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#### THE LAMP IN THE WINDOW.

By O. G. HERBRECHT

the hill to the place where, between the ity thanked God for his visitors and trees, gleamed a bit of yellow light. "Guest he has it going every night, Lynn. Martin's a good chap but queer-awful-

"People say," continued the girl, "every" time Martin's lamp burns in his window he is praying for somebody in trouble." "Probably's got more orders on hand rather flippantly.

They were going homeward through the winter night, from a long hike that had taken them miles around the shore of Mirror Lake in the Indian Hills. Lynn Stedman and Theodore Brooks were sweethearts, and the wedding date was already set for the coming June. Lynn was the daughter of Weston's banker and Theodore was a young civil engineer. "Say, Ted, let's go up and call on

"No sooner said than done." the young man gaily. "Certainly I don't want my future wife to freeze Martin's cabin only a stone's throw away. Right this way, please!"

Covered with snow and overlaid with moonlight, Martin Dorner's mountain cabin was an inviting picture. Por thirty years he had lived alone in the Indian Hills three miles from Weston, a friendly hermit

"Good evening," Theodore greeted the white-hair, stooped man who answered his knock. "Miss Stedman, here, and I. were walking, and-"

With a gesture that spoke of breeding and courtesy unlooked for in one of welcome. The night is cold and my fire The blessing of the Lord be upon you as you enter my house tonight."

Somewhat abashed and a little ashamed of their motive, the young people stepped into the aroom where a cheerful are burned on the hearth. Under other circumstances and on other lins quaint benediction would have tempted a smile; but coming from the old hermit, it carried a simplicity and dignity entirely in keeping with the place.

Martin followed them into the room "If you will be scated here by the fire, I shall have a cup of chocolate for you in a few minutes."

Lynn protested. "Oh no, Mr. Dorner! Please don't bother."

"It is a long time since anyone has called me by my last name," answered the hermit, busying himself with the of forgetting it myself. To all who come to the Indian Hills I am just Martin and I like it that way."

The young people looked about The fireplace was a great, rough affair; built by an artist's hand The furniture ws durable but comfort-By the window stood a small, exquisitely wrought mahogany table and boside it an old-fashioned rocking chair, the door, On the table was the lamp, brass bowled Hofmann's "Christ in Gethsemane." A faint reflection from the lamp fell on the picture, touching into relief the figure of the praying Christ.

"Beautiful, isn't it?" said Martin softthings the Master wrought by prayer! crumbled chocolate. The flickering fire ever so slightly. Something from afar off seemed to live in the old eyes, something of a common tie binding the spirit

of the praying Christ of the picture. The young people felt the strange mood of the man. When a few moments later they were sipping the hot chocolate, Theodore said, almost with an effort "Martin, do you really believe so much in prayer? Polks say that-you-the

one in trouble?" completed the old man "Well, it is true. There is so much trouble in the world that money and law and advice, and even some times the doctor cannot help; but prayer can. Por over thirty years I've been praying here. It never falls, Maybe not now but some day you, too, will

of you to take us in and we do appreclate it." She walked over to the table

"The lamp-will it burn all night?" "Yes," responded the old hermit simply, "for there is a mother who is poor and she has a sick child.

lamp burns for them to-night." After a moment of allence, Theodore put out his hand. 'Good night, Martin, and many thanks."

He was withdrawing his hand but the hermit held it. "It may be only an man's whim," he said, "but in thirty years hone have left this house with-

66 COOK, Ted! Martin's lamp trout the blessing of the Lord." In the shadow of the great picture, then, th Theodore Brooks looked up old hermit in words of childlike simplications prayed his guidance upon their going.

Late the mext evening in his office Theodore Brooks and Chief Enginee Matthews were bending over lon columns of figures and spacious blu prints. Outside a mad storm was whirl ing through the air, piling great drifts of than he can fill," commented Theodore snow along the streets. It had broken only about an hour earlier, coming a the close of a glorious sunny winte

> "Some stunt for the weather man t play," growled Theodore.

"It's the way of the Indian Hills," laughed Matthews, "and it will mean day off for us to-morrow." A knock sounded at the door and

Matthews hastened to open it. "Is Mr. Ted here?" A lad abou welve years old, wearing high lace boots, knitted helmet cap, and a leather coat stepped inside. The young man jumped up as he hear

the voice of his landlady's son. "Billy what are you doing out in this storm? "Ma made me come. She tried to cal you, but I guess the line's down, A lad eft a note for you this afternoon, and when you didn't come, Ma kind thought maybe you ought to have it."

Theodore recognized the writing -- s once. The note was from Lynn, "Come on in, Billy," he said, "and sit down. Maybe I can go back with you in a little

"No, thanks," answered the lad. . "Ma Bristow, Victor said I shouldn't stay. She doesn't like Dunn. to be alone when it storms like this. Mainprize, Wm. Nuthin' to be afraid of but you know how girls are." With that tribute to his own sophistication, William Holt turned back into the snow.

Matthews laughed heartlly. opinion about the fair sex weens quite

"He's just twelve," replied Theodore, as he ripped open the envelope, "and he hasn't gotten over his contempt for girls -Good heaven, what's this?" he interrupted himself as he glanced at the message. "Listen, Matthews, here's

From the note he read: "'It's too nice to stay in, Ted, and I'm going out skating on Mirror Lake to-night. will be great out there in the mbonlight. I know you're busy but maybe you can come out later and we'll walk in together. If you don't find me on the ice. I'll be at Martin's cabin."

"Lynn's out there on the lake!" "Take it easy," said Mathews, "She's probably at the cable by now. The only awkward thing is you can't get out there

"I'll get out there some way, and if she is with Martin she's safe. Lynn's a daring skater and never stays mar the shore. She probably tried to tuffed the letter into his pocket, grab-

clear, decisive, stopped him. "If you're together before this; we'll do it now. "The car can make it I think," said

Twenty minutes later two men were Robertson, G. driving the light car into the very teeth

the shelts. Hen lought their way to Martin's door. The old hermit had evileatry seen thepreoming and the dos opened as they reached it. Before Marin could speak, Theodore's voice cut in. 'Is

Martin shook his head. "I have seen nothing of her since she came, early in

Matthews looked at his companion and saw the misery of death in Theodore: eyes. "Steady, my boy, steady," he said don't let yourself go. You'll need al our strength and with to-night. Let'

The cio hermit's voice stopped them do? I knew you would come and I prepared for you. Here is a rope and . lantern. Hang the lantern in a tree by the shore. The yourselves together wit. the rope. You cannot afford to los. each other. My guess is you will fine the girl about a mile out-but you wil

and her, and alive." Matthews looked at the old man with puzzled expression. Martin pointed to the lamp in the window and said buietly Your young friend will understand. would go with you but I would only be a hindrance. I can do more good here when you return."

Out on the lake, Lynn, lured by the beauty of the early night, rejoiced in the strength of her youth and the glory of the shimmering lake. Joyously als started away from the shore to the far

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#### Term Report of the Pupils of Acton Continuation School

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CHEWING GUM BRINGS PROSPER-ITY TO HONDURAS

Were the old-time buccaneers to revisit their former hunting grounds in the Spanish Main they would, like Rip Van Winkle, rub their eyes and wonder just where they were. British Honduras, in particular, would cause them some wonderment. The country was noted from earliest times for its mahogany and logwoods and now it also supplies the foundation for one of. America's popular pastimes, chewing gum. The gum comes from the Sapodilla tree and goes by the name of chicle, of which Canada took some 64,000 pounds last year-quite a lot of chewing. Acroplanes roar overhead and motor cars honk their way through the streets. The o nutives, instead of appearing in their 8 Mirthday clothes, are seen all dressed up 6 in cotton and silk piece-goods, the latest in millinery and hoslery, while the male species go round in the latest finery of the haberdasher. The revival of the mahogany trade has brought about a measure of good times with consequent 6 increase in buying power. Bananas and 9 grapefruit are-also exported, all of the 8 bananas going to the United States last year while Canada took approximtely 31 per cent of the grapefruit. Canada is the chief supplier of rubber-soled canvas books and shoes, a position she regained last year from the Straits Settlements, and supplies also butter, cement, canned 2 fish; flour, hardware, hoslery, barrelled pork, bacon and fam, medicines and drugs; fron and steel nalls; condensed milk, sweetened and unsweetened; powdered milk; refined sugar; dressed lumber; much of which reaches British Honduras in vessels of the Canadian National Steamships, direct service being maintained between Canada and British Honduras via Kingston, Jamaica, with the C. N. S. "Connector" plying between Kingston and Belize, British Honduras.

NOT RESPECTABLE

"Did you notice that Mrs. 'Awkins had black eye last Saturday night?" "Yes, I did! An' 'er 'usband not due ome for another week! I don't call it respectable. I don't!"

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