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**....TWO NEGATIVES**

By Henry S. Winthrop

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Everybody said, when old General Ainsworth died and it was found that injudicious stock speculation had practically wiped out his entire fortune, that Evan Ainsworth should establish himself as a florist. Several of their set, they argued, who had suddenly found themselves compelled to earn their own living had followed this course, and "the set" resented innovations. Moreover, the Ainsworth conservatories had been famous.

Precisely because everybody had suggested a florist's shop Evan Ainsworth decided against it. It was all very well at first, he argued, when your shop is a novelty and people bought flowers in the name of sweet charity, but he knew little about flowers, not enough to make the business an independent success. On the other hand, his amateur photographs had gained distinction at various exhibitions. Very sensibly he decided to develop this talent, and so he secured a position as operator in an obscure gallery, where he could gain experience with skylight work. Two months later Evan Ainsworth was practically forgotten by his old associates.

For this Evan was thankful, for the dark days following his father's death had been made more gloomy by the repeated visits of self constituted advisers, who failed to appreciate the fact that there are some men who would rather earn less money independently than be dependent upon borrowed capital for the success of a hazardous venture. It cut him a little at first as one by one his friends dropped off, but in the end he regretted only Evelyn Hope, with whom there had been an "understanding" at the time of the crash.

Armstrong Hope, her father, had been one of the first to suggest the florist shop, and when Evan had explained his view of the matter and had declined the proffered aid Mr. Hope had stormed through the house, declaring that Evan was a headstrong youngster and that the rising generation was going to the dogs. Then he had promptly exiled Evelyn to Europe in care of an elderly aunt.

"Now, you take care of Evelyn," he had said to her when the steamer was



"Have by a surgeon Shylock on thy charge to stop his wounds lest he do bleed to death." We know that we may bleed to death. Knowing that, we know that if the loss of blood means death, the gain of blood must mean life. But blood must have quality as well as quantity; it must be pure as well as plentiful. When the blood is diseased it must be made pure before being made plentiful. To do this we must go back of the blood to the stomach. Blood is made from food properly digested and assimilated. When digestion is incomplete and assimilation is imperfect the blood at once deteriorates and the nutrition of the body is reduced. In general therefore, under such conditions, there is a loss of flesh showing the loss of nutrition and the deterioration of the blood which is the vehicle of the body's nourishment.

People talk sometimes of blood-making medicines. But no medicine can make blood. Blood is made from food digested and converted into nutrition. The medicine which increases the blood supply of the body must do it by curing the diseases of the stomach and its allied organs of digestion and nutrition, so that the obstacles to the perfect nutrition of the body may be entirely removed. When this is done the nutritive elements of the food eaten are perfectly extracted and in the form of blood feed the weakened organs and wasted tissues of the body.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It removes the causes of corrupt and poisoned blood, so making the blood pure. It increases the supply of nutrition received from food, so making the blood plentiful. "Golden Medical Discovery" cures scrofula, eczema, tetter, salt-rheum, boils, eruptions, pimples, rheumatism, debility and other diseases which have their origin in impure or diseased blood.

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THEN SHE WENT FORWARD, BOTH HANDS OUTSTRETCHED.

about to sail, "and remember that your European vacation is going to be cut short the moment I hear that she has entered into communication with young Ainsworth."

A letter which Evan had sent to her had been returned unopened, with a curt note from Armstrong Hope intimating that he desired all further communication between Ainsworth and the Hope family to cease absolutely and assuring Evan that he had taken steps to see that this desire would be carried out.

Evan, instead of assuming a mournful air, went industriously to work and within two years so advanced himself in his profession that he was engaged as chief operator in the most fashionable establishment in town. Two years of hard study, supplemented by none too luxurious living the first year, had wrought marvelous changes in his appearance, and none who commented on the excellence of his photographs realized that the artist was a man who at one time had been welcomed to their homes. He was too proud to remind his old associates of his existence, and they in turn had quite forgotten him.

As chief operator he was supposed to exercise general supervision over the work, and one afternoon, going into the dark room, he found a young developer bending over some plates.

"Mr. Ainsworth," he called, "I wish you would look at this negative. Mr. Jackson took it while you were at lunch, and it doesn't seem to be quite right. He only took two, and the first one was lost entirely through fog."

Ainsworth carelessly lifted the plate and held it up to the ruby light. Then he gave a start, for there was Evelyn's face, a trifle wistful, but still the face of the woman he loved dearer than his life. Pulling himself together, he handed it back to the operator with a careless remark, but let the glass slip from his hand before the other could grasp it. "My fault," he said in answer to the operator's profuse apology. "The wet film slipped out of my hands. Send down stairs

and tell Miss Henderson to write the sitter to come again."

Two days later Evelyn Hope again ascended to the operating room and noted with satisfaction that the operator was not the one she had seen on her first visit. As he turned to receive her she gave a cry of surprise.

"Evan!" she gasped. "Is it really you?" Then impulsively she went forward, both hands outstretched.

"I've a confession to make," he said as he looked into the tender eyes, shyly upturned to his. "I smashed your last picture on purpose so that you would have to come down and pose again to me."

She gave a happy laugh. "Then you still—care?" she asked earnestly.

"Care!" he repeated. "I'd have smashed the skylight if it had been necessary. Can't you realize that I've been hungry for a sight of your face for the last two years?"

"Well," she returned, with a tiny pout, "you might at least have written."

"But I did," he assured her. "I wrote, and your father sent back the letter, warning me that any letter sent to Europe would not reach you. In spite of that I wrote half a dozen times, but received no word in reply."

"What did you say?" she inquired half curiously, half bashfully.

"I can't tell you here," he answered. "You're here to give me a negative."

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