

REALISTIC ROMANCE THAT BEGINS
BACK EAST AND ENDS HERE

Generous Uncle Bill Gives Timely
Advice to His Newly Married
Niece.

In a remote hamlet back East lived a demure maiden and a baneful man, who had for some years been living with but one and the same object before them. Both were hopeless victims of "love microbes," that were doing the most effectual work under the direction of Cupid himself. Finally Harry suddenly "woke up" one day and decided that procreation was the chief of time and bliss, he immediately set about to bring matters to a focus. Very soon there was a wedding, and it wasn't much longer before their Uncle Bill Taylor, of Washington, wrote effusively of what he termed "gilt," and proposed that if they would locate here, he would start them up in life. Very soon they began to bid loved ones adieu, and were soon speeding in this direction. When the train pulled in, generous Uncle Bill was at the depot to greet and welcome the much elated young couple, and after hearty congratulations, conducted them straightway to the Latham House. It was at breakfast the next morning while partaking of a tempting menu, that was being politely served, that Uncle Bill first unfolded his plans to the appreciative newcomers, obligating himself, first of all, to build and furnish for the modern home. "But in the meantime," he said, "you will find this a pleasant and most agreeable place to live, since it is well known as one of Washington's well appointed and a most sealously managed hotel and a favorite with the 'Knights of the Grip' under the good management of Mrs. J. B. Latham, an amiable hostess who personally looks after the welfare of those sojourning under the roof of the Latham House. "Come," said the generous uncle, rising from the breakfast table, "the pleasure is now mine to introduce you to our town, your future home. Then, too, I want to arrange to build the new house right away. And, of course, it is important that we select a pleasant and healthful location, where we may have agreeable environments about us." Uncle Bill was soon astray, and the young couple were eager and beaming with expectancy. "First, we will go in and confer with W. M. Kear, our well informed and wide-awake real estate man here, where he always listed the best residence and business properties in town, or in the country about, who will honestly represent same." Just a little later the trio were courteously received at the office, and it wasn't long before Mr. W. M. Kear had a check for an attractive residence site, on which Uncle Bill will at once have erected a handsome residence. "Now I am agog," said Uncle Bill. "It beats all how they build houses these days, considering the way they built them fifty years ago. Why, the modern houses of today have conveniences and comforts that one of my time never dreamed of. But I know who can help us out of this dilemma," said he, suddenly remembering J. C. Congleton as a man abreast of the times in this branch of business, and a man of original ideas and uniform tastes in practical architecture and building, also as being actively associated with the building interests here. He very soon had the plans ready for a pretentious \$5,000 residence for the bride. The exterior is a renaissance of gothic edifice, symmetrical in appearance and commodious to a degree in its interior arrangements and is just what the bride had longed for. The construction of which will at once be begun by J. C. Congleton. "Good lumber and good material go hand in hand with good workmanship when it comes to building a good house," said Uncle Bill, and much depends too upon the quality of the mill-work used in obtaining a finished effect. Now about the lumber, mill-work and sundry requisites coming under this heading. I am going to see B. G. Moss, our live and best known exponent of lumber and building material here. The yards, sheds and warehouses are always filled with rough and dressed lumber of all dimensions, and the manifold requisites in building material, adequate to meet the demands of an exacting public. It is needless to say that Moss Planting Mill Co. did furnish the bill of lumber and every item for the whole job. Uncle Bill remarked that he found these people very prompt and agreeable to do business with. "It is the task of the painter and decorator that consists most in obtaining artistic and harmonious results," he said. "In the painting and decorating, when executed by a capable ar-

TOM SETTLE
TO LAND JOB

To Be Made Assistant Attorney-General of U. S.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 4.—The Salisbury Post, with apparent inside information, publishes a statement to the effect that Hon. Thos. Settle, of Asheville, will within a few days be named an assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. The position is one of much importance and carries a salary of \$5,000 per year. That it is to fall to a North Carolinian seems certain.

who sold us the builders' hardware, paints, oils and hardware mantels, etc., some weeks ago," remarked the liberal Uncle. "There you can fit out your culinary department on whatever scale you wish. The stock is large and the collection of utensils and wares is indeed cosmopolitan. I know of no better, more reliable or agreeable house to patronize. Its customers come from all points of the compass, accordingly about everything needed for the kitchen was purchased from McKee-Richardson Hardware Co., our busiest hardware and sporting goods and house furnishing establishment here, he added. "By-the-by," said Uncle Bill, "you want a nice gun and some ammunition." And it wasn't long before McKee had sold Harry just what he wanted.

"There is just one thing that is indispensable to furnishing my new home complete," modestly suggested Hettie. "What's that?" asked Uncle Bill promptly, who thought he had gotten everything. "A sewing machine—a Singer, yes, that's a fact, but we will fix that very soon with Mr. G. E. Edwards, the alert and wide awake City and District Manager here for the Singer Company, and he is a pleasant and reliable fellow to deal with. I hear that the Singer is used in over 75 per cent. of the homes of the civilized world. It is a favorite with all intelligent housewives because of its simplicity and beauty and marvelous accomplishments in either plain or fancy sewing. Come with me to the office," said Uncle Bill. "I'll pay for the latest model." And he did.

"Next I must have some table and bed linen, and porters and things," reminded Hettie. "That's the fact," rejoined Uncle Bill apologetically. "I suspect you will want to replenish your wardrobe, too, and your introduction to our town won't be complete until you have visited our best ordered and most popular dry goods establishment. This is it now," said he, leading the way into Suskin & Berry's, who handle everything for everybody. Here they found the store filled with eager purchasers, among whom were many fashionably attired ladies. Hettie had no difficulty in finding just what she wanted. She said the lines in each of the respective departments were so varied and select, which included the newest creations and daintiest effects, as well as the most staple goods. It is most satisfactory and a real pleasure to trade with Suskin & Berry, said Hettie as she left, and the prices are so reasonable, too.

"I'll see you make some pretensions to dress well yourself," remarked Uncle Bill to Harry. "Now for smart clothing and men's furnishing goods I'll introduce you to J. K. Hoyt's, where I trade. It's a most reliable clothing and men's furnishing goods house, and has the confidence of an enviable share of the discriminating class of trade, too,—men who know and appreciate good goods and correct patterns. "The presentable and well stocked premises at once mirror the business tact of J. K. Hoyt, and bespeaks the volume of business that is tendered that establishment. At this juncture Harry complained of saw edges on his collar. "Oh, yes, Uncle, I want you to recommend a reliable laundry," said Hettie. "Harry is positively cranky about his linen." "All right," replied Uncle Bill, as he laughed heartily, "if you will call up or send it to Alderman Capeheart Laundry Co. you need have no further apprehension. It's been doing my work for a long time, and I find it the best and promptest laundry in these parts. The busy delivery wagons are seen scaling corners at a double quick gait all over the town every day, gathering up or delivering its work to a world of customers, faultlessly laundried. Besides, Messrs. Alderman & Capeheart are ever alert and pleasant in managing the business affairs."

"By the way," remarked Uncle Bill as they reached the street, "I'll go over to the First National Bank and get another check book. Come along with me and meet the cashier and president as this is the bank for you to open an account with, and it is some well known person to the bank. I mention the First National because the management is agreeable to do business with."

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SIXTY-EIGHT
BODIES TAKEN
FROM MINE

Another Explosion

Thirty-two Other Victims Are Buried in the Debris of the Explosion Which Was Caused by a Cigarette.

THE INTERIOR WRECKED

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 3.—Sixty-eight bodies have been taken from the Paula mine, in the state of Coahuila, Mexico, across the line from Eagle Pass, and the rescue work was pushed today. Thirty-two other victims are buried in the debris of the explosion which was caused by the lighting of a cigarette, there is no hope that any of them are alive. These remaining bodies lie in the shaft, in almost inaccessible positions. The total death list is 99 and the property loss \$500,000.

Of the 190 trapped in the mine only one got out alive. He died within a short time but not till he had given his story. He told of the circumstances of the explosion. Smoking in the mine is prohibited. It seems a new miner, not knowing the danger, smuggled tobacco and matches into the shaft and when he went to work he struck a match to light a cigarette, immediately the explosion followed, burying alive the 100 men.

Prattle efforts were made by the mine superintendent to rescue the men but the shaft was so filled that it took hours of work to reach the chamber where the men were confined. The explosion wrecked the entire interior of the mine. Some of the bodies of the men were horribly mangled. Those who escaped death from the effects of the explosion were suffocated, all air chambers being stopped up by the falling walls. The Paula mine is one of the Musquiz group belonging to the Coahuila Coal Company, an American concern. It was the best equipped coal mine in Mexico and had all the modern provisions for safety to the miners.

IN HONOR OF MISS PUGH.

Last night Miss Julia Mayo entertained after the dance in honor of Miss Pugh, of Baltimore, Md. Refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Pugh, Baltimore, Md.; Isabella Carter, Mildred Davis, Wilson, N. C.; Elizabeth Mayo, Adeline Mayo; Messrs. Lee Davenport, Henry Moore; S. Etheridge, Lindsay Warren, Herbert Bonner.

THE OLDEST ODD FELLOW.

Mr. George Botham, of Kent, who is said to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the world, has just died. He was 90 years of age and had been a member of the order for 72 years. It is claimed that North Carolina now has the oldest living member in the person of Mr. R. J. Jones, of Wilmington. He has been connected with the order for a period of 62 years.

CHAMP CLARK BOOM.

Oklahoma Town Starts a Club to Boom Minority Leader. Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Representative Champ Clark, minority leader of the House, has been informed that the first "Champ Clark for President Club" has been organized in Enid, Oklahoma. An official notification to that effect has just reached him. Telegrams from Tulsa, Oklahoma, have been received by the minority leader, nominating him for Speaker of the next Congress and then for President. Mr. Clark is not committing himself just now, as to his candidacy for either office, he says.

SEE THE SHOW.

The big horse show now going on in the Rodman building, South Market street, is being well attended each afternoon and night. The largest horse in the world is on exhibition. He is certainly a marvel in horse flesh. The show also has Tom Thumb, the smallest horse in the country, Jessie, the cow with the human skin, is attracting considerable attention from those who are visiting the show. Blue Bell, the strangest horse in the world, certainly bears out her reputation. Don't fail to see Paddy when you attend, said to be the handsomest donkey on earth. Although the exhibition is well worth the price of admission, Saturday will be the last day.

MEETING TONIGHT.

There will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at their rooms this evening at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance of all members is desired as business of importance is to be transacted and considered.

HALCYON CLUB
GIVES GERMAN

Another Delightful Dance at the Elks' Home Last Night.

The Halcyon Club gave another delightful dance at the Elks hall last evening. There were a large number participating as well as quite a number of visitors. The music was furnished by the Washington Concert Band. Those dancing were:

Miss Elizabeth Hill, Ed. Council, Hamilton; Miss Thillie Houghton, James Gordon; Miss Matilda Morton, Ed Darden, Hamilton; Miss Marcella Myers, Frank Bryan; Miss Beattie Conoly, D. M. Carter, Jr.; Miss Maud Windley, Edward Clark; Miss Julia Moore, W. S. Wolfe, Orangeburg, S. C.; Miss Muse Bount, Will Ellison; Miss Pattle Banham, Harry McMullen; Miss Katie Moore, E. M. Short; Miss Claudia McCullers, N. L. Simmons; Miss Ruth Piloner, C. E. Betts; Miss Katie Banks, J. D. Callais; Miss Pugh, Baltimore, S. Etheridge; Miss Elizabeth Warren, Edmund Harding; Miss Reba Dumay, John MacLean; Miss Mary Clyde Hassel, L. Willie Knight; Miss Winifred Nicholson, C. U. Hill; Miss Mary Carter, Dr. A. C. Hoyt; Miss Isabelle Carter, Herbert Bonner; Miss Mildred Davis, Wilson, Lindsay Warren; Miss Mary Belle Small, James Ellison; Miss Evelyn Jones, J. H. Bryan; Miss Julia Mayo, Lee Davenport; Miss Alice Roberts, Wilson, John Gorham; Miss Hampton, Plymouth, Dr. Dissaway, Plymouth; Mrs. C. D. Parker, C. D. Parker.

Stags: Roy Hampton, Plymouth; Walter Windley and Henry Moore. Chaperones: Mrs. Herbert Bonner, Mrs. A. M. Dumay, Mrs. J. B. Moore, Mrs. J. H. Small, Mrs. P. A. Hutton, Mrs. Justus F. Randolph, Mrs. F. P. Whitney and Mrs. Margaret Hoyt.

Kills Girl Because
Love Was Scorned

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 3.—Leaving behind him two rather rambling and incoherent letters, Elijah Baba Badal, a Persian, 31 years old, a student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, this afternoon shot and instantly killed Miss Marie Lewsen, 24 years old, of Portland, Maine, a student of dentistry at the same institution, and then shot himself, dying shortly afterward. The letters, which were enclosed in an envelope addressed to the suicide's brother, N. E. Badal, 1217 West Ninth street, Des Moines, Iowa, were found in an inner pocket of Badal clothing. One of them bore date of January 19, and the other that of January 26. They told of Badal's love for Miss Lewsen, and his belief that she reciprocated it fully until her mind was poisoned against the Persian by a boarding-house mistress who came between them, the letters stated. The tragedy occurred at a boarding house in West Fayette street, just after the pair had finished their midday luncheon. Badal formerly attended the Harvard Medical School, and Miss Lewsen at one time was a student at a dental school in Chicago. Conflicting stories regarding the relations of the couple to each other were set float. Badal became enamored of her, friends of the slain woman say, but she resented his attentions, although it is said their relations were outwardly pleasant until today when at breakfast and luncheon a marked coolness was observed in their manners toward each other.

Some time after the shooting the police found a letter written by Badal telling of his intention to commit the deed. He declared that he had loved the woman and that she loved him and encouraged him to continue his attentions. Then suddenly she apparently turned against him and without giving him any reason refused to have anything more to do with him. Badal wrote that he carried the revolver for some time, intending to slay her, but he could never summon the nerve to do it. A close girl friend of the slain woman said this evening that Badal was deeply in love with Miss Lewsen, but that she did not care for him at all, and often made light of him. Badal spoke imperfect English, which amused Miss Lewsen, who, it was said, used to anger the man by laughing at his efforts to talk English fluently.

Fellow students of Badal knew little about him save that he was of a serious disposition and very religious. It is understood that he came from Persia to get an education in this country that would fit him to return to his native land as a medical missionary. He was such a devout Christian it is said, that his zeal approached fanaticism.

HALLEY'S COMET SIGHTED BY RANDOLPH-MACON PROFESSOR

Ashland, Hanover, Feb. 3.—Halley's comet was sighted last night by Dr. Messick, professor of astronomy in Randolph-Macon. The astronomer today said: "From the figures published in the Scientific American and the Upton's Star Atlas, I located the position of the comet, and then sighted it with the telescope after a few moments' observation. "The comet was last night a little northwest of Saturn, its right ascension being the same as that of Beta Andromedae. "The telescope shows a distinct nucleus, but no tail is yet visible. The comet will not be visible to the naked eye probably till March, and it will not be very prominent till it has passed its perihelion. It is now moving toward the west." Professor Merrett Nolley caught sight of the comet with his field glass, after learning its location from Dr. Messick.

REQUESTED TO MEET.

All those interested in the organization of an orchestra for the Methodist Sunday school are requested to meet Professor Will E. Smith in the church annex this evening.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

Professor N. C. Newbold and Mr. H. E. Hodges were among the speakers at the rally at Old Ford Wednesday evening. The party reporting an account of the meeting inadvertently left these gentlemen out. Their speeches were much enjoyed by all present.

WILL SWEEP
THIS STATE
SAYS PAGE

Congressman Sanguine

Representative from the Seventh District Believes that a Solid Democratic Delegation Will Go Up to the 62nd Congress.

ROW AMONG REPUBLICANS

Washington, Feb. 3.—Representative Page, discussing the result of the election in the sixth Missouri congressional district, and the Republican political situation in North Carolina, said today: "The tri-annual pilgrimage of rival Republican leaders to the White House is on. The President is told by Mr. Morehead, the new member of the Republican congressional campaign committee for the State, that North Carolina congressional districts are fallow ground from a Republican standpoint and predicts the election of five members of the House from that State at the next election. This was yesterday. Today Mr. Duncan or Mr. Adams will assure the President that they are certain of six Representatives from the State.

"The fight is on between the rival Republican factions for two things: patronage and campaign funds. Giving these gentlemen credit for being at least moderately well informed as to political probabilities in North Carolina, they must know as does every well-informed person, that the fifth district will as surely elect a Democrat to succeed Mr. Morehead as will the first district elect one of that faith. It is equally as plain that with conditions existing in the tenth district over the distribution of patronage that that district will elect a Democrat to succeed Mr. Grant. While the returns from the sixth Missouri district where a Democrat was elected, to succeed the lamented De Armond by a majority 2,000 greater than that stajwart Democrat had at the last election, shows the drift that will leave Mr. Cowles at home after the next election, and send to the Sixty-second Congress a solid Democratic delegation from North Carolina to participate in the organization of a Democratic House and the enactment of Democratic doctrine in law."

GHOST PARTY.

There will be a "Ghost Party" given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church at the home of the pastor, 316 West Second street, tonight. From the preparations that have been made it appears that everybody is going to have a good time, married and single, old and young. All the friends of the society are invited to come and bring their friends.

SMOKER TONIGHT.

Remember the smoker to be given at the Elks hall this evening by that order to its members and invited guests. It is announced to begin at 9 and end at 11:30.

SOCIAL POSTPONED.

On account of the inclemency of the weather the social that was to have been given at the residence of Mrs. W. D. Woolard this evening for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church, has been postponed.

THE GEM MATINEE.

The matinee at the Gem theater that has been running so successfully for the past Saturdays will be given again tomorrow afternoon. Fine pictures are to be shown. Nurses will be allowed with young children. Don't forget the price is 5 cents to all, grown people as well as children. Doors open at 4 o'clock.

New Advertisements

- in Today's News
- J. K. Hoyt—Underwear.
- Jos. F. Taylor—Seeds, Etc.
- H. B. Goldstein—Arrival of Spring Samples.
- Washington Light & Water Co.—Gas.
- A. C. Hathaway—Real Estate.
- Washington Park.
- Chamber of Commerce—Meeting.
- Gem Theater.
- Galely Theater.
- Vick's Remedies.
- Mipna.
- Goods Cross Lumber.
- Chesapeake Steamship Co.
- J. L. O'Quinn, Fierth—Suits.
- Pano Ointment.

THE MAYOR
TAKES ISSUE

Estimates the Daily News is Unjust in Its Criticism.

Mr. Editor: I had intended to pay no attention to any criticism that might be made in the paper, but you have made three statements that are both misleading and unfair, and that the unbiased public should know the facts. I will take them up one at a time.

First, in an issue of your paper about a month ago, you hold up your clean hands in holy horror at what you termed the light punishment of one Maud Martin, the warrant charging her with "drunk and disorderly." There were four or five witnesses, and all testified that the trouble occurred on Third street only, no evidence of any disorder in any other part of the town, was tried and fined the full amount under the ordinance violated. Now if you had wanted to be fair and unbiased, you should have had a reporter at the trial, or made some inquiry regarding the case from the police records.

Second, in an issue about the first of January under the heading "Held Indignation Meeting," you say the Board of Aldermen held an indignation meeting instead of attending to the town's business. Again I say if you had wanted to be fair and unbiased you should have either been present at the meeting of Board or had a reporter there. The facts are these: After the business had been transacted, and before the Board had adjourned, I called their attention to the public criticism of the officers regarding their failure to break up the illicit sale of whisky, and I asked them to make an appropriation and allow me to employ some extra police to the end that something might be done. In the discussion something was said about your article also referred to, and some spectators suggested that it might be contempt, whereupon one member asked the city attorney if that was so. He replied, no. That was the end of it.

Third, in yesterday's issue under big head lines "Chief of Police Tried For Failure to Perform His Duty" you say the Mayor refused to let him know who his accuser was, stating such proceedings struck at liberty of citizens. Now you must know that I said I was responsible for the hearing, and was of course the accuser, and the letter referred to was evidence and certainly more damaging than any testifying to, and you must admit that it is in my province to withhold any evidence or witness I choose in any prosecution. If I had not agreed to withhold that evidence I or the public would have known anything about it—I could hear it hinted on streets that some people could force their way in houses and curse and fight the resident and nothing done with them, therefore I used every effort to get at the facts. You will remember you stated in your paper you intended to publish facts without any preference. Do you and others not think it is time to do as a gentleman told me sometimes ago, "That we fought it out at the ballot; you whipped us out, and now he thought it was time for all to get together for the good of the town" and stop whining like a whipped cur?

If you have space, I ask you to publish the above in justice to all. Respectfully, C. H. STERLING.