

## How Molly Burton Saved Jim Hodson's Mining Shares

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Molly Burton was a western woman of the early days, when every man was a gambler, a horse thief, a miner or something worse than any of these. Molly kept a boarding house and was hail fellow well met with her boarders, who were all men. There was nothing squeamish about Molly, but she was considered perfectly straight. The only dissipation she indulged in was gambling, and this with her was a passion. If she had dollars to stake she would play dollars; if she had cents it would be penny ante. She always played a fair game and would take no charity from any one. Once when an opponent bet to lose purposely in order to enable her to recoup she told him that if he did it again there would be no more play between them.

Jim Hodson was a miner who had struck it big. It was while he was developing a claim that he came to Molly Burton's house to board. She used to play penny ante with him, but would never consent to a considerable stake. She said that he needed all his money to get his claim in condition to offer on the market. She also saw to it that he did not fall into the hands of card sharps. If she saw him playing with one of the fraternity she would ask him for a loan, thereby getting his money out of his hands.

One day Hodson struck a vein that made his property very valuable. A company was formed which gave him a large block of stock with plenty of cash down. He accepted the position of superintendent. When not engaged in his duties at the mine he played cards at Molly Burton's. Despite all her efforts to prevent it he was soon stuck for some \$20,000. Molly played with him in order to keep him from playing with any one else. He knew she would take no charity from him, so he played to win. In the long run they stood nearly even.

One day a man got hold of Hodson and was playing him for all he was worth when Molly interfered. From that time forward Molly kept Hodson playing with her all his spare time, and it soon came to be noticed by those who overlooked the game that she was cheating him. This caused great surprise, because Molly was known to be square with every one, especially Jim Hodson. No one said anything to her victim about her manipulation of the cards. That was none of their business, and any of them would gladly see her gain.

It was not known to any one besides Hodson and Molly how much of his money she was relieving him of, but it was considerable. One night when they were playing together alone Jim said to Molly:

"If you clean me out, Moll, what'll you do with the funds?"

"Marry a good for nothing man."

"Don't see what such a first class woman as you wants with a good for nothing man."

"Well, a weak woman wouldn't; a strong one would. It's our opposites we like."

They were playing ordinary euchre. Molly was "turning jack" on her victim, dealing herself hands to match the trump and every now and again proposing to raise the stake. Hodson was very stupid not to see that he was getting slaughtered, but he had no faculty for cards and was blind as a bat to sleight of hand. Besides, he never dreamed that Molly would cheat. Moreover, there was no money on the table;

he was continually signing I. O. U.'s. The truth is he had lost all his cash and was signing away his stock in the mine. Molly knew how many shares he owned, and, keeping count in her head, she was aware that she had I. O. U.'s for 90 per cent of them. When she took in the final tenth she called a halt and said:

"Jim, how many shares in your mine do you own?"

"Fifty thousand."

Molly took up the I. O. U.'s and, adding the amounts on them, figured up 53,000 shares. Jim turned pale.

"You're a good man, Jim," said Molly. "and I'm going to give you a chance to win back your property." Writing something on the back of one of the I. O. U.'s, she folded it and told him to put it in his pocket.

"I'll play all I have won from you against what's on that paper."

Jim begged to know what it was, but she wouldn't tell him. He was desperate enough to accept any terms, so he consented. He proposed euchre, but Molly substituted a showdown poker hand, with Jim for dealer, saying that she wanted him to be sure that there was no shenanigan. Jim said he was sure of that already. They concluded to make it the best in three hands, and Jim dealt the first hand. Molly won, drawing a king with aces and sevens. Jim had no pair. The second hand Jim won on tens and deuces. His hand trembled as he dealt the third time, and when the cards were drawn he showed the queen of hearts high against jack high.

Without waiting for Molly to hand over his I. O. U.'s he took out the paper she had given him, unfolded it and read a single word—

"Yourself."

It required some time to get the meaning through his head, though he was assisted by a mild blush on Molly's face. When he understood he reached across the table and took Molly in his arms.

This is how Molly saved Jim Hodson's interest in a mine which eventually became enormously valuable.

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