

The Pendletons' House Warming

A Happy Blunder

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All the men in the office were interested in Jim Pendleton's new house at Villa Heights. On the first of the month Jim would cease to be a "cliff dweller" and would get right down to the business of sprinting for his train each morning, for Villa Heights was only twenty minutes from his office—if he caught the 8:10, otherwise it was an hour and thirteen minutes.

The morning he announced that they were all settled and ready for visitors he slammed down on his desk a groody pile of seed catalogues and grinned happily.

"Here's where the fun comes in, fellows," he declared. "I'm going to have a garden in the spring, and when I have you chaps down there to eat the green corn I have raised or cut one of my nice juicy water melons, after you've tasted my crops, you'll all be buying plots at Villa Heights."

"Don't tell us any more," pleaded Case. "You'll have us all married and moving before Easter."

"Hope you will. When are you coming down?"

The day was settled upon after a little discussion, and the nine fellow clerks of Jim Pendleton put their heads together and planned to take with them appropriate gifts to signify their pleasure and approval of the new abode and as a testimonial of the esteem in which they held their associate.

It fell upon a Thursday and the last words of Jim Pendleton when he left the office that night of the house warming, were uttered as a warning to the dilatory ones. "Remember, trains wait for no man—that's the first admonition in the 'Commuters' Catechism,' but if you miss the 7:03 you can take the 9:10. You'll know the



STOP OR I'LL HAVE TO FIRE!

house. It's the second from the station and it will be well lighted up tonight. Beth said she would give you a royal welcome."

The nine house warmers missed the 7:03, as a matter of course. All of them reached the station four minutes past 7, and during a tedious wait they indulged in naps, for as Billy Lemmick said: "We might as well put in all the winks we can—if we miss the 12 something we will have to walk home. I wouldn't dream of asking Jimmy to put the whole nine of us up for the night."

At half past 9 they left the train at Villa Heights and struck the cool autumn air with a pleasant sense of freedom in the sparsely settled community. They were merely a parcel of boys anyway and played leapfrog all the way down to the first puzzling corner of the street that ran down from the station.

"Second house from the station and all lighted up," announced Billy Lemmick as they passed a modest, rather old-fashioned cottage and stopped before a modern house that the moonlight revealed to be of stucco with a tiled roof. Every window was an oblong of friendly light and bespoke a welcome for the invading house warmers. Lace curtains veiled the interior of the rooms, but at an upper window, where a white shade was drawn, a shadow crossed and re-crossed.

"Hope they haven't given us up," muttered Case as they passed in single file up the concrete walk and tiptoed up the steps to the piazza.

"Hardly, when he named the 9:10 as an alternative. Shall we ring him up—or sing him up?" Billy Lemmick, the practical joker of the office, turned and faced his companions with raised eyebrows.

"Scare him up," decided Bob Oakley. As he spoke he turned the knob of the front door. It yielded easily, and after an instant's hesitation he removed his hat and tiptoed softly inside, followed by his eight companions in various stages of disapproval, compliance, uneasiness and fun-loving mischief and the idea of getting a rise out of old Jimmy Pendleton.

The pleasant homelike rooms seemed quite deserted, although there appeared a certain air of expectation about

the house. Flowers were grouped here and there, a card table was placed near an electric drop light and an open piano bore a sheet of music. Overhead was the sound of a light footstep passing back and forth.

"I feel pretty mean," acknowledged Case after a moment or two of consideration. "We—"

"Too late now," admonished Billy cheerfully. "Mrs. Jimmy is coming down now. I see a pink gown in the office. Only one thing to do—line up and give 'em that song Oakley composed one day when he was sick."

The nine formed a wavering line, their eighteen patent leather shod toes pointed toward the stairs. They stood still and roared the doggerel song that Bob Oakley had composed and dedicated to Jim Pendleton:

Hello, Jimmy Pendleton
And Mrs. Jimmy too!
Here's to your house warming!
Pray bid us welcome—do—
For we are the merry
House warmers—

The merry house warmers suddenly stilled into a ghastly silence. All the jovial laughter died from their merry eyes and their patent leather toes turned as if in flight, for there on the stairs was a tall, stately young woman, gowned in pink, with flashing black eyes and a very pale face. In one outstretched hand she held a gleaming revolver pointed straight at Billy Lemmick's left ear.

"Stop, or I'll have to fire!" she said feebly.

The nine stared at the shaking revolver with fascinated eyes. There was every reason to believe that it might go off without intent on the part of the scared young woman. Frank Case was the first to find his voice.

"Mr. Pendleton expected us," he vouchsafed sheepishly.

Her eyebrows went up. "Mr. Pendleton?"

"He said the second house from the station. We were invited to a house warming. He has recently removed to Villa Heights from the city. Isn't isn't this his house?"

"Oh!" The revolver was swiftly lowered, and the nine shuffled their toes relievedly. The pink gown came down several steps and looked at them with a gracious smile. "You have made a mistake, gentlemen," she said pleasantly. "Mr. Pendleton's house is the next one to this, the third house. I am afraid he did not count in the old-fashioned cottage on the corner of the street when he gave you directions."

"I hope you will pardon our intrusion. I—we don't know how to apologize. It was an idiotic thing to do anyway unless we were positive about the house," said Frank Case with a dark frown at Billy Lemmick, who had been the leader of this invasion.

The nine merry house warmers apologized singly and in chorus when the girl interrupted them with a pretty gesture.

"Please don't apologize. If you only knew how nice it seems to hear voices in this house! My husband and I moved in here a few weeks ago from the west, and as we are strangers we have been thrown entirely upon our own resources, and it's horribly lonely. So the sound of lusty singing startled me pleasantly at first, for I am a Mrs. Jimmy, too—Mrs. Jimmy Cornell—and here comes my husband."

She came down the remaining stairs into the hall just as the front door opened quickly and a tall young man entered.

Mrs. Jimmy Cornell came forward and told her husband all about it, and there were several moments of hearty laughter at the expense of the house warmers, as they called themselves. Then Mr. Cornell suddenly ceased his laughter.

"I'm sorry, gentlemen, but I'm afraid you're doomed to disappointment tonight, after all. When I went out half an hour ago Pendleton and his wife were coming along, hurrying to catch a train into town. Seems that Mrs. Pendleton's father had been taken suddenly ill and they had been sent for. I remember now that they said something about expecting friends, but that they had left word with the maid to explain the situation."

"We will try again another night and be pretty sure that we get the right house," said Frank Case as he led his party toward the door.

Mrs. Cornell and her husband exchanged a glance, and then the latter spoke and arrested their departure.

"Gentlemen, if you'll excuse the unconventional nature of the invitation, as we are comparatively strangers to you, Mrs. Cornell and I would enjoy having you spend the remainder of the evening with us and give us a house warming."

The nine accepted without an instant's hesitation, and at Billy Lemmick's request the host and hostess stood on the stairs while the nine lined up again and roared the doggerel song that Oakley had composed for Jimmy Pendleton's benefit, only they substituted the name of their new acquaintances for that of Pendleton's.

When the evening was over and they fairly ran to the station to catch the last train for town, and missing it, cheerfully spent the night in the station the nine house warmers agreed that if Jimmy Pendleton and his wife were not the best folks in the world they would have accorded that place to Jimmy Cornell and his pretty wife.

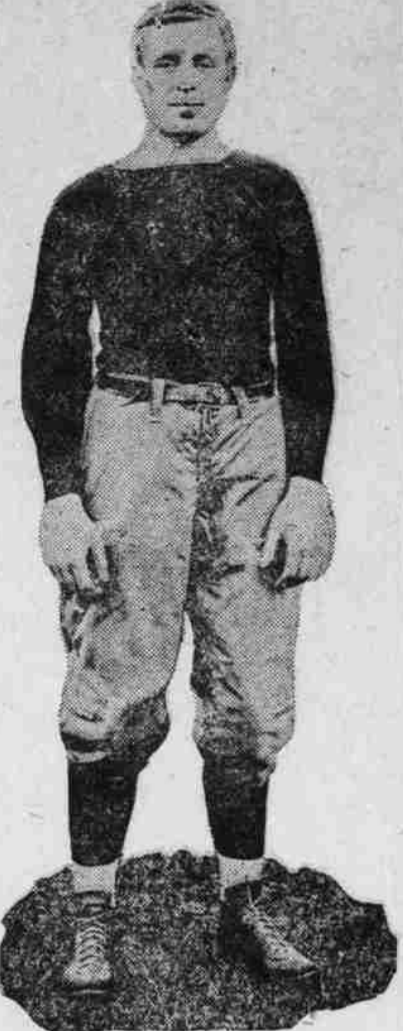
The result of this mistake was that the lonely Cornell's found a number of new and agreeable friends, and the nine bachelors discovered another hospitable door open to them in Villa Heights.

In a few years, when the nine were married and went to live in stuccoed and red-tiled houses at Villa Heights, they formed a baseball club, and, of course, they were called "the House Warmers."

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SUPPLY OF LIVE STOCK INCREASES

The Portland Union Stock Yards Company reports as follows:

Receipts for the week are: cattle 1996; calves 10; hogs 4575; sheep 4683; horses and mules 70.

Cattle buyers have come to the realization that there was not a wide enough spread in the prices applying to good cattle and the ordinary qualities. There has been a tendency to pay fully as much for cows and butcher stuff as for top steers. Competition in the butcher line has occasioned this to some extent but there is an expressed tendency as shown by the prices prevailing through last week to make a greater difference between good and inferior quality. Top steers showed little or no change. The market, however, showed a difference of from 15 to 25c. There were those who claimed that there was 10 to 15c less for top quality steers. There was a more liberal supply last week and buyers had better opportunity to carry out their intentions.

The hog market remained about stationary. Quality considered, sellers got as good prices for their hogs as they did the week before.

The sheep market was about steady. There were some claims of weakness but the general market does not bear this out.

STRAWBERRIES ATTRACT IN OREGON CITY MARKET

The local market Monday was quiet. There is little change in the price of apples. More pears than usual were offered and they brought good prices. Strawberries grown by Mr. Kuppenbender at Clairmont, about two miles from this city, were on sale at the Seeley grocery, the retail price being 15 cents. They were delicious and attracted much attention. Good tomatoes at 65 and 75 cents were in the market. There is a big supply of pumpkins in the market for the Halloween season. Grapes are plentiful. This will probably be the last week for peaches.

Prevailing Oregon City prices are as follows:

DRIED FRUITS—(Buying), Prunes on basis 6 to 8 cents.

HIDES—(Buying), Green hides 6c to 7c; salted 7c; dry hides 12c to 14c; sheep pelts 30c to 35c each.

EGGS—Oregon ranch eggs 35 and 38 cents case count.

FEED—(Selling), Shorts \$27; bran \$25; process barley \$35 per ton.

FLOUR—\$4.80 to 5.50.

POTATOES—New, about 50c to 60c per hundred.

POULTRY—(Buying)—Hens 11c; spring 13c, an droosters 8c.

HAY—(Buying), Clover at \$9 and \$10; oat hay best \$11 and \$12; mixed \$10 to \$12; alfalfa \$15 to \$16.50; Idaho timothy \$20; whole corn \$40; cracked \$41.

OATS—\$26; wheat \$1.05 bushel; oil meal selling about \$55; Shay Brook dairy feed \$1.30 per hundred pounds.

Butter, Poultry, Eggs.

BUTTER—(Buying), Ordinary country butter 30c and 35c; fancy dairy 30c roll.

Livestock, Meats.

BEEF—(Live Weight), Steers 5 1-2c and 6 1-4c; cows 4 1-2 and 5c; bulls 3 1-2c.

MUTTON—Sheep 3c to 5c.

PORK—10 1-2c and 11c.

VEAL—Calves 12c to 13c dressed, according to grade.

CHICKENS—11c.

MOHAIR—33c to 35c.

Fruits

APPLES—70c and \$1; peaches 50c and 65c; crab apples 2c lb.

VEGETABLES

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COURAGE. Many a man has died up in a little wayside opportunity merely because he lacked the courage to acknowledge to himself that his judgment had landed him in the wrong spot. Fortune disdains mere ability; brain is nothing without bravery. The man who can be thrashed by a sneer has retreated before he is defeated.—Herbert Kaufman.

EAGLE CREEK. Twenty young men of Eagle Creek organized an athletic club with W. Smith as president, Clarence O'Neil as vice-president, Willie Still, secretary and M. C. Glover, treasurer. The Ladies Aid of Eagle Creek is very busy getting ready for their bazaar which will be held November 22, 1912.

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