

JAMES, THE UNRULY.

A St. Patrick's Day Episode Which Developed a "Cupid."

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"James Mullin, you may remain after school," said Miss Degan, pointing a long ruler at the freckled faced boy. Jimmy smiled scornfully and threw another paper wad at the back of his bitterest foe and settled down in his seat.

"Get your hat and coat, James. I am going to take you to your father. Perhaps you will explain to him why you cannot obey me."

When Anna Degan reached Mr. Mullin's office she confronted a tall, handsome man with black eyes much like Jimmy's own, who looked down upon the two visitors with a friendly smile. "Sit down," he said, bringing forward a chair.

"I am James' teacher—Miss Degan," she began primly. "James is so unruly, Mr. Mullin, that I have brought him with me today to say that unless your influence can be brought to bear upon him or that you can assure me of his future good behavior I very much fear that Mr. Broadman will expel him."

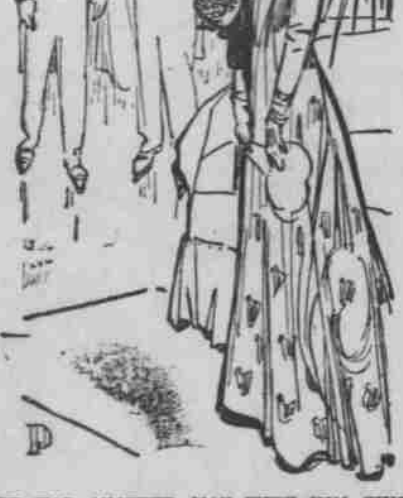
Mr. Mullin's fine eyes widened with un concealed surprise. "Well, really," he said after a little pause, "it's hardly my place, you see, to be responsible for Jimmy's behavior."

Anna arose with sparkling eyes and cheeks flushed with indignation. "Oh, do not say that, Mr. Mullin! How can you, a father, repudiate any responsibility for your son's conduct?"

Mr. Mullin seemed to find unusual interest in the lovely face framed in its mist of dusky hair. He seemed reluctant to terminate the interview by any definite answer.

"Then you refuse to interfere, Mr. Mullin?" Miss Degan's voice was haughty now, and her red lip curled with contempt. "As a father"—she paused suggestively.

Mr. Mullin seemed to awaken to new life. "As a father," he said vaguely—



HE HAD ANOTHER MAN WITH HIM THIS TIME.

"as a father"—He stopped abruptly and shot a fierce glance at Jimmy edging toward the outer door. Then he went on with a return of the friendly smile with which he had greeted her: "I believe you will have no further trouble with Jimmy, Miss Degan. I will take him in hand. He shall not cause you any more trouble. I am sorry he has distressed you. It must be rather a task to keep these young lumps in order."

From his tall height he looked down on her in such genial good nature that Anna Degan found herself liking Alderman Mullin very much indeed. "Thank you so much, Mr. Mullin," she said gratefully. "I was afraid to come to you at first because"—She paused in embarrassment and turned to the door.

Mr. Mullin's eyes twinkled. "Alderman Mullin's bark is worse than his bite," he said dryly as he opened the outer door and accompanied her to the elevator.

At the farther end of the corridor James, the unruly, was engaged in a silent, furious wrestling match with the office boy. At Mr. Mullin's sharp whistle they disentangled themselves and approached.

It was then that Mr. Mullin gripped one of Jimmy's generous ears and so led him, walking stiffly into the inner office and closed the door.

In the long ride uptown Anna Degan tried to forget the interview with Alderman Mullin. It had turned out much better than she had expected, and yet there had seemed an instant when he was about to refuse to take any part in the discipline of his own and only son. She had been surprised to find the father of James such a young and amiable looking man. She had heard such stories of his fiery, dominant nature she had hesitated to bring a complaint before him. She had feared for the boy—Jimmy had always spoken in tones of almost terror of his father—and yet—

She gave up the problem and tried to think of the pleasure that awaited her that evening. It was the 17th of March—St. Patrick's day—and she was going to the big ball of the Royal Emerald Knights. Mr. Mullin had worn a sprig of shamrock in the lapel of his well fitting coat. Anna blushed redly and remembered with a certain fierce exultation the day that Jimmy's moth-

er, "Mrs. Alderman Mullin," had visited the school. The recollection of her rubicund face and good natured and voluble flow of conversation quite drove away the picture of Jimmy's good looking father. After that she thought of nothing save the ball.

The orchestra was playing "The Kerry Dance" when Anna entered the ballroom with her sister and brother-in-law, and her little foot beat time to the swinging measure with anticipated delight.

Her gown was a triumph of tender love for the mother country and affection and loyalty to the new republic that had opened its arms to her people. Anna had planned it weeks before, and her skillful fingers had made it—green silk gauze embroidered with little golden harps, folds of white chiffon inside the low cut bodice, and inside the chiffon against her snowy neck three folds of chiffon—red, white, and blue.

The entrancing music of old Irish melodies, the polished floor crowded with brilliant gowns and the handsome uniforms of the Emerald Knights, the eager spectators in the gallery overhead, all formed a beautiful picture that Anna Degan never forgot.

She danced again and again with old friends and new ones whom her brother-in-law, Larry Fane, brought up to her. As she sat resting, her face aglow with exercise and pleasure, Larry approached with a large red faced man, black of brow and with scowling black eyes. His smile was pleasant, however, and seemed to indicate that the scowl was but a bad habit.

Anna's heart seemed to stand still when Larry spoke. "Anna, let me introduce Mr. Mullin—Mr. Alderman Mullin of the Seventh ward."

Then Larry disappeared, and Anna found herself perceiving Mr. Mullin to scrawl his name against the next vacant space on her dance card, which proved to be the one she was sitting out, and so presently she was whirling about in the stiff embrace of Mr. Alderman Mullin, who growled a few sentences above her head, stepped on her pretty green shod toes without apologizing and finally left her breathlessly sitting on a divan in a corner far distant from her little group of friends.

She was glad of the respite to think over the startling situation. If this gentleman was Alderman Mullin, the father of James, the unruly, who, then, was the gentleman who had impersonated the alderman and made himself responsible for the behavior of James?

Across the room a couple revolved stiffly in the girations of a waltz; Anna recognized the burly form of the new familiar Mr. Mullin and also that of the lady she had known as Jimmy's mother. As for the other man—her face grew hot with indignation, and she looked lovelier than ever when Larry found her out. He had another man with him this time.

"Mr. Alderman Mullin's cousin, sis—another Mullin and a gentle knight—a good friend of my own! George, my sister, Miss Degan!"

Larry left the two facing each other in the quiet corner, the man, resplendent in green and white satin and gold, looking tenderly down on the young girl in green and gold.

Miss Degan looked him squarely in the face and with contemptuous shrug turned away, but he caught her little gloved hand in his own with a swift gesture.

"Wait, please," he said gravely, and Miss Degan waited for his explanation. It came after a little while, haltingly, as from a man who is not accustomed to explain his actions:

"When a little lad is afraid of his father, Miss Degan, he naturally turns to some man whom he knows is fond of him and will stand by him in trouble. Jimmy confessed to me this afternoon that he was afraid to take you to his father—his father would thrash him, and that is all the good it would do! So the lad brought you to me and trusted me to understand the situation and to stand by him. I didn't get on to his little game till after you went, though I understood from his looks he was in trouble, so I let it go, hoping to see you again and explain matters to you. I had a talk with Jimmy, and he's going to be good. In fact, I've told him I shall call at the school every week and find out what his department is. I hope you do not mind, Miss Degan."

Anna listened to the long speech with downcast eyes and trembling lips. She was glad that she had spared Jimmy a whipping from his stern father and that this kind hearted cousin had masqueraded before her as Jimmy's parent. He had a good face, and, after all, Jimmy would improve and room No. 12 might be a credit to the grade after all!

She smiled gratefully up at Mr. George Mullin and dashed a tear from the corner of her eye. "I am very glad you did not disillusion me. I was so tired and cross just then I might have taken Jimmy down to his father's office, wherever it is."

"He'll be a good boy after this," promised Jimmy's big cousin as they glided into a waltz. Sweetly, alluringly, came the strains of "Kathleen Mavourneen," and they did not speak again until it was over. After a little while Mullin asked softly: "And I may come to the school once a week and look at Jimmy's report, Miss Degan?"

Anna's fingers touched the little golden harps on her pretty fan, and they seemed to give forth strange, sweet music—happy music that fell in cadence with his deep, melodious voice: "Yes, come," she said demurely. "I think it is a very good idea." Jimmy Mullin never could understand why, after that, his cousin, George Mullin, always called him "Cupid."

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E. M. SHUTT, Sheriff.
By GUS MALLORY, Deputy.
Dated at Heppner, Oregon, May 26, 1910.

Notice for Publication.

Isolated Tract—Public Land Sale. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, May 4, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stat., 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 7th day of July, 1910, at this office, the following described land: The SE 1/4 section 17, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 section 20 and N 1/2 NW 1/4 section 21, T. 3 S. R. 29 E. W. M. Serial No. 06693.

Any persons claiming adversely the above described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. COLON R. EBERHARD, Receiver. May 12—June 16.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 4, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that Thomas E. McDondel, of Lexington, Oregon, who, on April 26th 1905, made homestead, (Serial No. 03565 and 05580) No. 14400, for E 1/2 SW 1/4 section 13 a-d N 1/2 NW 1/4 section 24, and additional December 3, 1909, for W 1/2 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 sec. 23, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 section 14, township 1 North range 26 East Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. O. Hill, County Clerk, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, on the 21st day of June, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: B. S. Clark, J. R. Ashinburst, Royul E. Tyler and C. J. White, all of Heppner, Oregon, Galloway Route. C. W. MOORE, Register. May 12 June 16

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 11th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that Adam J. Knoblock, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on November 10th 1904, and additional on July 28th, 1909, made homestead, (Serial No. 13979) No. 05110, for SE 1/4 SE 1/4 section 21, S 1/2 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 section 22, NW 1/4 NE 1/4 N 1/2 NW 1/4 section 27, and NE 1/4 NE 1/4 section 28, township 3 south, range 25 east Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. O. Hill, County Clerk, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, on the 22d day of June, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: John Bollenbrock, Oliver J. Cox, Archie R. Cox and Eugene D. Gilman, all Heppner, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register. May 19 June 16

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Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale. C. W. MOORE, Register. Apr 28-May 26

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 21st, 1910.

Notice is hereby that John G. Essex, of Lexington, Oregon, who, on February 8th, 1905, made homestead (serial No. 03471) No. 14181, for lots 1, 2, and E 1/2 NW 1/4, section 19, township 2 north, range 26 East Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 30th day of May, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: Roly D. Evert, of Wasco, Oregon; J. E. Eaton, of Stanfield, Oregon; and John McDevitt and Art Finley, both of Lexington, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register. Apr 28-May 26

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