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It Cost Nothing-That Wonderful Gift. But, Oh, the Horrors of Ownership That Followed.

By ELEANOR PORTER

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O LARS a year the Wheelers had TWELVE HUNDRED DOL contrived to live thus far with some comforts and a few luxuries—they had been married two years. Genial, funloving, and hospitable, they had even entertained occasionally; but Brainerd was a modest town, and its Four Hun-

that a fact," cried the man, starting to his feet, "There's Dearborn's down dred was not given to lavish display. In the bank Herbert Wheeler spent long hours handling money that was not his only to hurry home and spend other long hours over a tiny lawn and a tinier garden, where every blade of grass and every lettuce-head were marvels of grace and beauty, simply because they were his.

It was June now, and the lawn and the garden were very important; but it was on a June morning that the large blue envelope came. Herbert went home that night and burst into the kitchen like a whirlwind.

"Jessica, we've got one at last," he cried.

"One what?" "An automobile."

Jessica sat down helplessly. In each hand she held an egg-she had been selecting two big ones for an omelet. "Herbert, are you crazy? What are

you talking about?" she demanded. "About our automobile, to be sure," he retorted. "'Twas Cousin John's. I heard today-he's left it to us."

"To us! But we hardly knew him, and he was only a third or fourth cousin, anyway, wasn't he? Why, we never even thought of going to the band.

"I know; but he was a queer old an hour to run it!" gasped Jessica. oger, and he took a great fancy to "Why, Herbert, what shall we do? you when he saw you. Don't you re- There is only ten dollars now of the member? Anyhow, the deed is done."

"And it's ours?-- a whole automo-"That's what they say-and it's a

three-thousand-dollar-car.' "Oh, Herbert!" When Jessica was pleased she clapped her hands; she clapped them now-or rather she clapped the eggs-and in the result-

ing disaster even the automobile was for a moment forgotten, But for only "And to think how we've wanted an automobile!" she cried, when the impromptu omelet in her lap had been

banished into oblivion. "The rides we'll bave—and we won't be pigs!

"Indeed we will," agreed Herbert. "And our trips and vacations, and even down town-why, we won't need any carfare. We'll save money, Herbert, lots of money !"

We'll take our friends!"

"Er-well, an auto costs something to run, you know," ventured Herbert. "Gasoline, 'course!-but what's a little gasoline? I fancy we can afford that when we get the whole car for

"Well, I should say!" chuckled the man.

"Where is it now?" "In the garage on the estate," re-

turned Herbert, consulting his letter. "I'm requested to take it away." "Requested! Only fancy! As if we

weren't dying to take it away!" "Yes, but-how?" The man's face had grown suddenly perplexed.

'Why, go and get it, of course." "But one can't walk in and pocket a motor-car as one would a package

of greenbacks." 'Of course not! But you can get it and run it home. It's only fifty miles,

hysterically. "The idea of giving up "I don't know how to run an autoa three-thousand-dollar automobile bemobile. Besides, there's licenses and things that have to be 'tended to first, dollar and a half for laundry !"

"Well, somebody can run it, can't they?"

"Well, yes, I suppose so. Butwhere are we going to keep it?"

"Herbert Wheeler, one would think you were displeased that we've been given this automobile. As if it mattered where we kept it, so long as we had It to keep!"

"Yes, but—really, Jessica, we can't keep it bere—in the kitchen," he cried. "It's smashed two eggs already, just the mention of it," he finished whim-

to put into it?" he muttered dismally, as he rose to lock up the house for line of the night. "Well, I fancy that's what we'll have to do-sell the automobile to get money enough to move it!"

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"But there are places-garages and

things, Herbert; you know there are."

"Yes, but they-cost something."

for nothing, seems as if we might be

to the Square. I'll go and see them

about it. They'll know, too, how to

get it here. I'll go down right after

supper. And, by the way, how about

leave any eggs to make one?"

Dearborn's.

"Well, a few," laughed Jessica.

take it? Never mind; there are oth-

a month, according to the amount of

"Why, I never head of such a thing!

Does it cost that-all that? But then,

bring it down by train, or else two

dollars an hour for a chauffeur to

run it down for us," retorted her hus-

"The Idea of Giving Up a \$3,000 Au-

cery Bill and \$1.50 for Laundry.

household money to last the rest of

the month; and there's this week's

grocery bill and a dollar and a half

"That's exactly it-what shall we

"But we must do," laughed Jessica

do?" snapped Herbert. This thing was

cause one owes a grocery bill and a

"Well, we can't cat the automo-

"Naturally not! Who wants it to?"

"Sell it! Sell our automobile!"

flamed Jessica; and to hear her, one

would think the proposition was to

bile, and it won't wash our clothes

Jessica's nerves, also, were feeling the

for the laundry to pay!"

"We might-sell it."

Her husband sighed,

getting on his nerves.

for us."

tomobile Because One Owes a Gro-

"Eight or ten dollars! Two dollars

work I have them do on it."

added soothingly, after a pause.

able to afford its board and keep!"

"I know it; but if the car is ours

"Well, by George! It does, Jessica;

"And now we'll take our friends," cried Jessica. "Who'll go first?" "Let's begin with the A's-the Ar-

mired of every eye.

could run one's self.

They're always doing things "Good! I'll telephone Mrs. Arnold tonight. Tomorrow is Saturday, half-We'll take them down to the lake and come home by moonlight.

Two days later the automobile came,

old, however, before the preliminar-

les of license and lessons were over, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wheeler

could enter into the full knowledge of

Oh, Herbert, won't it be lovely? "You bet it will," exulted Herbert. as the thought of the Arnold's admiring eyes when their car should sweep up to their door.

At three o'clock Saturday afternoon the Wheelers with their two guests started for the lake. It was a beautiful day. The road was good and every one was in excellent spirits that is, every one but the host. It had come to him suddenly with overwhelming force that he was responsible not only for the happiness but for the lives of his wife and their friends. What if something should go wrong?

But nothing did go wrong. He stopped twice, it is true, and examined carefully his car; but the only result of his search was a plentiful bedaubing of oil and gasoline on his hands and of roadway dust on his clothing. He was used to this and dld not mind it, however-until he went to dinner at the Lakeside House beside the fresh daintiness of his wife and their friends; then he did mind

that omelet? Did our new automobile The ride home was delightful, so the Arnold's said. The Arnolds talked of There was no elation in Herbert it, indeed, to each other, until they Wheeler's step when two hours later, fell asleep-but even then they did the young bank teller came home from not talk of it quite so long as their host worked cleaning up the car after "Well, I guess we—we're up against it, Jessica," he groaned. "What's the matter? Won't they the trip. Wheeler kept the automobile now in a neighbor's barn and took care of it himself; it was much cheaper than keeping it in Dearborn's ga-

"Oh, yes, they'll take it and take There were several other friends in care of it for fifteen or twenty dollars the A's and B's and two in the C's who were taken out in the Wheeler automobile before Herbert one day groaned: "Jessica, this alphabet business is killing me. It does seem as if Z never

the car doesn't cost anything," she would be reached!" "Why, Herbert !- and they're all our "Oh, no, the car doesn't cost anyfriends, and you know how much they thing-only eight or ten dollars to

think of it." "I think of it, too, when the dinner checks and the supper checks come in. Jessica, we just simply can't stand

Jessica frowned and sighed. "I know, dear; but when the car didn't cost anything-"

"Well, lobster salads and chicken pattles cost something," mentioned the

"I know it; but it seems so-so selfish to go all by ourselves with those empty seats behind us. And there are so many I have promised to take. Herbert, what can we do?"

"I don't know; but I know what we can't do. We can't feed them to the tune of a dollar or two a plate any longer."

There was a long pause; then Jes-

sica clapped her hands. "Herbert, I have it! We'll have bas-

ket pichics. I'll take lunch from the house every time. And, after all, that'll be lots nicer; don't you think "Well, that might do," acquiesced

the man slowly. "Anyhow, there wouldn't be any dinner checks a-com-

August passed and September came. The Wheelers were in "M" now; they had been for days, indeed. home-prepared luncheons were beyond the Wheelers' pocketbook now, and no friend had been invited to ride for a week past. The spolling of two tires and a rather serious accident to the machine had necessitated the Wheelers spending every spare cent for re-

In the eyes of most of the town the Wheelers were objects of envy. They had an automobile. They could ride while others must plod along behind them on foot, blinded by their dust and sickened by their noisome odor

As long as the Wheelers were "decently hospitable" about sharing their car, the townspeople added to their envy an interested tolerance based on a lively speculation as to when one's own turn for a ride would come; but when a whole week went by, and not one of the many anxious would-be guests had been invited, the interest and the tolerance fled, leaving only an angry discain as destructive to happi-ness as was the gasoline smell of the

car Itself. There were some things, however, that the townspeople did not know. They did not know that, though the Wheelers had a motor-car, they had except dust coats and goggles; no new clothes, except dust coats and goggles; no new books and magaisnes, except such as dealt with "the practical upkeep and sell an old family helrloom, beloved. operation of a car"; no leisure, for the "Isn't there something somewhere car must be kept repaired and shin-about selling the pot to get something ing; no tresh regetables to eat, for the garden had died fong ago from want of care, and they could buy only gasoline. But they did have an automobile. This much the town knew; and there came a day when this fact loomed large and ominous on the horizon of the Wheeler's destiny.

Perhaps the grocer waited. Perhaps the laundry bill went unpaid. Per-haps an obliging friend advanced a On the first day of October the bank in which young Wheeler worked closed loan. Whatever it was, spic and span its doors. There had been a defalcain Dearborn's garage stood the threetion. A large sum of money was miss-ing, and the long finger of suspicion thousand-dollar automobile, the adpointed to Herbert Wheeler. June had gone, and July was weeks

Did he not sport an automobile? Was he not living far beyond his means? Had not the Wheelers for weeks past flaunted their ill-gotten wealth in the very eyes of the whole

what it meant to be the joyous possessors of an automobile which one And so the town talked and wagged its head, and back in the tiny house in the midst of its unkept lawn and garden sat the angry, frightened, and appalled Herbert Wheeler, and Jessica,

> In vain did the Wheelers point out that the automobile was a gift. In vain did they bare to doubting eyes the whole pitiful poverty of their daily life. The town refused to see or to understand; in the town's eyes was the vision of the Wheeler automobile flying through the streets with selfishly empty seats; in the town's nose was the hateful smell of gasoline.

Nothing else signified. To the bank examiners, however, something else did signify. But it took their sworn statement, together with the suicide of Ceshler Jewett (the proved defaulter), to convince the town; and even then the town shook its head and said:

"Well, it might have been that automobile, anyhow!" The Wheelers sold their elephant-

their motor-car. "Yes, I think we'd better sell it," agreed Jessica tearfully, when her husband made the proposition. "Of course the car didn't cost us anything, but

"Cost us anything!" cut in Herbert Wheeler wrathfully. "Cost us anything! Why! it's done nothing but cost from the day it smashed those two eggs in the kitchen to the day it almost smashed my reputation at the bank. Why, Jessica, it's cost us everything-food, clothing, fun, friends, and almost life itself! I think we'll sell that automobile."

lots and Tittles

And they sold It.

(Continued from page 1) T. J. Skirvin's warehouse roof has a shining new coat of black,

T. M. Zoosman of Brownsville has been divorced from Carrie on the ground of desertion.

E. M. Jewett of Halsey spent last week with his sister, Mrs. O. P. Howell.-Friday's Engene Reg-

The M. E. ladies' foreign missionary society will meet tomorrow with Mrs. Bob Miller, a few miles southeast of town on the Coburg road. Those wishing to go please be at the church at 1:30.

I. D. Pittman and wife and Miss Lillian Barber went to the Christian church convention at Turner

The junior member of the firm of McAdoo & McAdoo, publishers of the Scio Tribune, has withdrawn. The remaining member, however, is a seasoned newspaper man,

Miss Dorothy Sherling, formerly s resident of Halsey, entered the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland June 19 to take a course in

the nurses' training school. Thursday-five days before the 4th-a firecracker set fire to the roof over Dr. Garnjobst's office. A small hole was burnt but water from a hose quenched the blaze.

The greater success of the pioneer picnic at Brownsville this year than in the preceding few years is attributed to the fact that the management availed of more of the local talent for entertainment.

R. W. Tripp has bought from Ed Stortz the interest the latter retained in the Elite confectionery at Albany when I, L, Hood bought in, so Tripp & Hood are the owners. Both are well-known buisness men. Mr. Stortz took in trade a farm near Holley, where he and Mrs. Stortz will reside.

Jesse Hinman, I. P. Pouttu, Alton Williams and R. H. Brock visited the Enterprise people Friday. The three former, classed by the Albany Herald as the Brownsville Times force, had been in Albany that day. If brother Hinman's pocket book is growing plethoric as fast as he is he's surely

Ira Tanton in the timber on his little ranch across the river found a quail mothering two young Plymouth Rock chicks, and a little be. good was a nest of native pheasant eggs which were being guarded by Plymouth Rock hen. Just what that quail will think of its job a couple of weeks from now would be interesting reading. - Harris. burg Bulletin.

The final account of Mrs. M. M. Huston, administratrix of the J. B. JULY 6, 1922

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