

COEBURN NEWS

Coeburn, Va., Dec. 16.—Nina Miller, of Wise, visited relatives in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Havens, of Dante, spent Sunday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Havens.

Another meat market has recently been opened up in Coeburn.—Elkins Meat Market on East Main street.

Fred Reynolds, of Tazewell county, recently accepted a position with Lay Hardware Company.

Fayette Ogde is very ill at this time at the Norton Hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis there some time ago.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society held an important meeting at the church on Wednesday afternoon. As it was the last meeting of the year officers were elected for the coming year.

Kennedy Rose, of Richmond, was a visitor in town Wednesday afternoon.

W. S. Dodd spent several days last week at his home in Abingdon.

G. E. Heuser passed through town last week enroute to Norton where he will take up his duties with the Norton Grocery Company.

A splendid campaign for the sale of Tuberculosis Seals was carried on in Coeburn last week.

Choir practice met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. R. V. Wolford. Delicious apples were served.

Mrs. Bob Culberson, of Cranes Nest, was shopping in town Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. T. F. Smith, of Abingdon, is visiting at the home of her son, Findley Smith.

Eugene Ashworth, who attends school at Emory and Henry College, will be at home Monday for the Christmas holidays.

Stella Kilgore visited her sister at Nora last week, Mrs. John Ramsey.

Mrs. Willard Compton, Vendetta Compton, and Mrs. R. N. Havens motored to Norton Saturday afternoon.

SWISS FARMERS PLAN TO SETTLE IN U. S. ROCKIES

Denver, Dec. 15.—From the peaceful valleys and slopes of the Swiss Alps to the rugged hills of the Colorado Rockies will be the transition of several hundred Swiss farmers, if plans under way here mature.

Negotiations for securing thousands of acres of farm land in Moffat and Routt counties, Colorado, are being conducted by representatives of young Swiss farmers who desire to emigrate to the United States and take up the manufacture of cheese and butter in the Western mountain country.

Inquisitiveness never gets the better of a person. It is always the worst.

"GOOD LUCK" in Baking



Use only **one** teaspoonful of pure "Good Luck". It has higher leavening strength.

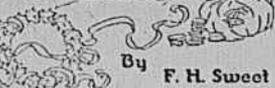
You can get more of "Good Luck" Baking Powder for the price—and by using it you'll get more good luck than you can buy at any price.

5c, 10c and 25c cans—and 35c pails at your grocer's.

THE SOUTHERN MANUFACTURING CO. RICHMOND VIRGINIA



The Judge's Christmas Sentence



By F. H. Sweet

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THE Judge leaned forward a little, his face, which had been growing more severe through the trial, now very stern.

"Have you anything to say why I should not pronounce sentence—the severest under the law?" he shot out.

The prisoner moistened his lips.

"You and I went to school together, Judge," he reminded, weakly.

The Judge's face did not relax. He waited.

"And we—"

The man quailed under the eyes fixed upon him, and did not end the sentence.

"You were about to say, loved the same girl," the judge finished. "You won her, and she died under your neglect and abuse. I think you started to say something without due thought. But we will let that pass, and the school. You are up for this crime now, and we will judge you by it alone, unmitigated. Have you anything to say, beyond your lawyer's plea?"

"No," silently.

"You have defrauded women and children through the mail, changing

your name and going from postoffice to postoffice. So it has been impossible to locate the victims. You could not do it yourself, I suppose."

He took off his glasses, wiped them with his handkerchief, placed the handkerchief in his pocket and the glasses on his nose. Then he looked down again at the prisoner.

But he was completely changed. The severity was gone from his face. There was a twinkle in his eyes. The judicial voice was laid aside. There were those who criticized some of the Judge's judgments. They were not orthodox. They took no account of precedents. They ignored Blackstone.

"Jack," he said, "I believe I shall have to help you."

"What—what—let me go, you mean, Tom?" stammered the prisoner, looking dazed.

"No, indeed," laughed the Judge. "That wouldn't help you a bit, Jack. I was just thinking of the time at school, when you stole Billy Bob's marbles. Accused of it, you grew sullen and abusive, ready to fight the whole school. Then Billy Bobs remembered it was near Christmas, and he told you it was all right about the marbles, as you would have won them from him anyway, and forced a whole handful more into your pocket and insisted on taking you over to his house for the Christmas dinner. Billy was a good sort."

"Well, it is Christmas time now, Jack—only three days ahead. And I was just thinking what a good chap you were for a whole year after the Billy Bobs episode—till your father got angry and beat you up."

"Pretty tough life you've had, Jack. I was thinking. Good-for-nothing father and slattern mother and every kind of crooked teaching. Then you were a handsome boy, an exceedingly handsome young man, which is the worst kind of handicap one can start out with. And then, to cap the whole thing, an uncle left you \$500 of badly tainted money. That sort of fixed you into a rut, for it riveted your energies into making more in the same way. Not many Billy Bobs have broken through the even tenor of your life, Jack."

"What are you driving at, Tom?" growled the prisoner. "Are you acting like Billy Bobs, or just stringing me?"

"Billy Bobs, but with a thought to the thirty years intervening between Jack the boy and Jack the man. Let me see, you have gathered together, by devious ways, about \$50,000."

"No, Tom, you're crazy!" ejaculated the prisoner, in a startled voice. "I haven't a thing except maybe a thousand or two from—this last job."

The judge looked at a slip of paper. "Fifty thousand, four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars," he read, "and it's pretty close to the exact figures, Jack. Maybe you've got some small change in your pockets that was overlooked. And we know in just what banks most of the money is deposited and under what names, and where the rest of it is hidden. We've had you under close surveillance for some time, Jack, and lucky for you, for it shows me how I can be of real service."

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"Huh! I can guess how," snarled the prisoner. "The bundle is going to be divided. What will be my share? I can't understand how you got track of it."

"Now, the first thing is to pronounce sentence," said the judge, rising slowly and putting on his judicial face. "After that we can talk."

He stood, looking down at the prisoner for some moments, and then said: "For the crimes of which you stand convicted, John Battery, I sentence you to twenty years in our state penitentiary."

He paused, and the prisoner collapsed in a ludicrous heap, his eyes bulging.

"Tw—twenty years," he stuttered. "I—I thought—"

"But, in view of certain things in my mind," the judge went on, calmly. "I will suspend this sentence indefinitely, the length depending wholly on yourself. If you violate or fail to meet in any particular the terms I am about to propose, the sentence will immediately go into effect, and there will be no later mitigation. Now, I pronounce, as a provisional sentence, that you expend \$1,000 of the money in doing Christmas work the coming week, commencing tomorrow. There are hundreds of ways of doing this, but, as you are new to the business, I might suggest going through department and other stores and studying the Christmas shoppers. There will be many with anxious faces, counting the few dimes or dollars they have to spend. Get in touch with the clerks so that, by a nod or look, you can make them understand they are to cut prices in half, or put in extra goods, and you meet the difference. Let the children shuffling through the stores, with eager, hungry eyes, who appear to have no money, select something and you pay for it. Do the same for those whose faces are pressed against the windows outside. Talk with market men and have them send turkeys to homes that can't afford one. It doesn't matter whether the father or mother may be unworthy. It is Christmas, and a taste of turkey and cranberry sauce would not hurt them. And, besides, there are the children! You can find ways enough, and each one you meet will open others."

"And after this week, Jack, you will expend \$1,000 each month in such work, until the whole is gone. It will take you nearly four years. We will allow you \$20 from it each week for your personal needs—no more. The very last \$500—the dirty \$500 left by your uncle and which may have started you into that way of money getting, you will give to some poor woman in memory of your wife. Because it is bad money, it should expiate itself in good work."

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