

The Gentleman From Indiana

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She sprang to her feet, and her eyes flashed. "Do you think personal comment is ever in good taste?" she cried fiercely, and in his surprise he almost fell off the bench. "If there is one thing I cannot bear, it is to be told that I am small! I am not. Every one who isn't a giant isn't small! I detest personalities. I am a great deal over five feet, a great deal more than that."

"Please, please," he said, "I didn't mean to say you were small," she interrupted, and in spite of his contrition he found her angry voice delicious. It was still so sweet, hot with indignation, but ringing, not harsh. "Don't say you didn't mean it, because you did! You can't unsay it, you cannot alter it, and this is the way I must remember you! Ah!" She drew in her breath with a sharp sigh, and covering her face with her hands, sank back upon the bench. "I will not cry," she said, not so firmly as she thought she did.

"My blessed child!" he cried in great distress and perturbation. "What have I done? I—I—"

"Call me 'small' all you like," she answered. "I don't care. It isn't that. You mustn't think me such an imbecile." She dropped her hands from her face and shook the tears from her eyes with a mournful little laugh. He saw that her fingers were clenched tightly and her lip trembled. "I will not cry," she said again.

"Somebody ought to murder me. I ought to have thought—personalities are hideous!"

"Don't! It wasn't that."

"It ought to be shot!"

"Ah, please don't say that," she said, shuddering. "Please don't, not even a joke, after last night!"

"But I ought to be for hurting you, indeed!"

She laughed sadly again. "It wasn't that. I don't care what you call me. I am small. You'll try to forgive me for being such a baby? I didn't mean anything. I said, 'I haven't acted so badly since I was a child.'"

"It's my fault, all of it. I've tried you out, and I let you get crushed at the circus, and—"

"That!" she said. "I don't think I would have missed the circus."

He had a thrilling hope that she meant the tent pole. She looked as if she meant that, but he dared not let himself believe it.

"No," he continued, "I have been so madly happy in being with you that I've fairly worn out your patience. I've haunted you all day, and I have—"

"All that has nothing to do with it," she said, with a gentle motion of her hand to bid him listen. "Just after you left this afternoon I found that I could not stay here. My people are going abroad at once, and I must go with them. That's what is almost making me cry. I leave here tomorrow morning."

He felt something strike at his heart. In the sudden sense of death he had no astonishment that she should betray such agitation over her departure from a place she had known so little and friends who certainly were not part of her life. He rose to his feet, and, resting his arm against a sycamore, stood staring away from her at nothing. She did not move. There was a long silence. He had awakened suddenly. "The skies had been sapphire, the sword emerald, Platteville a Camelot of romance, a city of enchantment, and now, like a meteor burned out in a breath, the necromancy fell away and he gazed into desolate years. The thought of the square, his dusty office, the bleak light of Main street, as they would appear tomorrow gave him a faint physical sickness. Today it had been touched to beauty. He had felt fit to live and work here a thousand years—a fool's dream, and the waking was to a dull emptiness. He should die now of hunger and thirst in this Sahara. He hoped the fates would let it be soon, but he knew they would not; knew that this was hysteria, that in his endurance he should plod on, plod, plod, dustily on, through dingy, lonely years.

There was a rumble of thunder far out on the western prairie. A cold breath stole through the hot stillness, and an arm of vapor reached out between the moon and the quiet earth. Darkness fell. The man and girl kept silence between them. They might have been two sad guardians of the black little stream that plashed unseen at their feet. Now and then a reflection of faraway lightning faintly lit them with a green light. Thunder rolled nearer, ominously. The gods were driving their chariots over the bridge. The chill breath passed, leaving the air again to its inertia.

"I did not want to go," she said at last, with tears just below the surface of her voice. "I wanted to stay here, but he—he wouldn't—I can't!"

"Wanted to stay here?" he said huskily, not turning. "Here? In Indiana?"

"Yes."

"In Rome, you mean?"

"In Platteville."

"In Platteville?" He turned now, astounded.

"Yes. Wouldn't you have taken me to the Herald?" She rose and came toward him. "I could have supported myself here if you would, and I've studied how newspapers are made. I know I could have earned a wage. I could have helped you make it a daily."

He searched in vain for a trace of railway in her voice. There was none. She seemed to intend her words to be taken literally.

"I don't understand," he said. "I don't know what you mean."

"I mean that I want to stay here; that I ought to stay here; that my conscience tells me I should; but I can't, and it makes me very unhappy. That's why I acted so badly."

"Your conscience!" he cried. "Oh, I know what a jumble and puzzle it must seem to you!"

"I only know one thing—that you are going away tomorrow morning and that I shall never see you again."

The darkness had grown intense. They could not see each other, but a wan glimmer gave him a fleeting, misty view of her. She stood half turned from him, her hand to her cheek in the uncertain fashion of his great moment in the afternoon. Her eyes, he saw in the flying picture that he caught, were troubled, and her hand trembled. She had been irresistible in her gaiety, but now that a mysterious distress assailed her, of the reason for which he had no guess, she was so

"(To be continued.)"

"Ah, was it a question, after all?—you read me better than I do, perhaps. But, if I asked, I knew the answer. She made as if to speak again, but words refused her."

After a moment, "Goodby," he said very steadily. "I thank you for the charity that has given me this little time—with you. It will always be precious to me. I shall always be your servant." His stendness did not carry him to the end of his sentence. "Goodby!"

She started toward him and stopped. He did not see her. She answered nothing, but stretched out her hand to him and then let it fall quickly.

"Goodby," he said again. "I shall go out the orchard gate. Please tell them good night for me. Won't you speak to me? Goodby!"

(To be continued.)

Willamette Chautauque.

We are in receipt of a very handsome Souvenir Program of the Eleventh Annual Assembly of the Willamette Valley Chautauque Association, which meets at Gladstone Park, July 12th, and continues in session thirteen days. Dr. Thomas McClary, who appears on the program for the fourth year, has denominated Chautauque as the "People's College where they get the newest thought in their own language."

However it may be termed, or whatever it may have been our prejudices, if we had any, certain it is that the Chautauque has become a wonderfully popular movement. From a very modest beginning of a three days' session in 1894, with local talent and small expenditure, it has grown with each year until the assembly continues for practically two weeks, and the expenditures run up into the thousands, while the talent comes from all parts of the country.

The platform talent this year is of superior quality. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis comes from Beecher's famous old Plymouth Church, Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, the hero of Santiago, comes to speak on our navy. Hobson is one of the greatest drawing cards on the lecture platform today, and crowds throng to hear him. Then there is Lou J. Beauchamp, the "Humorous Philosopher," of Hamilton, Ohio, who comes with a Chautauque reputation second to none. His two lectures, "Take the Sunny Side," and "The Age of the Young Man," are masterpieces. Dr. Thomas McClary, always popular, comes for his fourth engagement. Dr. Stanley L. Krebs, of Pennsylvania, gives three lectures on Psychology, with actual demonstrations on the platform in mind reading. Mrs. Marian A. White, the editor of the Fine Arts Journal, of Chicago, delivers two popular lectures and ten morning art talks. Mr. Herbert Bashford, the poet of California and writer of distinction, tells of the "Literature of the West."

The musical features of the Chautauque are of a high order. Mrs. Walter Reed, of Portland, gives one grand concert, to be participated in by leading singers and musicians of the state, while Prof. Martin A. Robinson, musical director of the Assembly, will give the two popular cantatas, "Queen Esther" and "Belshazzar." Leading soloists and a hundred voices in the chorus will take part in the recitals.

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