

And this was nearer the truth than they realized. Even Ronald did not realize fully his condition, although a faint suspicion was lurking in his mind, for he had received a summons to the office.

On the way home he told Virginia about it.

"What did Prexy say," she asked.

"Well he was so nice about it that I felt like a chump. As near as I can guess something serious is going to happen if I don't pay more attention to work. He said my exams would be my last chance."

"Then, lad, you must begin tonight to study."

"Not much. Have you forgotten that we are going canoeing tonight? But don't you worry, I'll manage all right," he replied.

"No, Ronald, you must study tonight. I'll not have people saying that I caused you to flunk out, and then, too, I don't want you to have to leave college. You can not come down tonight."

He looked at her and knew that she meant what she said.

"Very well, then. If that is your point of view, I'll be good."

"And what is more," she continued, "I want you to study for the rest of the week and prepare for those finals. You see I have to do the same thing, so it will be best for both of us."

"It is nice of you to put it that way," he laughingly replied.

"Well here we are at your door, so good bye."

"Good bye, and work hard."

Ronald's frat brothers wondered what had happened when they saw him spend his evenings at home. They could not understand why he had so suddenly taken an interest in his books.

The day before the examinations were to begin, Ronald met Virginia on the campus.

"Now listen here," he said. "I am coming down this evening regardless of what happens tomorrow. I have stayed away as long as I am going to."

"What exam do you have tomorrow?" she asked.

"Chemistry," he answered.

"Why that is what you said you were likely to flunk in. No, you stay home tonight and study some more, then if you get along all right tomorrow you may come down in the evening," firmly replied Virginia.

"Well I'll be there all right," he answered. And he was.

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