

# Obliging D. D. D.

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Carman scowled as a tiny figure in brown linen scuttled across the lawn. "Up to more mischief," he growled. "Just had one spanking and getting ready for another. I hope he gets it. It's a pity I can't give it to him. He'd remember it better than the hairbrush sessions he usually has."

Daniel Davenport Dudley slipped around a corner of the carriage house, and Will Carman resumed his book. The day was far too fine for reading, but his clothes were downstairs drying out, and one of Bob Dudley's dressing gowns was scarcely an appropriate costume for outdoor exercise.

He had run down to his partner's bungalow for the day only. He had wanted to make a base of operations against Ruth Emory, who was stay-



"WON'T YOU PLEASE MARRY HIM SO I WON'T BE SPANKED?"

ing across the river at the Blessington's country place. Ruth was to leave tomorrow for Bar Harbor, and unless she spoke today there was small chance of winning her hand for another six months. Carman was no letter writer, and he could not hope to conduct an epistolary courtship.

Helen Dudley, his partner's wife, had suggested the scheme of his running down ostensibly on business just at the time that Dudley was going away. He might go over to Blessington's for want of better occupation, and the battle would be won.

But they had not counted upon D. D. D. That ingenious six-year-old had spent the early morning in bridging with branches and sod the tiny stream that cut through the Dudley lawn. Carman had broken through the shabby bridge and had sank himself to the knees. Mrs. Dudley had spanked D. D. D., but that did not dry damp trousers nor muddy boots, and now Carman was sitting in the guest room smoking Bob Dudley's cigars and softly cursing small boys and other fates that kept him from Miss Emory's side.

Presently he laid down the book as D. D. D. came around the corner of the carriage house again. The roof repairs had left some tar on the dirt heap, and in making up a ball of the sticky compound D. D. D. had smeared his clothes with the mess.

"Good!" commented Carman. "Now you'll get spanking No. 2. Just wait until your mother sees you."

There was not long to wait. D. D. D. ran to the rear of the house, and presently a succession of wails announced that the youngster's condition had been discovered by his long suffering mother. Carman chuckled.

"Vengeance was swift, my boy. You'll wind up on the gallows yet."

Carman was not ordinarily heartless, and, as a rule, he was fond of children, but the provocation had been great.

Mrs. Dudley tapped on his door, and Carman answered.

"Do you think," she asked, "it would hurt your boots to put them in the oven to dry? We had them in the sun, but they are drying very slowly. Here are your other clothes."

Carman decided in favor of the oven; anything to hurry the process. Perhaps, after all, he might be in time. He assumed his restored clothing and shuffled down to the porch in Bob Dudley's bath slippers. Carman was a six foot giant, while Dudley was small and dapper. There was nothing in the house that would fit Carman.

On the porch he chatted with his hostess and found it more pleasant to talk of Ruth than to sit in a room by himself and brood over his lost opportunity.

D. D. D. was playing at the other end of the piazza under the maternal eye. With the prospect of a speedy return of his footwear Carman even found it possible to smile upon the youngster mildly.

Then the servant came out bearing the boots, and as she neared Carman D. D. D. made a dive for the footwear.

"I want my fur," he exclaimed. "I hid it there when Noah ran after me." North dropped the boots on Carman's stockings feet, and, with a howl of dismay and pain, the latter picked them up. It was all too true. In the right boot were the dark stains that told how well the heat of the oven had spread the pitch. The shoes were ruined.

Mrs. Dudley was all concern, but it began to look as though all the fates were against Carman. There was not another pair of shoes about the place that approximated his size. It was out of the question to send the girl to town. The chauffeur had driven the head of the house to the city and had not yet returned.

"It's all over," said Carman grimly. "I'll go to town in the morning in the auto. Until then it will have to be bath slippers for me, and I cannot very well propose in bath slippers."

"It is scarcely the costume of romance," said Mrs. Dudley.

"It is fate," he said resignedly. "Ruth Emory will never see me again."

"Perhaps it is not as bad as that. You might write, you know," comforted Mrs. Dudley, but Carman refused to be comforted. He knew how vainly he had tried to frame a letter that would sound unlike a business communication. It was only the prospect of her leaving that had moved him to speaking. Now the chance was lost, thanks to D. D. D.

That evening Carman sat on the porch looking across the water to where the lights betrayed the Blessington's place. Mrs. Dudley had promised to call on a sick friend, and Carman would not hear of her remaining at home. It was nearly 10 when a figure stole across the grass, and Carman rose from his chair.

"Look out for the pitfall," he warned. "Don't get in the brook."

"I won't," came the cheery reply, and Carman started. It was not Mrs. Dudley, but Ruth Emory who presently emerged from the gloom of the trees to offer her arm, cool hand.

"I thought that Helen was here," she said. "I paddled over to say goodby to her."

"She will be home presently," he said eagerly. "Won't you wait?"

"Somehow, now that she was here, he had lost his courage again.

Ruth sat down and demanded an explanation of his warning, and he explained the device of D. D. D.

"And you have been cooped up here all day," she cried. "What a shame! It was a perfect day."

"Not for me," he said mournfully. "That little limb of Satan spoiled it for me."

"I ain't a limb of Satan," denied a sleepy voice from the low French window. "I am a good boy, only I am bad sometimes," he explained as he pattered out upon the piazza and climbed upon Ruth's lap. "I was bad today."

He added, "I got tar in Mr. Carman's boots, and I got spanked because he couldn't come over and ask you to marry him. Won't you please marry him, so I won't be spanked?" he added. "I was spanked three times today."

"Won't you?" asked Carman softly. "I want you so, dear! When it seemed that I had lost my opportunity I was nearly crazy. It was fate that brought you over. I am not a good pleader. Won't you let D. D. D. plead for me?"

Miss Emory's eyes grew softly bright. She, too, had been afraid that perhaps the word that would mean so much to them both would never be spoken.

"I am a member of the Children's Aid society," she said, with a low laugh. "Perhaps for the sake of D. D. D. I had better say yes."

In a moment Carman's arms were about her, and he knelt beside her chair. Mrs. Dudley's first hint that all was well was gained as she rounded the porch from D. D. D.'s sleepy voice.

"Kiss me, too," he pleaded. And Mrs. Dudley smiled and went softly to the back door lest she disturb them.

**Early Refrigeration.**

The most ancient method of making ice is practiced in parts of India. Holes are made in the ground, dry straw is put at the bottom of these, and on it at the close of the day are placed pans of water which are left until the next morning, when the ice that is found within the pans is collected. This industry is carried on only in districts where the ground is dry and will readily absorb the vapor given off from the water in the pans. The freezing, of course, is due to the great amount of heat absorbed by the vapor in passing from its liquid to its gaseous form.

Another process was practiced in the day of ancient Rome, when the wealthy are said to have had their wines cooled by having the bottles placed in water into which salt-peter was thrown, the bottles being the white rotated.

Dr. Cullen in 1755 discovered that the evaporation of water could be facilitated by the removal of the pressure of the atmosphere and that by doing this water could be frozen. Nairn in 1777 discovered that sulphuric acid would absorb the vapor of water if placed in a second vessel separate from that containing the water, but connected with it. This discovery he put to use in 1810 by constructing an apparatus for absorbing the vapor of the water that it was desired to cool or freeze. This apparatus greatly facilitated the freezing operations of a vacuum freezing machine.

**The Black Sea.**

The Black sea differs in a most remarkable manner from other lakes and seas. A surface current flows continually from it into the Mediterranean and an undercurrent from the Mediterranean into the Black sea. The latter current is salt and, being heavier than the fresh water above it, becomes stagnant at the bottom. Being saturated with sulphureted hydrogen, this water will not maintain life, and so the Black sea contains no living thing below the depth of about a hundred fathoms. Its area is 168,500 square miles. It is 740 miles long, and its greatest width is 300 miles.

**Lifelike.**

Lytute—So poor Jones, the toy-maker, has gone out of his mind! Strappes—Yes! He had been busy for three months on a mechanical tramp, and he couldn't get it to work.

Sloper's Half Holiday.

**Sold For Half Price.**

The mayor of Leon, Ia., tells how the city's electric light plant was sold for half price as follows:

"Original cost \$10,000; sold for \$5,000—sold because the city was getting in debt worse every year on account of plant. At one time the city had to issue bonds in the sum of \$5,000 to pay outstanding warrants. This was four years ago. Two years ago, when the city sold the plant, there were about \$3,000 outstanding warrants. Cost of light about the same now as when the plant was owned by the city, but service much better."

Had been spent on construction and equipment before the plant was sold.

**No Provision For Contingencies.**

The condition of the Maywood waterworks seems to be the same as in many other villages. The plant was installed, paid for in ten yearly installments by the people, and everything went lovely until the machinery began to wear out or increased capacity was needed, when it was discovered that no provision had been made for such necessary expenditures—the water had been furnished to the people at cost and nothing laid by for rehabilitation.—Maywood (Ill.) Herald-Recorder.

**High Point's Experience.**

The city of High Point, N. C., installed an electric light plant at a cost of \$20,000. Ten years later the generating plant was sold. A former member of the board of aldermen writes that this year alone he received from the city offered to sell current at less than the operating cost of the city's plant. He further states that if the city had sold its distributing system it would be far better off financially than it is.

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## NELSONVILLE M. O. BUBBLE.

**Startling Results of an Investigation by State Examiners.**

Under the heading "This Town Is Easy Pickin'" a Nelsonville (O.) paper reprints from the Columbus Citizen the following account of the results of an investigation of that town by the state examiners:

"The examiners say that Auditor John Lax looked after his private affairs and that Treasurer Amuller signed both his own name and that of the auditor to all vouchers.

"The police department kept no record of arrests, the fire department no record of fires, and the sinking fund had no minutes.

"Mayor James Sharp did the plumbing for the city, Councilman Price sold all the supplies, and Member of Board of Selects Silcott furnished the coal to the light plant.

"Councilman Emmett Keenan is also city engineer, and his office kept no records of plats, and nothing could be found out as to the cost of street improvements."

The examiners also reported that the electric lights cost Nelsonville \$88.14 a year. When asked for more detailed information a citizen of high standing wrote:

"Figures of Examiner Smith do not include depreciation interest, insurance or water. Area are supposed to be 2,000 candlepower burning on moonlight schedule. Few nights if any pass without some lights out, and often all are out the entire night. I understand that the local electric light company agreed to furnish the same lights for \$60 per year each, with a percentage off for outage.

"When the waterworks were operated alone the net profit per year was about \$300. Since the light plant was started the waterworks have run in debt and this is the face of the fact that they are pumping less water at higher prices than before, the advance in price amounting to about \$1,000 per year."

**"ESTIMATE" VERSUS BID.**

**Curious and Instructive Experience of Ashland, Wis.**

Last January Ashland, Wis., voted in favor of installing a municipal electric light plant. Votes were secured on the basis of an "estimate" that the complete plant would cost \$80,000, this "estimate" being made by Professor W. C. Kirchhoff of the University of Wisconsin, who the lighting committee stated had been employed by over forty cities of Wisconsin as a consulting engineer. This committee thus continued its report:

"After thoroughly going over the estimates the committee can state that the outside cost of this entire proposition, including everything, will be \$80,000, divided as follows: Concrete and earth dam, spillway and power house, \$19,850; turbines and electrical machinery at power house, \$15,430; electric transmission line, \$4,530; substation building and equipment, \$5,400; lighting system, \$8,975; incandescent lighting system, \$12,680; hand necessary for dam and flowage rights, \$7,500; engineering plans, superintendent, incidentals, \$3,735; total, \$80,000.

"In every case these figures represent the highest possible cost for the work, as it has been the intention of this committee to let the people of Ashland understand whatever estimate is made that, in fact, the actual cost will be under rather than above."

Before the election the mayor published a letter from "one of the members of the committee has been in touch with" (name withheld) agreeing to erect a complete plant for \$50,000, to be in operation on or before the 1st of July. This has not been mentioned by the mayor recently, for when the city advertised for bids the only bid received was for \$130,000, and this did not include transformers, meters or anything pertaining to commercial lighting except a power circuit.

NAME OF TOWNSHIP, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CORPORATIONS.	Total State Fund.	Total County Fund.	School and School Home Fund.	Township Fund.	City and Corporation Fund.	Total for All Purposes.
Greenville City	1,315	4,055	9.9	13.7	30	1
Greenville City School	1,215	4,055	4.5	14.4	19.8	3
Brown Township School	1,345	4,055	5.5	4.5	16.2	4
Harrison Township School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	7
Harrison Township No. 4 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	8
Harrison Township No. 5 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	9
Harrison Township No. 6 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	10
Harrison Township No. 7 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	11
Harrison Township No. 8 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	12
Harrison Township No. 9 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	13
Harrison Township No. 10 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	14
Harrison Township No. 11 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	15
Harrison Township No. 12 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	16
Harrison Township No. 13 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	17
Harrison Township No. 14 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	18
Harrison Township No. 15 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	19
Harrison Township No. 16 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	20
Harrison Township No. 17 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	21
Harrison Township No. 18 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	22
Harrison Township No. 19 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	23
Harrison Township No. 20 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	24
Harrison Township No. 21 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	25
Harrison Township No. 22 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	26
Harrison Township No. 23 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	27
Harrison Township No. 24 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	28
Harrison Township No. 25 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	29
Harrison Township No. 26 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	30
Harrison Township No. 27 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	31
Harrison Township No. 28 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	32
Harrison Township No. 29 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	33
Harrison Township No. 30 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	34
Harrison Township No. 31 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	35
Harrison Township No. 32 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	36
Harrison Township No. 33 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	37
Harrison Township No. 34 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	38
Harrison Township No. 35 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	39
Harrison Township No. 36 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	40
Harrison Township No. 37 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	41
Harrison Township No. 38 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	42
Harrison Township No. 39 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	43
Harrison Township No. 40 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	44
Harrison Township No. 41 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	45
Harrison Township No. 42 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	46
Harrison Township No. 43 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	47
Harrison Township No. 44 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	48
Harrison Township No. 45 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	49
Harrison Township No. 46 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	50
Harrison Township No. 47 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	51
Harrison Township No. 48 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	52
Harrison Township No. 49 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	53
Harrison Township No. 50 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	54
Harrison Township No. 51 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	55
Harrison Township No. 52 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	56
Harrison Township No. 53 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	57
Harrison Township No. 54 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	58
Harrison Township No. 55 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	59
Harrison Township No. 56 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	60
Harrison Township No. 57 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	61
Harrison Township No. 58 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	62
Harrison Township No. 59 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	63
Harrison Township No. 60 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	64
Harrison Township No. 61 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	65
Harrison Township No. 62 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	66
Harrison Township No. 63 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	67
Harrison Township No. 64 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	68
Harrison Township No. 65 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	69
Harrison Township No. 66 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	70
Harrison Township No. 67 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	71
Harrison Township No. 68 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	72
Harrison Township No. 69 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	73
Harrison Township No. 70 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	74
Harrison Township No. 71 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	75
Harrison Township No. 72 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	76
Harrison Township No. 73 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	77
Harrison Township No. 74 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	78
Harrison Township No. 75 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	79
Harrison Township No. 76 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	80
Harrison Township No. 77 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	81
Harrison Township No. 78 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	82
Harrison Township No. 79 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	83
Harrison Township No. 80 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	84
Harrison Township No. 81 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	85
Harrison Township No. 82 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	86
Harrison Township No. 83 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	87
Harrison Township No. 84 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	88
Harrison Township No. 85 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	89
Harrison Township No. 86 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	90
Harrison Township No. 87 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	91
Harrison Township No. 88 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	92
Harrison Township No. 89 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	93
Harrison Township No. 90 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	94
Harrison Township No. 91 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	95
Harrison Township No. 92 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	96
Harrison Township No. 93 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	97
Harrison Township No. 94 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	98
Harrison Township No. 95 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	99
Harrison Township No. 96 Special School	1,345	4,055	4.8	4.8	14.7	100
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