

APRIL'S CHARMS

When April scatters coins of prinkles gold, among the popper leaves, in thickets old, And singing skylarks from the meadows rise To twinkle like black stars in surly skies;

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, April 13, 1911 Sunday will be Easter and Easter lilies will be very scarce. A. B. McLean, barber, is removing to the premises vacated by Harold, Wiley, confectioner.

DIED

HURST—At the residence of his father, Toronto, on Tuesday, April 11, 1911, Newton P. Hurst, Acton.

THE CARTOONIST

Seated on the deck of the ocean liner, the cartoonist amused himself by drawing pictures of the different passengers. A few months before he had been employed on a Chicago newspaper; now, a professional cartoonist no longer, he was on his way to the Philippines, a missionary of the gospel. His victim had been as swift as it had been bright.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12

THE PRODIGAL SON Golden Text.—There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.—Luke 15: 10. Lesson Text.—Luke 15: 11-24. Study also Is. 1: 10-20; Ezek. 18: 20-23, 27-32; Acts 7: 32-39.

II. Act II: In the Far Country, or the Fruit of Sin, 13-18. "The far country" is the land away from God, the world of sin and unbelief. The first thing the boy found in the far country was fun. Fun is the first fruit of sin. Some say that there is no pleasure in sin. The Bible does not say so.

III. Act III: The Wanderer's Return to the Father, or the True Reward of Sin, 17-24. The first step back was that he began to think. That is where salvation begins, in thinking (Ps. 119: 60, 66). He thought of his own lot compared with that of his father's hirelings. Every sinner should compare his own hard lot with the beautiful lot of God's servants.

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MR. PEASLEE'S VACATION

"I ain't saying my wife's any hands to find fault, Hyne," said Caleb Peaslee cautiously, "and I don't want you should breathe a word that'd give anybody that idea, least of all; but at the same time there's somethin' I've got a good mind to tell you."

He paused, and the deacon, knowing Mrs. Peaslee, solemnly agreed "not to let on a whisper" and waited to hear the worst. "It starts jest the same every year," Caleb began. "For four or five weeks I can't do a thing right or say a word hardly that'll suit her; and if I git my courage killed and try not to do any thing, well! I can't do it right, then I'm thoughtless and don't care if she kills herself workin'."

"This p'ticular year it was about the henhouse; I always whitewash it inside and outside once a year, and I always mix the whitewash the same way—jest so much lime and so much water, and I've done it that way for forty years or so. But this year it had to be done different; she wanted a little yellor in it so it wouldn't look so shabby. I never'd noticed that it didn't look all right, and I started to tell her so, but I didn't mean to say start when I see the time had come for me to finish too, so I shut my mouth and didn't say any thing."

"Next thing I noticed was when I passed a remark about John Sibley's lottin' his fence sag down when an hour's work would set it straight again and another hour's work would paint it, jest 'peenin' he cared anything about how his place looked. Most times she'd agreed with the amendment that when he got done fixin' his fence it'd be well 'nough for him to pay some 'entions to the blinds on the north side of his house; but this year she didn't say anything of the kind; she jest switched off to one side and let out some remark about it would look better for me to cut some of the suckers and water-sprouts out of my apple trees before I picked too many flaws in the way John Sibley kep' his place lookin'."

"I fixed the back doorstep for her the other day when she asked me to, and when I got it all done she up and told me she wanted to have the plank changed smooth—after I'd got it nailed down so solid it'd take a claw-bar to git it loose again. So I had to git a nail set and drye the heads of the nails in, and even then I missed one and noked the edge of my plane so it'll take a long grindin' to make it smooth again. She had somethin' pretty nipplin' to say about a grown man that didn't have sense 'nough to chore round the house without a woman to keep watch. I didn't hear the whole of it on 'count of prudence's tellin' me it was better for me to go away than it was to answer her back, and I was so mad at dillin' my plane that I knew I'd say somethin' if I stayed."

"I could have said what I thought," he asserted, "and been more'n justified in it. But I didn't; I jest went down back of the barn and split a tough knot of stove wood that I ain't been able to bust for a year. Every clip I hit it I worked off some of my temper, and by the time I'd got it fit to go in the stove I was all right again."

"I ain't goin' to tell you any more things I've done wrong, Hyne; I've told you 'nough so you can understand what I've lived through again this year same's I have other years—and it's 'bout the same as over for this year."

"Over?" the deacon echoed. "She's had me git her trunk down out of the attic," Caleb explained blandly, "and it'll take her a couple of days to pack and then one more day to unpack and do it all over again to make room for the things she left out the first packin'. That'll fetch it to Thursday; about Friday you'll see me, if you watch, drivin' her to the station. 'And when she comes back she'll be so out of sorts with the way Nathur's folks do things that everything I do'll seem jest about a pattern of the way things ought to be done. Y's that way every year; she gits so tired of seein' things done different and bein' rushed round from one relative's house to another and hearin' views advanced that she don't have any patience with that when she gits back home here she jest settles back with a sigh—like a huss when you take off his harness. And from then on I'll have extra good things to eat, and till the time comes next year I won't have faults picked in what I do and say—not more'n I'm 'dorsin' of, I do mean, and mebbe not quite that."

SLATS' DIARY BY ROSS PARQUHAR

Friday—well Elly give a party for we younger set tonite and Jane and me was a talkin' over on the davenport and she sed come on less get closer to the radio and I 'set if we get closer to the radio you cant here what I am sayin' to you and so she sed yes and then she got up and went over closer to the radio. I guess she diddnt get my meaning."

Saturday—They was a woman tryin' to sell us a book down to the news paper office and she sed it would help him to improve his Vocabulary but pa sed he that it was the hite of foolishness for a married man to improve his Vocabulary. I dont no just what he ment but he sed I diddnt need to beenshen it to ma."

Sunday—Ant Emmy was gettin' pritty bold because she was a talkin' this afternoon about the good old days when fokes kept the Sabbath and their appenides and etc. unregardless of what was a goin on a round them."

Monday—They is two or three mobby 4 girls in are class whas has been castin' envious eyes at me here of lately. I dont no why they are because Kathern Flood sed me in the bank payin' in on my Orkney savings acct. today."

Tuesday—I was in the store today and Mrs. Blunt was in the store and she was bring a apron and when they ast her what she wanted she had to call her husband to ast him what she apron he wore."

Wednesday—pa give me ann bills to go out and collect them tonite after school and sed heed give me the ann acct of what I got. well I diddnt make no money but evry body treated me wannerful nice, they ast for me to cum back and call agen."

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