

Saint Mary's Beacon

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he rose to his feet and slouched forward.

'I suppose you can read, eh?' said Geof smiling. 'Pity you joined us so late in the season, for a man of your age has no time to lose.'

'Oh, I don't want to learn nothing,' muttered Tom, turning to kick a youngster who inadvertently giggled. 'I come for fun,' he said, with sudden assertion. His side-long glance at the boys was disappointed of its meed of admiration, for all eyes were bent on the teacher, who for his part was taking Tom's measure with great accuracy.

There was a steely gleam in his eyes, before which the boys who knew him trembled. Tom, secure in his brute force, had not a qualm as to the result of the coming encounter. His measurement of the 'slip of a chap' before him had been readily taken. He meant to throw him out of the 'winder, as he done the last.'

There was a silence, in which the scholars held their breath with suppressed excitement. 'As for the teacher, he rose in his usual quiet way and proceeded to mark up a sum upon the blackboard, taking no notice of the intrusive figure between him and his scholars.

'First class to the blackboard,' was his order; then, as the boys advanced: 'You are in my way here,' he said, calmly to Tom, 'and as you do not wish to study, I am going to put you out.'

How did it all happen? Not a boy was quick enough to see. There had been a swift movement on the part of the teacher; those huge arms of Tom's were held pinioned, despite his furious efforts to release himself.

'Will you go out, or shall I put you out?' Geof asked, politely. He looked calm enough, but the spirit of fight was boiling in his veins, and his eyes fairly blazed at the bully as he backed him to the door. On the threshold he set him free, and quietly pointed to the yard. 'Go out!' he said, as he would have done to a surly dog.

To his dying day Tom never could understand why—he went out.

Squire Burton and a fellow-committee-man had followed close on Tom's heels, and, in fact, had seen all through the window, themselves unnoticed. The would not have missed what they termed 'the circus' for a great deal. They grinned at one another as Tom came slouching out.

'Hello, Tom!' cried Squire Barton.

'Hello, Tom!' from Squire Bartlett.

Then followed a guffaw of extreme enjoyment, under whose lash Tom turned his back and ran.

Then, assuming an official air, these worth committeemen entered the school house, and surveyed the school from the vantage ground of the platform. They could not repress an inclination to compliment Geof on his prowess ere they descended to humdrum every day life again, after which they did not forget to point the moral, which, however, required no further illustration at their hands.

'What I says, I stands to,' said the Squire, casting a severe glance at the towheads before him; 'when a school's got to be 'hoed out,' go right ahead and hoe.'

A REAL NICE GIRL.—Why, my darling, exclaimed Mrs. Worldly to her eighteen-year-old rosy-bud Maud, why in the name of goodness can you want to marry that impecunious young fellow Harry Juventus, when there is that charming Sir Croesus Senectus, a man of dignified maturity and countless wealth, who is dying to make you Mrs. Senectus, and who would place my jewel in a magnificent sitting?

How can you talk so, mamma? replied Maud, looking down and blushing a few lines of solid nonpareil. It is true that Sir Croesus is rich and Harry is not; but then Harry is young and Sir Croesus is old. Now, Harry is young and he can acquire wealth; while Sir Croesus is rich, but he cannot acquire youth. Do you catch on, mamma, as the boys say?—Minneapolis Journal.

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'I guess I'm the dodderedest fool rannin' loose in this town at the present time.'

'So?' I said.

'Yes, sir. I ain't got sense enough to be let go without a 'guardeen.' See that car ahead there?'

I did. It was half a dozen blocks away.

'Waal, sir, I run like sixty for more'n a block to ketch that car.'

'Could't catch it, eh?'

'Yes, I could. That is the trouble. I did ketch it, and I gin the conductor a dime on the hind platform and he gin me a nickel change. Then somehow I up and dropped the nickel overboard. I hollered to the conductor to stop the car, but he would not do it, so I ups and jumps off backwards. Look at my clothes. When I got up that car was out of reach, so I had to wait for this one.'

'Did you find your nickel?'

'Oh, yes; found that right enough. Lost my car, split my clothes and skint my back jest for the gratifying privilege of picking up that doddeen nickel and giving it to this conductor. I used to think Bill Thompson was the dingdest fool a going, but I guess I'm clost onto him.'

'What did Bill do?'

'Why, don't you know? Bill's dog got his head stuck in a pitcher, and Bill cut off the head to save the pitcher and then broke the pitcher to get the head out.'—N. Y. Herald.

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A BIT OF CORRESPONDENCE.—A remarkable correspondence has been published, ending in a true Irish fashion. It begins: Mr. Thompson presents his compliments to Mr. Simpson, and begs to request that he will keep his dogs from trespassing on his grounds.

Mr. Simpson presents his compliments to Mr. Thompson, and begs to suggest that in future he should not spell dogs with two gees.

Mr. Thompson's respects to Mr. Simpson, and will feel obliged if he will add the letter e to the last word in the note just received, so as to represent Mr. Simpson and lady.

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