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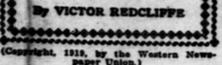
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The Price of Folly By VICTOR REDCLIFFE



"A good young man," said Deacon Lovd Derron, and indeed Royce Aymer seemed worthy of the designation.

In the estimation of the venerable church man, Boyd Haggood was not in the same category, and yet the latter had been the closest chum of Aymer, and at the very moment that the remark was made the latter was bound for home to read for a second time a letter he had received from Haggood in the city that day.

It was only one of a series that Haggood had written during six weeks of absence from the home. He was urging Aymer to join him. He painted glowing pictures of the luxuries and enjoyments of his new environment. Aymer was quite the reverse of Haggood, being steady, sane and of fixed character and habits.

Haggood had been somewhat discredited while at Rosville. He traveled with a lively crowd, his parents provided liberally for him and he had all the promptings of the spendthrift. For all the contrast between the two, somehow a genuine friendship had sprung up between them, and there had been a mutual pledge that through all of life they would stick to one another and divide their last crust!

"It's different with Haggood," reflected Aymer. "He has plenty of spending money, and can dress well and throw it around. Then, too, he has the influence of city relatives to get him a good position. Where would I be, with one common suit and less than one hundred dollars capital? No, Haggood and the city aren't for me until I can get there under better prospects."

Still, the cautious Aymer had a longing to join his friend. He was sick and tired of staying in early in the morning until late at night in a general store for a beggary pittance. One influence alone held him to the town, one especial being acted as though his diligence, seawy courtesy and unpretentious ways appealed to her own practical nature. She was Alice Lisle.

One day there came a hurry call at the store for Aymer. For the first time in six years he asked his employer for half a day off.

"It's my uncle, Mr. Deane," explained Aymer. "He is sick—lying, his messenger tells me, and wishes me to come to him at once."

"Why, he doesn't seem to have paid much attention to you in the past."

"No," agreed Aymer, "but he is old, he is my father's only brother. I guess he has had a pretty lonely and miserable life, and of course I can't refuse to go to him."

Next day the storekeeper received a note from Aymer, stating that he was at his uncle's, that the letter was very long, and he had insisted on his remaining with him until the end came.

"A day and a half," commented the storekeeper, "maybe more. If Aymer doesn't make it up with extra work I'll dock him for every lost minute!"

But the opportunity to "dock" Royce Aymer never came. Seven Graham died the following day, and all Rosville marveled over the astounding circumstances that at the last minute Mr. Graham had left his entire fortune to Aymer. The young heir did not jubilate over this sudden and unexpected accession of wealth as his friends were unpretentious, he kept his own counsel and applied himself loyally to carrying out verbal instruction given to him by his uncle. These covered certain portions of the inheritance which would consume about a third of it. There was a local church to be endowed. Some benefits were to go to a theological seminary. A new house was to be built for two old ladies who were distant relatives. Very faithfully Aymer attended to these beneficiaries. Then he counted up his resources and at last stood on the threshold of a new life.

In secret his face glowed and his eyes brightened as he realized that he was now prepared to join his friend in the city and exploit its pleasures with the best of them! The only extravagance to which so far Aymer had committed himself was the purchase of an automobile. As he started out in it one morning to look over the new house, just ready for the old ladies, a telegram was handed him. It was from Boyd Haggood and it pressed him urgently to come to the city to rescue him from a terrible tangle.

Hiding in an obscure room, shattered in health, trembling at every sound, Royce Aymer found his friend. As the latter recited his experience in a downward path that had led him not only into the highways of folly, but had made of him an embezzler, all the glamour of city life seemed to fade from the view of his loyal friend. Aymer cleared up the money troubles, set his friend on his feet once more, and chastened, disillusioned, started back for Rosville.

It must have been fate that wrecked his automobile near to the Lisle home, and further destiny that made pretty, solicitous Alice his nurse for a week. And in his convalescence Royce Aymer, under the influence of the ideal home life about him, shuddered as he thought of what the devouring city had done for Boyd Haggood, and was content to forego all his gilded expectations for the sweetest little wife in the world!

ON THE FUNNYSIDE



"I know a perfectly safe place for your diamond ring, mother."

"Where?" "On Bud's fingers."

"No, he wouldn't. You'd never be in any danger of Bud taking them off to wash his hands."

Did His Best. The tramp touched his hat and walked along beside the housewife.

"You wouldn't think, son," he said, "but I once had a happy home."

"Then," said the rider, "why didn't you do something to keep it happy?" "I did, sir," said the tramp; "I left it."—London Tit-Bits.

Good Advice. "My boy, get this in your head: You don't need to go to New York to make a success."

"No, dad?" "Not by a long shot. If you've got anything at all worth while, New York will come to you for it."

A New Feat. "Here's my wife been taking coals to Newcastle."

"In what way?" "She drove her car against the traffic policeman, pinning him to the semaphore stand, and so she pinched the cop."

Deceptive Conditions. "We're using a great many one-cent pieces these days."

"Yes, when you get weighed you're not sure whether you are gaining in heft or carrying an extra amount of small change."

No Indication. "There is one symptom, doctor, you may gather something from as you know the patient. He seems to be wandering."

"That amounts to nothing. Jim always was a bum loafer."

Overwork. "Money is circulating very fast," remarked the economist.

"Yes," replied the ordinary person; "by the time a dollar bill gets around to me it is so tired it can't do anything like the work it used to."

Chronic. "Is your husband still worrying about his automobile?" "Constantly," replied Mrs. Chuggins. "I never knew a man to suffer so with silver complaint."

Had to. "Why is that stupid attendant on the table always going up and down from the kitchen?" "It must be because he is a dumb waiter."

Revering It. "Queer, wasn't it, those jousts of chivalry?" "What was queer?" "Why, every knight made a day of it."

Always at It. "I know a man who is at the turning point of his life every night."

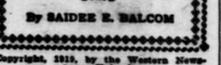
Naturally. "My brother's business is going to the wall."

Their Way. "Motorists are always speaking contemptuously of pedestrians."

Perceptible Result. "Confound the luck! The front door has just been painted."

"Yes, it is easy to see you have been up against it."

Nellie Dayton's "Nay"



Twice she had said "nay," and the last time Marvin Wade marveled deeply over the perversity of the nature feminine. She was something more than lovely, was this idol of his dreams.

Yet there was a winning gentleness to her manner, a tenderness half expressed with those whom she liked or who wanted to help. It was because she saw sterling worth in Marvin Wade that she checked his first outburst of love and repressed its recognition in her own heart.

"We have not known each other very long," she said; "and we are young, and we will continue very good friends."

The sincerity and earnestness of his second appeal a month later well might have carried down the barrier of her reserve. He was so manly, his long, ingenious eyes revealed a soul filled with the deepest devotion, but pretty, positive Nellie Dayton said:

"You have not yet safely tested your reserve strength for the battle of life. There are trials and temptations. Are you sure of yourself? Let us see what a year or two may do for both of us in the way of looking at the concrete ways of life."

"Oh! if she very plain the girl loves you, Marvin," declared his closest friend. "She loves you so much that she wishes you to be sure that you know your own mind."

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KEEP GRIP ON YOUR WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Advertising Clubs Issue Warning To Protect The Public Against Unscrupulous Stock Swindlers.

Various ways for prospective investors to detect the unscrupulous stock promoters are contained in a bulletin recently issued by the National Vigilance Committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

The bulletin indicates several unmistakable signs of the "wild cat" stock peddlers which owners of War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds will do well to consider before exchanging their valuable securities for the offerings of speculative investors is as follows:

"So far as we have been able to ascertain not a single case has ever been reported where the promoters of a legitimate, worthy enterprise have offered to take Liberty Bonds in payment for the capital stock of a new company. We believe that the very offer to take Liberty Bonds should prompt the bond owner to consult a banker or legitimate broker as to the value of the stock that is offered in exchange for the bonds. The offer to exchange is an earmark which should serve as a warning.

"Another earmark of the faker is his attitude when it is proposed to postpone action pending an investigation. He will usually sneer at the thought of consulting a banker or broker of standing, suggesting that, of course, they would not recommend the stock because they have stocks of their own to sell.

"In such a case the prospective investor might be sensible enough to remember that it is the one who casts reflections upon business men of standing who is likely to be the fly-by-night salesman, and that the banker has been in the community many years and will no doubt continue in business for many more. He might reason that an established firm would figure that it could not afford to deceive. Yet there are thousands of people who allow themselves to be hoodwinked because they believe such fairy stories."

HAND GRENADE BANKS WILL SOON BE READY

Children Are Urged to Begin Saving Money At Once So That They Will Not Lose Any Time.

Some \$50,000 hand grenade banks will be ready for distribution in the Fifth Federal Reserve District by August 20, according to a statement issued at the War Loan Organization of this district.

Every one of these hand grenades was manufactured to carry destruction to the Hun, and now, with percussion cap and explosive removed, they are to serve in the campaign for thrift. Made into penny-slot banks, they will be lent one to each child under seventeen years of age who calls at a bank. Then, if enough money to purchase one or more War Savings Stamps is saved in a specified time, the hand grenade becomes the property of the child.

There has been some delay in Washington in getting the grenades ready for distribution, due to the large number that had to be prepared for their new capacity, but it is now assured that they will shortly be ready. Every child who would like a real souvenir of the great war can get it by calling at the bank as soon after August 20 as possible, for there will probably be more than 25,000 children in the district who will want the grenades, and the supply is necessarily limited.

Meanwhile, the children are urged to begin saving at once so that they may have a "training start" when the grenades banks are delivered. The sooner enough money is saved to buy a War Savings Stamp the sooner the hand grenade belongs to the child, and the sooner the child begins to save the sooner the desired end will be reached.

Coin Thrift into Thrift Stamps.

OBJECT IS TO MAKE PEOPLE PROSPEROUS

Government Much Interested in Series of War Savings Societies That Are Rapidly Being Organized.

Government officials at Washington are watching with no little interest the growth of a series of societies springing up all over the United States. They have already attained a membership that reaches well up into the millions.

Treasury department officials are particularly interested in this movement, and it is fostered by that department. As soon as a society is formed the names of the president, secretary and each individual member are placed in the treasury department archives.

These societies are War Savings Societies, and the motive of each society is Thrift. The government, in favoring these organizations, has not only in view the replenishment of the United States treasury through the sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps, but the big idea is to cause each individual member to learn the value to himself of being thrifty.

The government is not seeking to invest capital from legitimate commercial enterprises. It does not want to tie up vast sums. It is the person who has never saved systematically that it is the most anxious to reach. This person can put aside the small amounts that he has been accustomed to spend, and, thus, drawing four per cent compound interest, will in an incredibly short time grow into a large enough sum to make the first payment on a home, or to provide a sum with which one may make a permanent investment.

Speaking of doubtful compliments, a subscriber writes: "I wish to offer the following as one of the best examples I have ever seen. An accomplished musician was invited by a friend to a church service in order to hear the chorus choir render a special selection. The friend, highly pleased with the rendition, was awaiting with much interest her companion's verdict. It came then, in a whisper: 'They did well.'"—From the Outlook.

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