



Mr. Brent Doubled Up on the Ledge, Felt Himself Taking Rather an Elephantine Interest in His Young Companion.

rain?" he asked, casting a glance upward. "I can't tell whether there are any clouds or not."

Freck moved his frog leg closer to the ember. "Can't you hear that rain crow?" he asked.

Mr. Brent listened. "I thought that was some one chopping wood."

"No; it's a rain crow," said Freck. "You'll get so you'll know all these things after a while. Screech owls, and rain crows, tree toads, and all them things. You'll like it fine after you get started."

There was a snort. Mr. Brent had almost ruined his frog leg by jamming it into the very ashes for emphasis. "Yes; I'll like it," he broke out sarcastically. "I'm crazy about this sort of thing. I love living this way. Yes," he said, "I'll like it, I'll like it." "Well, you will," Freck protested. "I know that's just the way it was with Mr. Edwards when he and Jennie first came out to visit us. He used to laugh and make fun of us, but I'll bet you if he had a chance to get a little farm he'd be tickled to death all right."

"He's Jennie's beau," Freck added. "He works in the city—in a foundry or something of that kind, if he ain't got fired since I saw him last. He says they got the meanest boss in there that ever was. He don't even let 'em breathe almost. He's been trying to get a raise. Mr. Edwards has, so he can marry Jennie, but he hasn't got it yet. I don't think he will get it." Freck's voice trailed off while Mr. Thomas Brent glared at the fire.

The very mention of business had brought back all his worries, all his uncertainties. "Scrotties won't be able to handle the plant right," he was saying to himself. "He'll let the force do him in spite of everything. Well," he added in a resigned sort of way, "I guess it doesn't make much difference to me one way or the other. If I go in there and attend to things, it'll just about kill me off, and I'll lose the money anyway. If I stay out here I'll probably lose the money and get killed off just the same. Six of one and a half dozen of the other. Huh," he grunted after his reverie, and looked up. "What sort of a fellow is this Edwards man you seem to think so much about, Freck?"

Freck's eyes glowed. "Oh, he's a smart man. He tells Jennie lots of times what he'd do with the business if they'd give him a chance. He says they throw away twenty-five thousand dollars a year, just wasting it, but they won't give people enough salary to keep 'em from starving to death. I bet he'll make 'em see what he's good for some day."

"Foundry business?" Mr. Brent asked. "What foundry?"

"I don't know—it's one of the biggest ones there."

"Edwards—Edwards," Mr. Brent repeated the name. "I guess it's just because it's a common name that it sounds familiar to me. I haven't got any competent people in my employ. Nobody in the whole shop knows enough to pound sand into a rat hole."

"Burning your frog leg," Freck broke in.

Thereupon thoughts of mergers and the foundry business were dropped for a time while Mr. Thomas Brent, capitalistic invalid, gingerly began to chew upon the browned and well-cooked flesh of a frog saddle, and after the first bite was forced to admit to himself that frog legs cooked over live embers on a forked stick were rather good after all.

(To be continued)

see that the generator charges sufficient amperage at all times to avoid battery damage.

Motorists have paid liberally and without complaint for good roads. The "detour" still persists.

Keep the foot flat on the floor board, unless actually shifting gears or slowing quickly to a stop.

Blow your auto horn at the railroad crossing so that the limited train will know you're around and won't run the risk of being knocked from the right-of-way.

## Halsey Does Not Take a Back Seat A Home Entertainment Not Easy to Beat.

The full house Friday night at Koontz' hall was evidence that the long series of entertainments by home talent has not surfeited the community, and the applause during the play and the comments after it showed that it was enjoyed in every detail.

E. D. Isom was grandpa, who took the path across the hill of self-sacrificing bearing of another's burden, that its shadow might not fall upon his innocent granddaughter, Ruth.

Mrs. Clara LaFollette was the grandma who pretty plainly hinted to grandpa that two people might live more happily together than alone, even at their age. She was rather puzzled by his downcast, worried reception of allusions to the coming years, which, unknown to her, brought to his mind visions of himself being led away to pay the legal penalty of another's crime.

Burford Morris, as Robert Post, arrived as a summer roomer and recognized grandpa as the man on whom he had sworn vengeance for wrecking a bank and clouding with despondency the declining years of Post's father's life. He told grandpa he would phone for police but was finally shown proof that grandpa's burden of odium was vicarious and, through mutual regard for Ruth, an agreement was reached to consign the subject to oblivion.

Harry Hussey, Charles Wright, Nora Coldiron and Georgina Clark were the young people who went through the thrills and pangs of love and the making and breaking of engagements, and Mrs. Rossman was a neighbor.

Of course at the conclusion all

"were married and lived happily ever after."

Carl Isom sang a solo with Mary Smith at the piano and they responded to a persistent encore.

Georgina Clark joined Mrs. Cross in a piano duet.

The part taken by Balf Bond and Mrs. Kizer has been purposely reserved for separate mention here. It was a separable feature, so true in all its details to colored life in the old south that spectators from that region declared that the actors had at some time lived where they

could observe the conduct of our black-skinned brethren and sisters. Every sally by them brought roars from the house. Balf's raiment fitted as if he had been melted and poured into it, and he surely had been pressed in.

Mrs. Kizer (Zu-zu) announced during the play that she and the cullud gemman were married. 'He was payin' too much 'tention to dat yaller gal an' ah jes' put on mah hat an went an' snaked 'im in."

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## Increased Development of Self-Control One of Modern Generation's Needs

By DR. HENRY VAN DYKE, Ex-Princeton Professor.

The modern generation has advanced much in justice and human kindness, but has dropped behind in the third essential of goodness, self-control.

I certainly do not fear that humanity is stricken with a mortal disease.

If we look to science for explanation of the method of development of life, and to religion for the origin, there should be no clash between church and laboratory.

When I go on a vacation I always take a Bible and a rod. I used to hunt, but not now. You know, I don't like the accusing look in the eyes of the dying animal whereas the eyes of fishes don't say anything. I'm getting old, but that has nothing to do with fishing.

### Lining Up Front Wheels

Many car owners fail to make headway when lining up the front wheels because they fail to true up the wheels and tires separately. The front wheels may toe in the proper amount, but the rims may not run true, thus throwing the tires out of line. This can be determined by revolving the wheels separately and noting how true they turn. Any variation may be due to the wheels being too loose on the axles or to the rims being screwed to the wheels unevenly.

Now, the man with a lot of property which is not paying, whether it be farm land or mercantile business, is in poor condition to pay heavy tax. But the man who is making money can easily pay a tax. Hence, the logical conclusion is that an income tax for all purposes is the only just tax. — Junction City Times.

The Alford school visited the Harris school Friday afternoon and played ball. The Alford school was defeated.

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