

Quincy Adams Sawyer

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A New England Story Dedicated to the Memory of James Russell Lowell.

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The play dramatized from this story will appear at the Grand Opera House during December. All can become acquainted with the story before the play is given here.

SYNOPSIS.

Story opens December 31, 186... at Mason's Corner, near Boston, Mass., introducing the reader to the queer country people...

out very quickly. Now that Strout can't hurt me any other way he has gone to work making up lies, and the village is full of gossip about Miss Mason and me...

CHAPTER XII.

Looking for a Boarding Place. When Quincy awoke in his room at the hotel on the morning after the accident he found to his great surprise that it was 9 o'clock. He arose and dressed quickly...

CHAPTER XIII. A Visit to the Victim. It was not until Quincy had reached the Pettengill house and helped Uncle Ike get his things in order, that he finally decided to accept Uncle Ike's offer...

"What's the matter, Mr. Pettengill, are you going to move?" asked Quincy. "For a time at least," replied Uncle Ike. "Zeke Pettengill's sister has been struck blind and he is going to bring her down here this afternoon..."

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"Well," said Uncle Ike, looking at his watch, "it will be half an hour before Cobb's twins will be down here with the team, and I might as well listen to you as sit around and do nothing..."

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"Well," said Quincy, "they have been keeping company together, but I didn't know it. Miss Mason is a pretty girl and a very pleasant one. Time hangs heavily on my hands and I naturally paid her some attentions: gave her flowers and candy, and took her out to ride..."

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"Well, I don't know," said Uncle Ike reflectively. "Perhaps she has heard your father was worth a million dollars." "No, I don't believe that," said Quincy. "Miss Mason is too true and honest a girl to marry a man simply for his money..."

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up at him and at Mrs. Mason, who followed close behind him, but continued the reading of her book. Quincy said lightly, as he reached over and took the right hand and gave it a little shake. "You're not shaking hands with the left, Miss Mason."

"No," said Quincy. "I wish I could shake it, but nurse says it will have to stay on for two or three weeks, and it is so heavy, Mr. Sawyer."

"Mrs. Mason went to the nurse and whispered to her, 'Don't let him stay too long.' The nurse nodded and Mrs. Mason left the room."

"I hope you and Zeke will be good friends," said Quincy, with a grave look on her face. "I trust we may become so," remarked Quincy. "I am afraid we are not now, and I am still more afraid it is my fault that we are not on the best of terms."

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"He will give you your money's worth and then one won't owe the other anything. When you come down to supper I'll introduce you, just as if you had never seen each other, and you can both take a fresh start."

Uncle Ike arose. "By the time you have your supper ready, I will be ready, and I want to go and have a talk with Alice. She is my only niece, Mr. Sawyer, and I think she is the finest girl in Massachusetts, and, far as I know, there isn't any better in the whole world."

Mason's Corner, January 22, 186... My dear Mr. Sawyer:—I regret very much that I was absent when you called, but am glad to learn from mother that you had a pleasant visit. Although you are from the city I am sure you would not mind hearing the news things another said about you. I am conceited enough to think that you will find time to call on me again soon...

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afraid, Uncle Ike, that I have caused you much inconvenience by driving you out of that pleasant front room where I found my trunk."

"Not a bit," replied Uncle Ike. "I hate carpets and I prefer to sleep in my own bed, and what's more, I want to get up in my own bed, and there is no chance in that front room. When real cold weather comes I always have a ton of coal for my stove, so I am much better off where I am than I would be downstairs. By the way, Zeke, just tell me all about Alice again. You won't mind Mr. Sawyer; he is one of the family now."

"Well," said Ezekiel, "Alice was taken sick about the middle of December. The folks who boarded sent for a doctor. It was about eight o'clock in the morning when she was taken, and it was noon before she got easy, so they could get her to bed. She thought she was getting better; then she had another attack; then she thought she was getting better again, and the third attack was the worst of the three. The folks wanted to write to me, but she wouldn't let them. When she really did begin to get better, she found out there was something that was worse than being sick. She found she couldn't see to read either print or writing, but Alice is a spunky girl, and she wouldn't give in, even then. A friend told her to go and see Dr. Moses, who was an eye doctor, and put herself right under his treatment. She thought she was going to get well right off at first, but when she found it was likely to be a long job, then she came in and wrote to me. She has brought her treatment down with her, and the doctor says she will save her sight by the time she gets home. As he is so busy to come down here."

"At this point in the proceedings the door opened and Mandy entered, bringing a large dish of big red apples and another full of cracked shellbarks. She left the room and returned almost immediately with a large dish full of popcorn."

"Have an apple?" said Ezekiel. "Help yourselves; we don't pass anything round here. We put the things on the table and each one helps himself."

"Mandy came in again, bringing a large pitcher of cold water and some glasses, which she placed upon the table. While the three were discussing their country evening lunch in silence, an animated conversation was taking place in the kitchen, the participants being Mandy, Mrs. Bridget Crowley, and Hiram, who always dropped in during the evening to get his glass of cider, a luxury that was not dispensed at Deacon Mason's."

"Well," said Mandy, "I think it's wasteful extravagance for you Irish folks to spend so much money on carriages when one of your friends happens to die. As you just said, when you lived in Boston you own up your grand old carriage to the folks who were going to funerals, and you paid a dollar a seat each time."

"I did that," said Mrs. Crowley, "and I earned every bit of it doing washing for Pat, bless his soul, was out of work at the time."

"Just think of that!" said Mandy, "I'm a woman!" "Well, it can be helped," said Mrs. Crowley, obstinately. "Shure and if I don't go to folks' funerals they won't come to mine."

H. E. SCOTT RESIGNS AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS AS AGENT FOR ROCK ISLAND IN THIS CITY.

J. C. Finesey of Evans is the Successor and Has Begun his New Duties—Mr. Scott Will Assume the Position of Commercial Agent.

After serving fifteen years in the capacity of agent for the Rock Island in this city H. E. Scott has resigned his position. Mr. Scott's successor is J. C. Finesey, who has been agent for the company at Evans. The change was made effective yesterday by Traveling Auditor T. H. Frew. Mr. Scott is well known in railroad circles throughout the middle west and his many friends in this city will doubtless be surprised to hear of his change. He will remain with the company in the capacity of commercial agent. The new agent, J. C. Finesey, has removed to the city with his family and has already commenced upon his new duties.

An Old Employee. Mr. Scott has been in the employ of the Rock Island for a period of twenty-two years, having started as call-boy and gradually worked himself up to the position which he has just resigned. At one time he was bill clerk in the Ottumwa offices and later was made agent at Given. After leaving Given he was made agent at this city. After a much needed rest, Mr. Scott returned to Ottumwa to resume his duties as commercial agent of the Rock Island.

Mr. Scott's Successor. Mr. Finesey has been serving as agent for the Rock Island for seventeen years at Evans and has been in the employ of that road for a period of twenty-three years, having served in various capacities in Des Moines, Okla., Kaioosa, Knoxville, Muscatine, Cameron, Mo., and Trenton, Mo. He comes to this city thoroughly familiar with the work of an agent, as his seventeen years of experience in this line will indicate.

Pugh Goes Back to Railroad. I. C. Pugh has received the appointment of general agent at the Rock Island system at Des Moines. He was formerly freight agent for the company at Des Moines but some months ago resigned and has since been engaged in the real estate business. Twenty years of life in the railroad business have made it a part of his nature, and he gladly returns to that field. He will move his family from Des Moines to Muscatine, A. L. Snodgrass has been appointed agent at Osage, Iowa, and James Burroughs, November 14, 1854, in Abingdon, Ill. In 1864 the family moved to Iowa, settling near Competine, Wapello county, where they lived until March, 1901, when they moved to Ottumwa. November 17, 1902, her husband passed away and the sadness and loneliness occasioned by his departure contributed in no small degree to the illness which resulted in her death. Her residence in the community and the worthy character of the family won and held a great many friends and extended widely the circle of their acquaintances. Their children are Alexander J. Agency, Mrs. Edna E. Riffle and Mrs. Ella M. Broadfield of Batavia, Mrs. Jessie B. Fisher and Mrs. Bertha Dudgeon of Hedrick. Two when in infancy, her father's eldest children, Mrs. Ellen Ross, now of Ringgold county. At an early age Mrs. Burroughs united with the Methodist Episcopal church and continued a faithful member thereof. Her children were with her at the time of her death. She often expressed a desire to depart, for which she professed a readiness. The funeral services were held in the Baptist church in Competine, November 24, conducted by Rev. W. N. Hall of New Sharon, and Rev. H. N. Smith of Hedrick, the former using as a text: Phil. 1:21, "To die is gain." The interment was at Competine. Many people were present as an evidence of the high esteem in which this noble woman was held. Contributed.

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A MINER RESCUED

HOW HELP CAME IN A TIME OF EMERGENCY.

A Dubuque Man was in a Situation of Great Pain and Peril and was Almost Hopeless.

"In the lead mines I was at work on my knees with my elbows pressed against rock walls, in dampness and extremes of cold," said Mr. J. G. Meukel, of 2975 Jackson avenue, Dubuque, Iowa, in describing his experience to a reporter, "and it is not surprising that I contracted rheumatism. For three years I had attacks affecting the joints of my ankles, knees and elbows. My ankles and knees became so swollen I could scarcely walk on uneven ground, and a little pressure from a stone under my feet would cause so much pain that I would nearly sink down. I was often obliged to lie in bed for several days at a time. My friends who were similarly troubled were getting no relief from doctors, and I did not feel encouraged to throw money away for nothing. By chance I read the story of Robert Yates, of the Klauer Manufacturing Co., of Dubuque, who had a very bad case of rheumatism. I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, the remedy he had used. In three or four weeks after beginning to use the pills, I was much better, and in three months I was well. The swelling of the joints and the tenderness disappeared. I could work steadily and for eight years I have had no return of the trouble. My whole family believe in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Both my sons use them. We consider them a household remedy that we are sure about."

This is convincing testimony, easily verified, from a plain, earnest man. Pills did more for him than simply give relief. They eradicated the disease, getting at the seat of the difficulty in the blood. These pills are equally efficacious in the treatment of other obstinate troubles, such as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, nervous headache, after-effects of the grip, anaemia, and all forms of weakness either in male or female. They are sold by all druggists, or may be obtained directly from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., fifty cents a box, or six boxes for two dollars and a half.

LOCAL MARKETS. There are three changes in the local wholesale markets this morning. The prices of new corn have increased to forty cents per seventy pounds and in the butter and eggs market, butter has increased a half cent and eggs jumped to twenty-six cents.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Live Stock (Choice hogs, 120 to 150 lbs., \$4.75), Poultry (Hens, 7), and Grains and Hay—Street Price (Wheat, fall, 40¢/bu).

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Butcher and Eggs (Butter, packers pay, 13 1/4), Hides, Wool and Feathers (Hides, cured, No. 1, 7), and Retail Prices (Flour and Feed, Flour, per sack, 75¢/bu).

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Coal and Wood (Soft coal, lump, per ton, 2.75), Tea, Coffee and Sugar (Tea, Imperial, per lb., 25.80), and Butter and Eggs (Creamery butter, per pound, 25¢).

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