

THE STAR'S SATURDAY SHORT STORY BY GOUVERNEUR MORRIS

"HOLDING HANDS"

WITH ILLUSTRATION POSED BY MISS PAULINE FREDERICK

At first nobody knew him; then the Hotchkisses knew him, and then it seemed as if everybody had always known him.

an insulting face at little Miss Blythe. "Some men," said she, "can't say 'Boo' to a goose."

The suspicion that this interesting young man was a consumptive was set aside by Willcox himself. He told Mrs. Bainbridge that Mr. Masters was recuperating from a very stubborn attack of typhoid.

Foolish people said that she had no heart, merely because no one had as yet touched it. Wise people said that when she did fall in love, sparks would fly.

Mister Masters never remembered to have passed so lonely and dreary a February. The sunny South was a medicine that had been prescribed and that had to be swallowed.

Nothing would have astonished her world more than to learn that little Miss Blythe had a secret, darkly hidden quality of which she was dreadfully ashamed.

But in spite of all this there is a truth that must be spoken. I feel a thousand times better and stronger than when I came. I have no one to talk to but your letters.

And at 23 it was high time for her to marry and settle down. First, because she couldn't go on playing games and showing horses forever, and, second, because she wanted to. But with whom she wanted to marry and settle down she could not for the life of her have said.

Such was the usual trend of his letters. But that one dated March 7 began with the following astonishing statement: "I love Aiken."

Then there came into this young woman's life Mister Masters. And he blushed his blush and smiled his crooked smile and looked at her when she wasn't looking at him.

But Mister Masters was not allowed to love Aiken until he had come through the whole gauntlet of gossip. But finally the real truth about him, or something like it, got out; and the hatchet of suspicion was buried, and there was peace in Aiken.

Mr. Bob Blagdon, the rich widower, had played a waiting game; he knew very well that beneath her good nature little Miss Blythe had a proud temper and was to be won by the man who should make himself indispensable to her.

Aiken took a great fancy to Mister Masters. First because Aiken was giving him a good time and, second, because he was really good company when you got him well cornered and his habitual fright had worn off.

Miss Blythe liked him because she was used to him and because he could talk sense. But she was afraid of him because she knew he expected her to marry him some day, and because she knew other people, including her own family, expected this of her.

But gradually he became almost at ease with nearly everybody; and in the shyest, gentlest way enjoyed himself hugely. But the prettiest girl in Aiken had very hard work with him.

Mr. Bob Blagdon was considered a good fellow. There is no reason to doubt that he was a good husband to his first wife, and wished to re-



SITTING CONTENTEDLY AND NEITHER OF THEM SAYING AS MUCH AS "BOO" TO THE OTHER.

Posed by Pauline Frederick, called the most beautiful woman in America by Harrison Fisher, Noted Illustrator of the American Girl. With Miss Frederick is Earle Williams, star of the Vitagraph Moving Picture Company.

place her with little Miss Blythe, not to supplant her. To his three young children he was a perfect father.

There is no redder danger signal than a sight of the object of his affections sitting contentedly with another man and neither of them saying as much as "Boo" to the other.

"Very honorable bankrupts," said he carelessly, "always pay what they can on the dollar."

But when Mister Masters entered (so timidly to the eye, but really so masterfully) into little Miss Blythe's life, she could no longer tolerate the idea of marrying Mr. Blagdon.

"Don't you ride, Mister Masters?" said Mr. Blagdon. "Of course," said the shy one, blushing. "But I'm not to do anything violent before June."

"Oh, Bob!" she protested. "I have tried to do," said he, not without a fine ring of manliness. "Have I made good?"

Her own mind was made up from the first; even to going through any number of awful scenes with Blagdon. But as time passed and her attentions (I shall have to call it that) to Mister Masters made no visible progress, there were times when she was obliged to think that she would never marry anybody at all.

"I never saw such a fellow as you, Bob," said she, "for putting other people under obligations. When I think of the weight of my personal ones I shudder." She smiled innocently and looked up into his face.

"I've liked being good friends—so much," she said. "Don't spoil it." "I will make you happy," he said. "... Has it never entered your dear head that some time you must give me an answer?"

But what was hidden from Mister Masters was presently obvious to Mr. Blagdon and to others. To a man in love

Mr. Blagdon felt as if an icy cold hand had been suddenly laid upon the most sensitive part of his back; but his expression underwent no change. His slow eyes continued to look into the beautiful, brightly colored face that was turned up to him.

"I suppose so," she said. "A decision is expected from us," said he. "People are growing tired of our long backing and filling."

TRY "RED-LIGHT"

TACOMA, Aug. 9.—Cited to appear in court August 15 to show cause why their property should not be enjoined for a period of six months, Louis and Elizabeth Ort, proprietors of a rooming house here, are today defendants in the first prosecution under the new "red-light abatement" law.

WARBLER? HERE IS A CHANCE FOR YOU

Can you sing? Then join the people's chorus of 500, which is being organized by the Seattle Club. Rehearsals will begin in September. There are no membership fees or dues.

LEPER IN TOWN

W. I. Kolwy, a Hawaiian leper, formerly a sailor on the U. S. battleship Connecticut, was taken, Friday, to the Puget Sound navy yard, where he will be placed in an isolated camp and later transferred to Sand Point, near Port Townsend.

STEAMER DISABLED

The steamer Admiral Farragut, of the Alaskan Pacific Steamship Co., due here from San Francisco Friday morning, will not reach port till Sunday, because one of her engines was disabled when a coupling on the port tail shaft parted.

BUYS 10,000 ACRES

Hugh T. Halbert of St. Paul, chairman of the Minnesota Progressive state committee, has purchased 10,000 acres of land in Thurston county, which will be developed for agricultural purposes.

NAME RECEIVER

On the petition of the Reynolds Electric Co., which has a claim for \$1,329.29, C. W. Shelton has been appointed as receiver, under \$5,000 bonds, of the Luna Park Co.

PANTAGES Unequaled Vaudeville Means Pantages Vaudeville BEGINNING MONDAY MATINEE Five Rolling and Melodious SCOTCH LASSIES In a Brilliant Musical Melange. OTHER BIG ACTS THE FOUR VICTORS RONDO TRIO THOMAS TWO WOPS BROKER and ADAMS TILFORD 10c and 20c.

ALL PATCHED UP

"Husbands are often unkind to their wives when they do not mean it," said Judge Humphries Friday, when he advised Herbert E. Wilson and Florence M. Wilson to patch up their differences for the sake of their boy, and to take each other on probation for the next 60 days.

TWO FINE OFFERS

The Seattle Star has two exceptionally fine premium offers which it is making to new subscribers, or to old subscribers who send in their renewal subscriptions.

AT THE THEATRES THIS WEEK.

- Moore—Dark. Metropolitan—Dark. Seattle—Dark. Orpheum—Vaudeville. Empress—Vaudeville. Pantages—Vaudeville. Grand—Vaudeville and motion pictures. Clemmer—Photoplays and vaudeville. Melbourne—Photoplays and vaudeville. Alhambra—Photoplays and vaudeville.

THE MOVIES

- At the Alhambra Until Monday. "The Death Stone of India," three reels. At the Colonial Until Sunday. "The Intruder," two reels; "Tit for Tat," "Through the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee," "The Fatal Race." At the Circuit Until Sunday. "A Wartime Mother's Sacrifice," two reels; "Funiculus Wins a Race." At the Clemmer Until Sunday. "Shipwrecked," two reels; "The Weekly," "Snowy Egret and Its Extermination." At the Melbourne Until Sunday. "Banzai," two reels; "Mission Bella," "Cohen's Outing." At the Grand Until Sunday. "In the Nick of Time," "The School Kids' Picnic," "Mutual Weekly." At the Class A Until Sunday. "On the Steps to the Throne," four reels; "Belmont Stung," "Gaucho Weekly." At the Good Luck Until Sunday. "Broad Cast Upon the Waters," two reels; "The Speeders," "A Henpecked Burglar." At the Yeeler Until Sunday. "Fortune Smiles," "The Love Test," "The Sultan of Sulu," "Arabia and the Baby," "Roughing the Cub."

WOMAN INJURED

Mrs. Jessie Levy, 715 12th av., who was riding on the front end of the car, was slightly injured when G. Boltano, 1401 Broadway, driving a motor truck for the Olympic Motor Co., ran into a Yeeler car at 14th av. and Yeeler. She was taken home.

LEAVES ATLANTIC PORT FOR SEATTLE

The Pacific Coast Steamship company's new liner, Congress, left Philadelphia Friday for Seattle, to enter the coastwise trade. It will take about 45 days to make the trip.

MOORE Tomorrow Night AND FOR 9 MORE TIMES

Three Matinees WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DIRECT FROM N. Y. TO THE DOORS OF SEATTLE Special Train of Eight Cars Crossing the Continent Without Stopping Anywhere Except Three Places Before Reaching This City.

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