

THE RUDDER.

Of what you are thinking, my little lad, with the honest eyes of the world...

AT 19 AND 27.

Esther Lindsay was 19 when her first story was published. It was not the first she had written by any means.

But somehow her contributions always fell short of the mark of excellence necessary to insure them a favorable consideration.

She worked steadily for more than three months on her "Story of the Steamer Kendrick."

Of all the editors in the land she seemed to have chosen him as her most favored target.

He accepted it with that feeling of uncertainty with which an insurance man issues a policy on an extra hazardous risk.

Before he did so, however, she sent him another hastily written story and a letter which was for long her before the public.

"You are in danger of being spoiled," he said in part. "You need advice, and I feel that I have the right to address you in the capacity of a censor."

Besides, he would be an exorcism on the human race, and after your second or third story the public would have none of him.

Esther Lindsay read and reread the editor's letter. He had not intended to make it unnecessarily pointed or critical.

"I want that man to understand me," she said to her mother after having dreamed over the contents of the letter for a couple of nights.

He finally knew her too well to renege against the proposed visit, and the next morning she took the early train for Ironton.

"I am Jesse Arnold," he said in that stiff way which he habitually adopted when addressing strangers.

At his best the editor was not a good looking man, and that day when he stood between her and the window, where the full beams of the evening sun poured in and seemed to exaggerate every defect of his person.

"I am Esther Lindsay. If it does not inconvenience you, I should like to have you a little while about this last letter you wrote me."

"There was but a trace of his former reserve left, and he took her hand impulsively."

"Well, why don't you say something?" he asked, leaning back in his creaking chair and clasping his hands behind his head.

"You have one view, and though it may be right I feel as though I should be giving up the best part of myself to sacrifice my opinion to yours," she said, with that touch of whimsy she had lately assumed.

"But I suppose," she continued, "that if you will not decline the honor on account of that one technicality?"

Nervous

People often wonder why their nerves are so weak; why they get tired so easily; why they start at every slight sound; why they do not sleep naturally; why they have frequent headaches, indigestion and nervous troubles.

Dyspepsia

The explanation is simple. It is found in that impure blood which is continually feeding the nerves up instead of the elements of strength and vigor.

Hood's Pills

Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. Cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

NOTES FROM MERRY MAXTON.

(W. B. Harker's Letter in the Lumberman Robesonian.)

Mrs. J. F. Wibart, who has been visiting relatives here, returned to her home in Wilmington last Friday.

The Maxton Guards were out on their monthly drill last Thursday night. They were a fine body of young men, well in appearance, proficient in drill, and patriotic in sentiment.

Sammy McKinnon, the bicycle and excursion man, has another treat in store for our people. The excursion will run from Hasty to Wilmington, via Fayetteville on Monday week, the 20th inst., passing Maxton at 8 P. M.

The Red Springs Hotel and the Hotel Townsend are delightful places. The numerous springs of health giving waters which flow on forever, together with the general citizens, combine to make Red Springs a popular summer resort.

Mr. J. D. Austin, Carolina Central agent, met with a severe accident last Friday night and a colored man named Cook, who works at McKinnon's livery stable, got a knot on his head.

It is this mystery—of growth and life, of beauty and sweetness and color, and sun loved ways starting from the clouds—that gives the corn its power over me.

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Gen. Bradley T. Johnson telegraphs from Havana that he has accepted of fighting a duel with any one who mortally or at any other time. The whole story is preposterous.

Should keep themselves healthy and especially care should be given to this matter at this time. Health depends upon pure, rich blood, for when the blood is impure and impoverished diseases of various kinds are most certain to result.

Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes.

"When you wrote your 'Story of the Steamer Kendrick,' your hero was your ideal of mankind, was he not?" he asked, as soon as he could speak to her alone.

"Yes," she said softly. "And you were determined that if you failed to find such a creation in real life you would never marry?"

"No," she said defiantly, "not in the least. I painted my imaginary character as I remembered you that day when I first saw you in your office at Ironton."

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COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. July 8.—Galveston, easy at 6 1/2-16, net receipts 186 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 7 1/4, net receipts 108 bales; Baltimore, dull at 7 1/4, net receipts 44 bales; Boston, steady at 7 1/2, net receipts 10 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7 1/2, net receipts 10 bales; Savannah, steady at 7 1/2, net receipts 10 bales; New Orleans, steady at 6 1/2-16, net receipts 618 bales; Mobile, nominal at 6 1/2-16, net receipts 18 bales; Memphis, steady at 6 1/2-16, net receipts 18 bales; Augusta, steady at 7 1/2, net receipts 9 bales; Charleston, quiet and steady at 6 1/2, net receipts 10 bales.

RECEIPTS. Spirits Turpentine—65; Rosin—192; Tar—56; Crude Turpentine—63. Receipts same day last year—45 casks spirits turpentine, 128 bbls rosin, 9 bbls tar, 3 bbls crude turpentine.

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