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A Lawyer and A Simpleton

By M. QUAD

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When old John Cairnes, villager, died he left his son, Peter, twenty five years old. The wife and mother had been dead for many years. Old John was not exactly a miser, but he was known as a money saver. From the time he was a boy, when he met with an accident, Peter was the simpleton of the village and a butt of ridicule, though he had been known as a bright child for the first few years. The doctors said there was something pressing on the brain and that an operation would do things all right, but the father balked at the cost, and so Peter remained a simpleton. It was only when the old man came to die that he regretted his stinginess and neglect and said to the lawyer who drew the will:

"Everything goes to Peter. He's simple minded, but he will get along. I ought you to advise him and be a good father. People think I've got a lot of money, but that's all nonsense. You can tell Peter, however, that there's something hidden away in the house that he'll come across some day and appreciate."

Lawyers are entirely human outside of a courtroom. That hidden treasure had the same effect on Attorney Henderson as it would have had on a plumber or blacksmith. Just where in the house was it concealed? Was it in gold or greenbacks? Was it \$10,000 or double the sum? And wasn't it a shame that it should go to a simpleton, whose wants were already supplied?

The more the lawyer argued and reasoned with himself the more reasonable it looked that he should come into possession of that treasure. He felt that he could even convince a judge and jury of the fact. Within three months he was scheming. He called at the house now and then to see Peter. The young man seldom left the parlor. He made garden, chored about the place and went to bed with the hens. It was easy to make an excuse to get him out of the house for an hour or two. Then the lawyer instituted a search. He made three of them and found nothing—not that the treasure wasn't there, but because there are scores and scores of hiding places in any house. These vain searches convinced Mr. Henderson that he should come into legal possession of the house, so that he might pull it to pieces if necessary.

In pulling it there would be work provided for the simpleton. The lawyer would give him a certain sum of money and a gravel pit to boot. The money would draw interest and every load of gravel dug out would bring Peter 15 cents. Killing two birds with one stone, you see. Attorney Henderson even got the credit of being a philanthropist and humanitarian.

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Of course the simpleton was clay in the hands of the potter. He went to live with a family at so much per year, and he went to work in the gravel pit. The lawyer didn't rush things in making other searches. He waited for weeks. Then at odd times he systematized his work.

"Twas a queer thing that happened after awhile. Attorney Henderson read a treasure story in a magazine. It had many points similar to his. The heirs tore an old house down piece by piece in search of a miser's loot and then found it in the old clock on the mantel. The idea took root. None of the old furniture had been removed. The searcher went at it to inspect and overhaul. It took three more searches to bring success. Under the ragged cover of an old lounge on which Peter had sat and slept for years was found a tin type of the young man's mother. It was in a cardboard box, and in the handwriting of the father were a few lines explaining the identity of the picture and adding that it was a treasure to be valued more than money. After reading the lines the lawyer could not doubt that the find was what the old man referred to when on his dying bed.

There was no one present to listen to Attorney Henderson's "plea" when he decided that he had been sold and that he alone was responsible for the selling. It was doubtless a strong and able effort. He had paid full value for property he did not want, and the only consolation he had was in feeling that the gravel pit was more or less of a fraud. Simpleton Peter had plugged away at getting out gravel, but had met with loam and sand instead. He was about to abandon his labors when the irony of fate showed its hand. The whole village was jumped out of its boots one afternoon when he rushed along the main street swinging his hat and shouting. As he rushed back again he was followed by a crowd. He led it to the gravel pit and to a small stout box he had unearthed. When the box was broken open it was found to contain \$25,000 in English sovereigns, buried during the Revolutionary war.

The crowd first cursed Peter for his luck. Then it cheered him and bore him in triumph—all but one of the crowd. Attorney Henderson had the tin type of a homely old woman, dead for years, and the simpleton had a box of gold from a played out gravel pit!

Which same is a true story, and the moral of it, as near as the author can make out, is that, while one sharp man may get the better of another, neither one of them can always get the better of a fool.

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ITALIAN SLAYER CAUGHT AT SPOKANE

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CAUGHT INSIDE OF TWENTY DAYS

Clever Piece of Work Lands Thomas Debenedetto Behind Bars

Through a clever piece of work Thomas Debenedetto, who killed Oatalto Manzarro at Cornelius, supposedly on the night of Jan. 5, was landed in the toils of the law at Spokane, Monday, and brought to the county jail by Sheriff Hancock. As soon as the crime was known to the officers, Sheriff Hancock went to Portland and found out that all Italians had their foreign mail sent to Chicago in care of an Italian bank. He wired the Chief of Police of Chicago to visit the bank and see if the murderer had mail there. The chief soon wired Hancock that Debenedetto had written the bank to hold his mail until further notice. Later the bank received notice that the fugitive had written to send his mail to Spokane, Wash., and Hancock at once wired the chief of police of that city. Debenedetto called for his mail the first of the week, and was taken into custody. Hancock left Monday evening for Spokane, and had no trouble over extradition. Debenedetto has admitted the slaying, but claims he did it in self defense.

The condition of the body does not indicate that Debenedetto will have an easy time to sustain the self defense theory, as the victim's skull was crushed in by a blow from a mallet, and the wound penetrated the base of his skull.

The slayer is a young fellow in his twenties, and the two men had been working on the S. P. section, and lived together in a boxcar, where the killing was effected. The prisoner talks fair English. He will doubtless be indicted and tried at the March term of circuit court.

John Schlegel, of near Banks, was in the city yesterday, and called on the Argus. His daughter, Miss Rose Schlegel, is visiting relatives in Illinois and Indiana.

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