# THE STRIKE AT SHANE'S.

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CHAPTER IX.

The thoughts of the night vanished with the gleams of the rising sun, and the good resolutions that John Shane had made in his conversation with his wife were soon forgotten. The coming of day always meant more to him, and the habit of being up with the sun to engage in his daily toil was of such a fixed character that it angered him to think that he was confined to his bed. Edith's tenderness had led his fancy back twenty years, and he felt again the hopes that had inspired him in former years when Mary Malott became his wife; but the light of day brought back the thoughts of his business, and he was even a little ashamed that he had allowed himself to indulge in such thoughts and words as he did the night before.

The breath of mammon had dissipated the perfume of holiness that had penetrated his heart, and he was again the map of business, blinded by the glitter of gold, unable to see the beauties of a trusting wife and a loving daughter.

Time passed on until two weeks had elapsed since the accident, and the strike was strictly maintained by all the animals. Their lot had been a little easier since Shane had been confined to the house and they had only Tom to contend with, for Mike was not a hard-hearted fellow, but had only done the bidding of his employer. He never abused the dumb animals on the farm when he could avoid it.

"I'll tell ye, Tom," said Mike, one day, "let's try a little different plan wid thim horses, an' see if we can't build 'em up a bit."

"Bother the horses; they're goin' to destruction like everything else on the farm," said Tom.

"Be aisy, now, 'til I tell you how we'll do it. Let's clane out the stables, an' put clean straw in the stalls for beddin'. Thin we'll make a nice warm mash for 'em an' trate 'em like gintlemen, begorra, an' see if we can't put some life into 'em."

"You can try it if you want to, but I shan't fool away my time that way," said Tom.

"By your lave I'll thry that same plan mesilf, thin," said Mike.

Mike was as good as his word, and brought the horses up at night, and had bedding of nice clean straw for them to sleep on. He carried, brushed and rubbed them, until their neglected coats began to shine again. He saw that there were properly fed with good wholesome food, and closed the openings in the stable, that the night winds might not blow on them.

"What's up now, do you suppose?" said Dobbin, after Mike had gone away. "This begins to look like things were turning our way."

"I don't like favors coming from the hand of the enemy," said Dick.

"Let's go slow until we find out if there isn't some trick in it."

"Well, no matter what the cause of the change is, I'm going to get all the pleasure I can out of my improved condition for one night, anyhow," said the sorrel horse; and the gray mare said: "Them's my sentiments."

Mike followed up his plan by giving them the same attention the next day, and the horses began to think that a change had come for the better, but Dick maintained that it was because their old enemy, Shane, was laid up. Mike never was a cruel master, and he thought Mike was taking advantage of his employer's sickness to give them a little better treatment.

"Well, if Mike is going to be fair with us, let's be fair with him," said the sorrel. "I'm kind of tired of playing sick, anyhow."

"I don't object to working for anybody that will treat me fair," said Dick; "and if Mike is going to treat us right I am willing to work."

About this time Mike went up to the house to see Mr. Shane.

"Mornin' to ye, Misther Shane; an' how are ye this mornin'?" said Mike.

"Bad, Mike, still bad," said Shane; "everything is going to ruin on the place I suppose."

"Faith now an' they're not. I've been tindin' to thim horses mesilf for a few days; I'm tindin' to 'em regular, and ye ought to see the improvement in 'em. Why, they'll all be at work again in a few days."

"Well, that's some encouragement anyhow," said Shane. "What are you doing for the horses?"

"I'm just tratin' 'em like gintlemen. I'm doin' unto thim as I would have thim do unto me. I ain't much of a scholar, and maybe not so good a Christian as I ought to be, but I belave that's a good rule to go by. Just trate 'em kindly an' decently, an' that's the whole secret of it all. Just lave me alone wid 'em an' I'll have 'em at work in a few days."

Edith came in shortly after Mike took his leave.

"Good morning, Edie; I believe I feel a little better this morning," said Shane.

"I'm glad to hear that," said Edith. "I'll just open the windows so that you can see out. I'm afraid mamma is going to be sick; she is scarcely able to be up."

"Why, what is the matter with her?" inquired Shane. He had been so engrossed by his own selfish thoughts that he had not noticed that his wife was wearing out under the increased duties put upon her since his sickness.

Sure enough Mrs. Shane was taken sick that day, and Towser carried the news to the barnyard.

"Well now, that's bad," said Dobbin. "Some one of us will have to go for a doctor."

"I'll go," said Dick.

"I hope they'll take me," said the sorrel. "I am tired of staying at home, anyhow."

Mike was called up to go for a physician. "Time is money," he said, "an' I'll just take one of these horses. I wonther which one of the lazy rogues I'd better take."

Dick whinnied, as much as to say "I'll go."

"Ah! ye rogue, would ye thry yer ould thrick an' run away wid me? But ye're the fastest one of the lot, an' I'll thry ye anyhow."

He harnessed Dick, and hitched him to the buggy. Once in the highway, Dick skimmed over the ground like a bird and soon brought the physician to Mrs. Shane's bedside.

"It was just a case of overwork and lack of sleep," said the physician. "To much work in the day, and sitting up of nights, and all she needed was complete rest."

Mr. Tracy came over that day to see Shane.

"Things are worse than ever, now, neighbor Tracy," said Shane, and he related his new misfortune in his wife's sickness. "Why, I never thought about her overworkin' herself," he said.

"Well, if you'll allow me to speak plainly to you, neighbor Shane, you should have seen that your wife was breaking down under the strain of increased duties that have been put upon her since your sickness."

"I admit it," said Shane; "but I had so many things to think of that I never thought of it."

"Why, my dear friend, is there anything more important to you than the health and happiness of your family? The happiness of those who are dependent upon you should be the uppermost thought in your mind. The wife who has confided her life to your keeping should be the first in your thoughts."

"I really had not thought about her being overworked," said Shane.

"You have a false idea of the powers of endurance of both man and beast. There is limit to the physical endurance. You have the proof of that statement before you. Your wife is down sick from overwork, and your horses are disabled from the same cause."

"There, I don't agree with you," said Shane. "It's just a streak of bad luck I have struck, and I couldn't help it."

"If you would just stop and reason about the matters you would see in a different light. I don't want to intrude upon your private affairs, but I feel that it is my duty to present some things to you in the light I see them, for I think that you are blinded, and do not see things that are to your interest. You have sacrificed your own happiness and that of your family to get money, and what have you got in return? Why, nothing; while I, who have followed the other rule of seeking happiness, have more of this world's wealth than you have, and I do not want to say it with any thought of boasting."

"You are always lucky," said Shane.

"There is no luck about it," said Tracy. "The word of God is true, and if a man tries to follow its teachings I believe he will be prospered."

Edith had come in and sat down by Shane's bedside, and had taken his hands in hers.

"Papa," she said, "I think Mr. Tracy is right, and I wish you would heed his words."

"There is something peculiar about the condition of things here on the farm," continued Tracy, "which I am unable to understand; and while I don't think that God ever singles out one individual in which to inflict punishment, yet it does not seem to me that the situation of things here is a matter of chance. Why, if you have not noticed it I will call your attention to the fact that there is not a bird on your farm."

"Yes, papa; if you will just listen there is not a bird's voice to be heard, and they used to sing so sweet," said Edith. "It is so lonely without them, and makes me feel like some great misfortune is hanging over us."

"I think my attention has been called to their absence," said Shane; "but I thought I was lucky to get rid of 'em.

"Quite the contrary," said Tracy, it is the most unfortunate thing that has occurred to you. Those birds that you have been trying to kill all your life, and which you have succeeded in driving away, would have saved you crop, which has been destroyed by worms and insects. Why, there have been hundreds of them in my fields all the spring, and see what a fine prospect I have for a good crop. If you would take time to study these matters you would see that birds are one of the best gifts God has given us. They destroy immense numbers of insects that are injurious to trees and plants, and I think that all the vegetation on your farm shows the absence of what would be your best friends. Whether you drove them away or whether some superior intelligence directed their flight I cannot tell, but they are gone, and your farm is suffering from their absence."

"That is true, papa. The birds were your friends, and you drove them away," said Edith.

"There may be something in that," said Shane, half convinced; "an' I'll think about it."

"God gave us the beasts and birds for our use and benefit. He gave man dominion over them, and he has not withdrawn or changed his law; but he can remove them from our presence, as he has removed the birds from this farm. He can disable the dumb animals so that they cannot work for us, as is the case with your horses, although I think the condition of your horse is the result of overwork. You will have to admit that you have overworked your horses this spring. It is a remarkable fact that they all became afflicted at the same time, and one that I can't understand. You must realize, friend Shane, that horses have a physical construction similar to our own, and that their strength can be overtaxed the same as a man's, and if overwork will break down your wife's health, as you now see that it has, why will it not do the same to a horse?"

"I begin to see that I may have been mistaken in regard to these matters," said Shane, and Edith gave his hand an encouraging clasp.

"Why, kindness goes a long way with dumb brutes in helping them to bear up under hard work," continued Tracy, "and I fear that you haven't given your animals the encouragment of kind words even. Love and kindness are the powers that govern the world. You may control a horse by force for a while, but if he has any spirit it will break out sometime, and the horse by his superior strength will be master, as was the case with Dick when he ran away with you. Mike said he never saw a horse drive nicer than Dick did when he went after the doctor. Why, you wouldn't know your own horse, Shane, since Mike has been applying the 'golden rule' to them, as he says. If they keep on improving they will be at work again in a short time."

"Won't that be nice, papa?" said Edith.

"I just give you these points to think about, and when you get up put them into practice, and see if it don't prove more profitable than the old way. I'll get the neighbors together and we'll replant that corn and see if you can't make a crop yet. I'll send Cora over to help Edie with the work until you can get some one else. So good bye, friend Shane, and don't worry about your business, for your neighbors will help you out."

*[To be continued.]*

### Why Not Apply It to All?

After telling how important the sugar problem is to the people of Louisiana and that "the sugar producers of the country have no reason to regret the bargain they entered into with the Government, by which the duty on sugar was removed and the bounty substituted," the New Orleans Picayune goes on to say, "we have the bounty under a pledge from the Government that it should continue during a term of fourteen years, and it is extremely problematical if the country would consent to a resumposition of a sugar duty sufficiently liberal to afford the domestic sugar industry adequate Protection. The whole theory of the bounty is its allowance by the Government will enable the people to build up a domestic sugar industry which will in time supply the wants of American consumers, thus keeping at home the vast sums of money which are now annually sent abroad in payment for foreign sugar."

Now, why cannot the Picayune apply this philosophy to all the industries of the country? Why does it continue to almost whine for the possession of the thing it is positively fighting against?

The Picayune may take courage at the result of the recent elections. It means Protection to American industry throughout the entire land, and the friends of the Picayune will have to content themselves with enjoying benefits which they took no part in securing and really which they have been aggressively resisting, but which, at heart, they earnestly desire.

### Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by Hillsboro Pharmacy.

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### BIG BRIDGES.

They are indulging in some big bridge talk in Europe. The high-level bridge across the Mersey at Liverpool is to consist of the three spans on the arched suspension principle, each 1150 feet, 150 feet above the river at high water. There is to be a double railway track, a roadway forty feet wide for vehicles and sidewalks or foot-paths. The railway bridge proposed across the Bosporus at Constantinople would be 8645 feet long, or nearly the length of the Forth bridge. The projected Channel bridge between England and France runs in a straight line from the South Foreland to Cape Blanz Nez. The structure, as now proposed, would consist of seventy-three spans, alternately 1200 feet and 1625 feet long. It would give a clear headway of 175 feet at every point between the piers. Two bridges across the new North Sea and the Baltic canal have spans of 150 feet each, and besides railways, carry also a common roadway and foot-paths.

The new East River (New York) bridge, as projected, is to take six or seven years to complete. The span will be 1670 feet; the total length from anchor to anchor, 3200 feet. The towers will be 280 feet high, and the center of the bridge, above mean high water mark will be 145 feet, five feet higher than the present bridge. There will be four railroad tracks. The North River bridge, for which the House of Representatives has just passed a bill, is required to have a clear waterway of 2000 feet and a clear headway above high water of spring tides of not less than 150 feet. New York is unique among the world's cities of the first class in the greatness of its needs of river bridges and in the almost total lack of such accommodation. The ferry lines, although thirteen in number on the two rivers, can never serve the purpose of bridges for heavy city traffic. To the visitor from London or Paris it is an enigma how the people of Brooklyn and Jersey City manage to transfer themselves from one part to another of what is virtually one great town. The Brooklyn bridge on October 12th, during the Columbus festival, transferred 258,953 passengers. The plans now in progress are to double its capacity. The era is one of great bridge building.—N. Y. Advertiser.

### Dean Stanley and Mrs. Anna Besant.

In Mrs. Annie Besant's autobiography, just published, there is a story of how, after a long period of religious doubt, she took the sacrament for the last time. It was Dean Stanley who administered it to her.

"My mother had an intense longing to communicate before she died, but absolutely refused to do so unless I took it with her. 'If it be necessary to salvation,' she persisted doggedly, 'I will not take it if darling Annie is to be shut out. I would rather be lost with her than be saved without her.' I went to a clergyman I knew well, and laid the case before him. As I expected, he refused to allow me to communicate. I tried a second, with the same result. At last a thought struck me. There was Dean Stanley, my mother's favorite, a man known to be of the broadest school within the church of England; suppose I asked him? I did not know him, and I felt the request would be an impertinence; but there was just the chance that he might consent, and what would I not do to make my darling's death-bed easier?"

Accordingly, confiding her plan to no one, she went to the deanery at Westminster, timidly asked for the dean, and followed the servant upstairs with a sinking heart.

"Very falteringly—it must have been very clumsily—I preferred my request, stating boldly, with abrupt honesty that I was not a Christian, that my mother was dying, that she would not take it unless I took it with her, that two clergymen had refused to allow me to take part in the service, that I had come to him in despair, feeling how great was the intrusion, but she was dying. His face changed to a great softness. 'You were quite right to come to me,' he answered in that low, musical voice of his, his keen gaze having altered into one no less direct, but marvelously gentle. 'Of course I will go and see your mother; and I have little doubt that, if you will not mind talking over your position with me, we will see our way clear to doing as your mother wishes.'"

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### Mistakes in Invitations

It is wise to keep an invitation to an entertainment at least until it is over, as a lady found out last week. She destroyed one, thinking she could remember the date very easily. When the afternoon, as she supposed, had arrived she drove to her hostess' house, only to find it being prepared for the party, which was to take place the next afternoon, as the maid who answered the bell, with her head tied up for sweeping, informed her. A funny mistake occurred in Washington City a few years ago to a Louisville woman, who was living there, having lately married a Washington lawyer. One evening she and two Kentucky belles, who were visiting her, made an elaborate ball toilet and went, as they supposed, to a party at Gen. Sherman's house. They spoke to him and his daughter when they first went in, and then began dancing, and enjoyed themselves very much until the evening was half over, when Mrs. ——, happening to be near Gen. Sherman again, said pleasantly to him: "This is a lovely party you are having, General." "It is not my party," laughingly answered the genial officer; "I live next door, and my party is to-morrow night." The lady's feelings can be imagined. She immediately called her girls and had the general introduce them to the real hostess, to whom she made explanations and apologies. The lady insisted they should remain, but in a little while they beat a retreat.

### OVER THE STATE.

A hot fire occurred at Woodburn, Marion county, last Sunday evening. Bruce Brothers general merchandise store was first fired from some unknown cause and was burned. Eight other business establishments were destroyed. The loss is estimated at $40,000 to $50,000.

A large emmigration is "going through the wilderness" under the leadership of Mrs. Williams, of Portland. She does not actually accompany the devouts but stands to one side and cheers them on. She is represented as being quite plump—evidently the effect of good feeding. The last to fall by the wayside was Mrs. Wells. The autopsy revealed the fact that her body had been drained of its blood.

The child taken from Ohio gypsies is not Gladys Miller and the father's long journey that had so bright a beginning ended in black darkness and disappointment.

Another land syndicate has been formed in Astoria, and deeds to a large acreage has been placed in a savings bank to be given to the first company that will build a railroad from that city to a trans contental connection.

The head works of the Salem water ditch, which receives is supply from the Santiam river, have been washed out. Mill creek basin furnishes, in winter, water for Salem factories, but the Staton flour mill on the ditch above Mill creek are robbed of power.

The Salem Democrat reports the scheme by which the Sidney power company propose, at an expense of $10,000, to put in a plant at Ankeny, in Marion county, from which power can be distributed to Salem, Independence, Dallas and other neigoboring towns. Water will be taken from the Santiam river through a ditch to Ankeny, where the water wheels and dynamos will be located.

A wharf and warehouse at Bay City, Tillamok county, went into the bay. The warehouse, containing a lot of canned salmon, is a total loss, but the lumber piled on the wharf can be recovered. It was the great weight of timber piled preparatory to shipping that caused the collapse.

The Prineville school closed Friday for the holidays, and will not reopen until Tuesday, January 2. The school will be conducted the same during the year as it has the past three months—maintained by tuition. The directors had hoped to have been able to conduct a free school for the next three months, but the financial condition of the district will not admit of it.

Dr. Williamson is said to favor Heppener for the branch asylum, on account of its location. It should not be overlooked, however, that the Salem Statesman has come out for Pendleton.

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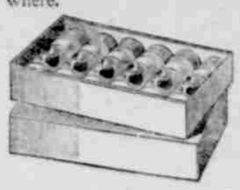

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