



The Highgrader
by **Wm MacLeod Raine**
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(Continued from last week.)

Captain Kilmeny, left alone with the girl of his dreams, wisely said nothing. He was himself indignant, his family pride stung to the quick. His cousin was not only a thief but a liar, born of a race of soldiers, with the traditions of family and of the army back of him for generations, the latter offense was the greater of the two. He understood something of how Miss Dwight felt. Openly she had championed his cause. Now her feelings were wounded, her pride hurt, and her anger abated. The fellow's offense against her had been flagrant.

No far the captain had guessed correctly. Moya looked like a bruised woodcock creature. Her friendship had been abused. She had been as credulous as a simple country wench, while he no doubt had been laughing up his sleeve at her all the time. No longer had she any doubt as to his guilt. To give herself in friendship impulsively was her temperament, though not many were judged worthy of such giving. This blue-eyed scamp had won her as no man ever had before. She had seen him through a glamor. Now his character stood stripped in its meanness. Her sweet trust was crushed. Against the advice of her friends she had been wayward and headstrong, so sure that she knew best.

Kilmeny, sitting beside her in the deep shadows cast by the wild cucumber vines, became aware that she was weeping silently. His heart bled for her.

"I say, don't," he pleaded. "It is impossible for him to voice adequately his feelings. Greatly daring, he let an arm rest across the shoulders that were being racked by suppressed pantanoic sobs.

"You mustn't, you know. I can't stand it." And, again, "Please don't."

She gulped down the lump in her throat and turned upon him tiny eyes, the lashes of which were tangled with tears. The fine strong soldier represented the haven of rest toward which she was being driven. Had she never met his American cousin she knew that she would probably have accepted him in the end. The swift impulse swept her to anchor her craft for life in a safe harbor.

"Do you still . . . want me?" she asked lifelessly.

He could not on the instant take her meaning. Then, "Want you?" he cried in a low voice no words could have expressed fully. "Want you? Oh, my dear!"

"You know I don't love you, not in one way," she told him naively. "Lady Jim says that will come. I don't know. Perhaps you won't want to take the risk."

She could see the desire of her leap to his honest eyes. "My G—d, I'll take my chance," he cried.

"You'll give me all the time I want—not push me too hard?"

"You shall set your own time."

Her dusky head was leaning wearily against the back of a wicker porch chair. From sheer fatigue her eyes fluttered shut. Her lover would have given anything to wrap her in his arms and fight away her troubles. But he knew it would be months before he could win the right to do this.

"Would you mind if . . . if I we didn't tell the others just yet?"

"It shall be as you say, Moya, dear."

She nodded languid thanks. "You're good. I . . . I think I'll go to bed. I'm so tired."

He kissed the tips of her fingers and she vanished round the corner of the house.

Kilmeny sat down again and looked for long across the moonlit river. His sweetheart had promised to marry him, but in how strange a fashion. He was to be her husband some day, but he was not yet her lover by a good deal. His imagination fitted another man to that role, and there rose before him the strong brown face of his cousin with its mocking eyes and devil-may-care smile.

CHAPTER VI

The Bad Penny Again.

Verinder strolled down to the river bank, where Joyce was fishing from the shore in a tentative fashion.

"Casting in a horrid bore. You should be a fisher of men," he told her faintly.

"If I could be sure I wouldn't catch one. But if I happened to, what would I do with him?"

"Do with him! Why, it depends on whom you catch. If he's undersize unhook him gently and throw him back into the river. What!"

The gay smile, flashed sideways at him, was a challenge. "But it isn't always so easy to unhook them, I'm told."

"Not if one doesn't want to."

Joyce shot one swift glance at him and saw that he was on the verge of winking sentimentally. That would never do. It was on the cards that she might have to marry Verinder but she did not want him making love to her.

"Please don't take the trouble. It's really a matter of no moment."

The young woman made another cast.

"To you."

"I was thinking about me."

"You usually are, aren't you?"

She looked up with surprised amusement. Resentment had made him bold. This was the first spark of spirit she had shaken out of him and

rowed eyes. "It will be returned, will it? When?"

"Today. Within a few hours."

"Who is going to return it?"

Moya had it on the tip of her tongue to tell, but pulled up in time. "I think we'll not go into that."

The American looked at his watch. The hands showed the hour to be 2:30. If the money was to be returned that day someone must already be on the way with it. He had seen his cousin, Captain Kilmeny, take the Gunnison road in a trap not half an hour earlier.

"So the captain is taking it back today?" he mused aloud, wary eyes on Moya's face.

A startled expression leaped to her countenance. "I didn't say so."

"I say so."

Beneath his steady gaze her lashes fell. He nodded, sure that he had guessed correctly.

"I intended to have a talk with you and straighten out some things," he went on. "But I find I haven't time now. We'll postpone it till tomorrow. We'll meet you here at ten o'clock in the morning."

"No," she told him.

The wave of hope had ebbed in her. Given the opportunity to explain the evidence against him, he had cared more to find out what they were doing with the stolen money. He had no time to save his good name.

"Ten in the morning. Remember. It's important. I want to see you alone. If I'm not on time wait for me."

(To be continued next week.)

WEEKLY MENU SUGGESTIONS

By **NELLIE MAXWELL**

To stimulate the appetite and keep the system in good condition, fresh fruits and vegetables should be served. A little green food of some kind, if nothing but a leaf of lettuce or a bit of crisp cabbage, should be eaten daily. Radishes are a tonic and blood sweetener, eat them often.

SUNDAY—Breakfast: Large strawberries, powdered sugar. Dinner: Celery soup. Supper: Layer cake.

MONDAY—Breakfast: Minced chicken on toast. Dinner: Baked potatoes, dumplings and steak. Supper: Macaroni and cheese.

TUESDAY—Breakfast: Toast and eggs. Dinner: Pork chops. Supper: Ham toast.

WEDNESDAY—Breakfast: Cream of wheat, berries. Dinner: Roast of beef. Supper: Tomato soup.

THURSDAY—Breakfast: Bacon and corn gems. Dinner: Mashed potatoes, sliced roast. Supper: Ginger bread.

FRIDAY—Breakfast: Poached eggs. Dinner: Fish chowder. Supper: Sardines on toast.

SATURDAY—Breakfast: Griddle cakes, maple syrup. Dinner: Bean soup. Supper: Fish salad.

Celery Soup.

Cut a pint of celery into small pieces and cook in a quart of water until tender. Put the celery through a coarse sieve, add the celery liquor and a pint of rich chicken broth. Season well and bind with a tablespoonful each of butter and flour cooked together. Add a pinch of mace and serve hot.

Beefsteak With Dumplings.

Cook a good round steak in a hot frying pan on one side until well done. Season well, then cover with boiling water and add the dumplings made as follows: Take one cupful of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-third of a cupful of milk, one-third of a teaspoonful of salt and one tablespoonful of fat. Drop by teaspoonfuls on the steak and cover tightly. Steam twenty minutes.

Ham Toast.

Butter rounds of bread and spread half of them with minced ham which has been moistened with cream, tomato sauce and mustard; make into sandwiches and press together. Beat one egg lightly, add enough milk to soak the sandwiches well and fry until brown in butter.

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All Oregon to Aid Albany Self-Help College

The entire state of Oregon will be appealed to in a campaign now being organized to raise \$300,000 for new buildings, equipment and productive endowment for Albany student self-help college, Albany, Ore., an old-established school under Presbyterian auspices, but not narrowly sectarian. State headquarters are in the Multnomah hotel, Portland. J. Henry Lang being director.

Following are division chairmen and vice-chairmen and their residential headquarters:

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Grounds: A Fear.

"People are worried about having wireless aerials about their homes when these big electrical storms come," said a Detroit radio engineer, "but it really amounts to nothing. They never remember they also have telephone wires running into their houses, and they are theoretically more dangerous than the wireless aerial, because they are strung over a much greater space along the streets than the ordinary aerial."

All Produce Coming From Market Should Be Carefully Washed in Several Waters.

Vegetables and fruits that are to be served raw must be handled and prepared with great care. Most people will agree that such fruits as apples, oranges, and pears may be considered clean if they are picked from the trees in the orchard far enough from the road to escape dust. If they drop to the ground on clean grass, they may still be eaten without much risk, although there will be more chance for their being contaminated with disease-producing bacteria. There may sometimes be danger from poisons used in spraying fruit. All such fruits and leafy fruits and vegetables, whether come from the market should be thoroughly washed in several waters, apples and other large fruits, with unbroken skins may be safely washed with soap.

Dried fruits should be particularly well washed, warns the United States Department of Agriculture. If they are then put into a warm water to dry, they will absorb the water that clings to them and thus be softened and improved in taste. Dipping in boiling water kills many, if not all, of the bacteria and other organisms that are likely to cling to fresh fruit and does not injure the flavor of many kinds even when they are kept immersed for several seconds. For instance, grapes, apples, pears, peaches and plums, are not injured by this treatment, and unripe strawberries are often improved by it. A wire frying basket for holding the fruit will be found a convenience.

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Drink Water if Kidneys Bother

Take a Tablespoonful of Salts Back Pains or Bladder is Irritated

Flush your kidneys by drinking a quart of water each day, also take salts occasionally, says a noted authority. It tells us that too much rich food, acids which almost paralyze the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken; then you may suffer with dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue coated, and when the weather is hot you have rheumatic twinges. The salts get cloudy, full of sediment, the kidneys often get sore and irritated, leading you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To help neutralize these irritating acids: to help cleanse the kidneys, flush out the body's urinous wastes, a few ounces of Jad-Salts from any pharmacy here. Take a tablespoonful in glass of water before breakfast for a few days, and your kidneys may be set free. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

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In winter, south; in summer north;

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"There's no such place as home."

REMNONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County.
C. A. Tolbert, Plaintiff
vs.
Annanda M. Beemer and John Doe Beemer, her husband; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint hereto, Defendants.

To Annanda M. Beemer and John Doe Beemer, her husband, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint hereto, the above named defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you are hereby notified that C. A. Tolbert, the holder of Certificate of Delinquency numbered 1495, issued on the 6th day of September, 1923, by the Tax Collector of the County of Washington, State of Oregon, for the amount of \$16 and 70/100 (\$16.70) dollars, the same being the amount then due and delinquent for taxes for the year 1919, together with penalty, interest and costs thereon upon the real property assessed to you, which you are the owner as appears of record, situated in said County of Washington, and State of Oregon, and particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

That certain tract of land situated in Washington County, Oregon and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point which is 119.25 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Isaac Butler Donation Land Claim and 20 feet North of the South line of the said Isaac Butler Donation Land Claim, 19 deg. 19 min. West 346.75 feet more or less to an intersection with a line 50 feet southerly from the center line of the Oregon Electric Railroad Company's track, and parallel with said track; thence South 45 deg. 23 min. East along a line parallel with and 50 feet southerly from, measured at right angles to the center line of the said Isaac Butler Donation Land Claim, thence West 138.2 feet to the place of beginning, containing One acre located in the Southeast quarter (S. E. 1-4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township one (1) North, Range Two (2) West of the Willamette Meridian.

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said C. A. Tolbert has paid taxes on said premises for prior or subsequent years with the rate of interest on said amounts, as follows:

For the year 1919, paid Sept. 6, 1921, Tax receipt No. 1422, \$16.70 at 12% interest; For the year 1920, paid Sept. 6, 1922, Tax receipt No. 1519, \$1.60, at 12% interest; For the year 1921, paid Sept. 6, 1923, Tax receipt No. 1522, \$2.52, at 12% interest; For the year 1922, paid Oct. 6, 1923, Tax receipt No. 1595, \$2.14, at 12% interest; For the year 1923, paid Oct. 6, 1923, Tax receipt No. 1563, \$2.14, at 12% interest.

Said Annanda M. Beemer, as the owner of the legal title of the above described property, as the same appears of record, and each of the other persons above named are hereby further notified that C. A. Tolbert will apply to the Circuit Court of the County and State aforesaid for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described and mentioned in said certificate. And you are hereby summoned to

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appear within sixty days after the first publication of the summons, exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend this action or pay the amount due as above shown, together with costs and accrued interest, and in case of your failure to do so, a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes and costs against the land and premises above named.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable Geo. R. Bagley, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Washington, and said order was made and dated this 2nd day of July, 1924, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 4th day of July, 1924.

All process and papers in this proceeding may be served upon the undersigned, residing within this State of Oregon, at the address hereinafter mentioned.

M. B. Bump and D. D. Bump, attorneys for Plaintiff.
Address and residence as follows: M. B. Bump, Hillsboro, Oregon. D. D. Bump, Forest Grove, Oregon.
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