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**ROBERT HARDY'S SEVEN DAYS.**

A DREAM AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

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CHAPTER V.  
Robert Hardy reached his office just in time to see Burns, the foreman, go out of a side door and cross the yard. The manager followed him and entered the office some time to see him stop in a machine at the farthest end of the shop and speak to the man at work there. The man was a Norwegian, Herman by name. He was running what is called a planer, a machine for trimming pieces of cold metal just from the foundry or the casting room. He was at work this morning on one of the eccentric bars of a locomotive, and it was of such a character that he could leave the machine for several minutes to do the planing.

Burns talked with this man for a while and then moved across the floor to the other workman, a small boned, nervous little fellow, who was in charge of a boring machine which drove a steel drill through heavy plates of iron fastened to the frame.

Mr. Hardy came up just as Burns turned away from this man and touched him on the shoulder. The foreman started and turned about, surprised to see the manager.

"Well, Burns, how goes everything this morning?" asked Robert.

"The men here are grumbling because they don't have a holiday same as the men in Seville's department."

"It is not fair to shut down the whole business, can we?" asked Mr. Hardy, with a momentary touch of his old-time feeling. "The men are unreasonably."

"I'm afraid there'll be trouble, sir. I can feel it in the air," replied Burns.

Mr. Hardy made no reply in words, but looked at him. Within the black-rimmed area of the great shaft about 200 men were at work. The whirl of machinery was constant. The great steel on iron was blended with the rattle of chains and the rolling of the metal carriages in their tracks. The genius of railroading seemed present in the grim strength and rapidity of several machines which moved almost as if instinct with intelligence and played with the most unyielding substances as if they were soft and pliable clay.

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George laughed a little uneasily and then lost outright. "I don't see the fun of a game once in a while just to win. I don't play for stakes, as some fellows do."

"George," said his father, looking at him steadily, "you have not told the truth. You were gambling only a few nights ago. It is useless for you to deny it. That is where the very liberal allowance I have given you has been squandered."

George turned deathly pale and sat with bowed head while his father went on almost sternly. "Consider your mother, George, whose heart almost broke when you came in last night. I don't ask you to consider me. I have not been to you what a father ought to be. But if you love your mother and sisters and have any self-respect, you will let drink and cards alone. In the sight of God, my dear boy, remember what he has done for you. You are young. You have all of life before you. You can make a splendid record if God spares your life."

"I would gladly give all I possess to stand where you do today and live my life over again. I can't do it. The past is irrevocable. But one can at ways repent. George, I believe in your mother would rather see you in your coffin than see you come home again as you did last night. We love you."

Mr. Hardy, proud man that he was, could say no more. He had his hand on the boy's head as if he were a young lad again and said softly, "Don't disappoint God, my boy," and went out, leaving his son sitting there almost overcome by his father's powerful appeal, but not yet ready to yield himself to the still small voice that spoke within even more powerfully and whispered to him, "My son, give me thine heart. Cease to do evil, learn to do well. Choose thy ways and follow after righteousness."

It was 1 o'clock when Mr. Hardy came down stairs, and as he came into the room where Mrs. Hardy and the girls were sitting he happened to think of some business matters between himself and his only brother, who lived in the next town, 20 miles down the road.

He spoke of the matter to Mrs. Hardy, and she suggested that Will go down on the 3 o'clock train with the papers Mr. Hardy wanted to have his brother look over and come back on the 6 o'clock in time for dinner.

Clara asked if she couldn't go, too, and Bessie added her request, as she had not seen her aunt for some time. Mr. Hardy saw no objection to their going, only he reminded them that he wanted them all back at 6. Alice volunteered to amuse George at home while all the rest were gone, and Mr. and Mrs. Hardy departed for the funeral. Mr. Hardy's thoughts still absorbed for the most part with his older boy, Clara had asked no questions concerning the interview with James, and her father simply stated that they could have a good talk about it in the evening.

The tenement at No. 700 was crowded, and in spite of the wintry weather large numbers of men and women stood outside in the snow. Mr. Hardy had ordered his sleigh, and he and his

wife had gone down to the house in that, ready to take some one to the cemetery.

The simple service as it began was exceedingly impressive to Mr. Hardy. Most of the neighbors present looked at him and his well-dressed wife in sullen surprise. She noticed the looks with a heightening color, but Mr. Hardy was too much absorbed in his thoughts of what he had done and left undone in this family to be influenced by the behavior of those about him.

Mr. Jones offered a prayer for the comfort of God to rest on the stricken family. He then read a few words from John's gospel appropriate to the occasion and said a few simple words, neatly addressed to the neighbors present. The poor widow had been removed to a small room up stairs and lay there cared for by the faithful sister. The minister had nearly concluded his remarks when a voice was heard in the room above, voices expostulating in alarm and growing louder, followed by a rapid movement in the narrow hall above, and with a scream of frenzy the wife rushed down the stairs and burst into the room where the dead body of her husband lay. She had suddenly awakened out of the fainting stupor in which she had been lying since her husband's death and realized what was going on in the house with a quick gathering of passion and strength, such as even the dying sometimes are known to possess. She had escaped from her sister and the neighbor who were watching with her and, crazy with grief, flung herself over the coffin, moaning and crying out in such heart-breaking accents that all present were for a moment flung into a state of inaction and awe.

But Mrs. Hardy was first to move toward the stricken woman. Where did the wife of the once haughty and proud man learn the touch of sympathy that drew that other poor sister nearer to her and finally soothed her into quietness? Certainly it is that suffering in her own home had marvelously taught



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the richly-dressed woman, the refined, cultured lady, to hold this other one to be of the same household of God with her. So it was that she finally succeeded in drawing her away into the other room and there held her, gasping for breath, now that the brief strength was spent, and crying feebly, "O God, help me! Don't keep me here in this world any longer!"

(To be continued.)

**CAMPAIGNERS FOR THE DEMOCRACY**

MERRIMON, CRAWFORD AND WEBB TO SPEAK.

Judge J. H. Merrimon, Hon. W. T. Crawford and Charles A. Webb, Esq., will address the citizens of Buncombe county at the following times and places:

Atten, Limestone township, Tuesday, July 24.  
Morgantown Hill, north Buncombe, Wednesday, July 25.  
Old camp ground, near Leicester, Thursday, July 26.  
At each of these meetings a brass band will be in attendance, and a barbecue will be served. It is hoped that large crowds will turn out to hear these distinguished speakers and to hear the vital issues of this campaign so ably discussed.

Those will be tonight's professions in Asheville Thursday night, July 26, and Monday night, July 29. Good speakers will be on hand to make speeches at various parts of the town, along the line of the procession. W. B. Williamson, John V. Jordan, and George S. Powell will act as marshals-in-chief, and they will have an able corps of assistants to be appointed from all over the county.

Let all people who believe in the supremacy of the white race be present and manifest their purpose to make white supremacy permanent in North Carolina.

J. D. MURPHY, Chairman.

**PAYING A SUBSTITUTE.**  
From the Indianapolis Journal.  
"Pa, please give me 'nother nickel."  
"What for, Tommy?"  
"Well, pa, 'I go 't' picnic with ma. I want to hire some other boy to carry th' basket."

**HOW'S THIS?**  
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, Ohio.

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In order to make room for our large stock of fall Shoes which will begin to arrive in a few days, we have selected from our stock all shoes of less than six pairs of a kind which we offer

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**Special Notices**

SEE THE COTS AT MRS. L. A. JOHNSON'S, 43 Patton ave.

GRAHAM and whole wheat flour fresh every few days at Kroger's.

WANTED—At once, first-class cook for boarding house. Address M. B. ORE Citizen. 7-14-dtf

MRS. R. O. PATTERSON will open the Washburn as a first-class boarding house for the summer. 7-21-dtf

MRS. DRESSER will resume her piano and violin lessons on August 1 at 69 Charlotte street. 7-23-d1w

J. B. BOSTIC company sold today nice residence lots on Ora street to Mrs. B. A. Morgan. \$275.

FOR RENT—Three desirable unfurnished rooms; three blocks from postoffice 39 Penland street. 7-23-d1w

SUBURBAN board, near golf links, 15 minutes' walk to cars; high ground, fine view, new house, choice table, Mrs. Gulliver, Ottari, Box 47.

DESK WANTED—A roller top preferred. Must be in good condition and a bargain. Weaver & Alexander, 28 Patton avenue or P. O. Box 24. 7-11-dtf

WANTED—A good family horse—gentle and sound, not too old. W. A. Elliott at Dr. T. C. Smith's drug store. 7-11-dtf

WANTED—A 2 or 3 room cottage, with modern conveniences, on or near depot car line. Address "L. W. N." to The Citizen. 7-24-dtf

TO LEND—\$1000.00 IN AMOUNTS of not less than \$50; on short time. Apply to L. A. Farinholt, Real Estate Broker, Temple Court, 49 Patton avenue. 7-16-dtf

WE STILL HAVE QUITE A NUMBER of nice resident lots on the hill above the depot for sale cheap. Also, some nice lots on Montford avenue. J. B. Rostie Co.

THE FINEST lot of new Dressers to be found in the city are now at my place at astonishingly low prices. W. L. Moore, No. 11 west Court Square. Phone 313.

JERSEY—For sale, one-half Jersey gentle milk cow; fine condition; 4-12 gallons solid milk per day; calf two months old. Address box 114. 7-5-dtf

I HAVE several six-hole ranges with water backs. Also several oil and gasoline cooking stoves, all at reasonable prices.—W. Turner, 25 North Main street. Phone 228.

WILL exchange two lots in good locations in Chicago for house and ground in Asheville; value of lots \$3000.00. Address M. J. Kenny, Chicago, Ill., 71 E. Randolph St. 7-23-d1w

PRIVATE BOARD—Newly arranged house, cool and shady verandas, handy to churches and postoffice, popular street and fine view. Mrs. S. L. Gragg, 106 South Main street. 7-21-dtf

LOST—Between Chestnut street and the city pumping station, paper box containing gold watch, rings, etc. Reward of \$100.00 if returned to H. W. Howe, 128 Chestnut street. 7-21-d1w

WANTED—A GOOD MALE COOK (white) to cook in a logging camp for about 15 men. Also a good white girl for general housework. Address Union Lumber Co., W. L. Boyer, supt., Jarrett's, N. C. 7-19.

STRAYED from pasture at Woolsey, a black and white spotted cow, weighing about 800 pounds. Finder will be liberally rewarded.—Zimmerman & Whitehead, City Market. 7-23-d1w

VERY DESIRABLE rooms with board, new house, furniture, heater, electric lights and bells, superb view, on paved street, near churches and postoffice. Mrs. F. A. Hill 195 South Main street. 3-27-d1f

FOR RENT—A 10-room house, newly papered and painted; less than one-half mile from postoffice and about three minutes' walk from street cars; in good neighborhood; fine shade trees. Apply to R. G. Hunt, city postoffice. 6-25-d1f

THE annual election for the purpose of choosing 11 directors of the Asheville Board of Trade will be held at the office of the Secretary on Friday, July 25, 1900, between the hours of 12 m. and 3 p. m. B. M. Jones, Secretary.

FOR SALE—New 30-room hotel with \$500 worth of furniture in same; one-half mile of thriving town, near station. Finest summer resort in county. Free 40 acres good land belonging to it. \$1250—cash balance on good terms. Apply J. M. Campbell.

WANTED—To buy from 100 to 500 acres of rich, fertile land, preferably with a stream of water running through it; state full particulars and references, and lowest spot cash price; principals only dealt with. Address J. Bradley, Stamford, Conn. 7-23-d1w

TYPEWRITERS OF ALL MAKES—We buy, sell and rent typewriters of all makes. If you intend buying a new machine, we recommend the Remington, which is beyond doubt the "standard." Its lasting qualities and all-round excellence cannot be approached.—Typewriter Exchange, 25 Patton avenue.

FOR RENT ONLY—A large fine residence; 16 rooms; furnished; servants' house and carriage house; large grounds; central location. \$125 per month. Owner and one daughter will board with renter and allow liberal discount from rent. Apply to John M. Campbell, Real Estate Agent, No. 94 North Main st.

FOR SALE AND RENT—7 room cottage Chestnut st., furnished; 8 room house Charlotte st., furnished; 8 room house Cumberland ave., furnished; 2 unfurnished cottages, 5 rooms each. For Sale—2 choice lots Merrimon ave.; pretty grove lot East st. on car line; bargain in 2 room house Cumberland ave.; choice lots on Vance and Oak sts., prices low; big bargain 7 room house Starnes ave.; timber lands, 2000 acres, 10,000 acres, 400 acres, all fine hardwood in virgin state. Natt Atkinson Sons' Co., Real Estate Dealers.

**A PRIVATE FAMILY IN THE** suburbs, convenient to street cars, will take a few boarders for the summer. Address SHADY LAWN, this office. 7-9-dtf.

**WANTED—BOARDERS; IN COUNTRY;** private family; 10 minutes' walk from Biltmore and Asheville Street Car line; pleasant, elevated home; fine views; overlooks the Biltmore village and Swannanoa valley; large, airy rooms; table supplied with fresh vegetables and fruits from farm, Jersey milk and butter; rates reasonable; no consumptives taken. Mrs. Chas. R. Whitaker, Biltmore, N. C.

**FOR RENT—NO. 110 HAYWOOD** street; 18-room house, steam heat, electric lights and call bells to each room; 2 baths; large verandas; elegant location on Battery Park hill and within three blocks of center of the city. Also 2 choice flats of 5 and 6 rooms, furnished or unfurnished; electric lights and all modern improvements; hot and cold water and range in kitchen. Apply to O. D. Revel, 32-34 Patton ave.

**WANTED—MORE IMPROVED** and unimproved property to sell to parties prepared to pay cash for same, particularly for vacant land on Haywood road in the vicinity of the University school. I have several inquiries by prospective purchasers for desirable sites in this last neighborhood. Parties having such properties will find it to their advantage to address or call upon A. J. Lyman, offices 13 Church st., telephone No. 344.

**CITY MARKET.**  
Corrected by Clarence Sawyer, wholesale and retail grocer. These prices are being paid by the merchants of the city today:

Country butter... 10 to 20  
Eggs... 19 1/2  
Chickens... 12 1/2 to 20  
Turkeys... .50 to \$1.50  
Ducks... .15 to 20  
Potatoes, Irish... .60  
Turnips... .25  
Onions... \$2.00 crate  
Cabbage, per pound... 3-4 to 10c  
Beans, per bushel... \$2.00 to \$2.50  
Peas... \$1.00 to \$1.25  
Apples... \$2.00  
Wheat, dried... 3 to 15  
Apples... .85  
Corn... .65  
Meal... .64  
Oats... .40  
Honey... .12 1/2 to 15  
Sorghum... .20 to 25  
Beeswax, per pound... .24  
Hay, ton... \$18 to \$20  
Apples... .40 to 80

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