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Select Story.

THE ELOPEMENT OF MARY ELLEN.

BY PERCY T. CARNES.

There was great excitement throughout Chestnut Ridge neighborhood, when the announcement was made that Joel Stokes had sold his farm on the mountain and had bought another in Spring Valley, to which he would soon remove with his family. The news was carried from house to house, and in an incredibly short period of time was the one topic of conversation, even among the dwellers of the remotest cove.

The great majority of the mountain folk honored and respected Joel Stokes, despite his frequent outbursts of temper. Was he not the leading spirit, the wise counselor, the one dominant factor in all political, religious and educational interests of their little world?

Was there another such woman, the whole length and breadth of the mountain as Mrs. Jane Stokes? One so tender, so motherly, so sympathetic? Never, as far back as their memories ran, had there been sorrow, or sickness, or death in a household that she, like some commissioned angel of mercy, had not been there to soothe and comfort with kind words and gentle ministrations.

Pretty, willful, "spoiled" Mary Ellen, aged nineteen, the only child of the Stokes household, received her meed of praise even from those who had predicted most direful things for her. Since childhood, she had been the object of gossiping criticism; her unrestrained gayer had been frowned upon by the pious matrons of the staid, ultra-conservative neighborhood, and her popularity with the young men had made her an object of envious jealousy on the part of the maidens of Chestnut Ridge.

But now that she was about to be removed from their midst, all could recall much in her life that was worthy of praise and emulation. Many mentally consoled with the vicariously expressed opinion of Bill Murphy, the postmaster and storekeeper, that "Joel Stokes' boy," as he jealously called Mary Ellen, would be missed "more'n any other gal on the Ridge."

The day announced for the departure of the Stokes family dawned clear and balmy. Long before the sun had peeped over Blue Mountain, which towered above the low-lying hills some miles to the east, men, women and children were hurrying along footpaths and mountain roads towards the Stokes homestead. All must be there to bid the family good-by and see them off. Women left their beds unmade and their dishes unwashed, men and boys left their chores unperformed, and Bill Murphy left the store to run itself; "and ef anybody wants their mail, they can go in and help themselves." With the exception of Granny Stages, the fortuneteller, and Noah Willeford, Mary Ellen's suitor, the entire population of Chestnut Ridge was there.

After the many good-byes had been said, Stokes set his long raw-hide whip above the backs of his patient oxen and gave the command to go. He was followed by his wife and daughter in another wagon. Mary Ellen was an expert horse-woman, and her father knew she could be trusted with the spirited team of horses.

When the slow-moving wagons had passed from the view of the neighbors, who still lingered in clusters about the yard, Mary Ellen called to her father: "Dad, let mother ride with you; the horses is eager to go faster." "You needn't worry, Stokes," he said, "I'll have the reins in your hands before you get to the creek and visit with the Fleming girls you come."

"Now, Mary Ellen," cautioned her father, after Mrs. Stokes had been transferred from one wagon to the other, "you be shore to lock both 'hind wheels before you start down the hill; do you hear?"

"Yes, I'll be keerful," she called back over her shoulder. The thought that somewhere up the road Noah Willeford was awaiting her coming made her impatient to be gone. She gave free rein to the horses, and was soon lost to the view of her father and mother.

As the wagon rounded a curve in the road, a man stepped from his concealment behind a giant chestnut tree, and sprang to the place on the great roll of bedding, so recently vacated by Mrs. Stokes.

"Noah!" "Yes, it is me, Mary Ellen. I didn't know but maybe you'd was in this wagon, so I hid till I seed it was just you."

"Noah, air ye sorry to see us leave?" "Sorry! 'Course I'm sorry. I know your daddy hates me like pizen, but I hate to see him go. I'm s'orry still to see you mother go. As for you, Mary Ellen, I'd rather lose my eye-teeth an' the best coon-dog I've got than see you leave this mornin'!"

"Tears came into the girl's eyes as she said, 'I'd most rather die than go.' Grasping the girl's hand and pressing it to his lips, a most unusual thing among the mountain folk, Willeford exclaimed passionately: 'I can't say you to marry no man, Mary Ellen, but I won't be long in comin' fur you. I can't do without you much longer. You won't forget me, when you get down amongst them fine folks in the valley, will you, Mary Ellen?'"

"I'll never forget you, ner forsake you, Noah, so help me God!" "Amen!" fervently ejaculated Willeford. "Now listen: Your daddy knows I'm honest an' sober an' industrious; but he ain't got no use fur me because I trade, 'peddle,' he calls it. I can make money tradin' sugar, coffee, soap an' calico fur butter, eggs an' varmint skins, than I can make farmin' that assafras land my daddy lets me. That's why I trade. I'll soon have enough money saved up to put us on a good horse, then I'm comin' fur you. I'll ax you dad fur you, fair an' square; if he won't give you to me, I'll take you anyhow!"

"I hate to go agin' daddy's will; but I'll go when you come fur me, Noah." "Here we air, at the creek hill, May I write to you sometimes?" "Yes, do; I'll write to you, too."

Willeford quickly snatched one kiss from the unsuspecting maiden, leaped to the ground, and quickly locking the wheels of the wagon with the chains provided for that purpose, turned into the dense woods.

The Stokeses, though born and reared in that section of the Cumberland mountains where all the inhabitants are popularly supposed to be poor, ignorant and vicious, were accounted well-to-do. They were not so illiterate as the majority of their neighbors. Joel and Jane Stokes easily

look their places among the more prosperous farmers of Spring Valley. Mary Ellen did not take kindly to her changed environments. Customs obtaining in the valley were so radically different from those of the simple mountain folks! She had no desire to become a part of the self-satisfied, cultured community to which she had been unwillingly transplanted. She was homesick for her beloved mountains and a sight of him!

One afternoon, she went to the neighboring post-office, as was now her daily custom, and inquired for mail. The genial postmaster handed her a letter, remarking: "That's likely the one you have been expectin'; way it make you happy, my child!"

Thanking him, Mary Ellen hurriedly left the store. Her rapid walking soon brought her panting, but expectantly happy, to a quiet retreat.

Seating herself on the projecting roof of a grand old beech, whose densely foliated branches sheltered her from the burning rays of an August sun, she feverishly tore open the precious missive and read:

"Chestnut Ridge, Aug. 2. "Miss Mary Ellen Stokes, "Spring Valley.

"My Own Heart's Idol: "Had I the eloquence of a Demosthenes, the giant intellect of a Webster, and the persuasive powers of one of the prophets of old, your utterances were inspired by the great Spirit, I would still be unable to express the emotions that every thought of you arouses. My every waking thought is of you; I dream of you by night. Could I but have the blissful assurance that you sometimes think of me, how happy I should be! Like ships on the ocean, we would sight across the waves, the rocks and the tide together glide into the harbor.

"The influence of your pure soul and the memory of your angelic face and beautiful form are, in great part, the secret cause of my hard struggle for worldly success. I would sacrifice every worldly honor and ambition for one kiss from your virgin lips! "Believe me,

"Your loyal lover," "Noah Willeford."

"P. S. I am comin' down to Spring Valley forty some days, and I'll be with you much longer. Look fur me."

The contents of this letter gave Mary Ellen unbounded pleasure; but she was surprised that Noah should construct an epistle containing such wonderful phrasology. She sat for a long time in dreary meditation.

Her reverie was at last broken by the loud crashing of a dead twig behind her. "Daddy!" "Yes, it's me. I didn't need to spy on you, but here you here I thought I would slip up close an' say 'boo!' What you readin'?"

"A letter." "Who from?" "Who from?" "For God's sake, 'squire, say the words quick; the old man is nearly here!"

After secreting her husband, two grown sons and the elopers, Mrs. Turner smiled serenely and tried to assume an innocent air. But she shivered slightly as the bulky form of the irate Stokes rolled from the horse and came bounding toward the house.

"What air they?" he demanded excitedly, upon seeing no one but Mrs. Turner. "What is who?" he abruptly asked the woman. "It is the 'squire and the boys you're wantin' to see, you ort to holler 'Hello' like a sensible man, 'stead o' tumblin' pell-mell into the house like old looney Crabtree!"

"Well, Madam, I'm sorry ef I frightened you, but your only gal has run away with a peddler, you would be crazy, too. What air they?" "They're gone!" calmly replied the woman.

"Gone!" Stokes crossed the room and walked out into the backyard. He peered into the chicken house, woodshed and every fence corner; then he returned to the house and searched under tables, beds and chairs!

"Mr. Stokes, you'll never find 'em, so you might as well give it up. When young folks sets their heads to get married, they're goin' to git married. 'You did it yourself; but I guess it's been so long ago, you've done clean forgot about it!"

"You daughter is done married to that plucky, nice-lookin' young man; so there! Now, act like a sensible man and invite 'em back home fur the balance of the night. If you was to carry out your foolish threat to shoot the man, you would be shootin' your daughter's husband. It would most kill her, an' you would hang fur it!"

Stokes stood gazing into the darkness for some minutes, then he dropped heavily into a chair. Burying his face in his large, rough palms, he sobbed like a whipped child. At last he raised beseeching, tear-dimmed eyes to the woman and said huskily, "How can I invite 'em home, when I don't know what in thunder they're tryin' to do?"

"I'll try to find 'em," she said very tenderly, "when you're ready to forgive 'em."

Stokes arose and tramped heavily across the room several times. At last, he laughed nervously as he said, "Well, I hate like pizen to lose my gal, but I ain't raly got nuthin' agin' Noah; I guess I'm ready."

Mrs. Turner quickly threw back a rug from a corner of the room and raised a trap door. "Squire Turner cautiously crept up the rickety stairs, followed in turn by his stalwart sons and the blushing bride and groom.

60-Year Suit Ovr \$5 Cost \$30.00. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 16.—Dragged through the courts for more than sixty years the lawsuit of Andrew Camp vs. William Zimmerman was finally decided in court here. The litigants were leading farmers in the upper end of Lehigh County, and the dispute arose over a strip of land worth about \$5. The suit was over the ownership and the litigation began when Zimmerman cut down a chestnut tree on the property.

The men and their families, although neighbors, have not spoken to one another for half a century. The case has been in the Supreme Court at least three times, and no less than \$30,000 has been spent in lawyers' fees and costs.

Since the last action was brought Zimmerman died, as has also his lawyer, John Rapp, and the principal witness, Peter Kunkle. The widow fought the case to a finish, but she lost, the jury deciding that the property belongs to Camp. When the suits involving the question of damages were tried the verdict never exceeded \$6.

Farm News.

The Care of Stable Manure.

Those who have read what I have written through the past years know that I have invariably favored the getting of the manure accumulations of the farm out on the land as fast as possible. There will be some loss in manure, no matter how carefully it is preserved and the safest place for it is on the soil, where the absorbent power of the soil will hold it for the crops.

But it is also true that while this is all right in theory it is seldom always practicable to get the manure out as fast as made. The ground, especially in winter, is not always in condition that will allow hauling over the fields, and the winter snows in the North will generally prevent this desirable method of handling the manure. One of the other hand there is some reason for keeping manure in the barnyard or stables or better, under a covered manure shed. The manure is not as complete a fertilizer as desirable. This is especially true when care has not been taken to preserve the liquids, for it is in the liquid excretions of the animals that the mineral elements, especially potash, are found.

But even where the best care is used stable manure and the manures of the barnyard are largely nitrogenous in their character and it is of advantage to amend this. Not only is this essential, but it is also needed as a means for the prevention of loss of the ammonia which is so abundant an ingredient in manure. Therefore where it is desirable to preserve manure we should adopt the best means for its preservation and at the same time its amendment by the addition of the materials which are present in it in a deficient amount. The old practice was to mix plaster or sulphate of lime in the manure. Where this is thoroughly moistened in the manure, so that chemical action can take place, it does have some effect in preventing loss of ammonia. But still it does not add the phosphoric acid and potash that the manure especially needs.

Modern practice has changed this and now we use the materials that not only preserve the ammonia in a less volatile form than it would assume if left to ordinary fermentation, but which make a balanced ration for the land of the manure, by adding those elements that are in deficient quantity in the manure naturally.

It has been advised to mix in the manure the pulverized phosphoric rock, called "floats" in order that the floats may have the effect of retaining the ammonia and at the same time be rendered soluble for plants through the action of the manure. This is a good practice. But we can better even this and make the manure still more of a balanced ration when applied to the soil.

We can do this by adding to the pulverized phosphoric rock an equal amount of kainit or crude potash salts. This will materially aid the floats in the retention of ammonia both through the salt that is in it attracting moisture and the action of the sulphate of potash it contains, and we will also be adding potash as well as phosphoric acid.

We would not put these under the animals, but in the gutters behind the stalls abundantly, mixing the floats and the kainit in equal parts, and every morning when the stalls are cleaned out the mixture will go out in the manure and become completely incorporated with it. Then at once apply another thick coat to the gutters to go out in the same way the next day. Then by all means keep the manure under cover till you have a chance to load up the manure spreader and haul it out to the fields. We will warrant that if you spread manure made in this way alongside that made in the usual way, the effects will be such that you will never hereafter be without the mixture of floats and kainit in the stables.

An Egg Ration. It is a fact that exact knowledge concerning the nutrition of poultry, and particularly of laying hens, is exceedingly limited, and the present understanding of the subject is based largely upon observation and experience, rather than upon strictly scientific inquiry. Judging from the composition of the egg and from a variety of experiments, it is recognized that laying hens must have a food which contains a liberal percentage of protein to produce the egg white and yolk, considerable fat to furnish material for building the fatty part of the yolk and a moderate amount of ash.

Experience has taught that the cereals alone do not furnish protein and ash as rapidly as they are needed by fowls bred for egg production, nor to induce the quickest development of growing stock.

From its observations the Maine Experiment Station recommends the following mixture for layers: 200 pounds wheat bran, 100 pounds middlings, 100 pounds gluten meal, 100 pounds linseed meal, 100 pounds cornmeal and 100 pounds beef scraps. This combination contains approximately 24 per cent. protein, 7 per cent. fat, 6 per cent. starch matter, and 46 per cent. starchy matter, and would cost \$1.50 a hundred, unmixed, at retail. The writer has had good success with a mixture of 100 pounds cornmeal, 50 pounds wheat bran, 50 pounds flour middlings, 50 pounds gluten feed and 50 pounds beef scrap. It contains 22 per cent. protein, 6 per cent. fat, 5 per cent. ash, 4 per cent. fiber and 51 per cent. starchy matter, and costs \$1.50 a hundred, unmixed, at retail. The scrap may be omitted and used in the grain as often as it is deemed necessary. Such mixtures may be fed either dry or made into friable mash with skim milk or hot water, together with a little salt. Either of the above combinations will certainly be productive of good results and will cost less than the average ready ration.

"Embalmed" Milk in Illinois Kills Babies. CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Impure milk adulterated with formaldehyde, which the State authorities pronounce a poison "much used as an embalming fluid," is killing thousands of infants in Illinois, according to a report just made to Governor Dineen.

In thirty-five cities unclean and unwholesome milk are used in all but three of these cities the milk had "the embalming fluid."

Only 30 to 35 per cent. of the milk in these cities is in proper sanitary condition.

Relief Fund. Solicitor—"Excuse me, sir, but I am soliciting subscriptions to our church relief fund."

Goodwin—"Um—yes. What is the money to be used for?"

Solicitor—"To send our minister away for a few weeks and give the congregation a much needed rest."

Slopy—"Let's go up the side street; I see my tailor coming down the avenue."

Digger—"Why, I never knew you to go out of your way to avoid meeting a creditor before."

Slopy—"Yes, but I happen to have money in my pocket this time and I might be tempted to pay him."

Winter Care of Lambs.

The Care of Stable Manure.

Too many farmers do not give sufficient care to their lambs during the first winter of their existence. Since the advent of the mutton sheep, a great many farmers breed their lambs, which is a great mistake if they desire a profitable flock of sheep. Others who do not commit this error simply run them through the winter as cheaply as possible, and the lambs come out in the spring little if any heavier than they were in the fall. They have perhaps grown some in the frame, but have not attained the development that they ought to reach when they are a year old. With lambs as with all other young stock, it is necessary to get development while young, if at all. It will pay well to give the lambs a little grain ration and some roots for succulent feed if silage is not available, during their first winter. They will make larger sheep, have better constitutions, produce heavier fleeces and be a more desirable foundation for future breeding operations than if simply carried through the winter upon roughage of inferior quality, as is too often done. If it pays to keep them at all it pays to keep them well, and the farmer who does not do this is apt to condemn the breed of sheep which he may happen to have or the improvement of his flock when the fault is really his own.

Notes. A new way to have nice, crisp popcorn on hand at any time is to can it. Pop the corn by putting a big spoon of meat drippings in a round-bottomed iron cooking pot of popcorn. Stir it around until it commences to pop, then cover it up and shake. Have your cans ready and put it in them as soon as you can after it is popped and put on rubbers and screw tightly. Popcorn treated this way will keep several weeks as fresh and crisp as when popped. It is a good idea to pop and fill your empty cans on a rainy day and then have it ready in an emergency.

Wood ashes, charcoal and salt have long been used to keep hogs healthy. When wood ashes cannot be had charcoal or salt are recommended as a substitute. When overcooked the hog quickly succumbs. The man or horse when overcooked soon has the surface of his body covered with perspiration, and the evaporation of this at once begins to reduce his temperature. Nature has no such provision for the relief of the hog when heated by exposure to the sun or by exercise. This is reason enough why it should have an abundant and convenient water supply and a bathing place and cooling in summer. Crowding in winter may also cause overheating.

Warm Milk For The Calf. Don't ever feed the little calf cold milk. If you have ever made cheese you would know better.

A calf's stomach is like a cheese vat of milk after the rennet is added. The milk set taken from a calf's stomach coagulates the milk in the cheese vat the same as it coagulates the milk in the calf's stomach. Every cheesemaker knows that rennet will not set upon cold milk in the cheese vat, neither will it set upon the cold milk in the calf's stomach, until the calf has warmed that milk to a proper temperature. Cold milk causes the calf to shiver, deranges his digestive machinery and renders him unable to make a thorough assimilation of his food and seriously impairs his future usefulness as a feeder. He usually turns out a pot-bellied, bristly coated runt, when a little warm milk could have been put in his milk before feeding he might have turned out a fat, sleek-coated fellow, a satisfaction and a profit to his owner.

Many a \$20 or \$30 at the butcher's shop could be traced back to a little warm milk, a dry bed and warm quarters in calf-hood.

Human Head In A Log. GETTYSBURG, Feb. 13.—While George Woodward was running a sawmill in the mountains of Adams county he discovered the petrified head and neck of a human being, imbedded in a large oak log. Woodward removed the head and has shipped it to Dr. G. W. Tate, of Altoona, for examination. The head was of perfect proportions, the features being preserved to the minutest detail in the body of the wood. There was a mouth, eyes, eyebrows and even the lines of the face were plainly visible. The unusual color was the only thing which detracted from its life like appearance.

The tree was cut near the cave of Lewis, the notorious robber. It is supposed the head belonged to one of the victims of this outlaw, who in early times was the terror of the mountaineers.

Lewis committed many murders along the old Shippensburg road. Numerous expeditions were sent against him, but retiring to his impregnable stronghold in the wilds of the South Mountains he always resisted attack.

Over 100 Miners Killed in Mexico. MONTEREY, MEXICO, February 18.—A dispatch from Las Esperanzas, Coahuila, says that 39 men were known to be dead and 12 injured as a result of an explosion of gas in the coal mine at that place.

The list of dead and injured may be extended to over a hundred, as that number of men are believed to have been in the mine at the time of the accident.