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JOLLY OLD UNCLE JOSH

His Great Generosity Towards His Newly Married Niece.

A REALISTIC ROMANCE OF DURHAM IN WHICH A NUMBER OF PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN TAKE A VERY CONSPICUOUS PART.

(By W. S. G.)

"Miss. Allie—I—I—er—dare I—" But the speaker took a header over bashfulness, only to hear a sweet "Yes, Charley."

"Can I aspire to—er—to—that—is" Again a lapse into silence, followed by an encouraging "Yes, Charley."

"Oh, if I might only hope to er—to—" Another failure of language. It was seemingly a hopeless case, and might have been only for a demure.

"Charley, I have said 'yes' twice, and if you mean it, I mean it, too, and—" And to this day that young man will insist that he popped the question.

All this happened away "down east," and it wasn't long before there was a wedding. Not much longer before there came a letter from Allie's Uncle Josh, out here in Bentinck who wrote effusively of his delight at her exhibition of what he called "grit," and he proposed that if the young people would locate in Durham he would start them up in life, as a wedding gift. Of course they accepted, and were soon bidding their friends adieu.

A few weeks subsequent to the above conversation a travel-stained party arrived in Durham. Our friend Uncle Josh, was in charge and he led the party straightway to a hotel. "The Mildaugh House," said he "is a typical Canadian hotel of the best class. I have known Jim. Gunn, the proprietor, for years and he is mine host after mine own heart, a thorough business man, endowed with that delightful intuition that makes a guest feel at home, comfortable, contented, and in mighty good luck. The house is one of convenience; the apartments are well furnished and the cuisine excellent. I have engaged rooms here until your own house is in readiness..."

"What's the first thing on program me?" asked Uncle Josh after the trio had indulged in a refreshing meal. "Oh, goodness knows there's lots and lots to buy." "Then suppose we buy lots first," quoth Charles with a business air. "Well said my boy" rejoined Uncle Josh, and for real estate we must call at the Jackson Agency. I can always depend upon them for bargains, for they control a large list of desirable residences as well as farm properties, and their judgment on the "good things" is par excellence. Of course it did not take long to buy a cosy cottage. After which Uncle Josh wisely remarked, "in the matter of insurance that's of importance. You'll need a risk on your new house, of course. Jackson's Agency not only has several of the solidest and best insurance Companies but they are expert and trust worthy underwriters. Its better to be safe than sorry and you'll surely be safe in the Jackson Agency."

"Having provided you with a cage for the bird," said Uncle Josh, "now the first thing we'll look after will be the furnishings for it." Hereupon Allie energetically declared that she had heard so much about Shewell's fine furniture that she had decided to go there. The result was that

they were ushered into such a bewildering display that the girl was at first at a loss how to select. But she soon yielded to the seductiveness of a magnificent parlor suite, a bedroom set in oak, antique finish, that would do credit to old Antiquity himself. To this she added an easy rocker for Uncle Josh, and didn't forget a most convenient and ornamental writing desk for "Hubby" Charles.

"A pretty good start," said the old man, and now we'll go to W. Black's hardware and tin store. I know of no one who keeps such a comprehensive stock of hardware as he does, and he is satisfied with a moderate profit too. The house needs a coat of paint and Mr. Black has got the kind that makes the brightest finish and lasts the longest. Allie can get her kitchen ware there while we men look after hardware and paint. If Allie fails to accomplish wonders in the culinary art, it will not be for want of superior cooking utensils, for she purchased a novelty Blue-Flame Oil Stove with all equipments needed in a well regulated kitchen, including tin and granite ware, silverware and a beautiful hanging lamp all of which Uncle Josh paid for with delight cause he knew Mr. Black had treated him right as he does all of his customers. "I tell you what" remarked the old man "this is a good store to tie to."

"Halt!" commanded Uncle Josh, as the party came in front of the popular Durham Pharmacy. "Walk right in." "Why Uncle, we're not sick, and—" "Guess I know that, but I suspect it won't be long before this young man begins to take an interest in matters of paregoric and—" "U-n-c-e-l-e!" "Well go in anyway, Allie may find some toilet articles she wants." Sure enough, before leaving she was loaded down with combs, brushes, face powders and ounces upon ounces of fine imported perfumes. "Don't forget," added Uncle Josh, "to come here with your prescriptions, as that department is in charge of a competent pharmacist who uses none but pure and reliable drugs."

"I would like to make you acquainted with T. G. Holt, my dentist friend, too," said the old man. "If you ever have to supplement your natural teeth." "Ugh! Don't you mention false teeth to me," cried Allie. "I'll never carry pearly lies in my mouth if I go toothless." "Oh, as for that," laughed Uncle Josh, "if you'll only consult a good dentist in time you can save the catastrophe. Dr. Holt for instance, is wonderfully expert in saving natural teeth, and he has the skill and every mechanical appliance necessary to do his work with the least discomfort to his patrons."

"Oh, say, Uncle exclaimed Allie, where can I go for dry goods? This dress is hardly suitable. I must admit." "Well, my girl, if you want to select from one of the oldest and most popular establishments in town, I will direct you to N. G. & J. McKechnie who carry a stock of Dress Goods that for variety and real value is seldom seen in a town the size of Durham. They keep all the latest weaves in fashionable dress goods and you are sure to be guided right in your selections. You will find McKechnie's pleasant to deal with, while the prices cannot be duplicated. After getting a beautiful dress Allie next turned her attention to curtains, table linens, towels and other house furnishings of which this store shows some extra values.

Woman like, Allie was discussing the matter of how she would arrange her new house and was interrupted by Uncle Josh. "And these house fixins remind me that you haven't got your dishes yet. The most famous stock in extent, quality and completeness is at A. McLachlan's. But the average reader need not be told what an array of table ware Allie had to select from. There isn't positively, a thing in the line of china, crockery, glass or porcelain needed for use or ornament in any part of the house that cannot be found at McLachlan's in indefinite variety and at wonderfully low prices. They also have a splendid stock of decorated ware of every description. Allie's big order suggested her thorough appreciation.

"Oh me! Oh my!" ejaculated Allie as they halted before a show window. "what a perfectly lovely slipper." "Yes" said Uncle Josh, "J. & J. Hunter's stock can't be equalled in style and extent in this section. Go in look it over and get acquainted." It might have been policy not to have extended that invitation, had not Uncle Josh known what wise economy it is to trade at J. & J. Hunter's, for Allie found goods and prices so seductive that she purchased an outfit from a pretty slipper to a handsome walking boot. Charley invested in gent's fine shoes, while Uncle Josh indulged in a stout farm boot, with rubbers for the crowd. No one needing footwear can resist the styles and prices offered by this store.

"Let's see—I promised you a gold watch, didn't I," and W. A. McFarlane's is the place to get one cheap." Entering the popular jewelry store the old man gallantly acquitted himself of the promise and then directed Allie's attention to the superior stock of other jewelry carried by the house. "There is no other such house in town," said the old man, "and I guarantee the quality to be the very best. Pick out your family clock while here," he added, McFarlane carries a magnificent line. Don't forget another fact," he continued, "if ever you need optical goods, this is the place to come. And say, my boy, remember Mr. McFarlane is also an expert doctor on sick watches."

"By the way," remarked Uncle Josh, as they reached the street, "I must run up to the Standard Bank to get another check book. Come along with me and get acquainted with J. Kelly, the manager, for of course you will do business with them and it is always more pleasant to be personally acquainted with the people you do business with. This bank is as solid as the base of the universe, and has paid up capital and reserve fund of \$1,600,000. You will find them ever ready to extend any accommodations compatible with business principles.

"I declare" exclaimed Uncle Josh with the air of an old stager, "I happen to think that I need some farm machinery. I always did contend that first-class implements were necessary to do good work. I know of no dealer who keeps a better or larger stock than my friend county councillor C. McKinnon whose show rooms are right across the street. He sells the world famous Deering pony binder. "Why bless you the Prince of Bismark recently bought (Continued on Page 9)

THE TRAIL OF DEATH

It begins at the Throat and ends at the Grave. How many a human life is unnecessarily sacrificed.

There are many remedies on the market for the cure of consumption, but consumption, once it reaches a certain stage, cannot be cured. In proferring, therefore, to do what is impossible, these remedies prove themselves to be simply humbugs. Consumption is a disease which destroys the tissue of the lungs. Once gone, no medicine can replace that tissue. Good medicine may arrest the disease even after one lung is wholly gone, as long as the other remains sound. Once both are attacked, however, the victim is doomed. Just why people should risk their lives to this dread disease and go to great expense afterwards to check it, it is hard to conceive. It is much easier prevented than cured. Throat troubles and severe colds are its usual forerunners. A 2-cent bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine will drive these away. It is, without doubt, the best medicine for the purpose to be had anywhere.

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Market Report.

Table with market prices for various goods in Durham, July 7th, 1897. Includes items like Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Oats, Peas, Barley, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Apples, Potatoes, Flour, Oatmeal, Chop per cwt., Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Dressed Hogs, Hides, Sheepskins, and Wool.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

A FARM CONTAINING 100 acres being lots No. 3 and 4 on the third concession, north of Durham Road, in the township of Glenora, 80 acres cleared, and under cultivation; the remainder good hardwood bush. Good frame house, frame barn, small orchard and well watered. For further particulars apply to the owner WM. DAVIS, Portage La Prairie, Man. M. J. Davis, Traverston, Man. Feb. 15th, 1897.

THE EDGE PROPERTY.

IN the Town of Durham, County of Grey, including a valuable water power, brick dwelling and many electric building lots will be sold in one or more lots. Also lot No. 69, con., 2 W. G. R. Township of Bentinck, 100 acres, adjoining Town plot, Durham. Mortgages taken for part purchase money. Apply to JAMES EDGE, Edge Hill, P. O. Oct. 2nd.

50 ACRE FARM FOR SALE, Cheap and on easy terms. 4 miles from Durham. Apply to JOHN FIRTH, Durham. March 24th.

LOT 25, CON. 7, TOWNSHIP OF Bentinck, 100 acres more or less, 80 acres under cultivation and known as the James Johnston farm. Buildings fairly good and good water on the place; a short distance from school. A satisfactory purchaser easy terms of payment will be given. For full information and particulars write to CHAS. JOHNSTON, Box 95, Harriston, Ont. March 24th.

To Rent.

THE MIDDAUGH HOUSE STORE, best locality in Durham; brick; plate glass windows. Also comfortable dwelling with half an acre of ground, good stable, bearing orchard, hard and soft water, good locality, front street, rents reasonable. Apply to N. MCINTYRE. t f

Bull for Service.

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Read all the Ads.

TRUE ACCOUNT OF RUSSIA

(This story was written in a volume intended for circulation among members of the family. Her Majesty under the name of Princess Tella's betrothal to the loved, Nicholas, the Czar, had been decided upon in the city, though the world were still discussing of such an event with cons. Officially her Majesty had been treated like a Russian Grand Duchess. "Princess Tella left yesterday on special train to dine in the imperial station to-morrow noon. Thus read a dispatch station master at Korr September 2. Half an hour after the Governor General's railway official's bedro that his Excellency would receive her High honors. Prince Weripoff to arrangements! The came near fainting with message. To thence at Princess was had enough to satisfy the government's at the same time was attempting the impossible to be done. A hundred hands were to clear the station of antedeluvian in ten of years of floors of the building scooped, metal work and polished. The garden were next laid under was everybody else in owning a green plant, a gorgeous rug or of furniture, all being sitting either the depot in the kitchen of the was busy with a large ants preparing superior all other work being at moment, the station had extraordinary, if not shortly before the arrival of the Governor and his in-grand gala. "Everything in ported the station was "We will see," replied poloff ungraciously. He pressed wrath—he is somebody or something on the head of the Chambermen and drivers, in the neighborhood where the Prithem, wore their work were dirty and must be The railway laborers best uniforms at once enough police present—these criticisms and en in a few peremptory gurgles, as was the G His Excellency would it too much honor for address him in such a himself thoroughly un- ficials and servants had to guess at the Pr and woe to him who had empty instructions be wrongly; his bread a his liberty were at st Not until special No ed into the station, and of the Hessian infant Kornoff, struck up th hymn, brightened up Giving a last look to face at his side, a look there be an accident yourself discharged," nor changed to a smaller tier. He rushed to of the salon carriage with gloved hand, and bo Highness followed by dies and a number of walked down the steps "General," said Pr the last two hours of the province you gov you have done much to like to live here?" "To live and die here poloff. "I understand, and ly exercise it in your should you fear to lose are not a Liberal?" "Grand Ducal Highness enemies, and a dream heavily upon my mind. "You may tell me laughed Princess Tella companions—Princess less Wadhwa. The each other." Then her that dinner be served, was enjoyed heartily When coffee was brot Tella, who wanted to ernor, said, "But so dream. Out with it. "It is quickly told. "I dreamed that a lot the cause of my dismiss "And when did the dream I mean," querie "Three months ago. Princess Tella langu compliment you," she forbearance. I have of rustics while travell province. If your Exce ditive you would have least one half of the p beria. "Saying this Princess the window and looke courtyard below, when railway laborers were d atired in their best. "of manhood you have continued." Look at the left wing. I never saw for a head of the G