

TWO CHRISTMAS GIFTS.



MAN was found murdered in the village of Norton, East Tennessee, and the authorities arrested a stranger named Alfreds. Of course Alfreds had no business in the community, and this of itself partook of the nature of a crime; but, aside from this, evidence of serious import was not wanting. Here is the case briefly set forth. Alfreds and a man named Jenkins were seen together one evening walking along the road, and the next morning Jenkins was found with his head crushed in, lying in a patch of briars. At the preliminary trial before a justice of the peace Alfreds declared that he and Jenkins had passed company near the briar patch where the body had been found, but as this declaration was not admitted as evidence Alfreds was handed over to the grand jury and was, as everyone expected, indicted for murder and imprisoned to await the action of the circuit court.



The jailer in an obscure village is often a leader in society, and the jailer's daughter is naturally a person of much moment. Old Elias Springer had, during many years, been jailer in Norton, and his daughter Ruth had declined several good offers of marriage. She was exceedingly bright of countenance and it was the mysterious boast of the neighborhood that she could parse anything. I say mysterious, for parsing was a vague mystery to many people who were glib in repeating this bit of commendable brag. Ruth, from the first moment of Alfreds' imprisonment, showed a sympathetic interest in him. He had dreamy eyes, waving chestnut hair, and was therefore innocent. In the afternoon, when the jail corridor was lighted by the sun, she often placed her rocking chair near the door of Alfreds' cell, and sitting there sewed and talked to him.

"Would you let me out if you could get the key?" he asked, one day. She pretended to pout. "Why should I? You'd run away and then I'd not have anybody to talk to." "But if I stay here to talk to you I shall be hanged." "Yes, but a woman would rather talk to a man, even if he is to be hanged for it, than not to talk at all."

"What an odd little creature you are, Miss Ruth." "Oh, you think I'm odd, do you? That isn't very kind of you. I was in hopes that I was something besides odd. Anybody can be odd." "But anybody can't have your sort of oddity." "Oh, then, I've got the oddest sort of oddity. I don't know whether to like that or not. Do you know that you are the only man I ever met that didn't try to flatter me?" "I didn't know it, but if I am, why, I must be thankful for the distinction."

"Oh, you must, must you, Mr. Sarcasm? Why don't you tell me something about yourself?" she asked, after a moment's pause. "I have—I have told you that I am innocent." "Oh, that isn't anything. Anybody can be innocent. Where do your people live?" "Well, where do you come from?" "I have come from a place where there was no happiness to a place where nothing but misery and disgrace can be expected."

to change between now and to-morrow morning?" Alfreds asked. "Why so?" "Because if it should elude to-day will give me my last glimpse of the sun. Has the young lady returned?" "No, not yet." "When do you expect her?" "Don't know. I'm hired to chop wood and work about the place and not to listen to the news of the family." "Will the hanging be public?" "As public as out of doors can make it."

"Do you think there'll be many people present?" "Oh, certainly. People look for amusement during the holidays." "I must say that you are cold-blooded." "And why shouldn't I be; why shouldn't I hate every man that's unfortunate?" "Why should you be the question?" "Because I served a term in the penitentiary."

"What had you done?" "Told the truth." "What, they sent you to the penitentiary for telling the truth?" "Yes, they asked me if I committed the forgery and I said that I did." "Oh, you are a satirist." "Well, I must go and split a piece of knotty wood. Fires must go even if Christmas do come. I suppose you can take care of yourself to-day, and as for to-morrow, why, the sheriff will have to take care of you."

He passed out and a merry voice was heard. The prisoner's blood leaped. Ruth had returned. All smiles and airs of gaiety, she entered the corridor, and she was not alone; the sheriff and the jailer were with her. "Mr. Alfreds," she cried, "I have brought you a Christmas present. Here is your pardon."

"Open the door," said the sheriff. Before Alfreds' swimming eyes the iron bars were shadowy work. "Come on into the sitting-room," said the girl; and she led him out. He sat in a rocking-chair. A long time passed before he said anything. "And have they discovered my innocence?" he asked. "No," she answered. "Let me tell you what I did. I made all the jurymen and the prosecuting attorney and the judge and hundreds of other people sign a petition asking for your pardon, and then I went all the way to Nashville and made the governor sign your pardon. Don't you think I'm smart?" "I think you are an angel."

"No you don't—you think I'm a haphazard rattle-trap. I told the governor about your hair—think of talking about a man's hair—and I said: 'Governor, he's got the loveliest eyes you ever saw,' but I must not talk this way, for you ain't in prison now." He got up and stood with his face turned toward the door. "I must go," he said. "Are you going very far away?" "No." "How far?" "I am going to stay here until I prove to you that your mercy—"

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Capt. T. W. Mason was in town Monday. Capt. J. M. Grizzard, of Halifax, was in town Monday. Mr. John A. Spivey, of Ringwood, continues quite feeble.

Mr. Robert Skinner, formerly of this place, spent Sunday in town. Miss Susie Timberlake, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. T. H. Chavasse. Miss Mend Alley, of Petersburg, is visiting Miss Alice Anderson.

Miss Kate Prescott attended the German at Littleton Thursday night. Mr. R. Stanford Travis, of this place, has been appointed notary public. The Rev. Mr. Harris and wife of La Grange, spent Tuesday night in town.

The Revs. S. D. Adams and J. A. Green returned from Conference Monday night. Mrs. T. N. White, who was here on a visit last week, has returned to Richmond. Mr. Paul Garrett and Mrs. E. A. Harrison have returned from a visit to Ringwood.

The Rev. J. M. Rhodes, of Littleton, spent Monday in town, the guest of Mrs. Ida Wilkins. Mr. W. H. Summerell, of Winston, was in town Monday. He contemplates going to California to live. The Rev. J. A. Lee, of Murfreesboro, spent Monday night in town at the residence of Mr. H. C. Spiers.

Dossey Battle, the genial, made us a pleasant call a few days ago. He is the same whole-souled fellow as of yore. Mr. John Harrison, of Brinkleyville, is in Baltimore having his eyes treated. It is reported that he lost one of his eyes. Dr. R. H. Stuebel went up to Greensboro Monday to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Girls' Training School.

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