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HOW DUNWOODIE GOT HIS SMOKE

By HAROLD W. RAYMOND

Dunwoodie liked his pipe as well as the next man, and perhaps a trifle better, and when he had settled himself in his boss's chair near the top of the big bridge's tallest suspender and found he had left his beloved corn-cob and his bag of "Painters' Delight" in his other overalls at home, his despair was so great that his head swam and he saw red clouds before his eyes.

"It's the curse of the trade," said Dunwoodie. "I've been at the brush for forty years or so, and never Pearl loved me, but he was painting in the wrong place. If I worked on a red fence, a bull was sure to be in the field; if I'd been off on a bit of a bat, the boss would set me a-painting of scrolls and wriggle things till I seemed of a potato. Dunwoodie had often of thirst, they'd give me the steple of a meeting house to color—batapist at that, more than likely—with never a drop to drink 'twixt me and the earth. And now here I be hanging 'twixt heaven and the East river—and the river much easier to reach—perishing for a smoke, and my pipe might as well be on top of one of them burning volcanoes for all the good it is to me.

Dunwoodie laid on with a heavy hand. Well for him that the eye of the boss was not likely to inspect his work critically. Just then, as if to add insult to injury, there came a pungent smell athwart Dunwoodie's nose. Young Pat McCabe was smoking in his comfortable perch five strands to windward of Dunwoodie—young Pat McCabe, the impudent fellow who had dared ask Dunwoodie for his only daughter's hand in marriage!

Dunwoodie's daughter, the peerless Pearl, the girl Dunwoodie had been fastening on since that sad day when her own mother was laid beneath the sod in the cemetery of the Evergreens and of whom the old man was as jealous as a hen with one chicken! Need more be said? Dunwoodie looked upon young McCabe, a likely fellow enough and as handy with his brush as old Michael Angelo himself, with keenest detestation. He hated him all the worse because deep down in his soul he knew that Miss Pearl favored the handsome fisherman McCabe's pipe was considered the dirtiest in the gang. He had the love of his race for a well colored duodeen, and he smoked a tobacco so strong that it would draw tears from the eye of a potato. Dunwoodie had often cast aspersions upon it. But now—now the odor which the winds wafted to his hungry nostrils was sweeter than the spicy breezes of Araby the Blest.

He glanced darkly across the chasm of twisted cables and dizzying heights of air which separated them and remembered some of the hard things he had said about McCabe and his pipe and his pretensions. Now it seemed to him he would willingly barter his chances of heaven for a smoke of the same.

"I saw," said Dunwoodie, overcome by a craving which made him desperate, "I would be a pleasure to murder you, young man, if I could get possession of that chimney by the doing." The thought of murder seemed to give the painter much temporary joy, for it sprung from the heart of a father jealous of his child who was his in all of life saving and excepting the pipe of which he was deprived.

Murder, however desirable, being out of the question, Dunwoodie resorted to strategy instead, "was hard work. But after clearing his voice a few times he managed to say: "I say, Mac, could you lend me your pipe and a bit of tobacco? I'll return them up at the house tonight. Swing it across on a string; that's a good lad."

McCabe looked up in amazement. "Was many a day since he had heard such friendliness in Dunwoodie's voice. "The fact is," said the old man, "I left my pipe at home, and I'm dying for a smoke."

"Oh!" said McCabe to himself, "So that's where the winds are blowing!" And then he said loudly: "But ye can't smoke my pipe, Daddy Dunwoodie! Sure, ye said 'put it to soak in the tannery.' Dunwoodie coughed and looked uncomfortable. "Ye said it would be after makin' a dog sick, so it would, if I reckoned correctly, Mr. Dunwoodie, ye said I smoked scrap leather an' findin's."

Hard blows, these, Dunwoodie winced. "I was only joking, Mac, my boy," he said, with a feeble laugh. "Was ye joking when ye said I couldn't marry the darlin' of me own? Ye know whom I name, Mr. Dunwoodie."

"No!" shrieked Dunwoodie. "I was not joking! I'd rather see the girl lying in the cemetery with her dead mother than marry a tarrier like you!" "Oh! All right, Mr. Dunwoodie. I guess ye were right. My pipe would make a dog sick, and it's not fit for the likes of ye." McCabe's brogue grew broad when his anger was high. He lit another pipe and whistled "One Girl." As the odor saluted Dunwoodie's nostrils he grew frantic. He must have that pipe and tobacco! It was hours before he could descend for the nooning. He looked at McCabe, who was smoking away as if unconcerned of his presence, and it occurred to Dunwoodie for the first time in his life that McCabe was not a bad sort of man after all. He was clean, sober—that is, reasonably so—industrious, and he had the best and sunniest heart in the world. Besides that, he loved Pearl, and Pearl loved him. And if it was not McCabe it might be worse—very likely would be. Dunwoodie cleared his throat. "Mac," he said.

"Lead us your pipe—do. I'm perishing." "Will ye have me marry yer daughter, Mr. Dunwoodie?" "Why have you anything?" said the infuriated one. "Put it down on paper?"

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Genia Gleaned From the Teachings of Jesus. Those who make no sacrifice receive no appreciable blessing. This is the law of grace. This is the law of justice.—Rev. Father Haslam, Roman Catholic, Chicago.

Making the Best of Things. You never get the best of things until you make the best out of things, or, better still, until you make things the best.—Rev. Frank Newhall White, Congregationalist, Chicago.

Expressions of Gratitude. High thinking, noble living, humble marching for the true life—these are the expressions of gratitude, being the most pleasing to God. In them is the hope of the nation.—Rabbi Stern, Washington.

Music of Our Lives. Life's music is never in the white keys nor black, but in the soul that sweeps the rainbow of colors, being lit not at the keys, but girl your soul to the divine mastery.—Rev. Gardner S. Eldridge, Methodist, Brooklyn.

A Church's Strength. The strength of the church is not merely in the foundation. It is in the superstructure, not merely in the gravity of its faith, but in the building on the ground, but in the cohesion of love, which binds its parts together.—Rev. Dr. Harry P. Dewey, Episcopalian, New York.

A Definition of Religion. Religion is not a slippered, cushioned, ministered altar with life's turmoil; it is not a sugared house of peace, as the latest religious fad of the boulevard would have us believe; it is not only something to live by, it is something to die for.—Rev. Dr. Frank Crane, Unitarian, Worcester, Mass.

Soul Introspection. Every man owes it to himself to thoughtfully review life and examine his inmost thoughts. Every man should live for the best that is in him. The duty to do that is an imperative command that renders loudly through the chambers of conscience.—Rev. J. H. Boyd, Presbyterian, Evanston, Ill.

Responsibility as a Tonic. Observation and experience tell us there is no tonic like responsibility. Men are accountable not simply for the seeds they sow, but for the bundles of need which they reap. They all afford the human race a certain amount of reliable service and are the foundation of many industries. They furnish the ships that cover the ocean with white sails and afford easy communication with the most remote cities and sciences depend upon them for substantial aid in completing palaces and churches and all the grand and lasting buildings which have dotted the earth since the dawn of time.

Love's Power. Love is a power because it is intense. All other powers fail. Pharoah had his magic, Alexander had his sword, Napoleon had both, yet all three failed in the great expectation of their lives. The kingdoms which they sought to establish have vanished from the earth. But Christ adds daily to his conquests the kingdoms of men's hearts.—Rev. Louis M. Potashinsky, Baptist, Pueblo, Colo.

A Christian's Great Duty. Character building is the first great duty of a Christian. An important consideration is to examine the foundation before beginning to build. Paul covered the ground for all time when he said, "Other foundations are no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Not only is the development of Christian character demanded of every Christian, but for this every Christian is now held responsible personally.—Rev. Z. M. Silbaugh, Methodist, Pittsburg.

The Value of Praying. Prayer is the noblest and most sublime act in which man can be engaged, because it exercises the highest faculties of the soul, the intellect and the emotions. It is the highest communion with the greatest of beings, God himself. It is the channel of heaven's choicest blessings. It gives all access to our heavenly Father at all times, in all places and under all circumstances. In a word, prayer renders us co-operative with our Creator in the moral government of the world, since many of the events of life are shaped by our entreaties. The affairs of mankind are decreed from all eternity, and the eternal decree is in accordance with the prayers of his servants. Prayer moves the hand that moves the universe.—Cardinal James Gibbons, Roman Catholic, Baltimore.

Many Incarnations. Incarnation is limited only by capacity to hold the divine. A link of it in this way: Along our 26,000 miles of seacoast how many bays and inlets there are! Each has a separate name, as though each were separate and distinct from every other. And yet all are at one with the ocean. There are countless forms of creation. We give them separate names, as though each were separate and distinct from every other. And yet all are at one with the ocean. There are countless forms of creation. We give them separate names, as though each were separate and distinct from every other. And yet all are at one with the ocean.

A Bright Future. Nearly every one of you meet has a gold mine that is just ready to pour out its riches in a golden stream if he can just get enough money to erect a mill. Did you ever dream it possible that generous nature could have scattered so many gold mines over the face of the boundless west that are butting their heads up against a dividend paying mine and waiting for the mill to enrich the stockholders far beyond the dreams of avarice?

Hope springs eternal in the human breast, but mills do not spring up that way. They cost money. That is where the promoter comes in and where the trusting, breathless investor too many times gets off. "It must be embarrassing," said the man who was trying to find out all about the census taker's business, "to walk up to a woman and ask her how old she is."

Diplomat. "I should think it would be," replied the man of statistics. "But you have to do it." "Oh, no, not me. I am too gallant for that. I get the same information by asking her how young she is."

Cheaper. To swell in a summer is more or less a treat. But it is rather costly sport; your money has wined feet. And so the fellow who is wise will buy some drug, his breezes compromise on an electric fan.

One Great Benefit. "Here is a new cult that believes fasting will cure all diseases," they say at our boarding house are all so healthy.

Matter of Business. While Cupid looks so innocent, yet sometimes he is in the pay of the installment houses.

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