

ABREVIATION OF PAPER

By HJALMAR HJORTH ROYSEN.

CHAPTER VI



"What can the young man do?"

The grocer reappeared presently in his holiday attire of black broadcloth, and with the silk hat set askew upon his head.

Gunnar did not dare to ask the question which was troubling on his lips. Who was this Mr. Norman? Surely not his father.

"How much?" asked Norman quickly. "I have no time for fooling. And please give me a respite now. I think I've earned it."

"What can the young man do?" he asked in a matter of fact tone, turning to Lawson.

"That's the same as to say that he can do nothing."

"I reckon that he can earn his board and lodging, and that is about all he expects to do for the present."

"You may well say so; and he was born in the state of Minnesota."

warranted. He had not gained identity at the big railroad map which covered one wall of the office while Lawson and Norman settled his fate, being unable to comprehend their language. It was a relief to him to follow the thick red lines across the continent, interlocking with thinner red lines.

"You are not a bad workman," Gunnar blushed with pleasure. He had never heard Mr. Norman praise any one before.

"Have you any brothers?" asked the chief, after a while, as he laid down the metal.

"No, I have neither brothers nor sisters."

"And your parents, are they dead?"

"My mother is alive, but my father is dead. Yes, I suppose so. And you had to go out into the world to earn your living. I suppose you send part of your earnings to your mother?"

"Yes, as much as I can spare."

"That's right. That is what I like to hear."

"About a week after this conversation Mr. Norman again passed in front of Gunnar's bench. 'How much do you pay for your board?' he asked.

"Five dollars a week."

any to see him now and then, as Gunnar had his English. One day, when the bell had rung and all the other hands were hurrying away, Gunnar was so engrossed in a delicate piece of work which had been entrusted to him that he could not tear himself away.

"I live alone. If you will take a room in my house you may pay for it by extra work which I will give you, mostly copying and mechanical drawing. You'll then be able to send five dollars more every week to your mother."

"But do you think, sir, that I'll be able to do that kind of work?"

"Leave that to me. I know what I am about."

"Well, do as you like. You may give me your answer to-morrow."

When he got home that night Gunnar expected to be praised for his self-denial in refusing the rich man's invitation, for he hoped Mr. Norman might create a debt of regard for her that he had forgotten so great an advantage. But to his surprise the young lady called him a dunce, and told him almost in so many words that in looking out for his own interest he also served her. She felt apparently so sure of him that she was many times tempted to risk the proposition. It was of herself she was in doubt, but this she could easily dispel by a series of business like questions which she had confided to her.

By getting Mr. Norman in his power of whom he had the better chance when living in the city, she could easily see that he would be a valuable asset to her. She had the gift of a man, and would allow no foolish molasses sentiment to interfere with his plan. When he had ascertained beyond the shadow of doubt that Mr. Norman was just what she needed, she was his property. He must then threaten disclosure and make the best terms possible for plugging himself to silence.

It is said to the credit of her hero that he rebelled against this project. It was justice he wanted, justice for his beloved, serving money who had not earned it out of her life's happiness by this man's duplicity and cruelty. To make money out of such a transaction seemed to him soiled, less, infamous. He came near quarreling outright with Matilda, who with all her cleverness was not clever enough to discover that she had made a fatal mistake in allowing him to slip a glimpse into her hard and necessary little heart. She had to resort to tears and caresses in order to obliterate the impression, whereupon she overwhelmed him with reproaches for having thought her capable of the very scheme which she had so faithfully followed. And, as she had a mother, she kissed him and begged her forgiveness for having misunderstood her; and imagined that very likely his intellect was not sufficiently subtle to comprehend the fine gradations of resentment which were in her mind.

On the whole, however, she was not so much to be pitied as she seemed. She was a woman of the world, and she knew that she had repeatedly hinted at it in her presence, and though her curiosity had been vaguely piqued she had failed to rise to the occasion. She treated his mysterious allusions as if she only half believed them, and replied to his dark observations with an absent minded vivacity which tried him sorely. He felt at last that his self respect compelled him to reveal the plot of which he was both victim and author. He was irritated beyond all endurance, and armed with a morbid satisfaction the sensation he would make when he should explode his bomb. But here he was again disappointed. The shrewd Matilda betrayed no great astonishment. He saw by the glance she gave him under her long lashes that she thought he was romancing, but was too considerate to tell him so. He had then no choice but to produce his proof, and when Matilda finally had no choice but to believe him he could no longer charge her with indifference.

She betrayed an alacrity and an indignation on his behalf which were extremely flattering. He felt with gratified vanity how immensely he had risen in her esteem. Unphilosophical though he was he observed that she dressed with more care for their lessons and exerted all her arts to please in a way which formerly would never have occurred to her. It was an intoxication of bliss to feel at her side on her sofa, while her hair grazed his cheek and her hand sometimes by some vagrant impulse stole into his, and at such moments his fancy would conjure up the sweet face of Ingerid with tearful eyes and lips quivering in infantine distress, and the sense of his own baseness would overwhelm him with remorse.

UNION PACIFIC RY. OVERLAND ROUTE. Trains for the East leave Portland, 7:00 A. M. and 9:00 P. M. Tickets sent from principal points in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

FREE COLONIST SLEEPING CAR Run Through on Express Trains. OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS, KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO, & ST. LOUIS.

Northern Pacific R. R. Great Overland Route. TWO FAST TRAINS DAILY! NO CHANGE OF CARS! Shortest Line to Chicago. And all points East via ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS.

O. C. T. Co's STEAMERS. Altona - Latona. Oregon City & Portland. DAILY LINE. LEAVE PORTLAND, LEAVE OREGON CITY.

THE YAQUINA ROUTE. Oregon Pacific Railroad. T. E. HOGG, Receiver. OREGON DEVELOPMENT CO'S STEAMERS. SHORT LINE TO CALIFORNIA.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

Watches & Diamonds. Eleventh Annual. PLEDGE SALE. OF. Watches & Diamonds.

WHAT. About the biggest returns ever made on a small investment is that reported by John Alexander, of Mariposa, Cal.

OREGON CITY IRON WORKS, LOAKE & PROSSER, Proprietors. Manufacturers, and Dealers in all kinds of Machinery.

CASTINGS furnished and REPAIRS promptly made. PORTLAND PRICES.

DR. ABORN. THE SUCCESSFUL PNEUMONIC. FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT POSSIBLY CALL FOR A DOCTOR.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., Dec. 21, 1891.

THE APHRODISIAC. For sale by Charman & Co. Druggists, Oregon City, Or.

THE APHRODISIAC. For sale by Charman & Co. Druggists, Oregon City, Or.

THE APHRODISIAC. For sale by Charman & Co. Druggists, Oregon City, Or.

THE APHRODISIAC. For sale by Charman & Co. Druggists, Oregon City, Or.

THE APHRODISIAC. For sale by Charman & Co. Druggists, Oregon City, Or.

THE APHRODISIAC. For sale by Charman & Co. Druggists, Oregon City, Or.

THE APHRODISIAC. For sale by Charman & Co. Druggists, Oregon City, Or.