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## NOT ALL HIS FAULT

Incident Shows Peril of Loneliness in Big City.

Youngster Easily Led Astray When Home Folks Failed to Keep in Touch With Him—Whole Sermon in Judge's Comment.

The warden of L— street jail in New York city sat at his desk busily working on some records when there walked into the office David Bascom from a little rural community tucked away in the far hills of Vermont. He was a pathetic, wizened figure as he stood there in agony and embarrassment twirling his hat and waiting for the warden to look up. There was heart hunger in his eyes that smote the man at the desk with pity.

"Is Joseph Bascom a— a prisoner here?" he finally stammered. He could hardly bring his tongue to say the word.

"Yes," said the warden promptly. "We had a young man by that name brought in night before last for burglary. Struck me as the wrong kind of fellow to be in that business; too innocent-looking and too straightforward-appearing. Are you his father?"

"Yes," said the old man as he dropped wearily into the proffered chair. "I don't see how he ever came to do that sort of thing. It isn't according to his bringin' up. Me and his mother never had no education to speak of, but we was always honest, and brought the children up strict like. He's been in New York less'n six months."

"Wait a minute and I'll call him in and see what he has to say for himself," said the warden as he touched a button on the desk.

In a few moments a clean, open-faced young fellow was brought in by a guard, and one of those agonizing scenes that only jails behold ensued. When the first shock of the meeting was over the warden said to the young man:

"Now tell your father and me how you got into this scrape. Nothing you say will be used against you at your trial."

"When I first came to New York," the young man began, "everything went all right. I got a job and found a good boarding house. I didn't feel homesick at first, because I was so interested in my work through the day, and at night it was interesting to go out and see the sights. But after I got used to my job and had seen most of the sights I had more time to think and to get homesick and lonesome. The folks at home didn't write, and I didn't know anyone here. I used to sit in my room evenings and picture the tomatoes ripening on the window sills at home, and I could see my mother moving about the yard in the sunshine and dad plowing in the back forty. I could almost smell the apples in the orchard and hear the dry corn leaves rustling, and it all made me so homesick and lonesome I just had to go out and walk the streets. That was the way I ran into the gang I was caught with. I guess they used me as a tool. Anyhow, I got caught at the first attempt."

"That sounds straight, and if I'm any judge of faces I guess it is straight," said the warden. "I want you to get your story before the judge through your attorney. Your record has been clean till now, and I think it will make a difference in the sentence."

The trial was held, and the facts presented to the judge. "Sentence suspended," he announced at the close, with a gruffness of voice to hide his emotion. Then he added, looking at the father: "If I had my way I'd impose a jail sentence on parents who let their boys and girls come to this city and don't write them at least twice a week to let them know that some one in the world cares for them and is thinking of them. More young people go wrong in this city from lonesomeness than we shall ever know. You should have had backbone to stand alone, young man. But as your parents are particeps criminis, and I can't sentence them, I'll suspend your sentence. Next case!"—Youth's Companion.

### Hooverized Country Breakfast.

Excerpt from the Hooverized food experience of the man who edits the "Missouri Notes" column in the Kansas City Times:

"The friends who entertained us warned us that they were living very frugally and proved the assertion at every meal. For example, for breakfast one morning we had nothing but cereal and real cream, home-made sausage, fried potato cakes, stewed fruit, hot biscuit, two kinds of preserves and coffee. The menu for the next morning, as announced the night before, was nothing but waffles, and that's all they had, with the exception of bacon and eggs and a few little side dishes. We horrified our hostess that morning by eating only 29 waffles. Our allotment was 37, and she said it was unpatriotic not to clean the platter."

### Beautiful Feet in Hartford.

We have observed that a large majority of the men who traverse our residential streets in this time of snow and ice wear overshoes of some kind and that the large majority of women do not. Whether it is woman suffrage or plain recklessness that accounts for this difference we cannot say. It cannot be because overshoes are unbecoming to a woman, for those wearing them look very trim.—Hartford Courant.

## SAY GOODBY TO DOUGHNUT

Soaks Up Fat Which Can Be Put to Better Use, is Judgment of Hoover.

The doughnut is doomed, says the Indianapolis News. Recent intimations of disapproval by the food administration of this matutinal confection might have been regarded as a spur to conservation and a threat that would not be carried out unless as a last resort. Bakers are prohibited in making bread or rolls from adding sugar or fats to the dough during the baking or afterward. Some difference of opinion as to what are rolls has given the doughnut a respite, but it is to be short-lived, according to the state food administrator, who brings this significant news from Washington:

This ruling gives sweet dough goods a temporary lease of life only. Mr. Hoover has a special grudge against doughnuts. They soak up fat which we do not need and our allies are suffering for. So doughnuts and frying pan foods will shortly be taboo and we must not eat or make them until the war is over.

Thus is the fate of the doughnut sealed. Mr. Hoover is known as a determined man who cannot be moved from a course which he thinks will serve the interests of his country. The statement, however, that the food administrator has a grudge against the doughnut will pain many who have peculiarly strong fondness for it as an accompaniment of the morning meal, though Mr. Hoover's animus may arise from motives of patriotism, not prejudice.

If the government says the doughnut must go out of our lives, then go it must. But there will be some natural regret at parting with an old and tried friend. The doughnut, like pie, has become a part of our common life. Many will find breakfast without sinkers an incomplete and unsatisfying repast. But perhaps the abstinence will bring better digestion and more equable tempers.

## URGED ONWARD TO SUCCESS

According to Writer of Note, Individual Winner is Not Always Entitled to All Credit.

Mary Roberts Rinehart, writing for the American Magazine, says:

"Back of every success there is some one person, or group of persons, unheralded and unsung, to whom much of the credit is due. My husband has stood squarely behind me, always. His belief in me, his steadiness and his sanity and his humor have kept me going, when, as has happened now and then—my little world of letters has shaken under my feet.

"I sometimes think, if I were advising a young woman as to a career, that I should say: 'First pick your husband.'

"It is impossible to try to tell how I have attempted to reconcile my private life with my public work without mentioning my husband. Because, after all, it requires two people, a man and a woman, to organize a home, and those two people must be in accord. It has been a sort of family creed of ours that we do things together. We have tried, because of the varied outside interests that pull hard, to keep the family life even more intact than the average. Differing widely as they do, my husband's profession and my career, we have been compelled to work apart. But we have relaxed, rested and played together.

"And this rule holds good for the family, although I am afraid our playtime is over for a while. Not altogether, I will not let myself believe that."

### Set His Standard High.

One big trouble in this world is that we do not set our standards high enough. We content ourselves with little performances, and do not pick our critic with care. We suit ourselves.

All this cannot be said about a certain little boy in this town, who got a big blackboard and plenty of crayon for Christmas. Whatever the ability of that embryo artist may be, certainly his ambition is boundless.

He went to Sunday school, and while there was much impressed, as usual, with the pictures of Biblical characters shown him.

That afternoon he stood before his new blackboard and meditated deep and long.

Then he turned to his mother and said: "I'm going to draw a picture that will surprise God."—Washington Star.

### Here Comes the Goshawk.

A warning to sportsmen and others that a dangerous migration is in progress from the arctic regions has been issued by the Iowa fish and game commissioners.

The present invasion is said to be the most serious since that of eleven years ago, when the birds driven southward by a scarcity of hare and ptarmigan, came to this state and devoured grouse by the wholesale.

The goshawk, which, unlike other hawks, flies straightaway, instead of in circles, is somewhat larger than a pigeon.—Exchange.

### A Specious Plea.

"Walter, I had fully determined to give you a fifty-cent tip when I came in here."

"Thank you, sir."

"But on second thought, perhaps I had better donate it to a war fund."

"I've been drafted, sir. I'm due to leave next week, and I'm sure your conscience won't hurt you for giving that much to a poor devil who will soon be in the trenches."

## SEVEN-NAMED HERO

Lafayette Only Nineteen When He Came to America.

Congress Commissioned Him Major General and Washington Invited Him into His Military Family.

Marie Jean Paul Roche Yvet Gilbert Motier was born September 8, 1757. You know this seven-named hero better by his title than by any of his septet names; he was the Marquis de Lafayette.

While the birthday of Lafayette has not been generally celebrated in the United States, no 8th of September has been permitted to pass without some recognition of Lafayette's services.

At the age of thirteen he inherited an immense fortune, and he was only sixteen when he married the granddaughter of the Duke de Noailles. Despite his aristocratic education and environment, he was from childhood an ardent lover of liberty.

"Republican anecdotes always delighted me," he wrote in his memoirs, "and when my new connections wished to obtain for me a place at court I did not hesitate displacing them to preserve my independence."

When he first heard of the Revolution in America he "espoused warmly the cause of liberty" and offered his services to Silas Deane, the American revolutionary agent in France.

"When I presented to Mr. Deane my boyish face, for I was scarcely nineteen years of age, I spoke more of my ardor in the cause than of my experience," wrote Lafayette, "but I dwelt upon the effect my departure would cause in France."

The credit of the Continental congress was so low that Deane could not procure a vessel, so Lafayette bought and secretly freighted the ship Victory to carry himself and a dozen or so other officers across the Atlantic.

Among Lafayette's companions was Baron Johann de Kalb, a native of Bavaria, who had long been in the service of France. Against the wishes of his relatives and the orders of the French king Lafayette sailed for America. From the Victory he sent a message to his girl-wife:

"From love to me become a good American; the welfare of America is closely bound up with the welfare of mankind."

Lafayette and his party landed near Georgetown, S. C. in April, 1777, and then traveled by land to Philadelphia, where the congress commissioned the nineteen-year-old boy a major general, and Washington invited him to become a member of his military family.

The boy general joined the Continental army in August, 1777, and in the following month he fought at Brandywine, where the Stars and Stripes were first carried into battle. Lafayette fought as a volunteer, and was badly wounded. After several brilliant exploits he returned to France in 1779 and was hailed as a hero.

During the French revolution he was an ardent republican and dropped his title when he was made commander in chief of the National Guards. He was driven from his country by the extremists, and the Austrians flung him into a dungeon, where he was confined for five years.

### Boy Scouts on War Duty.

Naval dispatches in Britain are very largely carried by Boy Scouts. Speaking at a recent review Lieut. Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell paid very high praise to the work done by these lads, who, without any officers watching them, but working simply under their own boy leaders, were doing their patriotic duty to their country. "Every night without fail," he continued, "these boys have carried dispatches along that wild coast down to the admiral at the base, and they do about six miles every night. I saw the one hundred and nineteenth message go down. It is wonderful how those boys face difficulty and danger simply because they are expected to and from a sense of duty and of 'playing the game.' And that is true of boys throughout the country."

### Jesuit Settlement.

A Jesuit settlement is being negotiated in Schweidnitz in Silesia. There was formerly a Jesuit settlement there from 1629 to 1776. It is proposed to purchase for the purpose the former Jesuit seminary next to the Roman Catholic church, which is now the headquarters of the provincial administration. The neighborhood of Breslavia was one of the first places in which the Jesuits established themselves, notes a correspondent, so soon as the ban against them was removed some months ago, and they are evidently losing no time in taking advantage of the restoration of their freedom to settle in Germany.

### Not There.

"Judge," said Mrs. Staven to the magistrate who had recently come to board with her, "I'm particularly anxious to have you try this chicken soup."

"I have tried it," replied the magistrate, "and my decision is that the chicken has proved an alibi."—New Puck.

### His Mistake.

As Grogswig fumbled at his front door at four o'clock one morning a policeman flashed his light on him and then said:

"Here, you can't open your door with that. That's a cigar."

"Holy smoke," said Grogswig, "I've smoked my latches, then."

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