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She Paid The Forfeit
By EDITH V. ROSS

The Hawksworth twins were so much alike that when they were little chaps their mother was obliged to tie a pink ribbon on Jimmie and a blue one on Billie to tell which was which. When they grew to be men Billie, who was of a roving disposition, went to South America, leaving his brother at home.

One evening at a function Jim Hawksworth met a girl to whom he took a desperate fancy, and the girl did the same by him. They danced together a number of times, and what chances they didn't know they "sat out" in a cozy corner by themselves.

The very next day the girl met Jim on the street. He was nearsighted and didn't recognize her, but seeing a lady smiling at him he took off his hat. The girl stopped, so did Jim.

"Upon my word," she said, "you have a short memory. You don't remember me."

Jim did remember her very well as soon as he got near enough to distinguish her features, but he didn't remember her name. He skirminched for time to think it up.

"I certainly do remember you, having passed some time with you very pleasantly last evening. But I am not sure that you have not mistaken me for some one else."

"How ridiculous!"

"Who am I?"

"What assurance! You are talking this way for a purpose."

"I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll make two calls on you and another will make a third. If you write my name correctly when I call and never write my name to the other visitor I'll pay any forfeit you may suggest. If you fail you pay any forfeit I suggest."

"There's a catch."

"No catch at all."

"What's the forfeit I pay you?"

"That I'll tell you if you lose."

"What is your full name?"

"James Smithson Hawksworth."

"Have you a pencil and paper?"

Jim tore a bit of paper from a letter and handed it her with a pencil. She wrote the name he had given her on the paper and put it in her bag.

"I agree to your terms," she said. "But, mind, if there is any catch I won't pay. Now tell me who I am."

"You're Miss Turnlee."

Jim bowed himself away and proceeded to put a plan he had in his mind into operation. His brother Bill had returned from South America a few days before, and the two were still alike as two peas in a pod. Jim went home, where he found Billie, whom he told of his agreement, adding:

"Now, Bill, I wish you to call on the girl tomorrow night, personating me. The next night I will call on her myself."

Bill assented and the next evening, after being thoroughly coached by his brother, made the call. He asked the young lady to write his name on a bit of paper, which she did, and before handing it to him she took care to compare it with the name Jim had given her.

The next day the twins had their photographs taken standing side by side. As soon as the pictures were delivered Jim put one of them in his pocket and, with a written statement from his brother that he had called on Miss Turnlee on a certain date, went to see her himself. Miss Turnlee, who could not divest her mind of the suspicion that some trick was being played upon her, was a bit rattled. She was looking for some difference in her writing the names on the two different occasions. After chatting awhile, during which period she scarcely heard what Jim said, he drew the paper on which she had written the name when his brother had called and, handing it to her, asked her to write his name below the one she had written before.

"This time she was in no hurry. She studied the name she had written, compared it with the one Jim had given her and held the first paper to the light, looking at it and through it. Jim handed her a pencil, but she refused it, seeming to suspect that there might be something wrong in it. After much thought and hesitation she wrote the name under the one she had already written, but even then she seemed loath to part with the paper. However, a time came when she reluctantly surrendered it.

"I suppose now it will depend on my not mixing you up with the other visitor. If you have played me fair I have won. I have identified you twice. All I have to do is to say when he comes that he is not you. When is he coming?"

"He has been here."

"Been here?" Miss Turnlee looked incredulous.

"He was here some time ago. He is my twin brother."

He drew the photograph of himself and his brother and showed it to her. For a few moments she looked at it with a blank stare; then, the explanation coming to her, she exclaimed reproachfully:

"That's not fair!"

Jim admitted that it was a bit tricky and said that he would not hold her to her bargain unless she preferred to be held.

"What forfeit am I to pay?" she asked.

Jim did not reply at once. The lady's curiosity was aroused. She urged him.

"Yourself!" he said at last.

Miss Turnlee did not pay at once, but she did in time—not, she said, because she had lost fairly, but because Jim assured her that if she did not his life would be wrecked.

Victor Point

The I. W. E. C. ladies met with Mrs. Ihler Wednesday.

Mrs. Nora Given called at the King home Monday.

Mrs. E. R. Palmer and son Claire of Dallas and Miss Annie Slagel of Portland are visiting with relatives here.

Miss Zelma and Jasper King who have been attending the Capital Business College at Salem have returned home for the summer vacation.

Fred Yost and wife were in Salem Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Humphrey spent a part of last week at the home of her son, O. W. Humphreys of Triumph.

M. M. Gilmour and family of Union Hill, O. W. Humphreys and wife of Triumph, Phillip Fischer and family and A. Fischer, wife and son Eric were entertained at the J. King home Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd Humphrey, daughter Ruth and sons Faye and Lester of Monroe are visiting at the W. H. Humphrey home.

G. W. Slagel and daughter Ava were in Salem on business Monday.

Theo Fischer and wife entertained several of the Victor Point young people Tuesday night.

Several from here attended the Parent-Teachers' meeting at Oak Grove Friday night.

Oak Grove

The parent-teachers' meeting Friday night from all neighboring districts was well attended. The subject for discussion was "The Duty of the teacher" and it was well taken up by several speakers including the teachers as well. The debate was on the question—Resolved that the people should have power to declare war' and was decided in favor of the negative side. The speakers were, affirmative: leader B. Wagner, helper J. T. Kearns, Negative leader, Miss June Kearns and helper A. R. King. Among those speaking on Consolidation were Prof. Gauntt and J. T. Kearns of Stayton, J. T. Hunt of Rock Point, Miss Ava Darby of Victor Point, M. Doerfler of McAlpine and A. C. Barrows and B. Wagner of Oak Grove. After the business meeting a short program was rendered. The next and last meeting of the season will be Friday evening, May 5 at 1:30 p. m.

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"It is strange how few people know what their normal pulse is," said a physician. "They know the average pulse is about seventy, and imagine that they are well or otherwise as their pulse approaches or departs from this standard. It is true that an average of all pulses would give a result of about seventy beats, but in no other physical peculiarity is there such a wide individual variation.

"I had two students in my office at the same time, both very strong and remarkably healthy young men. The normal pulse of one was forty-seven and the other ninety-three. This difference is unusual, few pulses falling below sixty or rising above eighty in a healthy subject, but an unusually slow or rapid pulse is no indication whatever of disease, as is popularly supposed to be the case.

"Most people overestimate their pulse, as they often count its beats when talking about the matter, and it is a fact well known to physicians that the excitement of conversation will quicken the pulse from five to twenty beats. The best time to arrive at the true normal is shortly after waking in the morning, when the nerves are unexcited."—Pearson's.

Dress Hints.

Lemon juice, applied first and allowed to dry into the leather, will facilitate the polishing of new shoes.

To keep a pocket from tearing down sew a hook and eye at the very bottom of the pocket on the wrong side. Hook together, pushing the hook down tightly, and it will never come unfastened.

In sewing on buttons, if the knot is placed on the right side of the cloth directly under the button, the thread will be less likely to break and become loosened and the button will remain on longer.

Work For a Forger.

"Warden, I'd like to have desk work. I'm used to that."

"What are you here for?"

"I'm a forger."

"Um! I have no room on the clerical force. Still, I like to accommodate a man with work at his own particular trade. How would you like to forge chains in the blacksmith shop?"—Kansas City Journal.

Heart of Midlothian.

"The Heart of Midlothian" was not original with Sir Walter Scott. The name was first applied to the old jail in Edinburgh, which is the capital of Midlothian county. The jail was torn down in 1817.

Try to Look Like the Boss.

"Did you ever notice in a big office how employees try to look like their boss?" inquired an observant man. "It's not always true, of course, when the boss is a genuine and unpopular with the men under him, but where he is popular and sizes up as a pretty big gun to the staff you'll find that about half the men in the place wear their mustaches or whiskers or both just about the way the boss does. If he has a stubby little business man's mustache you'll see several more of those around."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

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