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The Annual Teachers' Institute will convene in Albany Oct. 30 and continue three days. We are prepared to hold a first class institute, conducted on the department plan, and have some of the best talent in the state engaged to conduct the work. I shall send you a program in due time.

Expressing to you my appreciation of past courtesies and assuring you of my willingness to assist you in the highest interest of your school, I remain,

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The Mascot of Sweet Briar Gulch

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PROLOGUE.

This romance of Jim Felton, the lonely, lovelorn miner of Sweet Briar Gulch; of Anne, the faraway sweetheart who refused to be a wife; of the mine that wouldn't produce a dollar, no matter how hard it was worked, and of Ches, the little mascot who played such an important role in Jim's life drama, appeals to the fancy and holds the interest because of its humor, its pathos, its chivalry and its broad humanity.

CHAPTER I.

THE gulch ran in a trough of beauty to the foot of Jones' hill, which rose in a sweeping curve into the clouds. Wild flowers, trees in profuse leaf and mats of vines covered the scarred earth, and the sky was as limpid as spring water; the air carried a weight of heart stirring odors, yet Jim Felton, sitting on the door step of his cabin in the brilliant sunshine, was not a happy man.

Executor's Notice of Hearing of Final Account

Notice is hereby given that the final account of Jacob Bartnik as executor of the last will and testament of Wenzel Bolish, deceased, has been filed in the county court of Linn county, State of Oregon, and that the 6th day of November, 1911, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., has been duly appointed by such court for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof, at which time any person interested in such estate may appear and file objections thereto in writing and contest the same.

Jacob Bartnik,
Executor

C. C. Bryant,
Attorney.

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Notice of Guardian's Sale

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting guardian of the estate of Edwin J. Holland and Glen A. Holland, minors was by the county court of Linn county, Oregon, on September 18, 1911, duly licensed to sell the following real property, to-wit: The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the W $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 32 in Tp. 9, South Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian; and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the W $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5, in Tp. 10, South Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, containing 120 acres more or less all in Linn county, Oregon.

That on and after Monday, October 30, 1911, the undersigned will proceed to sell at private sale to the highest bidder all of the interest of said minors in said premises for one-half cash and balance secured by mortgage. Applications to purchase may be made at the office of R. Shelton in Scio, Oregon.

Maud E. Holland
Guardian.

C. C. Bryant,
Attorney.

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He looked at the hollow of the gulch and cursed it manfully and bitterly. The gold should be there—Jim had figured it all out. The old wash cut at right angles to the creek, and at the turn was where its freight of yellow metal should have been deposited, but when you got down to the bedrock the blasted stuff was either slanted so



IT WAS A THIN LETTER AND IT SHOWED MUCH WEAR.

nothing could stay on it or was rotten, crumbling in your fingers, and that kind of bed will hold nothing.

Therefore Jim had sunk about fifty prospect holes, got colors under the grass roots as evidence that pay should be there and nothing but ash wash beneath it.

When a man is alone and thinks things are wrong optimism comes down on the run, the shades of pessimism gather fast and furious, more especially if a man does his own cooking and the raw material is limited, at that.

The sun had not moved the shadows three inches before Jim had reached the conclusion that this world was all a practical joke of so low an order that no sensible man would even laugh at it, and he drew a letter from his pocket in proof thereof. It was a thin letter, written on delicate paper in a delicate hand, and it showed much wear. He read for the thousandth time:

Dearest Jim—And again I must say "no." Of course you will not understand, for which foolish reason I like you all the better, but you must try to take my point of view. You say that we can be married on nothing and take our chances.

So we can, old simple heart, but aren't those chances all against us? Would you like to be forced to work in some office for just enough to live on? You know you would not, and you know how you would suffer in such slavery. Nevertheless we cannot live on air, and I doubt if I would stand transplanting to the wild life you love better than you to a clerk's desk. You have that fancy which glides the tin cans in the back yard I have that unfortunate eye which would multiply their number by three and their ugliness by ten. I don't want riches, dear. I only want a modest assurance that I can have enough to live on.

Really is your way of doing a guarantee of even bread and butter? In the garden of Eden you would be the most delightful of companions, but in this world as it is you will not fight for your own. You would risk your life to save a dog, but you couldn't stay at a continued grind—I mean it would kill you actually physically dead, dead to save all of us. At first I thought that a fault in you, but



now, being older, having compared you to other men, I see it is merely a missing faculty.

I could stick to the desk and would gladly if you would let me, yet I could not even fancy behaving as you did at the factory fire, which is still the symbol in the town for manly courage and presence of mind.

They talk now of the way you laughed and joked with those poor frightened girls, who had such good cause to be frightened, and brought them back to sanity with a jest. I feel that if I had the least atom of heroism in me I would marry you for that feat alone and let cold facts go hang; but, ah, Jim, magnificent as you are on the grand occasions, they come but seldom, and in the meantime, Jim, I'll leave that to your own honesty.

I'm piteous, Jim, and you're a nobleman with a beautiful but embarrassing disregard for vulgar necessities.

However, I can say this for myself—for surely I may brag a little to my lover—I can try to match your splendid physical bravery by my own moral courage.

You may rest your soul in peace on one point—if I am not for you, I'm for no man, no, not so much as a half glance of the eye. I wouldn't hold myself a bit more straitly if I were your wife.

You'll be angry at this letter. Well, I'll stand your anger. I have caused it, and I'll bear the blame. I know that we could not be happy without some visible means of support, yet I do not blame you in the least for thinking otherwise.

Be as kind to me as you can, Jim, for I love you very much in my commonplace way. I'll admit, too, that I had rather have your fire than my refrigerator—oh, if you could only make some money, not a great deal, but enough for a little house of our own and enough in the bank to buy groceries!

With my best love and an aching lump in my throat, your mother, sister and sweetheart.

ANNE.

Jim dropped the letter, and his lips trembled a little. Parts of it touched him deeply, and he was the more enraged and hurt at the rest because of that.

He could not call her mercenary.

He knew better. More than one very comfortable income was at her disposal.

Poor fellow! He could only grind his teeth and curse Sweet Briar gulch from the deepest pothole in the bedrock to the top of its loftiest pine. He drew out her photograph and obtained much sweet consolation by thinking how happy they two would be in Sweet Briar gulch together, even if there wasn't a cent of pay in the gravel.

(To Be Continued)

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