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## Ralpa and the "Stop" Sign

By MYRTA A. LITTLE  
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This story is going to be about a girl and a railroad—and a few other things.  
Ralpa Thomas—the girl through school, and home in Brenton, living on the sleepy, beautiful street with colonial houses on both sides, had been wishing for two things with a vengeance.

The things hadn't come, but the Eastern Branch railroad had, suddenly. It had also bought and paid for its right to cross Brenton's aristocratic thoroughfare, staid old families notwithstanding, and in so doing had incidentally and quite unconsciously tied itself up with Ralpa Thomas's two wishes.

First, Ralpa wanted something to happen, anything 'most, from a balloon ascension to a new kind of cereal; and second, Ralpa wanted to prove somehow that she could do something besides eat, sleep, look pretty, and play lady for her doting father and mother. So, she went hunting, found something interesting—unusually interesting—made plans, and put them up to her father, with results as follows:  
"It's preposterous! A Brenton Thomas doing such a thing! Why, it's worse than your last threat to act for moving pictures!" said father, his fingers meeting precisely over patched knees. Ralpa plumped herself on the patches.

"It's not fair to lose all the fun on earth because you're a Brenton Thomas, dad," she pleaded.  
"Have you spoken to your mother about it?"  
"Mother said it was a joke, and I'd soon get over it. She said nobody but men—er—tended railroad crossings, anyway. I won't get over it, though. Henry Jones, the crossing man, can't work—any longer, men are scarce—and—"

"Here I have looked forward to your marriage to some prosperous—let us say, writer, and now you're darning to think of being a—crossing tender!" groaned the squire.  
"Exactly!" beamed Ralpa. "A crossing tender. Sit in the dinky little crossing house by the hot little stove. Then when the train whistles, dash out and hold up the sign with 'Stop' on it."

"Stop!" said Squire Thomas.  
"Exactly," said Ralpa. "Stop everything that's likely to get in the train's way. It isn't as if there were lots of trains, either, I'd be on duty at seven, off at seven at night. Time off at noon. Nice salary. Bigger later, maybe, if—well, if—" Ralpa had the grace to blush, though at the time her father did not know why she blushed.  
Father tried another tack. "You do not consider the lives that would be in your hands, Ralpa. You are flippancy. You'd have to do more than listen for whistles. What that young Jones put such notions into your head for—"

"Henry Jones is all right!" said Ralpa Thomas, emphatically.  
"What did he leave his crossing job for, then? Good job—for him! What did he come to Brenton for in the first place? Where did he come from?"  
Ralpa evaded the question. "Oh, please, dad," she pleaded. "Let me—just try."

"No, Ralpa, no!"  
But, being Ralpa, she did, of course. In fact, in a couple of days Squire Thomas found himself telling two of his friends that daughter thought it would be an interesting experiment, the authorities considered her dependable, a godsend as it were, and so—on and on. So all Brenton was converted, thought it was a jolly idea, liked to see the bright-haired girl holding the black and white "Stop," at the little crossing, and called at the little gray house and told her so.

Ralpa was happy as a June day. The signals were magic things, the green and red and white lights that pricked the darkness, the round flare of the engine like a great sunburst out of nowhere, the tapering threads of track, the puffs of smoke and steam with the sunlight playing on them, the shrieks of the whistle, the big healthy rumble and roar, the hurrying folks, waving their hands, maybe, from hundreds of passing windows. Oh, it was great! It got into Ralpa's blood, just the way it had been intended that it should.

And, at the very start, the man appeared. He had a brand new office in the city five miles from Brenton, and a home in the country, three miles north. He drove a brave, trusty car that slid through the snow like a friendly bob, and from the day Ralpa took up her new work, he always waited at that Brenton crossing, in the morning for the up accommodation to plod by, and in the evening for the down accommodation. Naturally, he talked with Ralpa, while she held the "Stop" sign, and afterwards. Gradually they made astonishing plans, as had also been intended. The man's name was Norton. He was large, dark, rich, had fascinating business connections, and was obviously interested in Ralpa Thomas. He brought her books to read. Ralpa was thrilled; read them from cover to cover. It wasn't all she did. Among other things she signed a contract. Oh, things were happening, all right.

"Good work," said the station agent to Ralpa, after the first month—not about Norton's plans, but about the way Ralpa tended the crossing.  
"Fine you got permission for this—other business, too!"  
"Sh-h!" warned Ralpa. "Mum! It's awfully good of the railroad, of course, but think of the boost it'll be for Brenton. And I'm not neglecting my crossing."  
The test-day came. It was afternoon, one minute before schedule time for the 5:10 express. It always passed the down accommodation at Brenton or between Brenton and the first station down the line. It would pass at Brenton tonight. Ralpa was ready for it standing erect, alert, the black "STOP" held firmly in her hands, a new tingle in her fingertips.  
Up to the street chugged the brave and trusty car that meant that Norton was, as usual, on time to wait for the down accommodation. Down the street, riding his white horse was Henry Jones. Ralpa stood straight and small, "Stop," held high above her head. The express shrieked at the first curve. Jones' horse reared, the brakes on Norton's car evidently refused to work. It was just as if all the perverse fates on earth were gathering right there round that brave "STOP," to see to it that Ralpa's wish came true, and something—happened.  
Something did!  
After it happened, presto. Squire Thomas himself descended on the scene. From the corner grocery he had been watching his daughter and Norton and the down accommodation more closely than anybody knew. Now he was right on hand, kicking the pieces of Norton's car out of the way, so he could get to Ralpa, and snatching her out of several men's arms with worthy vim. As a matter of fact, however, Ralpa didn't appear to be hurt, and she did appear mightily—surprised, to say the least.  
"O, dad, whatever did you have to turn up now for?" she groaned.  
"It's all Norton's fault," glowered father, meaning the accident.  
"I jumped," said Norton cheerfully.  
"Not a scratch."  
"Worse luck!" raved father. "That Jones chap's to blame, then. If he'd stuck to his job in the first place, Ralpa wouldn't—"  
"I've stuck, all right," said Henry Jones. "You bet. But we'll have to do this thing over again anyway. Squire. Just a test, for lights and things. Greatest thing ever. Aristocratic old town, railroad crossing main street, pretty girl crossing tender. Dandy night pictures we've got—train coming, Ralpa standing there, you bet! Tried crossing stunt myself, y'know, at first, so I could write my synopsis better. Norton here, director, new corporation in the city. This'll make a five reel, with all the other stuff we've—"  
Suddenly the Squire noticed a menacing click click from near by.  
"What's that?" he demanded.  
"Moving picture machine, of course. Camera man's still at it. Think we can use this for the real thing I guess. Been looking long time for an aristocratic father. Squire Thomas. You wouldn't—Oh, but, Ralpa said you wanted her to marry a prosperous writer. Great little actress she is. Hasn't she worked! Five year contract signed. Salary raised twice. You wouldn't mind being my father-in-law sometime—in a picture and in—real life—"  
"STOP!" thundered the Squire, but nobody seemed to hear him.

## POULTRY

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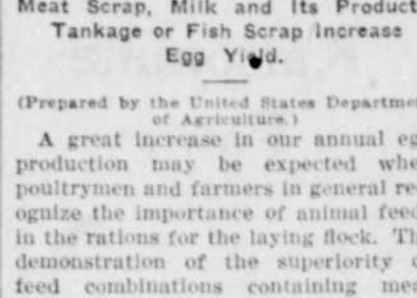
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