

"WHICH SHALL IT BE?"

An even balanced day or work will planned.

An evening time of work well done,

Or rest and sleep more sound and light con-

trive for happiness?

Where power creates the causeless

The toilsous, thankless tasks of busi-

ness; or

Where self-sacrifice and helpfulness

Join hands to lighten labor?

Or shall it be a life of gloom and dis-

content—sighs—sorrows—sleep—and eat

What's best again?

Where children howl beneath the weight

Of heavy chores?

Where man and woman harbor love

And hope for natty gain?

Where the sun's power

Transforming, at your touch, the tell-

One touch, the darkened day,

Brings in the sunlight?

The evolution, time of rest and deep

Content, where happy children play;

Where laughter lives, and joy and

cheerfulness?

The years—where leisure lengthens out

Bounding the mind and lifts life to a

A God Intended?

By the Deadhead Special

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ROM the crowd around the bustling room of the street rally way the anxious boyish face of "Sulpe." Heaving looked out of the cars coming up double decker, he had a particular friend among the motorists on this line and he pressed forward eagerly as a handsome blue uniformed young fellow waved him off one of those lines.

Norris Long nodded carelessly to the eager boy. "My last run for the season, Sulpe," he remarked. "Wait till I pile my gunnages together and we'll see what you get down the road right away. One of the fellows might be hanging around with an automobile."

Sulpe's face shone at these words. Norris was to take charge of the car and he had been looking forward for the next eight weeks and he had promised that Sulpe should go along as helper. The boy had been wondering all day if Norris would really have met what he had said.

"I'm ready any old time," declared Sulpe joyously. Then his face clouded as he looked back at the car Norris had just left. It was the biggest passenger car ever seen in the town and among the railway men as the "deadhead." The motorman into whose charge Norris had just given the car was known commonly called Jake Doods. Mike, however, knew that luck alone had brought him alive through the many scrapes caused by his own carelessness.

Sulpe had stopped and then clutched at his heart. "I must call the start telephoneing you to tell Norris to come to the barn and get another car—and here she goes full speed for East Hydale!"

He pointed to the great car just turning the curve at the corner of the street.

Norris flushed angrily. He had, in fact, forgotten to give that order, but to be reminded of his negligence by a boy provoked him to unusual impatience.

"Look here, Sulpe, do you remember the story of the fellow that got rich minding his own business? Lately you've seemed to think you've got to do something, anything, to have to do, and keep after me till I do it. You don't drop that kind of thing you will be a regular nuisance at the camp—regardless always. I'm beginning to think I was foolish agreeing to take you along."

He cast off the boy's hand and strode angrily away in search of his "deadhead." Sulpe, still hot blood stinging his cheek, Sulpe had a temper too, and he was hurt by his friend's sharp words.

"All right," he said to himself, "if he feels like that about it I reckon it's up to me to go away quietly and not make him take me to the camp if he doesn't want to. Catch me sitting myself in where I'm not wanted."

Sulpe went down the street to his home. His father had hurried up from the thought that Norris had said. "He called me a nagger," Sulpe thought, "but it was always to save him from getting into trouble. Late he's been so bad with getting steady lots of things. I kept thinking that if he did get into a scrape it would be my fault for not speaking out in time now, but I never did."

It was late, for Sulpe had worked overtime on this busy Saturday afternoon and evening. He went up at once to his room, where he lay edge of the bed with his shoe to his hand and his eyes staring anxiously at nothing.

"Acton, it's not this for the car to stop running for to-night. If Horsehead Mike gets back from East Hydale with the Elephant, he won't have anything more to do but put her in the barn and let the Deadhead Special. Wouldn't it be just like him to do that very think?"

Then, when the sun went down, the custom, the men had brought their cars in from the last run, to send up one of them with the whole crowd of motorists and conductors who were gathered outside of the long walk to the horses. The car thus used to bring the men up was called the Deadhead Special because nobody, of course, paid any fare.

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