

The Free Press Short Story

"Advice Which Never Fails"

BEATRICE E. NIGHTINGALE

JIMMY JONES looked at the big factory clock for the seventh time and wondered if five o'clock would ever come.

He had received an answer to his letter from Madame Coo, author of the column, "Advice Which Never Fails," and could hardly wait until closing time to see what the contents contained.

At last the big clock boomed five. With trembling fingers and eager anticipation Jimmy opened the letter. It was typed in a dark blue ink and looked quite professional.

It ran thus: "Dear Mr. Jones: Your case is certainly very complicated and I give you great credit consulting a specialist in heart problems when you found yourself in such a perplexed situation.

Often young men of your age go some little foolish thing and lose their girl friend forever. "I have been at this of solving love-problems for a number of years and have an enviable reputation of not one failure. But remember, one rule must be closely observed. Do exactly as I say, and success will be your reward."

"Your lady friend naturally loves you or she would not have kept company with you for four years. This new man has taken her fancy for the time being, but she will soon tire of him and be glad to have you back again."

"Loyal a girl about twenty. Get one with fair, curly hair and dark brown eyes. Explain to her about my letter and ask her if she will do you a favor by making your lady friend jealous. If she consents to help you out, I feel positive of success and you will soon win her back."

He broke as she concluded: "I hope Susan and you will always be happy together." Jimmy's voice was husky when he said, "I live to be a hundred, I'll never be able to repay you for your kindness. You're the best sport in Smithville."

Beryl felt relieved to get in her room and cried as if her heart would break. For several months she had been aware of the fact that she was deeply in love with Jimmy and to think she had lost the man she had loved brought a new flood of tears.

As she lay motionless on the bed, her eye caught sight of an old motto, partly hidden behind a larger picture. Her grandmother gave it to her for her tenth birthday. It was an old-fashioned frame and surrounded by a bunch of deep blue panes. "Ask and it shall be given you," Matt. 7: 7.

Her thoughts flew back to the time when she was a little girl and spent her summer holidays with her granny on the farm. She had loved her grandmother almost as much as her mother. She was such a sympathetic and understanding individual and always looked on the bright side of things. A few months before she died, she had written a letter for Beryl and asked her not to open it until her twenty-first birthday.

Beryl had kept the letter intact for almost ten years, because she had promised her grandmother to do as she had asked. Beryl thought she had done pretty well to wait until she was twenty and broke the seal. It seemed so strange to read her letter, after grandmother had been dead all these years!

"My dear Beryl: Many happy returns of the day. I have left you a certain amount of money in the Trust Company. With the interest it will amount to almost \$5,000. I hope you won't mind me giving you a little advice and I hope you will have some money to take it.

"You will meet many problems as you go through life, which can be solved only by yourself. If you see anything in life you really desire, take my advice and go right after it. Always remember, 'God helps those who help themselves.' Sitting down and crying never won a battle and to be successful you must be ready to put up a good fight."

Chinese lanterns. In that gathering was every kind of costume imaginable and the colored lights showed them off to best advantage.

The orchestra opened the program with that old haunting waltz, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Beryl and Jimmy gazed across the floor in perfect step. She gazed up into his face and smiled, and Jimmy couldn't resist the temptation to plant a light kiss on her pretty lips.

After lunch they walked out on to the balcony and Jimmy's voice was very tender when he asked, "Beryl, would it be right to marry without love?" Beryl answered quietly, "Of course not. Without love life would get so monotonous and wouldn't be worth living at all. You must remember, Jimmy, 'Love is the foundation to every happy marriage.' But, why ask?"

Jimmy hardly knew how to answer. "You see, I don't love Susan any more. She is a fine girl and I used to think she was the only girl for me, but I've changed now. I'm in love with another girl."

Beryl tried to speak naturally. "Jim Jones, of all the girls, you take the cake. I have worked hard for you all these months to get Susan back for you and now you've jumped the track. Tell me all about this new girl. Is she dark or fair?"

Jimmy answered, "She is as pretty as a picture. She isn't very tall. Fair, wavy hair and her eyes are beautiful. They are very unusual; they are almost black. I have been in love with this girl for six months. Beryl, it's you! Couldn't you care just a tiny bit for me?"

Beryl smiled as she answered, "Jimmy, I do care a lot for you, too. My friends often remark how well I took my part, but my love was genuine and that's the reason I do so well. But Jimmy, what open until her twenty-first birthday?"

"That old saying, 'talk of the devil and he's sure to appear, came true. Susan and her friend came into the balcony, and seated themselves close to Beryl and Jimmy, who were hidden in the shadow of one of the pillars. They scarcely breathed.

"They started their conversation, 'Have you enjoyed yourself, Susan?' her escort asked. "Oh, Ronnie," she answered, "I feel so worried. I was having a lovely time, until that snooty little Gertie Coon recognized me. I know in my heart she will tell Jimmy. I made her promise faithfully she wouldn't, but she has told me so many scandals and secrets, I can't put any faith in her. If Jimmy ever heard I attended this dance, he would never forgive me."

Her escort replied: "I wish he would get to hear, and then it would be a lucky break for me. I think I would make you a far better husband than Jimmy Jones, if I do say it myself."

More Prize Winners at Acton Fall Fair

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CATTLE

Short-horns: Bull, 2 years or over—S. E. Griffin; J. Y. Norrish; Thos. Cook. Bull, 1 year, under 2—W. G. Gerrie; R. Elliott & Sons.

Cow, any age—R. Elliott & Sons; W. H. Gerrie; Thos. Cook. Two-year-old Heifer—W. G. Gerrie; S. E. Griffin; R. Elliott & Sons.

One-year-old Heifer—W. G. Gerrie; R. Elliott & Sons; J. Y. Norrish. Calf Heifer—S. E. Griffin; R. Elliott & Sons; J. Y. Norrish.

Heifer—W. G. Gerrie; R. Elliott & Sons; Pen of Calves—R. Elliott & Sons; W. G. Gerrie. Baby Heifer—R. Elliott & Sons; S. E. Griffin; W. G. Gerrie.

Best Male Animal in Class—S. E. Griffin. Best Female Animal in Class—W. G. Gerrie. Aberdeen Angus or Any Other Breed: Bull, any age—Geo. Mack; S. W. Nelles & Son.

Cow, any age—G. Mack; S. W. Nelles & Son. Two-year-old Heifer—S. W. Nelles & Son; G. Mack. One-year-old Heifer—G. Mack.

Heifer Calf—G. Mack; S. W. Nelles & Son. Best Male Animal in Class—G. Mack. Best Female Animal in Class—G. Mack.

Pure Bred Holstein: Bull, 18 months or over—Robinson Bros.; J. D. Gale. Bull, under 18 months—J. D. Gale; J. L. Neelands.

Cow, any age—J. D. Gale; Robinson Bros. Two-year-old Heifer—J. D. Gale; J. L. Neelands.

One-year-old Heifer—J. D. Gale; J. L. Neelands. Heifer Calf—J. L. Neelands; J. D. Gale. Pure Bred Holstein Heifer—J. D. Gale.

Best Male Animal in Class—Robinson Bros. Best Female Animal in Class—J. D. Gale. Pure Bred Jersey: Bull, 18 months or over—Gerald Graham; L. G. Ella & Sons; W. J. Alexander.

Bull, under 18 months—L. G. Ella & Sons; W. J. Alexander. Cow, any age—Gerald Graham; L. G. Ella & Sons; W. J. Alexander.

Two-year-old Heifer—Gerald Graham; L. G. Ella & Sons; W. J. Alexander. One-year-old Heifer—L. G. Ella & Sons; O. Graham & Son; Gerald Graham. Heifer Calf—O. Graham & Son; L. G. Ella & Sons; Gerald Graham.

Downs—Any Other Breed

Ram, two years and over—J. S. Wilson; W. Clarkon & Son. Shearling Ram—J. S. Wilson; A. McEnery.

Item Lamb—W. Clarkon & Son; J. S. Wilson. Ewe, two years and over—W. Clarkon & Son; J. S. Wilson.

Shearling Ewe—W. Clarkon & Son; J. S. Wilson. Ewe Lamb—J. S. Wilson; A. McEnery. Flock of Fine Wool Sheep—J. C. Cunningham; J. S. Wilson.

Best Ram in Class—J. S. Wilson. Best Ewe in Class—W. Clarkon & Son. SHEEP SPECIALS: Best Flock of Sheep—W. Clarkon & Son; J. S. Wilson.

Pair Marketable Wether Lambs—J. S. Wilson; A. McEnery. HOGS: Boar, born previous to September 1st, 1935—J. K. Featherston; A. J. Murray; J. S. Wilson.

Boar, born between September, 1934, and March 1st, 1935—J. K. Featherston; A. J. Murray; J. S. Wilson. Boar, born after March 1st, 1935—T. J. Brownridge; J. K. Featherston; J. S. Wilson.

Champion Boar—J. K. Featherston. Sow, born previous to September 1st, 1934—J. K. Featherston; J. S. Wilson; A. J. Murray.

Sow, born between September 1st, 1934, and March 1st, 1935—J. K. Featherston; A. J. Murray. Sow, born after March 1st, 1935—T. J. Brownridge; J. K. Featherston; J. S. Wilson.

Champion Sow—J. K. Featherston. Pen Bacon Hogs—T. J. Brownridge; J. S. Wilson. Champion Bacon Hog—T. J. Brownridge.

POULTRY: Rhode Island Red Cock—W. J. Goulding; W. H. Allan. Rhode Island Red Hen—W. J. Goulding; W. H. Allan.

Rhode Island Red Cockerel—W. J. Alexander; W. J. Goulding. Rhode Island Red Pullet—W. J. Goulding.

S. C. White Leghorn Cock—W. J. Alexander; W. J. Goulding. S. C. White Leghorn Hen—W. J. Alexander; W. J. Goulding.

S. C. White Leghorn Cockerel—W. J. Alexander; W. J. Goulding. S. C. White Leghorn Pullet—W. J. Alexander; W. J. Goulding.

White Wyandotte Cock—W. J. Goulding; Fred Conn. White Wyandotte Hen—W. J. Goulding; Fred Conn. White Wyandotte Cockerel—W. J. Goulding; Fred Conn.

Esquering Fall Fair

AT GEORGETOWN Friday and Saturday

OCTOBER 4th and 5th

SPECIAL PRIZES

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Prize amount. Includes categories like HORSES, SHEEP, and MISCELLANEOUS.

CATTLE

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Prize amount. Includes categories like Jersey Female, Registered Shorthorn Female, etc.

SHEEP

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Prize amount. Includes categories like Best Pen of Fine Wool Sheep, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Prize amount. Includes categories like Best 3 lbs. Butter in 1/2 lb. prints, etc.

POULTRY SPECIALS

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Prize amount. Includes categories like Best Pen of Fine Wool Sheep, etc.

PET STOCK

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Prize amount. Includes categories like Pair Pigeons, etc.

OUT OF PLACE

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Prize amount. Includes categories like Among the guests at a reception was a distinguished man of letters, etc.

Among the guests at a reception was a distinguished man of letters. He was grave and somewhat taciturn. One of the ladies present suggested to the hostess that he seemed to be out of place at such a party.

"Yes," replied the hostess, with a bright smile, "you see, he can't talk anything but sense."