

SPEAKING OF MONEY

Just How the Goodfields— The Stingiest Couple in Town— Helped the Red Cross

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Of the Vigilantes.

"Speaking of money," said my seafaring friend of the Maine coast, "we used to have an old man here named Goodfield. When he was young he used to sing in the church choir—that didn't cost nothin'—and married one of the Emberses, but didn't have only one child, and it died, and time he got to be about sixty-eight years old he'd saved up and was hirlin' out his money at about as high a p' cent, as anybody. Made it all just tradin' and bein' careful what he spent. 'Careful?' He wouldn't buy hisself a pair of britches but once in eight years, and when his old sister that lived with 'em says one day she was bound to see what the inside the pitcher show theater looked like just once before she died, why, old Goodfield and his wife says that was the last straw, and they fixed up and had her hauled off to live on the county. His wife was just the same as him, too.

"Well, along about the middle of the hard winter, three years ago, Goodfield took sick, and his wife told the neighbors they both thought it was a pretty good thing, comin' on him in the cold weather that way, because fuel was so high and a person in bed don't need to use any. They wouldn't hear of callin' in the doctor, and for two or three weeks the neighbors and old friends, most of 'em, was sure he was goin' to die, but then he begun to look so well there didn't hardly seem to be much hope.

Old Goodfield Walks In.
"He got to goin' out and shamblin' around again, and for awhile there wasn't nobody noticed anything much different. I reckon I was the first, and it come about mighty queer. It was like this: I was workin' in my shack one night pretty late, tryin' to spell out what was the matter with a carburetor I'd brought up from my boat, when there come a tap on the door, and old Goodfield walks in. I was kind o' surprised to see him, but I didn't say nothin' 'cept 'Good evenin', and all of a sudden he says, 'Do you know how much money I'm worth?'"

"He said it just like that—nothin' before it—and I said, 'For the Lord's sake, Mr. Goodfield, what's the matter?' He looked kind of funny to me.

"I'm worth a hundred and twenty-four thousand three hundred and sixty-three dollars and fifty-one cents, he says.

"Well, by Orry! I says, 'Well, sir, he begun to pant like he'd been runnin' up a hill; he got to heavin' like a winded horse; then he begun to cry and sob like a woman that's all excited when some one's just died. 'Well, by Orry! I says, 'You better set down and quiet yourself, I says. 'What's the matter?' 'I got to die,' he says. 'I been sick,' he says. 'I been sick and I got to die!'"

"Well, I says, 'we all got to die.' 'He kep' straight on cryin' and pantin' and sobbin'.' 'Yes, he says, 'but I never knowed I had to! I never knowed it before I was sick. I kind o' thought I wouldn't reely haf to, when it come right down to it.

"We're all fixed that way,' I says. 'We all got to have some sickness we won't get over.'

"Well, sir, he let out a yell that just about rose my hair. 'The rest of you ain't got a hundred and twenty-four thousand three hundred and sixty-three dollars and fifty-one cents!' he hollers. 'And I got to die!' he says; and he kep' on kind of shoutin' it. 'I got to die! I got to die! I got to die!' And then he pitches over before I could catch him and fell down on a couple o' busted lobster traps.

"Ole Cap, Whitcomb, he woke up in his shack next door and put on some clo'es and come in, lookin' scared to death. Him and me picked Goodfield up off the traps and got him home, half carryin' him, and him kind of whimperin' and slobberin' right on to when we left him doubled up on a rickety chair at his own house.

"Next day he was around, just about the same as ever, and never said nothin' about nothin', and the week after that he took Fred Owens'

boat in for a debt, and you couldn't told there was anythin' the matter with him. What I mean, you couldn't told nothin' on him in daytime, but after dark he'd go shamblin' all around the village, and then when it got late, if he see a light somewheres, he'd go in there and have a spell just the same he had with me. Scared people with them spells, he did.

The Last of Goodfield's Money.
"Long about September his wife up and suprised everybody, because she went to all the expense of havin' the old man declared insane and hauled off to the asylum. He cut his throat with a piece of broken bottle up there, and the funnest thing happened—they found the old woman dead the same afternoon in their house here. The court gave the estate to a trust company, and I guess that was the end of old Goodfield's hundred and twenty-four thousand three hundred and sixty-three dollars and fifty-one cents.

"Well, sir, you know all that about old Mr. and Mrs. Goodfield made a kind of a sensation, as you might call it, and there was quite a good deal of thinkin' and talkin' about it here in the village. There was some that claimed they figgered out how it all was meant to mean somethin'.

"Anyway, when the call come from Halifax last December we sent off mighty near half a carload of first-rate clothin' right in a few hours, and there was two hundred and seventy odd dollars suscribed just in the village, and you know there wasn't hardy any of us real sure we could see the winter through ourselves.

"Yes, I'll put my name down for the Red Cross, and I'll shell out. I guess you won't have much trouble gittin' subscriptions from the rest, either. I got a good many boys from here over there now, and we wouldn't like to think of 'em shot and layin' out in the fields twistin' around and nobody to tend 'em because us at home hadn't found out yet that it's a mistake to think we're still goin' to have our savin's right nice and with us when we're dead!"

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