

Sallie's Temptations

Bob Advises Sallie to Go to Work

I suffered a mental crucifixion through the next few weeks: Life ahead meant nothing but a series of dark and heavy-leaden days, a time to be gotten through somehow, so that at night, I would feel that another twenty-four hours had gone. The experience cured me of being uncharitable. No girl will ever have to endure the misery and heartache that I suffered by any gossiping words of mine.

I seemed to grope on and on through terrifying woods. Each way I tried to turn, back barriers barred my retreat. I had lost the keen joy of living and as far as any enthusiasm or ambition went, I was without emotion of any sort.

The only three friends who stood by were Elsie, Marjorie and Bob. Father thought I was ill and suggested rest but it was impossible for me to remain in bed.

One day when things were too puzzling and I could find no solution for the problems that crowded my brain, I went to have dinner with Marjorie and Bob.

"I'm going up to bed after dinner," Marjorie announced. "Bob wants to talk to you Sallie. Do whatever he suggests because he always peps me up when I am out of sorts. I tell you I've lived on his optimism to these many years."

Bob was just the person I needed in all the world. We sat in the dim stillness of the open porch, there followed a half hour that gave me a new viewpoint.

"Go to work, Sallie," he said. "It will give you back, first, your courage, then enthusiasm and a new faith in your fellowmen."

"Oh, Bob!" I sobbed.

"I know it sounds dumb and uninteresting but it's exactly what you need." "But if it hadn't been for that awful mistake, I could have gone on and on being light-hearted and happy and I would have had the love of Curt's Wright."

"Never mind, Kiddle, he'll learn that mistakes are just a line or two in the book of life. Yours had to come to you, Sallie, sooner or later, but remember that Fate doesn't work with poor material. You're out of the ordinary and you've been singled out. There are lots of girls who have done much worse and have escaped. But it's because you have big soul possibilities that these hard experiences have fallen to your lot. The mistakes you've made are the things that go into the melting pot in which the dross is stirred away and the real qualities that are substantial and unbreakable are crystallized into the thing we call character or soul."

"Bob, why should I go to work? I

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don't know how to do anything. I haven't been trained."

"Never mind, we'll find something. It's necessary, Sallie, dear, for only by doing something for other people charity that are a part of your inner will you chisel out the sweetness and charity that are a part of your inner self. Marriage to the right man would have done it," he continued, "and children. You need responsibility to give your spiritual facilities strength."

I wept copiously. Bob let me alone, knowing it was an outlet for my burdened mind.

"But Bob, Curtiss will NEVER understand."

"Yes he will, Sallie, in time. With Curtiss, it's just a question of youth and psychology. As I told you once before, every man feels the same way about the woman he loves and the more sincere he is, the more intensely he's going to feel that way. He can't accept the equal standard basis, no matter how hard he tries. In his overwhelming love for you, Curtiss has forgotten that you are just one of God's human beings created as he, himself, whose impulses and emotions are fundamentally the same."

"If he knew you as we do, he would realize that any mistakes that you could have made would not necessarily mean that your soul was stained."

"Yes, I see what you mean, Bob, but I feel so different about him that it's hard to understand. If he were in prison with blood on his hands or if he had taken some woman into his life for a week or even a month, that would make no difference in my belief in him. I'd still KNOW he was fine. I'd consider his mistakes were only pitfalls in the road over which he had been led and behind it all

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"God you've grown," Bob exclaimed, "already you talk like a woman instead of a girl."

"No, it's just that you're helping me see mentally. Brushing away the clouds."

Silence. The tip of Bob's cigarette pierced the still summer's gloom.

(To be Continued)

Reunions of Nebraskans

The reunion of Nebraskans in Oregon will occur this year at Colorado Lake, about three miles east of Corvallis, in the grove where it was held last year, on Sunday, August 2, 1925, an all-day gathering. All are expected to bring baskets. There will be a program in the forenoon of music and short talks, furnished by some of the musicians and orators from the old home state, famous for its music

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Overdrafts, secured none, unsecured \$60.53	60.53
U. S. Government securities owned:	
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any)	\$16,176.09
Total	22,426.09
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc:	70,514.91
Banking house \$5,000; Furniture and fixtures \$3,050.51	11,080.51
Real estate owned other than banking house	24,893.96
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	15,606.31
Cash in vault and amount due from National banks	47,245.61
Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States	6,634.49
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	122.83
Total last three items	\$4,002.93
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Total	\$294,555.45

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits	\$4,839.28
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,058.56
Total of above items	\$3,058.56
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):	
Individual deposits subject to check	148,326.60
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	21,424.19
State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond	35,549.82
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to reserve	\$205,299.61
Time deposits subject to Reserve (Payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):	
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	13,049.37
Other time deposits	32,088.63
Total of time deposits subject to reserve	\$45,138.00
Total	\$294,555.45

State of Oregon, County of Lane, ss: I, Lloyd C. Martin, cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. LLOYD C. MARTIN, Cashier. Correct—Attest: L. K. Page, Wm. G. Hughes, E. F. McBes, Directors. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, 1925. Frank A. DePue, Notary Public for Oregon. My commission expires January 8, 1928. (SEAL)

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