

# STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

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## A Boomerang

By ANDREW C. EWING

"It's all up with me, Sadie!"  
"What in the world is the matter?"  
"I'm fired."  
"From your position?"  
"Yes."  
"What for?"  
"Well, you know that when I was graduated from the electrical school I was offered a situation in the office of the Metcalf company, of which Mr. Metcalf is president and principal stockholder. I supposed the position would be permanent. It turns out that the Metcalf company had put in a bid on the erection of an electrical plant and had been awarded the contract. Mr. Metcalf wanted some one to assist in making figures on the specifications and hired me for that purpose. The formula being now completed, he has no further use for me."  
"How dishonorable in him not to have told you in the beginning that you were simply employed for the job."  
"If he had I would have declined his offer, for I had a permanent one offered me at a lower salary. I've been working nights for six months besides my day work and have a whole closet full of estimates figured out that I wouldn't do over again for a thousand dollars. I received only \$600 for the whole period of my service. I'm sorry, Sadie, that we can't fix the date we expected to fix for our wedding. I shall have to hunt for another place, and when I get one I can't tell whether I shall be treated in the same shabby fashion."

"Well, Bob, I expect you'll find the world full of disappointments."  
"Yes, and when I get knocked down I propose to get up and push on."  
"Good! If you feel that way you're sure to win in the end."  
"But Bob found getting another place difficult. Engineers were being graduated every June, and those just entering the field were ready to work cheap. Besides, dull times came on, and it was difficult for those having positions to hold them. His fiancée was always hopeful and cheered him so far as she could."  
One day the young engineer was called up on a telephone. On answering the call he learned that the person on the other end of the wire was the president of the Metcalf company.

"Would it be possible," he asked, "for you to recall from memory the formula you made for the electrical plant we bid on while you were with us?"  
"No, sir."  
There was no further word for a moment, but Bob knew that the receiver had not been hung up.  
"Why do you ask? Has anything happened to the formula I made for you?"  
"Yes. Last night our safe was broken into, and it was taken with other moneys and securities, and there is no certainty of our ever recovering it. We must begin work immediately in order to get the job finished according to contract."

Bob opened his eyes, but not his mouth. He knew that the company would forfeit \$100,000 if the work was not finished on time. Indeed, it could not begin without making a new formula. At length he said:  
"I could help you out, Mr. Metcalf, but I don't think you treated me right in not telling me when you employed me that it was for this job only. I did a great deal of work home at nights and simply took results to the office. All that home work I have and could easily reconstruct the formula from it."

Bob could hear a suppressed exclamation of joy.  
"You can come back to work if you like," said the president, "and I'll raise your salary."  
"Thank you. I don't care to enter your employ again."  
"I'll make it permanent."  
"That doesn't tempt me either."  
"What do you ask for the figures you have?"  
"They are not for sale. Had I been retained permanently in your employ I would give them to you, or if I had been told that I was hired simply for the job I would do the same. As it is I am under no obligations to you."

There was silence for a few moments when the question came, "Will you be at home this evening?" to which Bob replied that he would.  
When Mr. Metcalf called in the evening he looked very much broken. He offered Bob \$10,000 if he would reconstruct the formula. Bob declined the offer, but made a counter proposition. He proposed that they should submit the case to the heads of other concerns to decide between them what the cost should be, both to be bound by their decision. The offer was accepted, and an average amount of what the arbitrators figured as a proper payment was \$12,500.

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Bob never said a word to his fiancée about the loss of the formula till the matter was settled between him and the Metcalf company. When he did so he held her in a bear hug.  
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## THE UNDERSTUDY

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

A train of cars stopped at a station. A young man came aboard and looked about for an empty seat. There was but one vacant, and he sat down in it beside a handsomely dressed, middle aged lady, who moved aside to make room for him, changing at the same time the position of certain articles of hand baggage.

"You are very kind," said the young man.

"Not at all," replied the lady. "I am simply not especially selfish."

"It is a case of selfishness that causes me to make this journey," remarked the young man.

"Indeed!" said the lady in a tone that seemed to invite further confidence.

"Yes. My sister is an actress. She has been an understudy for the leading lady at the theater with which she is connected. My sister has a natural talent for the kind of acting required in the part and became an understudy for it, hoping that she might get an opportunity to play it and make a hit in it. She has already done so in private theatricals. But the leading lady has not been obliged to give over the part to her understudy once during the whole time she has been the understudy. I didn't wish Bess to go on the stage, and now that she has become discouraged by her long wait I have persuaded her to give up trying to be an actress and come home. If the leading lady would but give her one opportunity to show what she can do it is quite possible that Bess might get an engagement at a fine salary."

The lady listened to this with considerable interest and at the end said:

"You didn't say with what theater your sister is connected."

"No. I have no wish to openly accuse her principal of selfishness."

"It doesn't matter. I am acquainted with a number of theatrical persons and know that Elizabeth Twining is understudy for the leading lady at the National, who plays under the stage name Helen Wadsworth, but who is really Miss Stanforth. I'm glad you have told me of this case of your sister's."

"It puts the matter of an understudy in a different light from the way theatrical persons see it. They consider an understudy some one who is prepared to take a part in case the actor or actress must be temporarily laid off. They are a selfish lot, and I don't suppose it has occurred to this Helen Wadsworth that by giving up one night's profit she might enable your sister to make her fortune."

"If you know her I trust you will not mention what I have said."

"I do know her and, I thought, very well, but from what you say I have not known her as well as I supposed. I shall suggest to her to give your sister one night in which to play the leading part. She doubtless receives something like \$500 for each performance, and, though the amount is considerable, it would be only about a sixth of her weekly income. The only excuse for her not having given way in favor of your sister is that the purchasers of tickets pay to see Helen Wadsworth and not Elizabeth Twining."

"I never thought of that," said the young man.

"If it is an excuse it is a poor one."

Young Twining was very much pleased with his encounter and what he promised. The lady did not say that she would secure his sister the opportunity she desired, but she intended to try. Twining begged her to approach the subject gingerly, to which she readily agreed, assuring him that on no account would she make any trouble. However, she cautioned him against raising any hopes in his sister that might not be realized.

Twining arrived in the city in the morning, and the same evening word was sent to the manager that Helen Wadsworth had taken a cold and her voice had become so husky that she would not be able to play her part that night. Miss Twining, who expected at the end of the week to go home with her brother, was hopeful that her going might not now be necessary.

She hardly did herself justice, being agitated at assuming so important a role. But Helen Wadsworth sent word that she would doubtless be confined to her room for several days and perhaps longer, so the understudy had more opportunity. On the second night she did her best, making a pronounced hit, which was maintained in the other performances. Then Helen Wadsworth returned to her work.

On the last night that Elizabeth Twining played the principal part, after being called before the curtain again and again, she found an invitation in her dressing room to sup with Helen Wadsworth and bring her brother, who, the hostess had heard, was with her. The two were driven to the hotel where the actress was stopping, expecting to find her with her throat wrapped in flannels. But she advanced to meet them with no signs of illness and with an extended hand for Mr. Twining.

She was the woman he had met on the train.

"Permit me to thank you," she said, "for showing me that selfishness in myself that I have previously seen only in others."

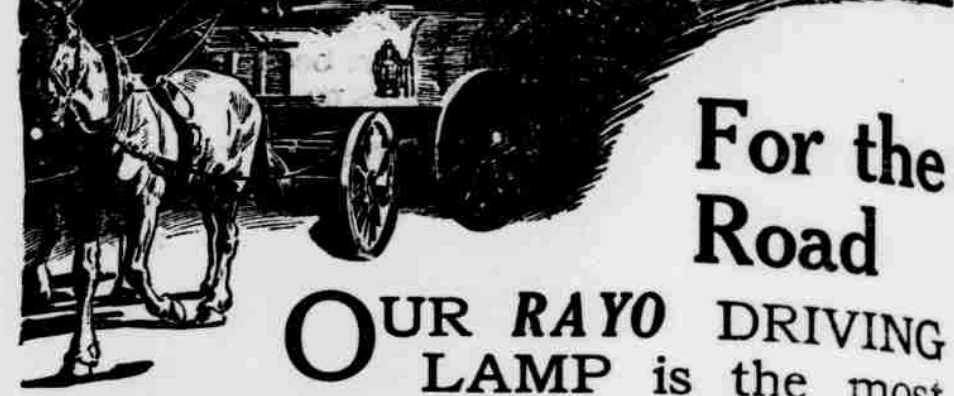
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