully. Rusty watched his descent with unfeigned admiration, although she did not think he was aware of her scrutiny.

"What makes you think this Hunt chap is in error?" demanded Dawson with twinkling eyes.

"Common sense would tell anyone that the bill should be more than that!" began Rusty when the other helper called: "Oh, Mr. Hunt, O. K. on that number three wire!"

Junior kept Tab

In a trial at Cincinnati, one of the jurors kept track of the evidence with toothpicks. When the defense scored a point he would put a toothpick in one pocket and when the state scored a point he would put a toothpick in another pocket. There were so many toothpicks in the second pocket that this juror voted for conviction at once.

NOTICE Foreclosure Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed of J. A. Welch to W. C. Presnell and wife, dated the 26th day of June, 1928, and registered in Book No. 109, pages 531-532, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County, North Carolina, and an assignment or transfer of said mortgage deed by W. C. Presnell and wife to the undersigned, dated March 12th, 1929, registered in Book No. 113, M. D. page 80, in the same office, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door in Alamance County, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock M., on

MONDAY, 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 1929, the following lot or parcel of land lying and being within the corporate limits of the Town of Graham, Alamance County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of the Southern Railway right-of-way to Oneida Cotton Mill, N. Main St., a 33 ft. Street, W. C. Presnell, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on the West side of North Main St., 145 feet Northwest of J. M. Anglin's Southeast corner, and running thence North 30 deg. 30 minutes West 64 1/2 feet to an iron bolt on the West side of North Main Street at the intersection of another Street at West rail of old side of Street 33 feet wide, 10 feet East of center of said Railroad track; thence South 4 1/2 degrees West 131 1/2 feet to a stake, 10 feet East of center of said railroad track; thence North 56 1/2 degrees East 120 feet, more or less, to a stake on the West side of North Main Street, the point of beginning, and being a lot fronting 64 1/2 feet on said North Main Street off the Northern portion of that certain lot of land sold by J. Clarence Walker and wife, to the said W. C. Presnell and wife, by deed dated June 21, 1928.

This the 2nd day of May, 1929. B. M. ARMFIELD, Assignee. HIGH POINT, N. C. H. M. Robins, Atty., Asheboro, N. C.

Trustee's Sale of Real Property.

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 1st day of November, 1926, by H. Tillman and wife, Lenna Tillman, to the undersigned Trustee, to secure the payment of a note of even date, which said deed of trust is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County, N. C. in Deed of Trust Book 107 at page 285, default having been made in the payment of the said note the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Graham, N. C., the following described real property on

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1929, at 12:00 o'clock noon, all of those two certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land containing 4 1/2 acres and 57.9 acres, respectively, more or less, situated, lying and being on the Burlington-Big Falls Union Ridge Road about six miles North-east from the City of Burlington, in Faucette Township, Alamance County, North Carolina, having such shapes, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear from a plat thereof made by Lewis H. Holt, County Surveyor, February 10, 1921, a copy of which is attached to the abstract now on file with the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank of Raleigh, the same being bounded on the North by the lands of Henry Trollinger, B. McAdams and Joseph Rippy, on the East by the lands of D. W. Huffman, on the South by the lands of Henry Morris, J. W. McAdams and B. McAdams, and on the West by the lands of B. McAdams and Henry Trollinger, and being the identical tract of land conveyed from A. L. King and wife, Katherine King, M. L. King and wife, Esther King, and Frank King, by deed dated February 5th, 1921, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County, North Carolina, in Book of Deeds 71 at page 549, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description of the same.

This sale subject to advance bids as provided by law. This the 9th day of April, 1929. THE RALEIGH SAVINGS BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Trustee. J. Delph Long, Atty.

NOTICE Foreclosure Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed of J. A. Welch to W. C. Presnell and wife, dated the 26th day of June, 1928, and registered in Book No. 109, page 532, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Alamance County, North Carolina, and an assignment or transfer of said mortgage deed by W. C. Presnell and wife to the undersigned, dated March 12th, 1929, registered in Book No. 113, M. D. page 82, in the same office, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door in Alamance County, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock M., on

MONDAY, 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 1929, the following lot or parcel of land lying and being in Graham Township, Alamance County, North Carolina, and being within the corporate limits of the Town of Graham and fronting on Albright Avenue in said Town, and described as follows:

Being Lots (No. 48) Forty-one, and (No. 42) Forty-two in Block "F," on plat of land formerly owned by Walker Heirs and known as the Walker Property, as surveyed and platted by Paul King, which said map or plat is recorded in Plat Book No. 2, page No. 14, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County, and reference is hereby made for a more perfect and complete description of said property.

This the 2nd day of May, 1929. B. M. ARMFIELD, Assignee. HIGH POINT, N. C. H. M. Robins, Atty., Asheboro, N. C.

Receiver's Sale of Real Estate.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed of trust duly executed by T. E. Liggin and wife, Mollie Liggin, in favor of Piedmont Trust Company, Trustee, on the 1st day of December, 1920, and securing the payment of a series of bonds numbered from 1 to 18, both inclusive, bearing even date with said mortgage deed of trust and payable to bearer, each in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness as in said mortgage deed of trust provided, and the further authority of an order of the Superior Court of Alamance County in an action therein pending, and being No. 3823 upon the Civil Issue Docket, the undersigned Receiver of Piedmont Trust Company will on

THE FOURTH MONDAY IN MAY, 1929, at ten o'clock a. m., the same being the twenty-seventh day of May, 1929 at the courthouse door in Alamance County, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land in Alamance County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Archy Ray, C. R. McCauley and others, bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at a rock on W. side of a road, corner with said Ray in said McCauley's line; running thence N. 2 1/2 deg. E. 19.15 chs. to a rock, corner with said McCauley; thence S. 86 1/2 deg. E. 26.74 chs. to a rock, corner with said McCauley and Lot No. 2 in said division; thence S. 88 1/2 deg. E. 10.27 chs. to a rock, corner with said Lot No. 2; thence S. 6 1/2 deg. E. (B. S. 7 deg.) 29.30 chs. to a rock, corner with said Lot No. 3; thence S. 3 1/2 deg. W. (B. S. 4 deg.) 19 chs. to a rock, corner with said Lot No. 3; thence 90 deg. W. N. 80 deg. W. (B. S. 87 deg.) 2.50 chs. to a post oak tree, corner with said Lot No. 3 and Fonville; thence continuing same course N. 87 deg. W. 7.10 chs. to a rock, corner with said Fonville 20 sec. N. of a post oak tree as witness; thence N. 3 deg. 50 min. E. (B. S. 3 1/2 deg.) 18.91 chs. to a rock, corner with said Ray; thence N. 85 deg. 22 1/2 min. W. 24.50 chs. to the beginning, containing One Hundred and Four and Five Tenths (104.5) acres more or less.

Said mortgage deed is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County in Book No. 91, page 178. The terms of the sale will be cash upon the date of the sale and the purchaser will be furnished with a certificate by said Receiver certifying the amount of his bid and receipt of the purchase price, and the sale will be left open ten days thereafter for the placing of advanced bids as required by law.

This the 11th day of April, 1929. THOMAS D. COOPER, Receiver Piedmont Trust Company. J. Delph Long, Atty.

In Large Territory

British Guiana covers an area of 89,000 square miles. The capital is Georgetown. It is situated on the north shore of South America, with Venezuela on the west, Dutch Guiana on the east, and Brazil on the south.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrators of the estate of John T. Kerrodick, deceased, late of Alamance County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate, or the said decedent to exhibit them, to LYNN D. KERRODICK, III, 1100 College, N. C., on or before May 1, 1929, or the notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This April 19, 1929.

LYNN D. KERRODICK, R. J. KERRODICK, Administrators of John T. Kerrodick, N. C. J. Delph Long, Atty.

Receiver's Sale of Real Estate.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed of trust duly executed by John Dixon and wife, Eliza Dixon, and Luther Martin and wife, Robena Martin, in favor of Piedmont Trust Company, Trustee, on the 13th day of October, 1922, and securing the payment of a series of bonds numbered from 1 to 19, both inclusive, bearing even date with said mortgage deed of trust and payable to bearer, each in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness as in said mortgage deed of trust provided, and by the further authority of an order of the Superior Court of Alamance County in an action therein pending, and being No. 3682 upon the Civil Issue Docket, the undersigned Receiver of Piedmont Trust Company will on

THE FOURTH MONDAY IN MAY, 1929, at ten o'clock a. m., the same being the twenty-seventh day of May, 1929, at the courthouse door in Alamance County, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a rock, corner with said Squires Heirs and Lot No. 2 of the Knight lands; running thence S. 12 deg. E. 35.81 chs. to a rock, corner with Lot No. 2 supposed to be in line of Chandler Heirs; thence N. 54 deg. 30 min. E. 23.05 chs. to a rock, corner with said Chandler Heirs; thence N. 4 deg. 30 min. E. 20 chs. to a rock in said Squires line; thence N. 86 deg. W. 23.68 chs. to the beginning, containing Sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less, being Lot No. 3 in plot and sub-division of the W. P. Knight land.

FIRST TRACT: A certain tract or parcel of land in Alamance County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. J. Squires Heirs, Heirs of J. I. Chandler, F. P. Rogers and others, described as follows, to-wit:

SECOND TRACT: A certain tract or parcel of land in Alamance County, North Carolina, described and defined as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a rock, corner with F. P. Rogers; running thence S. 87 deg. E. 28.61 chs. to a rock; thence N. 4 deg. E. 4 chs. to a rock on the center of a road; thence following the meanderings of said road 38.12 chs. to a rock, corner with J. C. Wellons; thence S. 7 deg. W. 25.54 chs. to the beginning, containing Fifty-one (51) acres, more or less, being Lot No. 1 in plot and subdivision of the W. P. Knight lands.

THIRD TRACT: One-eighth (1/8) undivided interest bought of Cornelius V. Dixon and his wife, Ruth Evangeline Dixon, on the 4th day of November, 1918, and One-eighth (1/8) undivided interest heired from the late Alvin Dixon in three certain tracts or parcels of land lying and being in Alamance County, Pleasant Grove Township, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of the persons hereinafter set forth, and known as the lands of which the late Alvin Dixon died seized of at the time of his death, described as follows:

(A) Known as the Home place of the said Alvin Dixon, adjoining the lands of Jane Martin, Rufus Dixon, the Whitmore tract, containing Fifty (50) acres, more or less.

(B) Known as the Whitmore tract, adjoining the lands of A. J. Jeffries, the above home tract and others, and contains Sixty-two (62) acres, more or less. This tract of land was purchased by Alvin Dixon from R. W. Vincent.

(C) Known as the Jeffries and Corn tract, adjoining the E. C. Murray lands, Jim Wilson's and others, containing Eighty-one (81) acres, more or less. This tract was conveyed to Alvin Dixon by R. W. Vincent.

Said mortgage deed is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County, in Book No. 91, page 178. The terms of the sale will be cash upon the date of the sale and the purchaser will be furnished with a certificate by said Receiver certifying the amount of his bid and receipt of the purchase price, and the sale will be left open ten days thereafter for the placing of advanced bids as required by law.

This the 11th day of April, 1929. THOMAS D. COOPER, Receiver Piedmont Trust Company. J. Delph Long, Atty.

The Dumbwaiter

By FRANK R. BART

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"OH, I think gas stoves are the meanest things!" Teary stood in pique, Mary Dixon's eyes. She had had little success in life in the household arrangements, but the gas stove was a way to be a thing of the past, a malignant, devilish thing that had her, try as she would to make it.

"If I only knew something about stoves," she wailed aloud. "I don't, and I can't cook my own and—"

She sank of a chair and gasped herself to tears. A knock on her door stopped her. She sprang to her feet, having finished her eyes and opened the door. In the hall stood a young man, attendant, yet smiling.

"I believe you have something wrong with your gas stove," he began.

"Oh, I have—indeed I have! Are you a—?" She paused, and saw of the name for man who repairs gas stoves. The young man took her up.

"I'm not—that is to say, I'm not a regular gas-stove expert," he said. "But I've lived in apartments long enough to know something about their little habits and tricks. And I thought I might fix yours." He was handsome, she decided at once, and he had nice eyes and an engaging smile. And surely he had come as opportune as an angel from heaven!

"There it is," she said, pointing out the horrid object. "I can't do anything with it!"

The young man approached the stove without a tremor, as one who has no fear. He twiddled its cocks with contemptuous familiarity, trying to light it once or twice. Then he reached into his pocket, extracted a pair of pliers and loosened a joint or two, poking into pipes with a match-stick. At last he straightened himself.

"I think it'll work all right now," he said. "Let me try it. Have you a match?"

He turned the cock, struck the match she had given him and applied the fire to the burner. A little "pop" sounded, and the clear blue flame of a perfectly functioning gas range rewarded him. Mary gave a little cry of joy.

"Oh, you are clever!" she cried. "It's all right now, isn't it? How can I ever thank you?" A chilling thought entered her mind. "Do I—how much is it—does it cost?"

The young man straightened his back, cramped from stooping.

"Well, there's no charge. But if you have a bit of salt to spare you might let me borrow a pinch," he replied. "I haven't a scrap of salt in my place."

"Of course, I'll let you have the salt," she said, hurrying to open a box. "But I wish you'd let me give you something for your trouble."

"It wasn't any trouble—it was a pleasure," replied the young man, and bowed. And then he kept on bowing farther and farther, till he tumbled to the floor and lay still.

Mary kept her head; got water and dabbed it on his forehead and laid him in an easier position. And then she saw what she had not noticed before—that his face was pinched and white and his cheeks were hollow.

At last he opened his eyes.

"I'm—I'm dreadfully sorry!" he stammered. "I don't know what was the matter with me—I just sort of fainted, I guess—I'll go now."

"You'll do nothing of the sort. Tell me, how long is it since you've eaten?"

"Two days," confessed the young man. "I have a job that will pay me well, but I don't go to work till tomorrow, and I've been living all this week on a loaf of bread. That's what I wanted the salt for—it makes you thirsty and then you drink a lot of water, and then you don't feel so empty."

"You're going to stay and have supper with me," Mary said calmly.

He obeyed, and as she prepared the meal he told her his story—how he had tried to draw and had struggled on, his money getting lower and lower, till at last he had landed the splendid position that had come almost too late—how pride had prevented his asking for an advance, and he had set himself to sticking it out till he should be paid.