

The Free Press Short Story

JOHN'S TELEPHONE

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THE FACTORY CHIMNEYS
Where, bending far the azure dips
To kiss the walking world below...

There was a sudden loud but
not unpleasant jangle of old-
fashioned steel bells in the
yard...

But the drive of the morning had
tired the mare somewhat, and the long
hill took time...

For a few moments the mare strug-
gled, on feeling out the road uncer-
tainly...

Then, with a false step, she
stumbled sideways and lurched her
long into the snow of a drift...

It seemed hardly a moment before
the fences, rocks and scattered trees
of Hemlock Hill were swallowed up...

It was not long before he swore
again, but when he did it the memory
of that mild rebuke didn't seem to
also come to his mind...

So it came about that one young
man's life was permanently changed,
and others were indirectly uplifted...

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THE OLD FARMER SETTLED BACK WITH
another sigh of contentment.
"John's a good man, a right good
man, Helen," he said, presently...

"I never have time to read anything
but the newspaper. I take an hour for
that every evening, and that is the ex-
tent of my leisure for reading..."

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by Dominion Cereals to produce seed grain
of a degree of excellence which is ob-
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TOO MUCH FAME
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larity takes is frequent application to
hand-organs and piano-organs...

GEMS OF THOUGHT
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than anything else, is the funda-
mental secret of good style...

DISCIPLINE
The true soldier obeys orders faith-
fully, no matter what the sacrifice.
A company of a British regiment was
once sent to some duty, in time of
peace, to a remote village in Ireland...

SHE WANTED SOMETHING TASTY
Mrs. Porter went into philanthropy
with the enthusiasm which character-
ized everything she did. When I make
up my mind to do anything, I do it...

BE FAIR TO THE DAY
There is no excuse for starting the
glum. At nightfall if you have
had a pleasant day, and you are
not tired, you should be cheerful...

UNSPINTERABLE GLASS
A glass that cannot be splintered
was exhibited in London recently when
hammers, and even shotguns were
used to prove the contention of the
manufacturers...

GOT IT AT LAST
A school teacher confronted a boy
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"That's no way to talk. Listen: I
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