

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1921

DOES IT PAY?

If one poor bachelorette toller over life's road,  
Who meets me by the way,  
Gives me no evidence of his calling  
Then life indeed does pay.  
  
If we can show one troubled heart the  
gain,  
Then always in loss,  
Why, then, we too, are paid for all  
the pain.  
Or bearing life's hard cross.  
  
If some dependent soul to hope in  
life,  
Then life made to smile,  
By my art of ours or any word.  
Then life has been worth while.

A QUAKER  
DETECTIVE'S  
WORK

There were five passengers in all—  
two ladies on the back seat, a middle-aged gentleman and a Quaker in the middle, and myself in the one in front.

The two ladies must have been mother and daughter, aunt and niece, governess and charge, or might have maintained any other relationship which made it proper for two ladies to travel together.

The middle-aged gentleman was upright and talkative. He soon struck up an acquaintance with the ladies, toward whom, in his way to do, he ran over the hill, the agreeable—however, and smilingly—offered his shoulder in a way painfully suggestive, at this time of life, of a "crick" in the neck. He was evidently a gay lad.

The Quaker was the uniform of his respect, and confided his speech, as many a parliamentarian would have his credit by doing, to simple "yes" and "no's."

At last he made it his inevitable task to the road to be morally a looker-on and listener.

Toward evening I was aroused from one of those reveries into which a man, after a hard day's labor or a rest or a sleep, will sometimes fall, by the abrupt query from the talkative gentleman: "Are you armed?"

"I am sorry to hear it," he replied; "for before reaching our stopping place it will be several hours in the night, and we must pass over a portion of the road on which more than one robbery is reported to have been committed."

The ladies turned pale, but the stranger did his best to reassure them.

"Not that I think there is the slightest danger at present," he assured, "only when one is responsible for the safety of half a dozen, such a thing as this may be placed in your hands and materially add to one's confidence."

"Your principles, my friend," addressing the Quaker, "I presume, are not such as to let you carry on to using carnal weapons."

"Yes," was the response.

"Have the villains murdered any of the old ones?" asked the elderly lady nervously, inquired.

"Or have they contented themselves with plundering them?" added the younger in a nervous voice.

"Oh, really, the latter," said the amiable gentleman, "but I give him no credit, and as we are not of prepared to offer resistance in case of attack, nothing worse than robbery can befall us."

After planning big thoughts, however, he turned to the Quaker, continuing an disagreeable subject, the gentelman quite excited himself in efforts to raise the spirits of the company, who were well on their way home, and still more so when all had quite forgotten, or only remembered, their fears to laugh at them.

Our quiet companion fairly talked himself into a perspiring whirl, he took from his pocket a small bottle of "cough candy," and after passing it to the ladies, he helped himself to the ladies, and tossed the paper out of the window.

"He was in the infat of high enthusiasm, on the new spectrum, more than half the efficacy of which, he indulged in on its being taken by another, who heard, and almost immediately the coach stopped, with two faces, one at each window."

"Sorry to trouble you," said the man on the right, acknowledging with a bow two lady-like screams from the back seat, "but business is business, and our will soon be over, if things go on as they are."

"Of course, gentlemen, you will agree, we for no may be conductive with your disagreeable duty, the feelings of these ladies are not to be considered, and I shall attend to the politest passenger, in his blindness."

"Oh, certainly; they shall be first attended to, and shall not be required to leave their place or submit to a search, unless their conduct renders it necessary."

"And now, ladies," continued the robber, the barrel of his pistol gleaming in the light of the coach-lamp, "we are about to pass your purse-watches and any other trinkets and may be 'accessible without too much trouble.'

"The ladies sat down—handsomely and were not further disturbed.

One by one the rest of us were compelled to get out, the amiable-ugly gentleman's turn coming first. He walked out with a whining groan, and was rolled over.

"My own self; like the sun!" lost, was not worth mentioning. The Quaker's turn came next. He quizzily handed him his pocket-watch and, when asked if he had any other value, said, "Nay."

A Quaker's word is good even among the most, after a hasty "good-night," the robber seized the pistol in his pocket, and, with his two revolvers, one of whom had held the reins of the leaders, was about taking his departure.

"Stop!" exclaimed the Quaker in a tone more of command than request.

"Stop, what for?" returned the other in evident surprise.

"To say a good 'evening,'" was the reply, emphasis laid on a couple of Derringers cracked and presented.

"Hah!" snorted the robber.

"Hah!" the Quaker again explained. "And if one of the silent companions advances a step to try to roll the spirit will surely move me to blow the brains out."

"The robber at the opposite window and the one in the one to leaves, thought it a good time to leave."

"We've got in friend," said the Quaker, and covering his name "and take the salada seat; but first deliver up thy pistol."

The other "baffled."

"This had better not delay. I feel the spirit beginning to move my right forearm."

The robber did as he was directed, and the Quaker took his place in the seat, giving the newcomer the middle of his seat.

The driver, who was frightened half

out of his wits, set forward at a rapid rate. The driver, however, recovered his wits, "Me and my Quaker's property."

"I am not a 'baffling' Quaker, if that's what thee mean."

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