

A DESPOT'S WILL

It is only a few years since many English sailors were drowned because an admiral gave a wrong order and another officer, who knew the order to be wrong, obeyed it. Admiral Bruix, of the French navy, was once in the English officer's shoes and took a contrary course, although his orders came from no less a personage than Napoleon I. Both cases, it should be noted, occurred not in battle, but on parade. At such a time, surely, a subordinate must be justified in saving lives if his men, even at the cost of technical disobedience.

While Napoleon was at Boulogne, in 1804, he went out to the sea morning, leaving word that on his return he would review the fleet. During his absence, therefore, a message was sent to Admiral Bruix that he might order the ship to weigh anchor and put out to sea. The admiral's assistant, of the messenger, the admiral replied that he was very sorry, but the state of the weather would not permit the review to take place.

In due time the emperor returned, and inquired if everything was ready. The admiral's response was communicated to him. At first he seemed not to understand, but on its being repeated he stamped his foot and ordered the admiral summoned into his presence.

The admiral came at once, but even so he was not quick enough for the emperor, who met him half-way. The emperor's staff followed and stood ranged in silence about him.

"Sir Admiral," said Napoleon, in an angry voice, "why have you not obeyed my orders?"

"Sir," answered the admiral, with respectful firmness, "a fearful tempest is preparing. Your majesty can see it as well as I. You cannot wish to expose uselessly the lives of so many brave men."

Constantly the first valet de chambre of the emperor, and one of his firmest apologists, is constrained to admit, in relating the story, that the aspect of the sky at that moment fully justified the fears of the admiral, but Napoleon was too much irritated to listen to reason.

"Sir," he said, "I have given orders. Once more, why have you not executed them? Obey!"

"Sir, I shall not obey."

At that word the emperor advanced, riding whip in hand, as if to strike. The admiral recoiled a step and laid his hand upon his sword.

"Sir," he said, turning pale, "take care."

The two men faced each other; then the emperor dropped his whip, and the admiral withdrew his grasp from the handle of his sword.

"Rear-admiral Macon," said Napoleon, "you will execute instantly the order I have issued. As for you, sir," turning to Admiral Bruix, "you will leave Boulogne within twenty-four hours and retire into Holland. Obey!"

The admiral did as the emperor had bidden. The tempest broke as the admiral had predicted, and more than two hundred Frenchmen were drowned before the emperor's eyes.

AN EXTRAVAGANCE

No emotion is more exhausting for a woman than fear. Let a farmer's wife be thoroughly frightened by an evil-faced tramp at her back door, and she will be good for nothing the rest of the day. Five minutes' struggle with a brawny chimney sweep, and the woman of the house more tired than a day of steady work. When a child falls and screams the mother is likely to be the chief sufferer. Her baby may be unhurt; but if she has had a fight her nerves will bear the marks of it for a week.

A wise doctor has recently called attention to the fact that worry is nothing but a diluted, dribbling fear on the person are of the same kind as those of fear. This is what makes worry such an expensive habit. It is extravagant with the possessions which money cannot buy—vigor, endurance, efficiency. All these are drawn upon by the apprehensive spirit. Moreover, if worry once gets the upper hand, it grows apace. The woman who worries on Monday because her boy has a cold, will worry on Thursday because he has had one, and on Saturday because he may have one. In due time the mother is likely to be the chief sufferer.

The world is full of trials and losses and temptations which we believe to have been patchery by a divine plan for the working out of a divine purpose beyond our ken. But it is not irrelevant to say that worry is a human importation into the scheme of things. With the habit of yielding to it once established, a woman can be wrenched in the most fortunate circumstances. With the philosophy which stands above worry and disdains if one may be happy in spite of fate.

THE TWINS

The Harmon twins looked so much alike as babies that their parents could scarcely tell them apart. As they grew older it became evident that to Grandmother Harmon, at least, the twins were a unit.

"You were asking me how much the twins weigh," said Grandmother Harmon to a neighbor. "When I went out that afternoon I put one of them on the scales at the grocery, and found they weigh just twenty-six pounds."

"Do they always weigh exactly the same?" inquired the neighbor, and Grandmother Harmon looked quite impatient.

"The twins?" she said. "Of course; why not?"

The neighbor had no reason to give, but she rebelled a few days later when in answer to her inquiry Grandmother Harmon said:

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