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The Face In the Well

By EDWARD T. STEWART

Driving along a country road, since I had not watered my steel horse—that is, put water in my radiator tank—for some time, I looked out for a place to fill it. I came presently to a farmhouse where a girl sat on a porch. I saw a well house on the grounds and, pulling up at the gate, asked her if she would permit me to fill my tank. She hesitated, then said:

"You'll have to draw the water yourself."

"Of course I'll draw it myself. Why did you think I would expect you to do it?"

"I wouldn't if I were you."

"Wouldn't what?"

"Draw the water."

I looked at her curiously. She was dressed in white and black. There was a marked sadness in her visage.

"Why do you advise me not to draw the water?" I asked.

"Because a face will look up at you out of the well that will freeze the marrow in your bones."

It was evident to me that her mind was unblighted, but I was curious and encouraged her to tell me more about the face in the well. She hesitated a moment, then said:

"I had a brother. He and father didn't get on well at all. It seemed to me that the reason was that Ben came when father was passing into old age."

"One evening father was lecturing Ben, reproaching him for the trouble he gave. I was sitting in my room by the window. I heard high words between them, and then I saw in the gloaming Ben run out over the ground. It was nearly dark, and I could see him only as far as the well house. Father followed him there. The last I saw of them father's hand was raised to strike. I covered my face with my hands, and that is the last I knew of anything for a week."

"When I returned to consciousness I knew that father had killed Ben and thrown him down the well."

She paused and shuddered.

"How do you know your father did that?"

"Oh, I know it, I know it!"

She manifested such emotion that I gave her time to recover from it. When she had done so, she continued:

"I felt what had been done, though I said nothing of it to any one. They told me Ben had gone away. As soon as I was able I went to the well. I dreaded to look down into it, but I couldn't help doing so. I approached and put my hands on the stone coping and remained in that position till I could bring myself to look down at the water below."

"I gave a shriek and fell to the ground. They all came running out of the house and carried me back to bed."

"What frightened you?"

"I saw Ben's face down in the well."

I needed no further information as to the cause and nature of the girl's trouble. I did not try to assist her out of her malady, but, going to the well, drew a bucket of water, filled my tank and, having thanked her, got into my car and drove away.

I found it impossible to get this girl out of my mind. A desire took possession of me to cure her ailment. Later I drove back to the place and got the balance of her story from her neighbors. Her father and her brother had really had trouble. The boy had fled, and the father had followed him. The father returned to the house, but the boy had never been seen there since.

It occurred to me that the way to cure the girl was to find the boy. I learned his name, but to find any individual in this big world is like looking for a needle in a haystack. The girl had certainly a marked effect on me or I would never have undertaken the task. She was on my mind all the while. I suppose I had fallen in love with her. At any rate, I was under a spell concerning her.

Since I could not divert myself of my enthralment I went to work methodically. If George English—that was his name—had not gone to some foreign country, there was a chance. I spent a great deal of money advertising, but to no effect.

Meanwhile the great world war broke out. Considering the youngster's misadventures, I thought it possible that he might have wished to have a hand in it. If so he would probably have gone to Canada and enlisted there. I went there and, examining the rosters of the different regiments, found his name on the rolls of an infantry regiment.

I doubted if anything short of producing the young man himself would cure the invalid, so I said nothing about the trace I had found, but concluded to go to Belgium, find him and if I could not bring him home arrange for his sister to go to him. While I was making my preparations I saw in a newspaper an announcement that George English of the British army corps had brought down his fifth enemy in the air.

The puzzle now was how to bring George to his sister or take her to him. The former was not to be considered. The latter I finally effected by going to relatives of hers, whom I convinced that if she saw her brother alive she would probably be cured of her malady. They took her to France and from there to the British lines, where her brother appeared to her in the flesh.

The principal part of the cure was effected at once, but a complete restoration did not come for many months.

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