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GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

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bills—isn't it that way where you came from?"

"Most decidedly not. However, I believe things are working that way, though at present most of the working men do not own much but their children. Why, there's so much room out here—material room, and room for opportunities of every kind, and the people have wit enough to take advantage of their opportunities—for instance, scores of people have used the little parkway between the sidewalk and the curb to plant gardens, so manifesting intelligence, thrift and utilitarian enterprise. The verdant curbstone gardens are one of the pleasing surprises here.

"And another?"

"Another great surprise is the fact that here I found cherries without worms. I didn't suppose a cherry could grow without its worm, that cherries were prone to worms as the sparks to fly upward. It's worth crossing the continent in early summer just to enjoy the roses and cherries found here.

"Any more surprises?" asked my friend, and I said, "Lots of them. Look—there's one now—look off toward that highest ridge of the Pike mountains—don't you see how the mountains seem to match and even vie with the sky in color? The blue of the mountains almost melds with the blue of the sky, and those glistening patches of snow so wonderfully resemble the drifting white clouds in the firmament. And look no less at Mt. Emily, veiled in a silvery haze which almost repeats the delicate gray-blue sky in the background. Evenings especially, I have noticed how the mountains and the sky form one great symphony of similar colors."

"I had never thought about that, but it's true," admitted she. "There to the right do you notice that one mountain standing out all a dazzle of color just like the luminous shining place in the heavens where the sun is trying to shine through?"

I looked. It was true as it was beautiful, the sky had clouded quickly over, and the mountains were all darkly shadowed. All, except one long, high bulk which stood out catching the concentrated light of one brilliant cloud, and gleamed in a strangely lovely hue, whether of silver or gold we could not tell, for it seemed just Perfect Lustre. So marvelously glorious was the glistening hill that we kept our eyes upon it quite forgetting the earth beneath our feet, until a warning grinding and dragging made me instinctively jam on the brake of my car—and we found the machine had driven by inept over one long, red shaft of a huge drill which stood leaning against a fence beside the road where it was wide, but had broken the end of the father shaft to splinters; and there the car stood straddling the shafts, with a smiling, tanned and ruddy farmer coming up.

"See how young boasted good-will works now," came my friends laughing whisper, as we got out, and after a few preliminaries I asked the farmer, "Is the tractor badly damaged?"

"Tain't a tractor. It's a drill," said he, looking even more pleasant. "Guess you ain't driven a car long?"

"Only a couple of weeks. How much will the damage be?" he was busily plying the screw-driver, taking off bolts, nuts and screws so the shaft could be released and my machine be free; but his pleasant expression never changed, though he worked hard to unloose some of the fastenings on that shaft and the sun came out overpoweringly clear and hot.

"No damages. No harm done. I had troubles of my own when I first learned to drive my car, so I have sympathy for others who haven't driven long," answered this very charming and intelligent farmer. "I'd at work and drove into a stupid pig that insisted on taking up all the road, and the owner of the pig, after the obsequies, sent me a bill for nineteen dollars and fifty cents, and I didn't get so much as even one bite of meat though there were pork chops and spare ribs all down the highway. I never did hear of a pig having so many chops before. Then, when my wife was learning to drive, an old rooster that couldn't do anything except crow ever nothing got in the way and cost us three dollars. And my son, well, he smashed into a plateglass window and that came pretty dear. But all those things happened quite a ways from here, people here always make allowances. Here we are—the shafts out and you can back your car, lady."

I thanked him, and we all enjoyed a pleasant chat, telling where we came from, and a neighbor came up and joined us, and it seemed one had come from Kansas, and another from New York, and another from Utah and another, as a baby up from California, but we all liked La Grande and intended to stay. "We all came from nice states—all the states in the Union are good," spoke up the farmer, who had come from California, "but we're here because we're here and we intend to stay here, and so we ought to forget constant references to where we came from, just as a chicken forgets to remember it came from an egg, and it wouldn't go back if it could."

"Neither would I," I told him.

"No, would I," said my friend. And the neighbor said he would come up, also to the place of operation. Then the elderly farmer who owned a Cleveland tractor of a thousand acres, invited us in and treated us to lemonade, which was a new treat to me, and milk on ice it would have made some years I had lived ashamed. When we were alone, after the couple had promised to call on us soon, my friend remarked, sagely, "You see how easy it is to make nice friends in La Grande? You find out right away who people are and all about them and know they are desirable acquaintances. An intelligent, prosperous farmer with a daughter in college, a son studying for a profession and the youngest boy to carry on the ranch. Our lives are open, honest and fair."

"And the farmer was so considerate. It was just another example of the spirit of good-will which has so impressed me around here. Peace on earth, good will toward men is characteristically manifested in this sylvan valley." And the dusk falling as we rode homeward, and the chilly dew came out, purple blue and soft, the mountains took on a deeper color, and the opposite slope became covered with a gray light, bordering "silver," and we saw as we said good night to our friends, pointing the moral, each time they do inflate the sky! For these simple farmers who believe good friends make the world fit for all, rare and little pink baby clouds snuggling right down into the cradle hollows of the mountains—tiny things that look like rose-lined bassinettes. And the hills to the south reflect the gold of the long cloud in the zenith—why, the whole valley is reflecting the gorgeous colors of the sky."

"I wonder where else could be found a valley full of sunset?" and then I laughed and added as we came near town and saw two Chinamen engaged in merry conversation. "There is the most striking sight of all, perhaps—laughing Chinese. I never knew Chinese could laugh any more than cherries could be free from worms."

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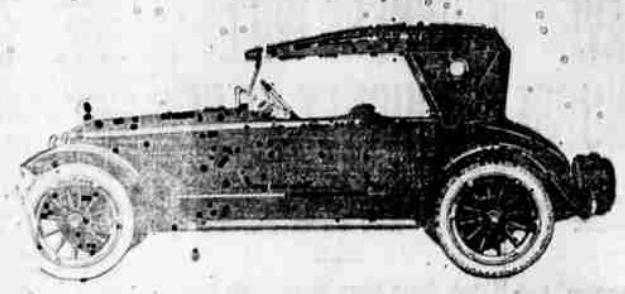

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