

Good Luck!

By Evalyn Lee

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Angus Joyce stood reading over the bill of fare of a cheap restaurant pasted on its street window. He calculated, fumbled the single coin in his pocket and started toward the open door.

A foot away was a young man thin and poorly clad.

The manly impulse of helpfulness and generosity in Joyce's nature came to the surface. He linked his arm in that of the invalid and said gently, "Oh, yes! It's my last half dollar, but I shall enjoy sharing it with one in somewhat harder lines, and he touched the hand that leaned heavily on the cane. Let me play the penny philanthropist. It may change my luck."

"It will bring you good luck, yes," spoke the other solemnly. "Take my prophecy, and I shan't forget you in a hurry," and then, gentlemen both, they discussed the plain but simple meal as enjoyably as though it was a royal banquet.

"You are the first real man I have met in a long time. Will you give me your address? I may be able to remember your goodness in time to come," said the beneficiary.

"I have none," replied Joyce promptly. "The truth is, unless I get work today I can hardly return to my land-lady."

"I have a shelter, it is humble, poor, but paid for up to Saturday night. Let me pencil it down for you. Promise me to share it with me if a park bench is facing you."

"I agree," pledged Joyce, and they parted.

Joyce had a number of prospects. The failure of a firm where he had held a lucrative position deprived him of some money he had invested with them, and his salary for an entire month. He had sought a new position but it was in the vacation season.

At a street car intersection he found a nickel, invested it in some cheap rolls and betook himself to a little park. It began to rain. He traveled from shelter to shelter. Chancing to note a number of a doorway he had entered he discerned that he had reached the address of "Robert Page."

Joyce through inquiry was directed to a wretched room in the attic. A candle burned, but the apartment had no tenant at the present time. Joyce sat down, glad to rest. Then his eye fell upon a table. He could not help but notice there a newspaper clipping. It read:

"Winston Page, 501 Buena terrace, will be tendered a banquet at the Metropole by his banker associates this evening. He leaves for Europe with his daughter on the seventh."

Beside this was a written sheet and an envelope. At that moment Robert Page entered the room.

"You!" he cried in accents of joy. "It seems you are always to be of service to me. Friend, more than that—brother, my whole future depends upon the delivery of a letter by nine o'clock tonight. I have no money to employ a messenger."

"Command me, as always," announced Joyce cheerily.

"There is the address," said Page, and he placed the letter in an envelope. "Miss Alvira Page, 501 Buena terrace." Wait until after nine, for by then—a person who might question you will have left the house."

It was well after nine when Joyce reached a residence on an exclusive street. Its front door stood open. He penetrated the vestibule. In the hall, lying flat upon the floor, bound and gagged, was a liveried servant. Joyce surmised something wrong. He released the man. "What's the trouble?" he asked rapidly.

"Looters. They have forced my young mistress to take them to the parlor where the jewel cases are."

The released captive led Joyce into a library, tore open a wall case and provided both with weapons.

"You remain below and telephone for the police," directed Joyce and he stole up the stairs. He glanced through the open doorway of a lighted room. In a chair over which hovered a burly ruffian with a pistol crouched a girl whose beauty was dimmed with the pallor of a terrible dread. Leading into a sack the opulent contents of a brass bound chest was a second ruffian. His weapon lay upon a stand. With a quick dash Joyce possessed himself of the pistol and, doubly armed, covered both of the banded burglars.

It was not until the police had divested the thieves of their booty and taken them in charge that Joyce found an opportunity to deliver the letter to Miss Page. In a flutter of wild agitation she at once insisted that he take her to her brother.

Amid the squalor of the wretched tenement room Angus Joyce witnessed the restoration to his family of a reckless youth, a wanderer from the home roof. His part in the same, his rescue of the Page diamonds and plate from the looters made him three staunch friends.

And Robert Page had called him "brother," and when a year had gone by and Angus Joyce had regained his old social position there was reason to believe that the prophecy of good fortune was to come to fullness complete.

Jud Tunkins.

Jud Tunkins says he'd like to hear both sides of a question, but life isn't long enough to hear all there is to be said on one side.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Kaster returned Saturday afternoon from a two weeks auto trip through Minnesota where they visited friends.

A. W. Sackett has sold his home in town to Gus Grim and moved, Thursday to his farm west of town. Geo. Green, who was on the farm, has moved to the farm he purchased near Delhi.

The Swedish people here will celebrate the 28th and 29th of the month, it being the 25th anniversary of their church here. They will serve dinner in the hall. All are invited.

Mrs. Gus Orberg entertained the Swedish Ladies' Aid at her home last Thursday \$3.50 were the proceeds.

A ditching gang started work Monday ditching along the I. C. track.

M. and Mrs. Tom Grapes of near Delhi, Mrs. George Grapes and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Orberg drove to Independence Sunday.

Marguerite Carroll went to the Lew Gorenson home Monday where she will assist with the work as Miss Blanch is in poor health.

Mrs. Ross Davis was hostess to the Larkin ladies Friday at her home west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Angell and sons Myron and Lew, drove to Mt. Vernon Sunday to see their daughter Rena who is attending college there. Geo. Pulver and family also drove to Mt. Vernon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker of Earlville were Delaware callers Monday.

Dr. Kresensky and family of Greeley were callers at the Mrs. Benson home Sunday evening.

Geo. Goldsborough of Dundee was in town Friday.

Parties from Waterloo drove down Sunday for grapes they had ordered at L. P. Fleming's. They knew where to go for No. 1 grapes.

Edwin Larson had the bad luck to break his leg and dislocate his ankle while playing ball west of Masonville Sunday of last week.

Miss Effie Persson is on the sick list since Sunday night.

Chas. Kelsler and family of Manchester were down Saturday to see Mrs. C. Benson who is still very poorly.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Persson had a home gathering at their home Sunday when their children and grandchildren, Will Rees and family, Geo. Riley and family of Osceola, Ted Battin and family of Edgewood, Olaf

Persson and family and Otto Persson of Dundee and Albert Persson and family of this place, gathered home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Davis left last Friday for their home in Omaha after a couple weeks visit with relatives here. They made the trip in their car.

Mr. and Mrs. Lillibridge of Edgewood visited the latter's aunt, Mrs. H. Zirtzman, recently.

Mrs. Emaline Orvis of Wichita, Kans., visited her brothers, William and Rame Kaster, and families the latter part of last week.

Dell Zirtzman left Thursday for Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ned Paris and family and Ernest Hughes and brother were among the dozen carloads of farmers that composed the Farm Bureau tour Wednesday.

Mrs. Glennap and daughter Clara of Hopkinton spent Saturday at the Ernest Hughes home.

Perry Lighty and family of Edgewood were Sunday guests at the Ivan Boone home.

Mrs. E. Hughes attended the Buck Creek fair Wednesday.

Miss Mable Nelson returned to her home in Chicago the forepart of last week after a week's visit at the Olaf Nicholson home.

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Joe Hieghberger was a week-end business visitor at Muscatine.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McElliott were recent visitors in Independence.

J. K. Dolphin and Joe Cody were recent visitors in Michigan.

Mrs. R. M. Merriam and daughter Zella were visitors here Friday.

Mrs. Nellie Sullivan and sister Lizzie Hennessey are entertaining relatives from Fondra.

Mrs. Matt English and little daughter, a baby girl, September 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morley and daughter Ruby left for Arkansas last week. Cecil Cross and family will occupy their house during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Hird had an over Sunday guest Mr. Hird's sister from Dubuque.

Mrs. Ella Johnson has been quite ill at her home here during the week.

John Vinton of Kansas visited with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ann Behan, during the week.

Will Ryan, son of Frank Ryan, left

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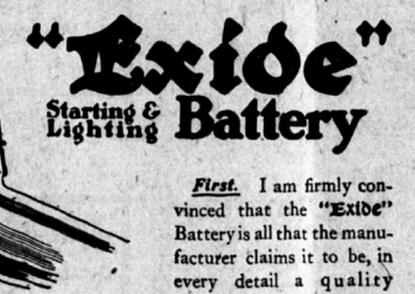
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