

JOLLY OLD UNCLE JOSH

And His Generosity Towards His Newly Married Niece.

A REALISTIC Romance of Astoria in Which a Number of Prominent Business Men Take a Very Conspicuous Part.

Copyright, by W. S. Guthrie. "Miss Summers—Polly—I—J—date I—" But the speaker took a header over his own words...

And to this day the young man will insist that he popped the question. All this happened away "down east," and it wasn't long before there was a wedding...

A few weeks subsequent to the above conversation a travel-stained party arrived in Astoria. Our friend, Uncle Josh, was in charge and he led the party straightway to the Occident hotel.

"After breakfast," said the old man, I am ready to buy your outfit, but first I must take you for a drive. To expedite matters I will call up W. J. Cook, manager for H. F. Prael & Co., and have him send us a rig.

"Having already provided a cage for the bird," said Uncle Josh, "now the first thing we'll look after will be the furnishings for it. Hereupon Polly energetically declared that she had heard so much about Chas. Helborn & Son, that she had decided to go there.

"Then, Uncle, there's the question of carpets, too, you know," quoth Polly. "You haven't said a word about carpets yet." "Yes, yes so," replied Uncle Josh, "it does beat all how you folks can think of things, but I tell you it won't take me long to think of the store for carpets. Fact is, we're in it right now.

"A pretty good start," said the old man, "and now we'll go to the Eclipse Hardware Co.'s big stove store where Polly's housewifely instincts will have full play in marvels of kitchen apparatus.

"Now, how about the plumber, Uncle?" inquired Polly. "You remember you said that you would see somebody for that." "Yes so, yes so; and we shan't have any bother do the work, either. I'll have a talk with W. C. Laws about it, because he tends to the Eclipse Hardware Co.'s plumbing department.

"But, look here, Uncle," interrupted the young man as they approached the street. "What about coal? We've got the stoves, but I reckon they won't be of much service without fuel. We can't keep five coals on us."

"Well, what my Charley," laughed Uncle Josh, "where in the name of creation did you get that rope? That's about the worst weed that ever came in contact with my olfactory nerves; and I guess the next station we hit will be a better stop at it will be Will Madison's cigar store, where you can get a gentleman's smoke.

"Meantime Polly was noticed to be looking very wistfully across the street toward Peterson & Brown's shoe store. "Oh, goodness me," she ejaculated. "I see they sell the Sorosis shoe and I've heard so much about that shoe that I must have a pair."

"Yum, yum," laughingly escaped Polly's rosy lips, as she glanced into Hoelzer's attractive confectionery store. "Uncle, you know I've got a sweet tooth, and those home-made candies look so nice I just can't resist the temptation to go in."

"Woman like, Polly was discussing the matter of how she would arrange her new house, and was interrupted by Uncle Josh. "And these house fixin's remind me," said he, "that you haven't got your dishes yet. The most famous stock in extent, quality and completeness is at the Great American Importing Tea Co.'s.

"Oh, say, Uncle," Polly, "can I go for any goods? This dress is hardly suitable. I must admit." "Well, my girl, I've seen you select from one of the most popular establishments in the city. I will direct you to the A. Dunbar Co., who carry a stock of dress goods that for variety and real value is seldom seen outside the largest metropolitan cities.

"At this point, somewhat to the confusion of Charley, the old man indulged in a half serious criticism of his personal appearance. "You are decidedly out of style for a townsman," said he, "and we'd better go see P. A. Stokes about some new duds. He is an up-to-date man, who understands the changing styles and is noted for good taste."

Emerging from Stokes, Uncle Josh happened to think of some business at the postoffice, and the trio started for that point, when "Halt," called the old

gentleman, as they came in front of the Eagle Drug Store. "Walk right in," he commanded. "Why, Uncle, we're not sick, and—" "Gues I know that," replied Uncle Josh. "But I s'pect it won't be unreasonably long before this young man begins to take an interest in matters of pars—" "Gee—lee!" reprovingly interrupted his nephew. "We'll go anyway. Polly may find some toilet articles she wants. Sure enough, before leaving she was loaded down with combs, brushes, face powder, and ounces upon ounces of the imported perfumes.

"But say, Uncle, is there a good decorator in town?" "We've almost forgotten it," said Polly. "Yes so, yes so, and you just mention it in time, for right over there, colored the firm of B. F. Allen & Son is. That firm has resided home adornment to a beautiful science and the good part of it is, they don't want all the money a fellow's got either. And talk about wall paper, they have an unequalled stock—a thousand and one different kinds."

"After this visit, Uncle Josh suggested a resort to some place of refreshment. At the table the old man waxed philosophical. "Never neglect your larder," said he. "That important adjunct to housekeeping controls muscular temper. To that extent you must patronize a fresh meat store, where you can depend for honest goods. Through a long term of years I have found A. V. Allen, wholesale and retail, perfectly reliable. You will find him a careful dealer, always fully stocked with every possible thing in the line of staple and fancy groceries, fresh and first-class, to shelf-worn goods there, while the prices are as low as the market. To keep peace in the family get all your groceries of A. V. Allen."

"While Uncle Josh was pondering where to go next, Polly suddenly asked: "Uncle, where can I find the leading millinery establishment?" "Just a few doors up Eleventh street," remarked Uncle Josh, "and we will visit Mrs. Ross who, by the way, has on hand one of the complete stocks of millinery to be found in the city. You can get what you want there, the latest styles and lowest prices bring her motto. Mrs. Ross' good experience guarantees that when you have purchased of her you have done the thing according to fashion and a satisfaction that your work has been done by a competent artist."

"And now, young man, let me give you a pointer," remarked the generous old uncle. "Do not understand me to say that clothes make the man, but I do affirm that clean and spotless linen makes the nice appearing man. Now in this connection I am happy to inform you that the City Steam Laundry is one of the best in the state. Polly will want fresh face curtains and shirt-waists done. It's ketchik job, you know, but the City Laundry is so very careful that the most delicate fabrics are washed without the slightest injury and at a nominal cost, too. R. Schimpterman, the proprietor, will see that your collars, cuffs and shirts are made white as snow unless they happen to be colored, but then you needn't be afraid of a fade, for he prides himself on doing the best quality of work."

"Law sakes!" suddenly exclaimed Uncle Josh, "all this trading and shopping round town has caused me to forget one of the greatest essentials to future existence. I have heard it said that newly married folks could live on love and scenery, but an old man of experience knows better—you'll find that would look without much profit. It goes in hand with the other. Now to locate a meat market where you can get fresh, wholesome meats at all times, and I don't hesitate to say that Christensen & Company is the firm to supply you. Come down with me and I'll introduce you to W. H. Walker, the manager. This is the boss market in the city and is popular with everybody who is particular to have the best. The reason for this is all because they are careful in the selection of stock, getting the best of everything and keep it fresh on cold storage. To keep your 'hobby' in a good humor, Polly, trade at Christensen & Co.'s, 518 Commercial St."

"Yes, and while we're on this important topic of gastronomy," continued Uncle Josh, "we must not forget 'sea food,' and there is no article of food consumption that needs to be so absolutely perfect as this. And in this connection I am happy to say that good honest, fresh clams, oysters, poultry, eggs or game may be had of W. E. Smith, at the Astoria Fish Market, telephone 1211. So when you are looking for some delicacy for company, just call up W. E. Smith and if you are not perfectly satisfied with what he furnishes you then your Uncle Josh is in hand with the other. Now to locate a meat market where you can get fresh, wholesome meats at all times, and I don't hesitate to say that Christensen & Company is the firm to supply you. Come down with me and I'll introduce you to W. H. Walker, the manager. This is the boss market in the city and is popular with everybody who is particular to have the best. The reason for this is all because they are careful in the selection of stock, getting the best of everything and keep it fresh on cold storage. To keep your 'hobby' in a good humor, Polly, trade at Christensen & Co.'s, 518 Commercial St."

"When the trio reached home "that tired feeling" seemed to come over them all, all at once, and Uncle Josh admitted that he, for one, was just about "tuckered out." Charley took advantage of this condition to remark: "Now, uncle, you have been very kind and I kinder hate to speak of anything else, but say, can you recommend some good beer—for medicine purposes of course?" "Why, certainly, my boy," laughed the old man, "that is easy. The doctors all recommend John Kopp's brewer—that is an absolutely rare and valuable article here at home, and I always did believe in patronizing home industry, especially when the article desired is better than outside makes, and nobody disputes that John Kopp's beer is strictly first class. I'll telephone for a case right away," he said.

"Upon summing up the wonderful events of the day Polly began to volubly express her thanks. "You have bought us everything that we needed. 'Only one thing,' replied Uncle Josh, reflectively, "but I can remedy that. Chas. Helborn & Son, the furniture firm, always has a nice line of them and you can get one whenever you want it. I'll pay for the best." "W-h-y," exclaimed Polly, with great surprise. "Uncle, what can it be?" "Well, it's a baby carriage, and—" but Polly had fainted.

PLAYED INDIAN.

Boy Tied to a Stake and Burned to Death.

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 6.—Eddie McBride, 10 years old, died today from burns received while playing "Indian" with companions. McBride was tied to a stake and his clothing saturated with gasoline and then ignited. The boy broke loose and ran screaming to his home, where he died.

STEAMERS FROM NOME.

SEATTLE, Oct. 6.—Two hundred and thirty-three Alaska and British Yukon passengers came on the steamers Humboldt and Al Ki, which arrived from the north today.

ANOTHER ASSASSINATION.

Italian Kills Brother of the President of Brazil.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—A dispatch to the Herald from Rio de Janeiro says: Colonel Campos Salles, brother of the president of Brazil, has been assassinated in Sao Paulo by an Italian farmer named Angel Sungeretti. President Salles will not postpone his visit to Buenos Ayres on account of the bereavement. He will arrive in Buenos Ayres on October 24, and will remain there until October 30.

ANITA FLOATED.

Is Uninjured and Has Taken on Her Cargo Again.

TILLAMOOK, Oct. 6.—The gasoline schooner Anita, which went ashore at Nesterua last Saturday, was floated yesterday. She is uninjured and has taken on her cargo again.

PUGILIST KILLED.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 6.—The stallion Cresson trotted a mile in 2:04 at Cleveland, making a new world's record.

MONTANA TICKET CHANGED.

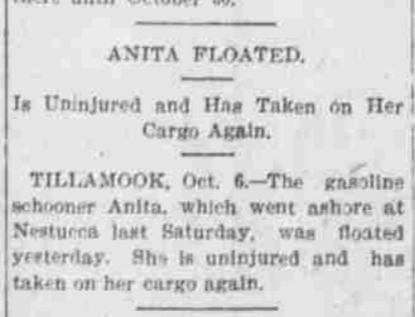
HELENA, Mont., Oct. 6.—Patrick Carney, the Democratic and Populist candidate for presidential elector, has been taken off the ticket by the respective state central committees, and S. R. Buford substituted.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

When a few months more shall have passed, we will stand at the very threshold of the twentieth century, and the nineteenth will be a thing of the past. It will, however, be known as the century of invention and discovery, and among some of the greatest of the century's inventions mention Hoesel's Stomach Bitters, the celebrated remedy for all ailments arising from a disordered stomach, such as dyspepsia, indigestion, flatulency, constipation, and biliousness. It has been one of the greatest of the century's inventions during the past fifty years as a health builder. Many physicians recommend it. Take their advice, try a bottle and be convinced, but be sure to get the genuine with a Green Revenue Stamp over the neck of the bottle.

Rheumatism

Rheumatic pains are the cries of protest and distress from tortured muscles, aching joints and excited nerves. The blood has been poisoned by the accumulation of waste matter in the system, and can no longer supply the pure and health sustaining food they require. The whole system feels the effect of this acid poison; and not until the blood has been purified and brought back to a healthy condition will the aches and pains cease.



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PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 6.—Steve Flanagan, ex-champion bantam-weight of America, who collapsed last night at Industrial hall during a fight with Jimmy Devine, died at the hospital to-night. He did not regain consciousness after his collapse. Devine and his seconds are under arrest.

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