The Gentleman From Indiana

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he uttered a cry and stopped. Helen was standing beside the hydrangeas with both hands pressed to her face and her eyes cast on the ground. She had run away as far as she could run. There were high fences extending down to the creek on each side, and the water was beyond.

"You!" he said. "You! You!"

She did not lift her eyes, but began to move away from him with little backward steps. When she reached the bench on the bank she spoke with a quick intake of breath and in a voice he almost failed to hear, the merest whisper, and her words came so slowly that sometimes minutes separated them. "Can you—will you keep me—on the Herald?"

"Keep you"—

He came near her. "I don't understand. Is it you—you—who are here again?"

"Have you forgiven me? You know—now—why I wouldn't resign? You forgive my—that telegram?"

"What telegram?"

"The one that came to you—this morning."

"Your telegram?"

"Yes."

"Did you send me one?"

"Yes."

"It did not come to me."

"Yes—it did."

"But—what was it about?"

"It was signed," she said; "it was signed"— She paused and turned half away, not lifting the downcast lashes. Her hand, resting upon the back of the bench, was shaking. She put it behind her. Then her eyes were lifted a little, and, though they did not meet his, he saw them, and a glory sprang into being in his heart. Her voice fell still lower, and two heavy tears rolled down her cheeks. "It was signed," she whispered, "it was signed—'H. Fisbee.'"

He began to tremble from head to foot. There was a long silence. She had turned full away from him. When he spoke his voice was as low as hers, and he spoke as slowly as she had.

"You mean—then—then it was—you?"

"Yes."

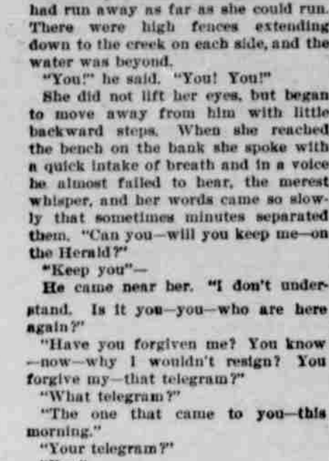
"You!"

"Yes."

"And you—you have—you have been here all the time?"

"All—all except the week—you were—hurt."

The bright veil that wrapped them was drawn away, and they stood in the



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quiet, gathering dusk. He tried to loosen his neckband; it seemed to be choking him. "I—I can't—I don't comprehend it. I am trying to realize what it all means."

"It means nothing," she answered.

"There was an editorial yesterday," he said, "an editorial that I thought was about Rodney McCune. Did you write it?"

"Yes."

"It was about—me—wasn't it?"

"Yes."

"It said—it said that—that I had won the—the—love of every person in Carlow county."

Suddenly she found her voice. "Do not misunderstand me," she said rapidly. "I have done the little that I have done out of gratitude." She faced him now, but without meeting his eyes. "I owed you more gratitude than a woman ever owed a man before, I think, and I would have died to pay a part of it."

"What gratitude did you owe me?"

"What gratitude? For what you did for my father."

"I have never seen your father in my life."

"Listen. My father is a gentle old man with white hair and kind eyes. My name is my uncle's. He and my aunt have been good to me as a father and mother since I was seven years old, and they gave me their name by law, and I lived with them. My father came to see me once a year; I never came to see him. He always told me everything was well with him, that his life was happy, and I thought it was easier for him not having me to take care of, he has been so poor ever since I was a child. Once he lost the little he had left to him in the world, his only way of making his living. He had no friends; he was hungry and desperate, and he wandered. I was dancing and going about wearing jewels—only I did not know. All the time the brave heart wrote me happy letters. I should have known, for there was one who did and who saved him. When at last I came to see my father he told me—he had written of his idol before, but it was not till I came that he told it all to me. Do you know what I felt? While his daughter was dancing cotillions a stranger had taken his hand and—and"— A sob rose in her throat and checked her utterance for a moment, but she threw up her head proudly. "Gratitude, Mr. Harkless!" she cried. "I am James Fisbee's daughter!"

He fell back from the bench with a sharp exclamation and stared at her through the gray twilight. She went on hurriedly, still not looking at him. "I wanted to do something to show you that I could be ashamed of my vile neglect of him—something to show you his daughter could be grateful—and it has been such dear, happy work, the little I have done, that it seems, after all, that I have done it for love of myself. It is what I had always wanted to do—to earn a living for myself, to live with my father. When I came here, my aunt and uncle were terribly afraid I would stay with him. It was to prevent this that they determined to go abroad, and my father said I must go back to them. Then you were—were hurt, and he needed me so much he let me stay. When you—when you told me"—she broke off with a strange, fluttering, half inarticulate little laugh that was half tears and then resumed in another tone—"when you told me you cared that night—that night of the storm—how could I be sure? It had been only two days, you see, and even if I could have been sure of myself—why, I couldn't have told you. Oh, I had so brazenly thrown myself at your head time and again those two days in my—my worship of your goodness to my father and my excitement in recognizing in his friend the hero of my girlhood that you had every right to think I cared; but if—but if I had—if I had—loved you with my whole soul I could not have—why, no woman could have—I mean the sort of girl I am—couldn't have admitted it—must have denied it. Do you think that then I could have answered 'Yes,' even if I had wanted to—even if I had been sure of myself? And now"— Her voice sank again to a whisper. "And now"—

"And now?" he said tremulously. She gave a hurried glance from right to left and from left to right, like one in terror seeking a way of escape; she gathered her skirts in her hand as if to run into the garden, but suddenly she turned and ran to him. She threw her arms about his neck and kissed him on the forehead.

When they heard the judge calling from the orchard they went back through the garden toward the house. It was dark. The whitest asters were but gray splotches. There was no one in the orchard. Briscoe had gone indoors.

"Did you know you are to drive me into town in the phaeton for the fireworks?" she asked.

"Fireworks?"

"Yes. The great Harkless has come home." Even in the darkness he could see the look the vision had given him when the barouche turned into the square. She smiled upon him and said, "All afternoon I was wishing I could have been your mother."

He clasped her hand more tightly. "This wonderful world!" he cried. "Yesterday I had a doctor—a doctor to cure me of lovesickness!"

After a time they had proceeded a little nearer the house. "We must hurry," she said. "I am sure they have been waiting for us." This was true; they had.

From the dining room came laughter and hearty voices, and the windows were bright with the light of many lamps. By and by they stood just outside the patch of light that fell from one of the windows.

"Look!" said Helen. "Aren't they good, dear people?"

"The beautiful people!" he answered.

THE END.

The British Guinea.

It is among the things generally known that the guinea obtained its name from the gold from which it was made having been brought from the Guinea coast by the African company of traders. The first notice of this gold was in 1649, during the commonwealth of England, when on the 14th of April of that year the parliament referred to the council of state a paper presented to the house concerning the coinage of gold brought in a ship lately come from "Guiny" for the better advancing of trade. But it was in the reign of Charles II. that the name was first given to this coin. It is among things not generally known that when the guinea was originally coined the intention was to make it current as a twenty shilling piece, but from an error, or rather a series of errors, in calculating the exact proportions of the value of gold and silver it never circulated for that value. Sir Isaac Newton in his time fixed the true value of the guinea in relation to silver at 20s. 8d., and by his advice the crown proclaimed that for the future it should be current at 21 shillings.

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Wicks—Yes?

Hicks—Yes, although he admits the returns are small as yet.

Wicks—Well, that sounds natural. You might call that "success, with small fruits."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Caution.

"What kind of a show have you?" the manager was asked.

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County Commissioners.

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Petition of J. W. Maitland to cancel sale of delinquent taxes. It appearing that 1½ acres in nw¼ nw ¼ sec. 16 n. 4 w. was doubly assessed and that taxes were paid, but land was sold to Washington county on account of the assessment, it is ordered that said sale be cancelled on the tax sale record.

Application for an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair by the Ladies' Lewis and Clark Club of Hillsboro; ordered that the sum of $250 be appropriated for a Washington county exhibit at said fair.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

F. W. Livermore, roads and highways	29 85
Glass & Prudhomme, 6 bills, stat.	26 15
C. H. Jeremiah, board of prisoner	7 40
Irwin Hudson & Co., 3 bills, sta.	30 75
McRoberts Co., r. and h.	7 45
Clarence Miller, r. and h.	24 35
Redmond & Sappington, r. and h.	2 00
M. C. Case, sta. and stat.	61 90
Hillsboro Independent, stat.	35 00
J. H. Binkley, c. h.	2 00
August Vanloo, r. and h.	11 00
Victof Crop, r. and h.	12 55
Mays Bros. relief Dan Boner	8 50
H. C. Carsten, r. and h.	35 20
Curston Bros. r and h.	15 40
How Davis & Kitham, stat.	13 40
L. C. Walker, r, and h.	12 20
Geo. D. Barnard & Co. stat.	16 50
Rasmussen and Co. relief	89 70
Frank Vanleby, r, and h.	11 00
Wheeler Mfg. Co. c. h.	4 00
Briggs Bros, 2 bills r. and h.	4 50
W. M. Jackson, salary	50 00
A. M. Collins, salary	35 00
W. O. Donelson, c. h.	30 25
Thos. Cox, r. and h.	
Geo. H. Wilcox, assessing	75 00
Union Lumber Co. r. and h.	24 25
J. C. Lamkin, c. h and jail	3 65
E. I. Kuratli, salary and stat.	86 35
Willis Ireland, dep. rec.	41 65
E. J. Godman, sal and dept. stat.	211 55
H. H. Clark, r. and h.	542 25
J. G. Boos, r. and h.	30 00
A. J. Roy, relief	119 35
F. McGill, r. and h.	12 00
Callahan and Herring, r. and h.	7 40
J. W. Goodin, relief, p f.	
F. A. Bailey, ex insane	5 00
J. Roberts, roads and highways	82 00
C. E. Hedge " "	5 30
J. W. Goodin, poor farm, willed by Jacob Brugger	500 00
Forest Grove Times, ptg.	5 75
City, Water and Light	18 50
Landess & Brown, r and h	42 75
Hillsboro Argus, ptg.	13 50
Gen. Rauson Post G, A. R., relief of Campbell	69 50
Johnston Bros, r and h.	4 60
Fred Hamel, r and h.	35 00
J. W. Connell, sal and dept.	223 50
Clark and Buchanan, ex co. rec.	250 00
L. A. Rood, sal. sta. r and h	63 15
W. J. Butner, sal. milage r, and h.	21 40
C. B Buchanan, sal. milage, r. and h. relief	18 60
F H Maury, jury fees in justice court	1 00
Chas Hubbert, " "	1 00
S F Vanmester " "	1 00
J P Alpine " "	1 00
H C Wilkes " "	1 00
Mr. McFarland, witness fees in justice c	1 50
Mrs. Perry, " " "	1 50
Lilly I. Moe " " "	1 50
Fred Elligsen, justice fees	2 00
O F Olsen, constable fees	7 00
H T Bagley, justice fees	7 50
E B Sappington, constable fees	7 60
Russell Frost, witness fees	2 00
Dr J P Tamiesie "	1 50
Mamie Landess, "	2 00
E C Brown, coroner fees, Ellen Ford	9 70
Arah Hoyt, witness " "	1 50
Mrs. J. C. Kirkwood " "	1 50
Adra M. Ford, " "	1 50
C F Hays, juror " "	1 00
S T Bowser " "	1 00
C L Lamkin witness " "	1 50
Mrs P B Southworth "	1 50
Dr J P Tamiesie " "	5 00
E C Luce, juror " "	1 00
L A Long " " "	1 00
W H Ringle " " "	1 00
A B Bailey, " " "	1 00
Joseph Robinson roads and highways	4 00
C. Rehs, " "	4 00

On motion court adjourned.

L. A. ROOD, Judge.

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