

WEEKLY SHORT STORY

THE INDEPENDENCE OF CATHERINE.

By Jane Osborne.

"Well, I'll just tell you this much, Helen; if you ever see me letting any man take my arm, you can just know I'm engaged to him." So said independent Catherine Potter to her chum, Helen Wild. "I know we live in a sleepy, back-woods, old-fashioned town, but the way the girls here let the men pilot them from one end of the town to the other, just as if they couldn't walk quite as well by themselves. I think it is ridiculous! And now you, of all people, I followed you for evelen blocks on my way up here to-day, and I do believe Billy Landis had his hand on your elbow half the way. I think it's awfully silly."

"But I can't help it," Helen defended herself. "If a man says 'May I' when you come to a crowded crossing, and then forgets to take his hand away, what can I do? I don't know."

"Well, I do," said Catherine, straightening herself up to the fullness of her 5 feet 2. "You can say that you don't like to be about like a baby. You can say, 'Place don't.'"

"But I don't like being disagreeable," Helen went on.

"I'm not disagreeable. I've just got some sense."

Inwardly Helen acknowledged the truth of the statement. Certainly men did not find Catherine Potter disagreeable. They seemed to like her independence. But although Helen did justice to Catherine's powers of attraction, she would not admit openly the right of Catherine's point of view.

"Anyway, Catherine Potter," she contended, "I'll wager you a pound of chocolates that within a week you'll forget yourself and some of us will see you coming letting a man steer you about this old town of Warren."

"No, indeed," reiterated Catherine. "If you, or anybody else, ever sees me letting any man pilot me around by the arm unless, of course, it's night in a big crowd, where I just can't get along by myself, you can just know I'm engaged to him. And then, even, I won't like it."

Helen chuckled to herself over her friend's explosive declaration of her beliefs and privileges. And before the day was over she had passed on the story of Catherine's declaration to many of the young people who made up what was called the younger set of Warren's socially elect. These, in turn had passed it on to their elders, and soon all Warren was smiling to itself at Catherine's expense.

So it was that William Landis, one of the men who found Catherine's independence irresistible, hit upon a plan.

"I know that Catherine likes me, at least," he mused to himself, thinking of the time, a week or so ago, when the spirited Catherine had refused to listen to his plea of love on the ground that he was talking nonsense. "She is just afraid to let herself go. She's so used to being independent, she doesn't know how to be anything else. It may be mean, but I'll put her in a position where she has to explain things, and then we'll see what will happen."

William kept his plans to himself, not even confiding it to his good friend, Helen Wild, who had told him of Catherine's declaration.

Warren boasted one business street of importance called Main Street. It was necessary that all the town, when it went shopping or visiting or to its work, should at some time or other cross or traverse this thoroughfare.

One day, a few days after Catherine's call upon Helen, William Landis, returning to his office after luncheon, suddenly saw Catherine coming unsuspectingly toward him down Main Street. He quickly prepared to put his carefully formed plan into practice.

Just as Catherine caught sight of him, when she was only a few feet away, William skillfully shook his eyes-glasses from his nose. Both lenses shattered themselves on the stone sidewalk. In apparent consternation he stopped and groped about the sidewalk, finally picking up and pocketing the gold nose-piece. He squinted his eyes up and stared at Catherine as she stopped in front of him.

"Oh, that is you, Catherine. I couldn't quite make you out. I am in an awful hole," he had gibbered. "Glasses broken and I can't see three feet away. I suppose I will have to stagger home the best way I can." William smiled, sighed, lifted his hat, and started to walk away. He carefully collided with a lamp post.

"Billy," said Catherine, forgetting her prejudices in a moment, "I just can't let you go running into things like that. Here," she said, putting her hand on his arm, "couldn't I guide you?"

"Why, you are awfully good. If you don't mind, just to my office door; or just till we see some little boy that would take a poor old beggar like me for a quarter."

"No, indeed," said Catherine decidedly. "I can just as well walk home by way of your office as not, and nobody'll notice that I'm leading you; they'll think you are just helping me. I'm not going to have any little rag-muffin leading you around like a blind beggar; why, you'd be getting a dog and a tin cup next!"

Catherine rattled on, trying to distract William's attention from his plight.

"I didn't know his eyes were so dreadfully bad as all that," she soliloquized.

William lagged and pretended to stumble to prolong the pleasant walk.

PECULIAR AFTER EFFECTS OF GRIP THIS YEAR

Leaves Kidneys In Weakened Condition.

Doctors in all parts of the country have been kept busy with the epidemic of grip which has visited so many homes. The symptoms of grip this year are very distressing and leave the system in a run down condition, particularly the kidneys, which seem to suffer most, as every victim complains of lame back and urinary troubles which should not be neglected, as these danger signals often lead to more serious sickness, such as dreaded Bright's Disease. Local druggists report a large sale on Dr. Kilmmer's Swamp-Root, which so many people say soon heals and strengthens the kidneys after an attack of grip. Swamp-Root is a great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, and, being an herbal compound, has a gentle healing effect on the kidneys, which is almost immediately noticed by those who try it. Dr. Kilmmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., offer to send a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, free by mail, to every sufferer who requests it. A trial will convince any one who may be in need of it. Regular size bottles 50 cts. and \$1.00. For sale at all druggists. Be sure to mention this paper.

In the meantime he looked anxiously about for a familiar face. His search was rewarded. Making their way through the crowd were two of Catherine's friends, young women who were also friends of Helen Wild. He saw them exchange a knowing glance as they bowed and passed on. A moment later Helen Wild's brother passed and bowed and smiled elaborately at the two who were walking arm in arm. From the corner of his near-sighted eye William saw a slow blush mount into Catherine's cheek. But she clung to his arm the more tightly.

"Billy, I had no idea your eyes were so—well, that you had any trouble in seeing without your glasses," she said at last.

"It's just near-sightedness. Now, from here," he leaned toward her, "I can see you as well as I ever could. The trouble will doubtless improve with time if I get the right treatment."

Catherine lowered her eyelids. But as she did so she caught a glimpse of a man hurrying past them. It was her father.

"Well!" He stopped for a moment in front of them, then, with a chuckle and a nod, passed on.

"William Landis, I—" began Catherine, suddenly angry, drawing her hand from William's arm. But as she looked at the apparently helpless man at her side, groping ridiculously in front of her, she impulsively slipped her hand back in place. "Aren't you most there?" she questioned meekly.

"But I said they needed proper treatment, Catherine," complained William. "Oh—the oculist, of course! Well, where is he?"

"But I don't think his treatment does any good. It is the treatment you are giving them they need."

He hesitated. Ahead of them they saw Helen Wild. Catherine, half angry, wholly confused, found herself trembling. She clasped her free hand over the other to steady herself. And thus, hanging on William Landis's arm, blushing, with downcast eyes, Helen and half the rest of Warren saw her.

Helen stopped, and Catherine and William untangled their arms in order to shake hands with her.

"You dear thing," she said loudly, "I think it's just perfectly splendid. Congratulations and best wishes." And with beaming smile she passed on while the by-passers turned to stare at the foolish-looking girl and joyous-looking man standing together.

William drew Catherine into a quiet and deserted side street. Then he took his arm away.

"Well, Catherine," he said, "I suppose I did take an unfair advantage of you. But everyone knows by now that you have actually walked up Main Street with your arm in mine."

For a moment, Catherine resumed her old, independent manner. Then she quietly put her hand back on William's arm.

"Well, Billy," she said sweetly, "so long as everyone has seen, let's walk back again."

And they started back to walk down Main Street.

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IS SENTENCED ONE YEAR FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERY
ROANOKE, VA.—Special.—William Grant was sentenced to serve one year in the penitentiary today on the charge of maliciously wounding J. G. Arthur after attempting to rob him on the street. This is the second time Grant has been convicted, and five years additional will be added to his sentence. Judge Staples warned the prisoner that if he was ever again convicted of crime in Virginia that he would have to go to prison for life.

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SOPHOMORES BITE DUST IN BATTLE

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.

The siege of DeLand Cottage is finished. The besieging sophomores have been repulsed. The victorious "rats" are in possession of their hearthstones, their castles, their college homes.

Ten of the "despised freshmen" last night held off fifty of the "soph" as they tried to rush them and drag them forth from DeLand Cottage, to be figuratively led in ignominious captivity at the chariot wheels of the upper classmen.

Ten men with baseball bats, iron bed rods and pieces of boxes hastily torn away stood at the head of the stairway of the cottage last night after the "rats" had retreated and taunted the natural enemies as they stood baffled on the landing beneath them. They dared them to advance. They implored them in the name of all they considered sacred to come up the six or seven steps and be annihilated.

Slugs of guns, in the shape of the waste receptacles of the "rats" room, spouted forth devastation in the shape of discarded water with which the "freshies" had "freshened up" for the banquet, which was the direct cause of all the disorder.

Ambulance corps, composed of competent pressers and cleaners, today came to the rescue of the polluted raiment of the sophomore besiegers, which bore the brunt of the artillery fire of the contents of the "rats" crockery.

A Battle Royal.
For it was no "polite" college scrimmage.

Blood was in the battle. Pulses of the "rats" beat feverishly and the esprit de corps of their alma mater was forgotten as they faced their hereditary enemies. It was not a prank to be lightly spoken of, but a combat waged between pursuer and pursued, between besieged and besiegers, in which no quarter was to be shown on either side.

The "rats" were "mad." The rooms of several of the members of their class had been made to resemble the south of Europe after the invasion of the Vandals and Visigoths. The mattresses of their president, W. H. Brannock, and his roommate, J. T. Coburn, right halfback of the college football team, was reposing on the campus in an ash heap and was absorbing a goodly proportion of the wetness which the heavens were discharging. Rooms had been ruthlessly ransacked and the choicest scarves and dress shirts had been converted into rags. Beds had been disjuncted and carried to obscure basements in the college buildings. Returning banqueters had been forced to seek the hospitality of their friends in the city because they had "nowhere to lay their heads." President Brannock and his roommate, Coburn, had slept in the spare room of a Main Street friend.

One member of the class had been locked in his room by the "soph" who had tried to prevent him from attending the event of the freshman year. He was C. L. Garner. A senior took advantage of his prestige and liberated the captive.

President Brannock and H. W. Connelly, a classmate, had ridden for blocks in a Broad and Main Street car, with a howling mob of "soph" at their heels, to escape capture.

Simple Vandallism.
Wherefore the "rats" were mad. "I would have brained the first man that came to me," said Coburn, the big half back. "He had a bat in his hand. They're a bunch of vandals and cowards," said Brannock, the president. "They wrecked our rooms when we were at the banquet."

"I'd like to have had the chance to give them a little jiu jitsu," said Mike Hudson, the college tackle.

There was no college spirit in the wrath. It was the expression of undying enmity such as the Bulgar gives when he speaks of the Turk.

The valiant ten were composed of President Brannock, Coburn, Hudson, K. Brook, Anderson, assistant of the 1911 football team; H. W. Connelly, A. T. Ellwanger, H. O. Wyatt, W. W. Hamilton, W. K. Allen, W. H. Barlow, Carney and Doughty.

The banquet of the "rats" was successful. Dr. R. E. Loving, Mrs. F. W. Boatwright, the charming wife of the president of the college; Professor H. A. Vann, Landingham, E. C. Prim, president of senior class, and Elbert, Biscoe, president of the junior class, were among the guests. The successful entertainment of such distinguished guests, according to President Brannock, was the cause of the sophomore jealousy. Wherefore the hostilities.

YEGGMEN MAKE SUCCESSFUL HAUL
SAPULPA, OKLA. Special.—Yeggs Friday blew the safe of the Guarantee State Bank at Kiefer and secured \$3,000.

The explosion demolished the safe, wrecked the office and blew the front part of the building. Citizens awakened by the detonations saw four men running from the bank. A posse is following the men, who are supposed to have gone to the hills nearby.

Lawrence Hammond Dead.
LYONS, FRANCE, Special. The rence D. Hammond, prominent in the insurance business in Chicago, died today at Magnolia Springs, a winter resort, from a sudden attack of acute indigestion. He was a visitor to the resort for fourteen years. The body will be sent to Chicago.

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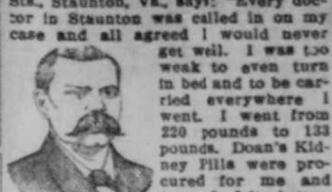
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INCREASES BOND OF MINE PROMOTER
RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—Justice Crutchenfeld, in Police Court Wednesday, increased the bond of G. F. V. Meakin from \$500 to \$1,000 when he continued the hearing of the charge of doing a stock brokerage business without a license, to tomorrow morning. The court did not wish to hear the case until Commonwealth's Attorney Metreux Folkes could be present. Mr. Folkes was engaged in other official business this morning and could not appear.

The demand for additional bond was made by the court after Captain of Detectives T. J. McMahon privately exhibited to the court three telegrams received from Arizona, declaring that the signers did not know of the Burson Platinum, Gold, Silver and Copper Company, whose shares Meakin was selling.

FROM DEPTH OF DISPAIR Wonderful Recovery from Almost Fatal Kidney Trouble.

Henderson Yount, Augusta & Point Sta., Staunton, Va., says: "Every doctor in Staunton was called in on my case and all agreed I would never get well. I was too weak to even turn in bed and to be carried everywhere I went. I went from 220 pounds to 133 pounds. Doan's Kidney Pills were procured for me and soon I felt better. Now I weigh nearly 200 pounds and can do a good day's work."



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ENGLAND MOURNS DEATH OF SCOTT

LONDON.—Special.—The dauntless heroism of Captain R. F. Scott and his four companions, who perished amidst the icebergs of the Antarctic circle, after reaching the South Pole, will be commemorated Friday by public divine services in St. Paul's Cathedral, equalled in recent years only by the memorial service held for the Titanic victims.

Preparations for the services were completed Wednesday.

The archbishop of Canterbury, head of the English Church, will preside. King George may attend, although it is doubtful he will be breaking down the royal traditions of England. However, if the King does not attend he will be represented by a special envoy, who will probably be a member of the royal family.

A special prayer is being prepared for the service. The sermon will be a eulogy of the participants, who faced death with a nobility of demeanor rarely equaled.

Lord Mayor Burnett will be present, as will his staff of sheriffs. The Royal Geographical Society will also be represented. Delegates from the army, navy and government will also be among the participants. First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill, in whose branch of the service Captain Scott served his country, will take a leading part.

The Cold Stream Guards band will play the dead march during the course of the ceremonies.

The first fund for the families of the five dead explorers was opened today.

It is generally felt that the duty of providing for the dependents of the dead men is a matter for the government to handle, but so insistent were public demands to contribute that a private subscription was opened.

DYNAMITE HOME OF WEALTHY WOMAN
LYNCHBURG'S Richest Woman Resident and Philanthropist Has Narrow Escape from Horrible Death. Police on Trail of Perpetrator of Act.

LYNCHBURG, VA.—Special.—A desperate, though unsuccessful, attempt was made this morning about 2 o'clock to murder Mrs. George M. Jones, the wealthiest woman in Lynchburg and a well-known philanthropist, while she was sleeping in her residence adjoining the Jones memorial library building, which she built and endowed in honor of her husband. That Mrs. Jones was not killed seems to be accounted for by the fact that the force of the explosion happened to be away from her bedroom, rather than toward it.

A heavy charge of dynamite was placed on the veranda about five feet from her bed and just outside a door which opened from her chamber to the porch. The porch was wrecked. The flooring was blown from the joists for a distance of twelve feet, while practically every window on that side and in the front of the residence was broken.

Another balcony leading from a room just above the place in which the explosive was placed was blown into atoms. After the explosion more than a bushel of broken glass was swept up. The fuse which discharged the bomb measured thirty-three feet. This gave the dynamiter a good start for a getaway.

The police have a good lead and the perpetrator is almost certain to be arrested. The motive for the crime will probably then become known.

When Mrs. Jones was aroused by the explosion she thought the house was afire. Today, despite her eighty years, she displays remarkable nerve, appearing not a bit disturbed by her experience.

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TURKS APPEAL FOR LOAN IS REFUSED
CONSTANTINOPLE.—Special.—Turkey's application for a war loan of \$25,000,000 has been refused. The Ottoman Bank, acting as the agent for the financial syndicate, approached by the Turkish Government, handed in a negative answer today.

COL. EDWARDS HELD ON BRIBERY CHARGE
CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Special.—Colonel William Seymour Edwards, candidate for United States senator, was this morning arrested charged with bribing Delegate John M. Smith, of Tyler county.

The warrant was issued at the instance of Delegate S. U. G. Rhodes, of Mingo, one of the five men arrested Tuesday for accepting bribes. Soon after the arrest of Colonel Edwards he furnished bond.

This is an irrevocable agreement when Hon. John W. Richardson, Register of the State Land Office, and Colonel Joe Hutton, Insurance Commissioner, publicly state in the Richmond Journal that the ground hog is a faker, besides being very destructive of crops.—Warren Sentinel.

Woman's Department
Ribbon and the Mode.
Ribbon now enters so extensively into the scheme of both day and evening toilets that the "souple" tendency, which is the distinguishing feature of dress fabrics, is echoed as a matter of course by the ribbons that trim them. As a natural sequence, too, there follows a strong feeling for delicate tinsel-run and faint-colored patterns on exquisitely supple semi-transparent gauze ribbons, for richly embossed velvet on soft satin ribbons for Oriental printed designs on the softest of taffetas and for the beautiful silk embroidery ribbons the rich hues and unfamiliar designs of which are strongly reminiscent of the East.

Blurred chime ribbons are greatly in request for nine veiled gowns, some indistinct, wholly artistic, lovely color schemes being arrived at in this fashion.

Cleaning Cut Glass.
Cut glass is very fashionable now, and is used upon the dinner table and in the drawing room with great success. But alas! how easily it can be chipped and spoiled. What precautions can be taken with the precious pieces?

Cut glass must be handled very carefully when it is washed, so that no risk is run of chipping it. A wooden bowl will help.

Place in a wooden bowl some shavings of a mild white soap and pour over these boiling water.

When the water has become lukewarm wash the glass in the suds, using a soft nail brush. Then dip the glass in a second wooden bowl, this time filled with clear lukewarm water, until all trace of soap is removed.

Now dip the glass into a third bowl of lukewarm water to which bluing has been added (for bluing gives a brilliancy to the glass), and then dry it with a very soft cloth. Polish it with soft tissue paper.

Gilded and patterned china may well be washed in the same careful way, but the bluing should be omitted.

Care of Food.
It is much more injurious to food to keep it in a box with a scanty supply of ice than to leave it covered on a pantry shelf where there is a good supply of fresh air. Refrigeration of household provisions means icy cold food in a closed receptacle; food in a receptacle with little ice quickly becomes tainted.

A little good candy is a very welcome addition to a school girl's lunch. When making new feather pillows, remember to rub the corners of the ticking on the inside with plain white soap. This will prevent the feathers from working through the ticking.

For removing old paint make a lye with one can of potash and half a gallon of water, apply with an old paint brush and do not touch with the hands, as it will burn. Wash off and dry well.

A dustless duster is a great help for wood floors. This is a mop made of oiled waste, which eats up the dust.

To remove grease from coal stove or gas range before blackening or washing it, newspaper is excellent.

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Sift one and a half cupfuls pastry flour with one cupful rye flour, two teaspoonfuls sugar and one of salt. Beat two eggs till light, add two cupfuls milk, pour gradually into flour mixture. Divide into buttered pans, bake in hot oven for thirty minutes.

Marmalade Pudding. Cutters of a pound bread crumbs, add quarter of a pound chopped suet, one tablespoonful sugar, one teaspoonful baking soda, half a pound of marmalade, and mix, then add enough buttermilk to wet the whole. Pour into a greased pudding mold, cover with buttered paper and steam for two hours. Serve

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Marmalade Pudding. Cutters of a pound bread crumbs, add quarter of a pound chopped suet, one tablespoonful sugar, one teaspoonful baking soda, half a pound of marmalade, and mix, then add enough buttermilk to wet the whole. Pour into a greased pudding mold, cover with buttered paper and steam for two hours. Serve

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