

HIS DAD

By AGNES G. BROGAN.

When Elsie's fiance entered the room that evening, she looked up in vague apprehension, for Jack's usually sunny face, was clouded by a deep furrowed frown.

"What is it, dear?" she asked and he answered her, pacing about restlessly.

"It's Dad," he said. "I told him tonight that we were to be married, and he put up the usual fuss. I'm tired of it, Elsie; surely his selfishness has barred our happiness too long. One must have consideration for ill health and overworked nerves, but when this is coupled with stubborn unreasonableness I've got to take things into my own hands. He insisted that I choose between you two—and I've chosen—that's all. The affair ended in Dad's threat to enter a sanitarium, to which retreat he says my cruelty has driven him. He is decided upon the point that no daughter-in-law—no fault-finding, dictating daughter-in-law, I believe were his words—shall ever enter his home. He is equally determined not to be 'living in sufferance' as he expressed it, 'in his son's home.' So there lies the parting of the ways."

Jack dropped into a chair. "It's a problem, Elsie," he said wearily. "No hired nurse or attendant has been able to put up with Dad for more than two days; and the chronic invalidism, is in my mind, more or less imagination, and temper."

The girl sat gazing silently at her folded hands, and the flashing ring of her betrothal. "Jackie," she said at length, "perhaps that sanitarium idea of your father's is a good one after all—they do effect wonderful cures. There is a pleasant 'healthorium' upon the hill. Why not agree to it for a month or so of trial? We could postpone our marriage for a month, dear."

So it happened that John Curate, Sr., was installed in a large cheery room in the health-seeking home at the top of the hill. And here, where fretful orders were of common occurrence, frightened attendants did not always rush to do his bidding. Neither did the attendants leave in a huff, but smilingly unmoved, went about their duties. It was with the pert-faced nurse with the firm chin had dared bring his egg-nog ten minutes late—that Curate, Sr., sent for the physician in charge.

"Disgusting negligence," he fumed, "if you have in the building a nurse who is not impudently itself, send her to me."

Dr. Mary Wilson considered. "Miss Earle is at least punctual," she said thoughtfully, and presently Miss Earle reported for duty. Her appearance was undoubtedly prepossessing, and her voice promisingly low and submissive. Her constant bright, good nature would have infected any one but this adamant patient, and finally it won from even him a grudging smile.

"Pretty happy, aren't you?" he asked one day.

"Always happy," she answered promptly. "Have to be, the other sort of thing doesn't pay." She cast back a laughing glance at him. "Happiness like patience, can be acquired," she said.

"I wonder," the old man mused. The nurse tapped her soft hair. "Living example," she replied.

The egg-nogs were always on time now, also, they were just right. Miss Earle had a disquieting and baffling way of slipping quietly out of his room during a tyrannical outburst, innocently returning later, a low song upon her lips, sympathetic concern in her violent eyes. The miracle had happened. John Curate, the masterful, had found his "superior," and his admiration was unbounded. Mixed with the admiration was a strange and long-lost affection, years ago he had known the loss of a little daughter, something of the old protective tenderness for the child, evidenced itself now, for the faithful young nurse.

"You are alone in the world?" he asked.

"Alone, since my own dear father died," she answered.

A rosy flush crept to the roots of her hair. "But now I am hoping for a home of my own. Some one, child so good and true, to care for me. Some one to make happy. Would you like me to tell you all about it?"

"Please," said the patient, he was feeling unaccountably old again, old, deserted, and alone. So the girl came and sat down by his chair and the firelight in the big cheery room shone back upon their faces. When she had embraced John Curate, Sr., reached out a stumbling hand and closed it over hers.

"If you will forgive a selfish old man," he said, "and if I may call you daughter, I will try to learn that achievement of happiness you spoke of—and—patience."

In the doorway loomed a tall figure. "Elsie," cried a man's voice unbelievably—and—Dad!"

The girl jumped up with a tremulous laugh. "I had to win him over, Jackie," she said. "Your father and I had to know each other, so that is why I suggested this 'healthorium.' Dr. Mary Wilson was a college friend of mine and she agreed to the strategy. Now, shall we all go home together?"

And as they passed out into the night there was upon each of the three faces a reflection of the happiness to come.

THE THREE CRAFTSBURYS

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John Allen is suffering from quinsy sore.

David Moodie of St. Johnsbury was a guest of his parents, Saturday and Sunday.

The Sunday schools in this town are making arrangements for a field day, July 4th.

Margaret Campbell went to Barton Friday, where she expects to remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kinney and daughters of Orleans were over Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Kinney.

The Red Cross met in the vestry parlor Thursday afternoon to hear the reports of the delegates who went to Burlington in the interests of the Red Cross work.

Clara Collier, lately returned from China, has had a fine granite boulder moved from the farm once owned and occupied by the Collier family to the family lot in the cemetery where it will be erected for a monument to the family.

W. L. Ryan and family were recent visitors in Richford.

Miss Marion Peterson is in Berkshire visiting friends.

Webb Chandler of Barre is visiting his father, J. Chandler.

Mrs. C. L. Wheeler visited friends in Waterbury over Sunday.

G. L. Wheeler from Bridgeport, Conn., is visiting friends here.

Miss Rachel Nicholson of Wolcott is a helper in the Orleans house.

Miss Josephine Martin spent several days with her uncle in North Troy last week.

ALL THE ALBANYNS

ALBANY

Dale Annis has gone to Glover to work.

Mrs. Page of Hyde Park is visiting at Dr. Goddard's.

Merle Ducklas is home from her work in Greensboro.

There were eight men in this town to register June 5th.

Lena Annis has gone to Glover to work for Mrs. Cameron.

Mrs. Charlotte Chamberlin is visiting her sister in Orleans.

The Epworth League received \$12.15 from their ice cream social.

Rev. and Mrs. Craig were visitors in Newport Tuesday of last week.

A brother of Vern Miles, a soldier from New Jersey, visited him last week.

Mrs. Lillia Dow and daughter, Grace, are visiting at Charles Winget's.

Norris Blake of North Troy recently visited his aunt, Mrs. Delia Honey.

Mrs. Dezotelle of Brattleboro is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Searles.

Eugene Rowell from Woodbury is spending a few days with his brother W. C. Rowell.

Mrs. Allen Hall and two children from Greensboro is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ducklas.

At the last meeting of the club held with Mrs. Dora Miles, it was voted to give the local Red Cross \$5.00.

Mrs. Dailey of White River Junction visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mills Tuesday of last week.

W. P. Gowen had the misfortune to stick a nail in his foot Tuesday, since which time he has been confined to the house.

Mrs. Elmer Wilshire served strawberry shortcake to her family June 4. The berries were wild, picked by the children.

Mrs. Mae Annis returned from Glover Sunday, where she has been the past two weeks caring for Mrs. Delbert Smith and little son.

Those who have purchased thrift stamps during the past week are: Frank Burbank, Francis Stone 2, Josephine Cutler 1, Lloyd Hackett 7, Fern Searles 1, Mildred Burbank 1, Ruth Miles and Mildred Burbank have each one war savings stamp.

RED CROSS NOTES.

The ladies of the Red Cross will meet Wednesday afternoon of next week in the M. E. church for work.

Watch the paper for the announcement of our Red Cross entertainment. It will be a good one.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday is Children's day in the M. E. church. A very fine program is being prepared to show the older ones what the Sunday school pupils can do.

At the close of the service a number of children are to be baptized by the pastor. Those whose children are not already baptized are invited to bring them for baptism on that day.

Special mention should be made regarding the Bible work done by Ruth Joyal and Leah Thompson, the last few weeks. Ruth and Leah have proven themselves to be very clever at Scripture memorizing by learning a large portion of the New Testament.

The Epworth League social was a great success. There was a large gathering to reduce the overflowing ice cream freezers to mere nothingness. The proceeds amounted to about \$12.00. The League wishes to thank the band for the splendid music rendered.

On Monday morning at 6 o'clock the bugle will sound to call the Boy Scouts from their restless slumbers to gather for their long trip to Memphremagog lake where they will

Miss Sybil Cochran, who has been caring for Mrs. W. E. Wheeler in her long illness has returned to her home.

Mrs. Owen Crowley and children of West Glover are spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wheeler.

Rev. and Mrs. Peterson and Prof. and Mrs. Perry were in Newport the first of the week to attend the convention of Congregational churches.

EAST CRAFTSBURY

Luther Heidiger is at home from his duties in U. V. M.

Miss Grace McDonald was a weekend visitor at the home of Mrs. O. H. Anderson.

Children's day has been indefinitely postponed because of the prevalence of whooping cough among the children.

Miss Margaret Wylie is working for Mrs. A. A. Mathews, Mrs. Wells has a new car, Mrs. Mathews, has gone to her house.

The annual meeting of the U. P. church was held Thursday. J. A. Kendrick was chosen moderator. Reports from the various organizations of the church were read and accepted.

The following officers were elected: Clerk, Howard Findlay; treasurer, T. M. Urie; trustee, C. W. Urie; usher, Arthur Urie; lecture course committee, A. M. Shields, Miss Maude Bailey, M. Z. Thompson, the ladies served dinner. In the afternoon Miss Clara Collier, a missionary from Western China, spoke to the members of the missionary society, telling of her work there. Her talk was very interesting and instructive and gave us an insight to the work there.

The united Children's day exercises held in the Congregational church were exceptionally good. The program consisted of songs, recitations, exercises and a flag drill. The singing by little Lillian Young deserves special mention. She was only three years old last December, but sang the three verses and chorus of a song without a mistake. The flag drill by the young ladies of Mrs. Benware's class, supervised by Mrs. C. C. Claris, was especially fine. Those who had the program in charge were Mrs. W. R. Shippee, Mrs. Bert Ware and Mrs. Lottie Thayer. The church was prettily decorated with flags, bunting, ferns and potted plants.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Williams of Barton were visitors at A. C. Williams' and called on friends here last week.

Miss Nora Richardson, who was helping Mrs. Will Couser was obliged to go home because of her mother's illness.

James Dow, who has been ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Calderwood, for several weeks, died Friday and the burial was at West Glover Saturday afternoon.

MR. SAYS IT ACTED LIKE A CHARM

Coughs, colds, sore throat or bronchial troubles which persist at this time of the year usually are of an obstinate character. That is all the more reason why a truly reliable remedy like Foley's Honey and Tar Compound should be used. Mrs. Margaret Smale, Bishop, Calif., writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar is a grand remedy; more than is claimed for it. I was suffering from a cold last week and used the medicine and it acted like a charm." Contains no opiates. —Fred D. Pierce, Barton, G. H. Hunt, Evansville.

BRIDGE JOB AWARDED.

Richford Gives Funds to Make up \$25,000 Necessary.

The construction of the international bridge between the towns of Richford and Sutton, P. Q., has been awarded by contract to W. E. Poulin of Morieville, P. Q., for \$24,825, who will commence the construction at once. The bridge will be of two 67-foot spans and constructed of concrete. The construction of the bridge is the result of legislation in Vermont and Canada, the Canadian government having appropriated \$15,000 for use by the highway commission of Sutton, while Vermont appropriated \$10,000. This left the sum needed quite a little short of the contract price, but the bank in Richford a few days since notified S. B. Bates, the highway commissioner, that the citizens of Richford and vicinity had guaranteed any sum used up to \$5000 and that the bank held the funds. This assured the construction of the bridge and the contract was signed by the different parties. The additional sum over and above the contract price may be needed for the construction of sections of highway in each town to connect the present roads with the bridge. When completed, the bridge will be a step towards the trunk road to be constructed across the northern boundary of Vermont connecting North Troy with Richford.

WORLD WORKERS

A wireless station, open to the public, has been opened in Terra del Fuogo.

The aged inmates of a poor farm at Hempstead, N. Y., as a matter of patriotism gave up tobacco to purchase a flag.

Income tax returns indicate that the United States has 22,636 millionaires, an increase of nearly 8,000 in the past year.

The food administration states that the farmer receives 20 per cent more for his product than he received a year ago.

The origin of the tankard took place many years ago, when the water used in the city of London was carried in by men who made use of iron-bound buckets of wood holding three gallons.

COVENTRY

W. C. Brooks is a little better. Mrs. V. Taylor is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. J. Benware.

Earl Metcalf and bride are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Metcalf.

Mrs. Muriel Brooks has gone to Springfield, Mass., to visit her husband.

Word has been received that Will Caron is enroute to a camp in North Carolina.

Mrs. O. O. Gregory, who is ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. H. Chaffee, is improving.

Our new bridge is finished and the road is being widened and the grades at each end finished.

Ellis Smith of Lincoln, N. H., recently injured his foot very badly, by dropping a box of iron on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hyland of Plymouth, N. H., were week-end guests of his brother, Charles Hyland.

Mrs. Raymond Kneeland has received word that her husband has arrived safely in France and is in active service.

The W. C. T. U. observed Flower mission day last week by sending fruit and flowers to the older people and shut-ins.

Mrs. Eliza Chapman received word Monday evening of the death of her brother, Wm. Parker. Mr. Parker has visited here many times.

Rev. C. C. Merrill of Burlington was in town Monday evening and gave an interesting talk on the union of churches to a good audience.

Earle Metcalf and Miss Mary Hanson of Barton were married at the Methodist parsonage at St. Johnsbury June 3d by Rev. George Martin. Congratulations.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Selby visited his father in North Hyde Park last week.

Arthur Duquette is working for H. W. Demick and has moved his family here.

A party from Stanstead attended the dance at the Woodman hall Friday night. When going home in the night they took the wrong road and came down the Moulton hill. The brakes did not work and the lady driving lost control of the car. It left the road on the bridge, landing in the river, but right side up. H. W. Demick pulled the car up on the bank with his team, they started the motor and went on their way apparently none the worse for the accident.

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LOWELL

(Continued from Page One.)

A. P. Sweet, Howard England, Fred Diette, Ed. Lynch and F. J. Smith were business callers in Newport Thursday.

Eli Hines went to the Mary Fletcher hospital, Burlington, for treatment. Tuesday. He was accompanied by Dr. Young.

Miss Ruth England, Mrs. B. W. Maxfield of Eden and Mrs. A. P. Sweet motored to Wells River Saturday to visit relatives and friends returning home Sunday.

Having had several requests that a day be set for a general cleaning up at the cemetery, the management has fixed Saturday as the day for that purpose. All interested are invited to come prepared for the work.

The entertainment given Friday evening by members of the M. W. A. and Grange societies was enjoyed by a large audience. Members of the Red Cross society furnished refreshments and netted a profit of \$31.10.

Jerry Cross, who has been living with Omer Bousquet the past winter, being in poor health became despondent and committed suicide Thursday by hanging. The burial services were held Saturday, the Rev. Mr. Kason officiating. His family has been separated for some time and none of the near relatives were able to attend.

The graduation exercises of the Lowell high school will be this Friday evening at the Woodman's hall. This class has the distinction of being the first and consists of the following pupils: Nellie Fudval, Ella Pope, Irene Parker, Marcia Sisco and Freda Wescome. McCauley's orchestra of Newport will furnish music for a reception and dance to be held at the close of the exercises. The public is cordially invited. The ladies of the Red Cross will serve ice cream.

Buy W. S. S.—Buy W. S. S.

Why pay \$60 when \$35 is enough

There's one thing we've been doing for a great many business men in this town that more men ought to know about.

We've been saving money for them on their clothes; they're getting the quality here that they paid their tailors much more for.

They thought they couldn't be fitted in ready-made clothes—maybe not in some—but they found they could be fitted perfectly here in Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes and that they could save enough money to buy more Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps.

Try it; if you like the style and fit of the clothes, all right; if not, it doesn't cost you a penny

C. S. STEVENS

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