

THE IMPOSSIBLE HE

By CHARLES POEHLMAN.

"Describe him? Well, in the first place, he must be big and strong."

"There was marked emphasis of the word 'big'."

Jack's smile was sarcastic. "How girls do worship the prize fighter!"

"Light, by all means." Grace's dimples now came to the front.

"I needn't have asked. Let's see—big, strong and light-complexioned. Handsome, of course?"

"No," most emphatically. "Handsome men are vain. He must be ugly."

She went her a low bow, saying: "There seems to be a ray of hope left."

"And he must be energetic."

Jack was lounging among the pillows in the boat. At the spirited "energetic," he settled himself more comfortably and pretended to stifle a yawn.

"Indeed! And brainy?" he asked pleasantly.

"No, brainy men are often uncomfortable to live with. Just intelligent and brave and generous, clean-hearted, and—"

"My dear girl, he has never yet been born. He's impossible. However, I'll keep my eyes open and if I should happen to see such perfection I'll just send him along."

"John Foster, you're the most contrary fellow that ever lived."

With this he laid strong hands on the Marsh Marigold, their boat, and the hard, slow push ashore began.

When it was finished John Foster did not look quite so fine as when he left the city. He was hot, somewhat winded, and in spite of his precautions, both trousers and shirt were covered with mud. Then he uttered his relieved "There!" and, looking up, there was a shriek of laughter. "Oh, oh, what a sight you are! If you could see yourself!"

"Suddenly she reached for something. Kibberitz concealed; then the little click of a camera, then more laughter. "Oh, I couldn't help it, it was such a temptation."

"Are you ready to come ashore?"

Was he laughing at her, or what? "I don't know as I dare. I expect to be killed," she gave him her hand. She did not jump, however, for he took more than her hand. He took all there was to take and held her fast. "Please tell me what my punishment is to be," she asked humbly; "I'd like to know now."

"He looked deep into her eyes. It is to repeat something I am going to say," was the answer; "then I'll let you go, and not before."

"Did they see the camera?"

They seemed quite content to remain in the shade of the willows, particularly when the Chesley party went up the road. Then there was a toilet to be made—an apology for one made beside a convenient tunnel at the sacrifice of the company's entire stock of handkerchiefs. Still they did not hurry, somehow, they found plenty to talk about, and it was nearly dusk before taking a short cut across fields they appeared before two very anxious parents, one of whom had to take to the back porch and his pipe to keep from disgracing himself as a host; the other, still too anxious and disappointed to see the funny side, relieved himself in the following way:

"You might at least have sent me word, somehow. How could I go with you off—nobody knows where? How did I know that but that you were drowned, with the boat gone? Grace Madden, your dress is a sight to be held!"

Then, remembering her duty as hostess, she said in a milder tone to the other culprit: "Go right up to the spare room, Jack. I'll bring you some of my clothes right away."

When the great touring car came putting and spitting back to town and past the Madden cottage, nobody, I think, but Mrs. Madden gave it a thought. She was in the kitchen giving directions for the sponging and pressing of the unfortunate trousers and it was Black Mary, with the freedom of speech of an old servant, who took upon herself the role of comforter.

"Please, honey, what 'er' yer kever fer peace? Ain't we got peace a-plenty right out dere on de pe-az-zer? Ain't dem chillun dum nuffin but scrap fer two year and mo? Look lak littl mites put up a mighty big fight, dis time, 'cordin' to de close, but I reck on de hone catch her now fo' suah!"

She chuckled, partly at remembrance of an unexpected bank bill tied securely "Peace, Lawdy, dey's de lak two tur tur doves."—Boston Post.

"Stung Again!"

"Johnny, I want you to go on a lit tle errand for me."

"Oh, mother, must I really? My legs ache." His mother patted the boy's head.

"In that case, of course, you needn't go; but I thought perhaps you'd like to. You see, I wanted you to go to Mrs. Stickey's candy shop and—"

Little Johnny brightened wonder fully.

"Oh, I think I can walk as far as that!" he said.

"Then you will go?"

"Certainly, mother!"

"And you know where Mrs. Stickey's shop is?"

"Well, I have a parcel upstairs which I want you to hand in at the post office next door. I'm afraid it's rather a big parcel, but you don't mind carrying it, do you, Johnny?"

What Did He Mean?

Pat was servant of a farmer and in his charge was a donkey which was kept to amuse his employer's children. The donkey was following the farmer's wife round the yard one day, and the farmer, turning to Pat, said: "I think that donkey is taking a liking to my wife." "Och," said Pat, "sure and it's not the first donkey that's took a liking to her, sir."

Getting Results.

A colored woman was arguing and arguing with her husband, and when she had finished he said: "Dinah, yo' talk don't affect me no mo' than a tea bite." "Well," she answered, "Ise gwanna keep yo' scratchin'!"

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Household Recipes

Stuffed Bass. Any fish may be served this way. Clean the fish. Dip soda crackers into boiling water a second; then mix in one tablespoonful of butter, and salt and pepper to suit; add as many small raw oysters as desired and stuff the fish, drawing the loose flesh over the opening with clean twine. Lay the fish on thin slices of pork and place a few more on top. Bake them from twenty to forty minutes, according to size of fish.

Pumpkin Dressing. This is an old-fashioned Connecticut tidbit worth trying. Sift two quarts of flour, two level teaspoonfuls of salt, a teaspoonful of cinnamon into a deep bowl; work in two tablespoonfuls of lard or white dripping, and when like cornmeal in consistency add one scant pint of stewed pumpkin and quarter of a compressed yeast cake softened in lukewarm water. Beat one large egg until light, then add to it a cupful of lukewarm milk, and gradually mix this into the other ingredients, adding sufficient more milk to make a dough easily handled; stuff in a warm place to rise double its bulk, then knead down and form into rolls and stand in a greased pan to become light again; bake in a moderate oven for forty-five minutes.

White Salad. One cup of celery cut in small pieces, one-half cup of cabbage, one, one-half cup of almonds blanched and cut fine, one-half box of gelatine, soaked in a pint of hot water, one teaspoon salt, one-half cup of sugar. When the dissolved gelatine is cool add the juice of three lemons and all the other ingredients. Mold in a square pan, cut in squares and serve on lettuce, with French dressing.

Baked Quinces. To make baked quinces that are not tough, wash and core as you would apples to be baked and put them in a pan, filling the center of each quince with granulated sugar and a little cinnamon. Add a little water to the bottom of the pan and cover the quinces so that they will steam. When the quinces are tender to a thrust of a fork remove the cover and allow them to brown slightly. Serve plain for breakfast or for dessert with whipped cream or a meringue.

Clam Chowder. Clean one quart of clams. Cut one and one-half inch cube of salt pork into thin slices and fry one minced onion until yellow. Do not brown. Add four cups of diced potatoes with boiling water to cover. Cook gently until tender and the water is nearly boiled away. Next dredge potatoes with flour, add clams and clam water, salt and pepper and dredge again with flour. Simmer ten minutes, keeping just enough water to prevent burning. Add four cups of milk and two tablespoonfuls of butter. Let boil up once and pour into tureen in which are eight common crackers split in halves.

Fifteen Coffins for One Man. One of the most extraordinary funeral ceremonies ever performed is reported from Fairfield, Conn. The residence of a man named Edward Spring was found burned to the ground and the charred remains of the deceased revealed a substantial remains of the unfortunate victim, who was known to have been on the premises when the outbreak occurred. The entire place had been so completely reduced to cinders that it was eventually decided to collect the ashes and give them proper burial. Accordingly over two wagon loads of debris were removed, placed in 15 coffins and solemnly interred.

Letters From a Contented Man. The editor of the Louisiana Twicely-Week Times recently received a letter from a contented man: "I have no domestic troubles and no financial troubles to speak of. I am not in love with anybody else's wife and nobody else's wife is in love with me. No one has swindled me and my neighbors don't keep chickens or goats. I have no fault to find with you. I thought it might be a pleasant surprise to you to get a letter of the other sort as a change from the eternal whine."

Warning His Mother. After little Edwin's mama had borne with his naughtiness until her patience was exhausted, she gave him a long overdue spanking. After the first sting had passed away and his angry crying had subsided into a whimper of griefed repentance, he sobbed mournfully: "You want to be powwty careful, mama, how y'you bank me—t'ause y'you might cwack n-me!"

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