

A TEST

A Story For Independence Day

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There is a house at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., where cannon planted and the stars and stripes flying from a staff in the yard indicate that to the premises is attached something of national importance. It was in this house that Washington had one of his headquarters, and it was here that he planned the Yorktown campaign, which resulted in American independence.

Closely by this place and on the opposite side of what was then called the Albany road lived a Tory family named Treat. A young lieutenant in the patriot army, John Rathbone, was a suitor for the hand of Marian Treat, and the girl returned his love. But her father, who had been born in England, was so stalwart an adherent of the king's cause that he would not consent to the marriage of his daughter with a rebel. On the contrary, with that vigor common in family affairs, especially at that day, among Englishmen, he insisted on his daughter accepting Captain Reginald Winstead of the British army in America.

One evening Lieutenant Rathbone, whose regiment was stationed at Kingsbridge, rode over to Dobbs Ferry to see Marian Treat. His object was to induce her to brave her father's anger by becoming his wife. He was obliged to knock twice at the door, when it was opened by Marian herself, who seemed very much disturbed.

"What is it, sweetheart?" he asked. "Father has told me since you were here last not to receive you again."

"Is that all?" "Yes—no. I think you had better go."

"Not till I have said what I have to say and received your answer."

She had lingered in the hall, but he strode into the living room, where she followed him.

"I have come," Rathbone continued, "to make a last protest against your marrying this Englishman, who is one of those who are endeavoring by force of arms to subject us to slavery. Come with me now to the parsonage of Dominie Van Vorst and let him tie the knot. That is the only way by which you can escape a marriage with this Captain Winstead."

"I cannot go. If father should come in and find you here something awful would happen."

"Marian, sweetheart, come with me, I conjure you!"

He seized her hand and was attempting to draw her toward the door when a man stepped from behind a screen and with wrathful mien confronted him.

"I am Reginald Winstead," he said, "the man to whom you have referred in such uncomplimentary terms. Do you consider it honorable to attempt to win a lady in such fashion?"

"I consider it honorable to attempt to win in any fashion a lady who prefers me and is kept from me by a father's tyranny. Let me ask you, sir, if you consider it honorable to act with her father against his daughter's inclinations?"

"Let her decide here, now, between us," replied Captain Winstead, "and if she decides in your favor?"

The words were cut short by the violent opening of the outer door. Marian, white as a sheet, thrust Winstead behind the screen. One of General Washington's aids entered the room hurriedly.

"Miss Treat," he said, "information has been brought to headquarters that a British soldier is within our lines and harbored by some of the Tory families hereabout. I must search the house."

"Captain," said Rathbone, "will you accept my statement that there is no such spy here?"

"You may not know of his presence," "I do know of the presence of a person here, a friend of mine. He has recently come from the enemy's lines and proposes to return there. Will you oblige me by permitting him to go free on my promise that no information goes with him?"

"I will refer the matter to the general."

The officer strode across the road and in a few minutes returned with the information that "General Washington, in view of his confidence in Lieutenant Rathbone, grants the request."

Meanwhile Captain Winstead had appeared from behind the screen.

"Lieutenant Rathbone," he said, "permit me to thank you for what you have done for me. Had I been taken within your lines in citizen's dress, though there are no incriminating documents on my person, I would have been in danger of being hanged for a spy. Marian, do what I was asking you to do when we were interrupted. Decide between us."

Marian threw herself into Rathbone's arms.

"Now," said Rathbone to Winstead, "I will conduct you out of our lines."

"I beg that you will allow me to go out the way I came in," replied the Englishman. "If there is anything to lighten my disappointment at my loss it is that the girl I love shall marry a man who would not stoop to take advantage of a rival."

Winstead took his departure and found his way to his own army. When he had gone the girl Rathbone had so suddenly won said to him:

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