

Quincy Adams Sawyer

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

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SYNOPSIS.

Quincy Adams Sawyer, the son of the Honorable Nathaniel Sawyer, a prominent lawyer of Boston, is at Mason's Corner, Mass., for the benefit of his health. His courtesy to the young women of the little town makes him the object of spite on the part of Obadiah Strout, the village singing master, who tries to enlist Ezekiel Pettengill, a young farmer, with him, but fails. Deacon Mason, with whom Sawyer is staying, has a daughter, Hildy, who loves Quincy but is loved by Pettengill. Quincy finally tells Hildy that he cannot marry her, and the girl, excited by his words, forgets herself and causes the horse she is driving to fall and upset their buggy. Deacon Mason then changes his mind and Quincy then changes his boarding place to Ezekiel Pettengill's home, being invited there by Pettengill's Uncle Ike, and old friend of the elder Sawyer. Here he meets Alice, Ezekiel's sister, who has been brought home from Boston, where she was a bookkeeper until her eyesight failed. The young man loves her, but does not betray his feelings. Meanwhile, Mrs. Putnam, a rich old woman in the neighborhood tells Quincy that she is to leave her fortune to Alice, though no one else is let into the secret. Lindy Putnam, who is also rich in her own right, and the only daughter of Mrs. Putnam, tries to learn from Quincy whether her secret betrays her feelings. Quincy does not betray her feelings and joins with Quincy to be even with Strout for the gossip he has started. The next day Jim Sawyer dies and Quincy has the body interred side by side with his wife and children. Quincy's death without the consent of his father, but Quincy decides to learn what it says, having been told by Lindy that she is a founding and her foster mother refuses to disclose her secret. Quincy, Leopold Ernst, a college friend of Quincy, and a literary critic, promises to place Alice's stories and says they have merit. She selects the pseudonym, "Linda Putnam." Quincy arranges a surprise party for Hildy and omits to invite Quincy or the Pettengills, but Mrs. Mason innocently invites them and Quincy prepares to humble Strout.

by his thoughts, he sat down to read his letter. The first one that he took up was from the confectioner. It informed him that his order would receive prompt attention, and the writer thanked him for past favors and solicited a continuance of the same. The second was from Ernest, who was short and to the point, and written in his characteristic style. Dear Quincy—Pseudonym received. Ernest Douglas is a name to conjure with. It smacks of 'Auld Lang Syne.' The Scotch are the only people on earth who were never conquered. You will remember, if you haven't forgotten our ancient history, that the Roman general sent back word to his emperor that the d-d country wasn't worth conquering. Enclosures also at hand. The shorter ones are more songs than poetry. I will turn them over to a music publisher, a friend of mine. Will report his decision later. I gave the long poem to Francis Light, the well known composer, and he is delighted with it and wishes to set it to music. His is great of grand choruses. Each fugue, and such like, if he sets it to music he will have it sung by the Handel and Haydn society, for he is a great gun among them just now. The eight stories have reached New York by this time, and I am glad to hear that they are being read. With best regards to Mr. Bruce Douglas and yourself. Leopold Ernst.

Zekiel told Quincy at breakfast, after the others had left the table, that Alice had spoken to him about Mrs. Mason's invitation to tea, and of course, he was going. Quincy said that he had accepted the invitation and would be pleased to accompany him and his sister. After breakfast he heard Alice singing in the parlor and joining her. He told her that he had received a letter from Mr. Ernst, which he would like to read to her. Alice was delighted with the letter, and they both laughed heartily over it. Quincy humorously apologizing for the swear word by saying that being historical it could not be profane. Alice had in her hand the two letters that she had received Saturday.

"Have you answered your letters?" he asked. "No, I have not even heard them read," she replied. "Uncle Ike has grown tired all at once and won't read to me nor write for me. I don't understand him at all. I sent for him yesterday afternoon, but he came down, and told him what I wanted him to do. He sent back word that he was too busy and that I must get somebody else. I have two sisters and Mandy and Zekiel are both too busy occupied with their own duties to help me." "If I can be of any service to you, Miss Pettengill, you know it," said Quincy. "Oh, I don't think I should dare to let you read these letters," interrupted Alice, laughing. "No doubt they are from two of my lady friends and have always been read to me. I consider such letters that women write to each other very silly and childish." "Perhaps I have not told you," said Quincy, "that I have two sisters and am used to that sort of thing. When I was in college hardly a day passed that I did not get a letter from one or the other of them, and they brightened up my life immensely." "What are their names and how old are they?" asked Alice. "The elder," replied Quincy, "is nineteen and her name is Florence Estelle." "What a sweet name!" said Alice. "The younger is between fifteen and sixteen, and is named Maude Gertrude." "Is she as dignified as her name?" asked Alice. "Far from it," remarked Quincy. "She would be a tomboy if she had an opportunity. Mother and father call them Florence and Maude, for they both abhor nicknames, but among ourselves they are known as Flo, or Stie, or Maude. Quincy said, "What was your nickname?" asked Alice. "Well," said Quincy, "they used to call me Quin, but that had a Hibernian sound to it, and he called it for me. Ad, which she said was short for Ad. She told me that she called me that because I was so deaf that I never heard her when she asked me to take her anywhere."

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one of the pictures and put it in one of the mailing envelopes. He took another picture, and after giving it in a long, loving look he placed it in the inside pocket of his coat, and with a guilty look upon his face he fled from the room. Just as he reached the open parlor door a second thought, which is said to be the best, came to him, and he was about turning to go upstairs and replace the picture when Alice's acute ear heard him and she asked, "Did you find them?" Quincy, seeing retreat was now impossible, said, "Yes," and resumed his seat beside her. "Did you find six?" said Alice. "There are five upstairs in the envelope and one here ready to address," replied Quincy. "Her address," continued Alice, "is Miss Emma Farnum, care Cotton & Co. Real Estate Brokers, Tremont Row."

Quincy went to the table, wrote the address as directed, and tied the envelope with the string attached. "I am afraid the other letter cannot be so easily answered," said Alice. "Look at the signature, please, and see if it is not from Bessie White." "It is signed Bessie," said Quincy. "I thought so," exclaimed Alice. "She works for the same firm that I did."

Quincy read the following: "My dear May—I know that you will be glad to learn what is going on at the great dry goods house of Borden, Waitt & Fisher. Business is good and we girls are all tired out when night comes and have to go to a party or the theatre to get rested. Mr. Ringgold, the head bookkeeper, is disconsolate over your absence, and asks one or more of us every morning if we have heard from Miss Pettengill. Then, every afternoon, he says, 'Did I ask you this morning how Miss Pettengill was getting along?' Of course it is his devotion to the interest of the firm that leads him to ask these questions."

Alice flushed slightly, and turning to Quincy said, "Are you smiling, Mr. Sawyer?" asked Alice. "Not at all," he answered. "I am looking grieved because Mr. Farnum has such a poor opinion of me." Alice laughed merrily. "Emma is a very bright, pretty girl," said Alice. "She boarded at the same house that I did. Her sister Stella is married to a Mr. Dwight. I will answer her letter as she suggests by sending her the promised photograph. On the bureau in my room, Mr. Sawyer, you will find an envelope containing six photographs. I had them taken about a month before I was sick. Underneath you will find some heavy envelopes that the photographer gave me to mail them in."

Quincy went upstairs three steps at a time. He found the package, and impelled by an inexplicable curiosity he counted the pictures and found there were seven. "She said six," he thought to himself. "I am positive she was there were only six." He took Monday promised to be a dull day.

with large bright blue eyes and tawny hair," said Quincy. "I like such marked contrasts in husband and wife," remarked Alice. "So do I," said Quincy, looking at himself in a looking glass which hung opposite, and then at Alice; "but how about Miss White's picture?" "Can I trouble you to get one?" said Alice. "No trouble at all," replied Quincy; but he went up the stairs this time one step at a time. He was deliberating when he heard a knock that told him that there was in his coat pocket or keep it until the original should be his own. He entered the room, took another picture and another envelope and came slowly down stairs. His crime at first had been unpremeditated, but his persistence was deliberate felony. "Now there are four left," said Alice, as Quincy entered the room. "Just four," he replied. "I counted them to make sure." He sat at the table and wrote. "Will this do?" he asked. "Miss Bessie White, care of Borden, Waitt & Fisher, Boston, Mass."

"Oh, thank you so much," said Alice. At this moment Mandy appeared at the door and announced dinner, and Quincy had the pleasure of leading Alice to her accustomed seat at the table. "I took the liberty while upstairs," said Quincy, "to glance at a book that was on your bureau entitled, 'The Love of a Lifetime.' Have you read it?" "No," replied Alice. "I commenced it the night before I was taken sick." "I shall be pleased to read it aloud to you," said Quincy. "I should enjoy listening to it very much," she replied. So after dinner they returned to the parlor and Quincy read aloud until the descending sun again sent its rays through the parlor windows to fall upon Alice's face and hair, and Quincy thought to himself how happy he should be if the fair girl who sat beside him ever became the love of his lifetime. Alice finally said she was tired and must have a rest. Quincy called Mandy and she went to her room. A few moments later Quincy was in his own room and after locking his door sat down to inspect his plunder. Alice did not rest however; something was on her mind. She found her way to the bureau and took up the pictures.

"Only four," she said to herself, after counting them. "Let me see," she continued, "the photographer gave me thirteen, and I have seen five. Now to whom have I given them? Zekiel, one; Uncle Ike, two; Mrs. Putnam, three; Stella Dwight, four; Bessie White, five; Emma Farnum, six; Mr. Ringgold, seven; Mr. Fisher, eight. That would leave five and I have only four. Now to whom did I give that other picture?"

And the guilty thief sat on the other side of the partition and exulted in his crime. There came a loud rap at his door, and Quincy started up so suddenly that he dropped the picture and it fell to the floor. He caught it up quickly and placed it in his pocket. As he unlocked the door and opened it he heard loud rapping on the door of Miss Pettengill's room. Looking into the entry he saw Zekiel, who cried out, "Say, you folks, have you forgotten that you have been invited out to tea this evening, and that we are going to give a surprise party to Mr. Strout and his friends? I am all dressed and the sleigh is ready."

Without waiting for reply he dashed downstairs. While Quincy was donning his sober suit of black, with a Prince Albert coat and white tie, Alice had put on an equally sober costume of fawn colored silk, with collar and cuffs of dainty lace, with little dashes of pink ribbon, by way of contrast in color.

ROCK ISLAND BUYS A LINE. Gets Pine Bluff and Western Road in Arkansas for \$1,000,000. La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 15.—The W. V. Cargill Company of this city has sold the Pine Bluff and Western road running from Pine Bluff, Ark., to Benton in the same state to the Rock Island road for \$1,000,000. The local company retains the right of perpetual use of the line for its lumbering purposes.

A SECOND OPERATION. Daily News of London Says Kaiser is Again a Patient. London, Dec. 15.—The Daily News this morning announces that it learns from well informed quarters that a second operation has been performed on the Kaiser's throat. The paper adds that a third operation may be necessary. This is a direct contradiction of all the recent dispatches from Berlin regarding the Kaiser.

FOR STATE TREASURER. Fred Kretschmer of Dubuque to Seek Place on Ticket. Dubuque, Dec. 15.—County Treasurer Fred Kretschmer will probably be a candidate for the republican nomination for treasurer before the next state convention of the republican party. His friends are already at work generating a boom for him and they are authority from interior counties. Mr. Kretschmer probably carries more personal strength than any other republican in Dubuque county.

WEST IS FOR ROOSEVELT

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COMMITTEEMEN TALK

Prominent Republicans in Attendance at National Meeting Reflect the Sentiment of Their Respective Sections of the Country.

[BY H. J. MAHIN.]

Washington Bureau of the Courier, Washington, D. C., Dec. 15, 1903. Overshadowing all other questions, even Panama canal matters and congressional action for the past week, has been the discussion of next year's republican nominee for President. The meeting of the republican national committee brought the matter to a crisis and since then the discussion has been reduced to a growing undertone. It can be said in the first place that Iowa through her leading politicians and statesmen has again and again declared herself strongly for Roosevelt. Senator Allison said: "There is, in my opinion, no question in regard to Mr. Roosevelt's nomination and election. He has given us a remarkably able administration and the people realize the fact. I do not expect to see the slightest opposition to him in the convention. Iowa has declared itself for him and his strength and popularity are unquestioned in my section of the country."

"I have not the slightest doubt that President Roosevelt will be the standard bearer in 1904," said Senator Doolittle. "Iowa has spoken for itself. I believe that I can speak for the entire middle west. It is absolutely sold for Roosevelt. No, there is no question as to who will be the republican candidate for president and there is no question as to republican victory. Mr. Roosevelt will be nominated by acclamation and elected by a tremendous majority."

Major Lacey expresses the opinion that there is no general sentiment in Iowa other than for Roosevelt. "The sentiment is unanimous as far as I know, and no one has talked of another candidate," he said. "The people have made up their minds in the matter and that settles it. As a matter of fact I know of a lot of democrats who will vote for Roosevelt next year." Speaker Cannon spoke in the same positive tone for Illinois.

In spite of this it cannot be denied that the republican party never faced a more critical time than it is facing now. That there is a strong undertone in opposition to the President's re-nomination can not be denied. This opposition comes indirectly from the corporation and Wall street interests also seems fairly well verified. The Courier representative talked with a number of the national committee men here last week and found two sentiments strongly prevailing. First, that if Roosevelt was nominated he might not be elected because of the opposition he would meet from the "business interests" and second, that if Roosevelt was re-elected it would cause such a split in the republican party that republicans would lose at the polls. The first theory comes from the east, beginning in Ohio and the second from the west, beginning at the Mississippi river.

On the surface sentiment appears to be to the effect that Roosevelt is the logical candidate and that he will be nominated but the Hanna undercurrent appears to be too strong to die and that it will last and linger until the very day of the convention, despite what the Ohio senator himself says is a foregone conclusion. That Senator Hanna is sincere in his statement, that he is not a candidate there appears to be very little doubt. His boom is being nursed by a few of his determined friends and because of the circumstances they will not let go of it. And even if Senator Hanna has determined in his own mind that he will not be a candidate there is good reason to suppose that he is not adverse to showing the young and impetuous president what a power he is in the country. Mr. Roosevelt in his brave and independent attitude has crossed Mr. Hanna in several instances and it is to be expected that Mr. Hanna or any other man might be weak enough to take a little satisfaction in making the President uneasy to say the least.

The President himself has taken the bull by the horns in his usual straightforward manner. He is not deceiving himself in any false sense of security and has called to the White House men of all factions to hear from their own lips the different phases of the story. It is said by some that if he really discovers that his popularity has waned as some seem to think, he will get out of the race for the good of the party. But, if on the other hand, he gains information which corroborates his present belief that the opposition to him is born of sentiment coming directly from the moneyed interest of the country with whom he has refused to compromise he will fight the matter to the bitter end. And in this it is declared he will have the hearty support of hundreds of loyal republicans through the country.

"If President Roosevelt is turned down at the convention next year," said one prominent western member of the national committee to the Courier representative, "it will mean that this nation is in the hands of Wall street and one of the most unrelenting protests the country has ever known will sweep over the land. In many ways Roosevelt has antagonized the moneyed interests of the nation by refusing to receive dictation from them. One of the most mysterious things ever known in this sudden change of sentiment toward a man who a few months ago was hailed as the positive nominee of the republican party. We do not know anything about any other candidate in the west except the rumors brought us by eastern traveling men and the stuff we read in the newspapers. It is very easy to start some antagonistic talk but it is another thing to follow this up with votes and to have the people at the polls are prepared to show what they think of the brave and uncompromising man who has occupied the White House for the last three years. This was the sentiment expressed by a number of other western and southern committeemen. These strong statements are made without any reflection whatever on any other candidate. In fact all have the best words for Senator Hanna but they say: "We can say nothing better for General Hanna than that we take him at his word when he says that he is not a candidate against President Roosevelt, but on the other hand will loyally support him for the nomination."

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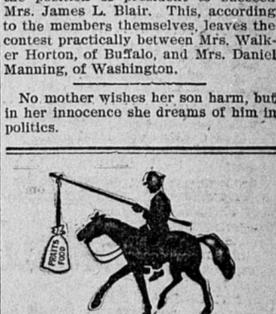
ROOT SAYS WRONG REPORTS REGARDING WOOD ARE CIRCULATED.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The senate committee on military affairs, which is investigating the charges against General Wood has received a letter from Secretary Root in which he says: "I enclose a letter from Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss asking attention to the report of his recent testimony before your commission as a witness regarding certain objections to the confirmation of General Wood. At the same time I wish to call attention to the fact that some persons seem to be persistently furnishing the press false statements of the perversion of the evidence in every case to the prejudice of General Wood. If the evidence actually given called for General Wood's presence, I should of course, bring him back from the Philippines. It hardly seems fair that an officer who is not here to protect himself but is serving his country faithfully, should have his reputation stabbed in this way."

Testimony of Gen. Bliss. General Bliss says he testified that he served directly under the orders of General Wood for two and a half years and knew of no action of his that was not consistent with the character of an honorable officer and a man of integrity.

HELEN GOULD DECLINES POST. Will Not Accept Presidency of Board of Lady Managers of Fair. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 15.—Miss Helen Gould has notified her friends among the board of lady managers of the world's fair that under no circumstances could she consider acceptance of the position of president to succeed Mrs. James L. Blair. This, according to the members themselves, leaves the contest practically between Mrs. Walker Horton, of Buffalo, and Mrs. Daniel Manning, of Washington.

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