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WHOSE UMBRELLA?

By Robert Jermain Cole

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"Will you please take this seat?" The man spoke as if he were asking, not offering a favor. He stepped into the aisle, and the girl in the brown tam o' shanter slipped into his place. The car was crowded.

Underneath the tam the young man discovered a whole new world of charms, which interested him quite as much as America did Columbus. But the girl had an advantage over America in being able to look back at her discoverer out of two very wide open eyes.

"Thank you," she said to Columbus. Then she looked down and her eyes rested on the man's gloved hand, which only partly covered the ivory handle of an umbrella. He remembered the hole in his glove and snatched it away to hide it in his pocket. Before he could catch the umbrella in his other hand it fell against the girl's knee. She grasped it firmly with both her small hands.

"Thank you," she said again, raising her eyes for a brief instant to the man's face.

Columbus stared. "Pardon me, but why?" he asked, observing the delicate color rising in the girl's cheek.

She did not answer, but her eyes were bent lovingly on the umbrella handle. It was one her grandfather had given her when she was sixteen, and she had worn out four silk covers on it. She was glad the man did not insist on an immediate answer. What must he think of her? After a minute she looked up.

"Why do you thank me?" the man asked in a dazed but very low tone.

"For my umbrella," she answered, still holding it firmly.

"I—I beg your pardon, Miss"—

"No, I am not mistaken," she said, her sense of humor coming to her assistance. She held out the umbrella handle for him to examine.

"Do you see those three wrinkles in the dog's brow?" she asked, with the littlest smile in the world. "I carved

"PARDON ME, BUT WHY?" HE ASKED.

them there myself to show how worried he had grown trying to take care of me."

He looked at the lines across the dog's ivory brow. "I didn't know a girl"— he began, but broke off. The girl liked him better for his hesitation to talk. He seemed to understand the fitness of things.

"Where did you lose it?" he asked after a moment.

"Where you found it," she replied.

"Did you take it to the lost property office of the street car company and leave it there for me?" he asked, with a touch of triumph in his voice.

"I did not know there was such a place," she exclaimed.

"Well, I paid 21 cents for it at an auction of unclaimed goods last week," informed the man.

The girl opened a tiny purse.

"You can't buy it if that's your intention," he said firmly, but deferentially.

"Seventy-second street!" cried the conductor. The girl rose hastily and rushed toward the door, leaving the umbrella behind. Columbus followed, with the bone of contention under his arm.

In the street the girl stood and looked at him. It was beginning to rain.

"The rain falls on the just," the man said, glancing down at himself, "and on the unjust," he added, looking her squarely in the eyes. "I shall put the umbrella over us both."

"If I attempt to take your pocketbook as well as this umbrella," said Columbus as the girl walked silently by his side, "you may call a policeman. There is one right across the street." The girl did not reply.

At the foot of a flight of stone steps she halted. "This is my home," she said.

"And here is your umbrella. I am sorry if my impertinence offended you." Columbus handed her her property.

"Let me pay you the 21 cents—please," said the girl, hesitating on the lowest step.

Columbus raised a protesting hand.

"But father would not like it"—

Columbus looked up suddenly. "Your father"— He hesitated a moment and then took the chance: "May I—won't you tell me who your father is? Let him send me a check for the 21 cents if you insist," he said, laughing at the situation in spite of his earnestness.

The girl twirled the umbrella. She went up another step, and the man's face showed his disappointment.

Finally she turned and smiled. "And to whom must father send the check?"

A great light seemed to brighten Columbus' face. "To Henry R. Benton, with Monroe & Shields, brokers," he said.

Frowns, as many as there were on the dog's brow, took possession of the space between the girl's eyebrows. Her memory did not like to be tested.

"I'll remember," she said as the man turned to go.

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Elizabeth Volney carved another wrinkle in the brow of her umbrella handle dog.

"You have worried a heap lately, doggie mine—and tonight the man who bought you at an auction is coming. He—he has been here frequently since father took a liking to him. Funny, isn't it? Father doesn't usually like the sort of men who are so—so bold as to do what he did. He came right straight to father's office with the check for 21 cents to have it duplicated so he might keep it to—oh, to remember you by, I fancy, doggie! And father talked to him and they discovered that they both had uncles who had fought together in the civil war and all sorts of nonsense." The girl surveyed the newest frown with admiration. "Really, I should have been a sculptress, doggie. Your frowns are beautiful!"

Henry Benton loomed up in the doorway unannounced. He had met Judge Volney in the hall, and had been told that he would find Elizabeth by the library fire.

"I'm jealous of that dog, Miss Elizabeth," he said, stepping in.

"You should—like him very much," said the girl saucily, tossing her chin in the air and laying the umbrella on the floor as she came to greet Benton.

"I do, but I also like his mistress—very much."

The girl tried to pull her hand from the man's firm clasp. Her face turned prettily pink.

"I came here tonight for the express purpose of telling you how much," he said, compelling her attention.

The girl traced figures on the carpet for fully a minute.

"Elizabeth," began the man softly, putting one hand beneath her chin. "I love you. Do you believe me?"

For answer the girl laid her head on his arm.

"And to think that I just carved another wrinkle in his brow," she said a long time afterward.

Eating No Joke.

Eating not a pleasant, not an elevating subject? No subject under the blue canopy, no subject to be found between the covers of the fattest encyclopedia is more worthy of the deepest and the highest and most sustained thoughts of man. And probably no other subject receives half the attention which is given to eating. Nothing has been more important in the progress of the race than the additions to the variety of man's food. In his primitive state, a mere clam eater, he was hardly superior to the beasts that perish. When he became a hunter, seeking the strong meats of wild game, he developed new qualities, expanded intellectually and gained in energy, enterprise and endurance. Then came the pastoral and agricultural age, with an acquired taste for vegetable growths and the dawn of civilization. Every advance has been on the basis of something new to eat. Today the teeth of man declare him omnivorous, though vegetable food is still a heavy tax on his powers of digestion. He lacks those multiple gastric arrangements by the aid of which the cow, for example, is able to subsist on vegetable food alone.—Atlantic.

Deep Drinking.

In a German university the man who can drink a quart of beer without taking breath is not a hero, but only an ordinary student, says a writer in the London Chronicle. At the German kneipe, or club meeting for the drinking of beer and the singing of students' songs, there is a special challenge to a bier konig (beer king) contest. The huge pots are filled, the duellists face each other and at the word of command they drink. The first who can invert an empty pot and sputter "bier konig" wins.

Drinking without going to the trouble of swallowing is thus described by the same writer: "This form of friendly duel has evolved a method of drinking that may be seen in Egypt, where a native seems to pour water down his throat without that sort of lock system our less educated canals demand. A German student will bring pot and mouth to the intimate angle, and down goes the beer without a tremor of the throat. This, of course, gives no pleasure, but to the wondering onlooker it is merely an acrobatic feat."

Don't Steal Birds.

Young birds should never be taken from the nest unless one knows much about their feeding habits in captivity, and once taken and reared it is nothing short of cruelty to set them free again. For while in captivity many kinds of birds can be made perfectly happy, yet they will never have learned to find their own food, and if given their freedom the following fall or spring they will perish miserably. Cedar birds, vireos and warblers are very difficult to raise and should never be taken from the nest, but a song sparrow, robin, thrush or sparrow hawk, if well cared for, will become tame and if given the run of an entire room will furnish unending amusement.—C. William Beebe in Recreation.

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A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed by George Hayford contestant, against homestead entry No. 9578, made July 18, 1901, for W. ½ N. E. ¼, N. W. ¼ S. E. ¼ N. E. ¼ S. W. ¼, Section 28, Township 4 S. Range 16 E W. M., by Max Heydora contestee, in which it is alleged that said Max Heydora sold and disposed of all his improvements he had put on said lands more than one year ago, That said entryman left said land at that time and said he was going to Germany and has never since that date returned to or been on said land and has abandoned the same for more than one year last past. That said alleged absence was not due to his enployment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on October 19, 1905, before H. S. McDaniel, County Clerk, at his office in Moro, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on October 26, 1905, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in The Dalles, Oregon. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed August 24, 1905, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman county.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of Mary Peoples deceased, has filed his final account in the matters of said estate and that an order was made by Hon. George B. Bourhill, Judge of said court on the 7th day of October, 1905, naming and fixing the 6th day of November, 1905, at 1.30 o'clock p.m. of said day, as the time for hearing of objections to said account, and the settlement thereof.

And by said order the place for hearing objections, if any, to said account and the settlement thereof, the County court room at the Court house, in the city of Moro, county and state aforesaid, is named, and any and all persons having any objections to interpose to the said account and settlement of the same, are required to appear and file the same at the time and place named in said order. Dated this, 7th day of October, 1905.

EMERSON PEOPLES,
Administrator of the Estate of
Mary Peoples, deceased.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Robert E. Hoskinson, deceased has filed his final account of his administration of said estate, and that an order was made by Hon. George B. Bourhill, judge of said court, on the 23 day of October, 1905, naming and fixing the 6th day of November 1905, at 11 o'clock a.m. as the date and time for hearing any objections to such final account, if any there be, and the settlement thereof. And by said order it was ordered and decreed that the County court room at the court house, in the city of Moro, in said county and state be the place for hearing and settlement of said account, and any and all persons having any such objections to the final settlement of said account are required to appear at said time and place so fixed for such hearing, and file the same.

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