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KHAKI

By ANGELA E. SHEEHAN

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"Oh, surely I ought to get a letter from him today, exclaimed Alice, as she slipped on her hat to run down to the village postoffice.

The clerk looked through the mail for her, just as he had done every day for over two months, but there was none. Poor Alice turned away with a sinking heart. Would Dick never write to her? Certainly there could be no reason for such a long delay. It was about three months since she had answered his last letter, and yet there had been no reply. Here an awful thought occurred to her.

"Oh—oh, I wonder—yes, that must be it! He has met some French girl over there that he likes better than me. Why—why—oh! I'll never write to that boy as long as I live."

Khaki, Alice's little Scotch collier, cocked one eye speculatively at his young mistress. Never in all his puppy life had he known her to be averse to a romp with him, but lately everything was changed. Even his imploring little tricks could not induce her to cuddle him. Well, mortals were funny, anyway; a mere puppy couldn't be expected to understand them.

But Khaki was not the only one that noticed Alice's abstraction. Her young brother Jack had been taking account of affairs.

"Probably she's in love," he guessed. Well, something would have to be done. He simply couldn't let such a state of affairs go on.

"Golly, lately a fellow can't even ask for a single favor without having his head taken off," he ruefully complained.

Now, Jack was an observing boy, so it is not strange that he noticed how often his sister went to the postoffice for mail, she never received. He was also a diplomat.

"By the way, Alice, how's Jack?" he casually remarked one evening.

"How do you suppose I know?" she snapped. "I don't know or I don't care."

So that's where the shoe pinched. Well, he could easily fix that up. That's what a younger brother was for anyway.

Dick Fale was resting one afternoon in a Y. M. C. A. hut with a group of fellow engineers, but he was not entering into their discussions. On the contrary, he was thinking seriously of a certain girl way back in the States.

"Wonder why she doesn't answer my letters?" he questioned. "Possibly she doesn't receive them. No, that can't be, for I've written every week for at least three months. Could it be—er—could it be that she prefers Ed Field after all? Well, no girl will make a fool out of me if I know it. She'll get no more letters from me."

No sooner had he uttered these words when his chum appeared with a letter for him.

"Thought I'd bring it to you, Dick, as long as I was coming this way. Why, man, what's the matter with you?"

It is no wonder the mystified fellow asked such a question, for Dick was dancing around with a lock of golden hair dangling in his fingers.

"She's willing! She's willing!" he exclaimed. "Oh boy! Just wait until I get back to the States. Hey, Fred! Want to be my best man?"

When Dick finally quieted down he explained to the curious Fred the meaning of the strange lock of hair.

One evening they had been sitting out on the porch, when Dick foolishly cut off a lock of Alice's hair. When Alice was ready to answer in the affirmative a question he had recently asked, she could send him the lock of hair. Agreeing, Alice slipped the lock into a book she was holding, thinking it to be a safe hiding place.

"And now," added Dick, "as long as I'm going to be sent home soon I won't let her know I'm coming, but will surprise her."

After the wedding guests had all departed, Jack, with Khaki as a companion, threw himself down on the lawn, a characteristic position of his when he wanted to think.

"Gosh, Khaki, just look at that watch. Isn't it a beauty?" he chuckled reminiscently, "but didn't Sis look surprised when Dick told her he received that lock of hair. Wonder how she guessed I did it though? We should worry, Khaki. If I hadn't taken Cupid's job, she would never have given me this watch. What about it, Khaki?"

"Bow wow!" agreed Khaki.

"Monroe Doctrine."

The famous doctrine, as announced by President Monroe in his message to congress in 1823, was a simple statement of the attitude of this country toward the South American republics. Henry Clay had made an effort to have the independence of these republics recognized, and in 1822 their independence was acknowledged by congress. President Monroe had recalled John Quincy Adams from the court of St. James to become his secretary of state, and many historians credit Adams with the authorship of the message, in which the doctrine was stated as follows: "As a principle, the American continents, by the free and independent position which they have assumed and maintained, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European power." This was undoubtedly the sentiment of the congress to which the doctrine was announced.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Docket No. 71

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the City Council of the City of Highwood, County of Lake and State of Illinois, have ordered that Railway Avenue shall be improved by excavating and grading, constructing a storm water and sub-soil drainage system including brick catch basins with cast iron inlet tops and a concrete outlet wall, constructing a portland cement concrete pavement with integral curb edges, replacing or extending connecting cross walks and otherwise improving said Railway Avenue from the paved roadway at the south line of Washington Avenue, southerly to its intersection with the paved roadway of Highwood Avenue, including the roadways of connecting streets within Railway Avenue, all in the City of Highwood, County of Lake and State of Illinois. The ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, and the said City having applied to the County Court of Lake County, State of Illinois, for an assessment for the cost of said improvement according to the benefits, and an assessment therefor having been made and returned to said Court, same being "Docket No. 71." The Final hearing thereon will be held on the 13th day of October, A. D. 1919, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will permit.

Said ordinance provides that the aggregate amount of said assessment shall be divided into ten (10) installments bearing interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum.

All persons desiring may file objections in said County Court before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

R. G. SMITH,

The person appointed by the President of the Board of Local Improvements to make said assessment.

Dated at Highwood, Illinois, this 25th day of September, A. D. 1919. (30-31)

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