

WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT

A Story With a Moral—Get It!
By Mollie Brunk

Scrooge was as dead as Marley, and Marley was as dead as a doornail—he even had a ghost. Scrooge had no ghost, but he had two spirits, one the Spirit of the Past and one the Spirit of the Future. The Spirit of the Past came back to earth and lived in the person of Scrooge II. Scrooge II lived for nothing, save his business, himself, and his daughter. (His loves were in the order named.) No business on earth was worth the time and attention that Scrooge gave his; but his daughter—well that was another thing entirely. Scrooge's daughter was beautiful, sweet, kind, in a word charming; she was everything that Scrooge was not, and Scrooge idolized her. But every gift and luxury that he bestowed upon her was wrung from some poor soul. Scrooge didn't care a rap whether that soul was a poor widow, with a big family, nor whether the widow was sick. No sir! Scrooge would have his pound!

Oh! But he was a tight-fisted hand at the grindstone, was Scrooge! A squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner! External heat and cold had little influence on him. No warmth could warm him, no cold could chill him. No wind that blew was bitterer than he, no falling snow was more intent upon his purpose, no pelting rain less open to entreaty. The heaviest rain and snow and hail and sleet, could boast of the advantage over him in only one respect,—they often "came down" handsomely, and Scrooge never did.

Nobody ever stopped him in the street to say, with gladsome looks "My dear Scrooge, how are you? When will you come to see me?" No beggars implored him to bestow a trifle, no children asked him what time it was by his watch, no man or woman ever once in his life inquired that way to such and such a place, of Scrooge. Even the blind men's dogs appeared to know him; and when they saw him coming would wag their tails in doorways and up courts; and they would wag their tails as though they said, "No eye at all is better than an evil eye dark master!"

But what did Scrooge care! It was the very thing he liked. To edge his way along the crowded paths of life, warning all humanly sympathy to keep its distance, was what the knowing ones called "nuts" to Scrooge.

Scrooge II lived in the town of What-does-it-matter. One day as he sat in his place of business two men came in. They were his fellow townsmen, but there was no feeling of fellowship between the three. "We are out," said one of the men, "to solicit for a new General Hospital. We—"

"Are there no hospitals here?"

"Yes, but they are a disgrace. The city has outgrown them. What shall we put you down for?"

"Nothing!"

"You wish to be anonymous?"

"I wish to be let alone. Since you ask me what I wish, gentlemen, that is my answer. We have got along very well without putting on airs over a

new hospital—"

"But the old ones are entirely inadequate. Many deaths resulted from the flu last year, because there was no place in which people could be cared for."

"Let them die then; they had better do it and decrease the surplus population."

The conversation was broken into by the timid voice of Scrooge's little clerk: "I feel that I want to give something to this fund." He handed a small sum to one of the solicitors.

Scrooge glared at him. "Ah," said he, "so you're getting so much money you don't know what to do with it all eh? If that's the case, I'll cut your wages down!"

"But I—"

"Let me hear another sound from you, and you'll lose your situation."

The men let themselves out, glad to escape from Scrooge's presence.

Time went on, and a second epidemic of the flu struck the town. Suddenly, one day, out of a clear sky, Scrooge's beautiful daughter was stricken. Scrooge was frantic. He summoned the town's best doctor, but he was already overburdened, and one life was as valuable to him as another. He did his best to aid Scrooge in finding a nurse, but there was none to be had, and the hospitals were already overcrowded.

Scrooge's beautiful daughter slipped down into the Valley of the Shadow, and passed on to the Haven of Hearts Content.

Scrooge was wild with his grief. The words of the doctor kept ringing in his ears: "If we had the new hospital that the city is trying to raise money for, your daughter need not have died."

Scrooge got out onto the street, and he went straight as a bee to the Commercial Club. He passed into a small room, where several business men, sacrificing time from their work, were taking in subscriptions for the General Hospital. "How much do you lack?" asked Scrooge.

"Forty thousand dollars," said one of the men, dumbfounded to see Scrooge there.

"Sign me up for that amount!" said Scrooge.

Artisans Will Frolic Tonight

A special program, providing one of the best times ever had at their meetings, has been provided for the meeting tonight of Capital Assembly No. 34, United Artisans, at the Odd Fellows' hall, Court and High streets. The meeting begins at eight o'clock, and all Artisans and their friends are invited to attend.

This evening is "prospect night" for the lodge. All persons who contemplate becoming members, or have been approached on the matter, are invited to come and see what social times are enjoyed by the members.

It is expected that reports on ticket sales for the big Artisan Drill Girls' team dance, at the Armory, April 7, will be made at this meeting.

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constantly being marred by unsightly little blemishes. No doubt you attribute them to something wrong with your blood—but authorities on the skin now agree that in the great majority of cases, these blemishes are caused by bacteria and parasites that are carried into the pores from outside, through dust and fine particles in the air.

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BURNED WOMAN DIES
Oakland, Cal., Mar. 11.—Mrs. Johanna House died this morning from burns received when her clothing caught fire at a lodge meeting she was attending last evening. Mrs. House approached a heating device in the Eastern Star hall and the evening gown she was wearing caught fire.

PERSHING WILL INSPECT CANAL ZONE DEFENSES
Washington, Mar. 11.—General Pershing will leave about March 23 for the Panama canal zone to inspect the military defenses there. This will constitute the last lap of his inspection tour of the nation's military posts. He will be away two or three weeks.

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