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**THE REAL AND THE BEAUTIFUL**

(Original)

He had been born blind. That was at a time when the surgery of the eye was in its infancy, and he was given no hope that he would ever see. He was well educated, so far as one can be well educated thus hampered, and as he could not communicate with the outside world by means of vision he lived in a realm of thought. A woman came to love him. Whether it was that she sacrificed for him or admired his mental vigor or because of a melancholy manly beauty there was about him doesn't matter. She loved him. Her love was returned, and they were married.

The woman was not gifted at any time with physical beauty, and after a dozen years of married life what good looks she had ever possessed vanished. It was about this time that a case of blindness similar to that of her husband's was cured by the removal of what obstructed the vision, and it became possible that he, too, should see.

He was overjoyed at the prospect. But what gave him delightful anticipations acted contrarywise on his wife. She knew that the great desire of his heart was to look upon her. He had talked with her about his conceptions of her and told her so far as words could express them what they were. They were many and different, for they were created by his imagination. One thing she had noticed—none of them was displeasing. On the contrary, they were all pleasing! She shuddered when he became enthusiastic upon a loveliness which he now knew could be revealed to him.

She was swayed by conflicting emotions. If it had not mattered to him she would have preferred to keep him blind. But the blessing of sight was a priceless boon to him, and, loving him, she must rejoice in it with him. On the other hand, when he came to look upon that which he had pictured as a mortal may picture a seraph and saw a plain, middle aged woman would not his love vanish with his conceptions? She was sure it would.

Before the operation that restored his sight took place she visited the surgeon who was to perform it, told him of the dread she suffered and her plan. When she left him he had promised her that he would instruct the patient that it would be only safe for him to indulge in the comfort of sight by natural light. As soon as the night came on and artificial lights were used he must cover his eyes till dawn. Then she hunted for the most beautiful woman to be found and engaged her to play a part.

The day of the operation came and the first object on which the man's eyes rested after the restoration of his sight was indeed a vision of loveliness. From

midday till sunset he gazed upon his supposed wife, then reluctantly submitted to the bandage. He had noticed that during these first hours in which he had enjoyed the sight of her she had been unusually quiet, uncommunicative and uncommunicative. Indeed, that sweet confidence he had enjoyed before was wanting. No sooner was the bandage put on than all was restored. There was the same tone of voice to which he had been accustomed, the same loving interest. Indeed, for the first time since the restoration of his sight was he congratulated in the way he had expected.

"Wife," he said, "I almost wish I had not been made to see."

"Why not? Are you disappointed in me?"

"No; you are truly beautiful, but my vision, which shows me your beauty, seems to change your identity, and the loss is far greater than the gain."

The next morning he met the wife of beauty at breakfast, changed as before. "What a singular thing is sight!" he muttered. "It gives, but it takes away. I would never have dreamed that it could have made such a difference."

As soon as the meal was over he entered upon his usual avocations, and when he had finished and asked for his wife he was informed that she had gone out. She did not return until the bandage had been put on for the night, but when she came in and threw her arms about him, the same loving woman of the night before, he exclaimed:

"What have I gained? When I see you, you are cold like other women. When I do not see you, you are still my love."

"Suppose you could have me always, night and day, a plain, homely woman, would not having me by day beautiful and by night unseen be far preferable?"

"I would like to have you beautiful always and always as you are when I do not see you."

The next day the husband tried to cultivate in his wife of beauty some of the warmth of his wife of reality. He was an attractive man, and the beauty listened. It was to the man the beginning of a courtship. For weeks he strove to win by day and relaxed under a love already won by night. Then when the wife of beauty responded he felt that he had won what was of no value to him.

One night he said to the wife of reality: "Take me back to the surgeon and ask him to make me blind. With my sight I lose you half the time; blind you are always the woman I love."

"Suppose," replied the wife, "that instead of making me always what I have so long been to you by bringing back your blindness he could give me to you to see both day and night as I am now, but a homely woman."

"I would have you as you are now," then the wife removed his bandage, and he saw her as she was. He folded her in his arms and was satisfied.

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**BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL**

Dogs Are Employed In the Hunt For Dexter's Assassin.

**FOUR MEN ARE SUSPECTED.**

Sheriff Steenburge Said to Know the Identity of the Perpetrators of the Adirondack Murder For Whom He Is Searching.

Malone, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Bloodhounds and Pinkerton detectives have taken up the search for the assassin of Orlando P. Dexter. Sheriff Frank Steenburge and District Attorney Gordon H. Main of Franklin county have been in conference at Santa Clara with John P. Badger, attorney for the Dexter family, and John M. Cantwell, his law partner. They were joined by four Pinkerton detectives from New York and Attorney James Stanford of Malone, who came up from New York with a brace of bloodhounds and a handler from the Wayside kennels.

The authorities have concluded that Mr. Dexter's murderer was one of four who plotted the assassination. The sheriff is almost positive that he knows the murderer and his three companions in the criminal conspiracy. He has several trusted woodsmen here with him, and these, assisted by the Pinkerton detectives and a score of St. Regis Indians, who are remarkably keen in tracking forest marks, will make a thorough search with bloodhounds of the forest in which the murderer and his companions are thought to be hiding.

It is asserted Sheriff Steenburge knows the four men by name and has already established that none of them has been seen about his home since the murder. The whole Adirondack region will be scoured for them. To hunt them down will be a life and death matter, as they are dangerous men and dead shots.

Help of Other Landowners. The hunt for the murderers will be helped by other millionaire owners of game preserves in this region.

Following the lead of William G. Rockefeller, who has sent Paul Smith, the noted guide, at the head of a force of 100 trappers and woodsmen, to scour his estate of 150 square miles and keep the criminals from finding refuge there, other millionaire owners of preserves have ordered out their employees to assist in scouring the woods for the suspects.

The force sent out by Sheriff Steenburge will round up every man within a radius of twenty miles of the Dexter estate and make him prove his whereabouts on the afternoon of the Dexter murder.

Though the Adirondack natives were hostile to young Mr. Dexter and rather inclined to sympathize with his murderer, the fact that unlimited money will be at the disposal of those in charge of the hunt of the assassin may bring valuable co-operation.

Armed Guard at Rockefeller's. Armed men are guarding the Adirondack estate of William Rockefeller, one of the millionaire neighbors of Orlando P. Dexter, mysteriously assassinated on his own estate on Saturday last.

The disclosure, consequent upon the murder, of the feeling of bitter hostility of the woodsmen in the North woods toward the wealthy owners of vast tracts of land there has greatly alarmed Mr. Rockefeller and his neighbors.

Irving Falconer, head gamekeeper for Mr. Rockefeller, left Malone with fifty men, heavily armed, to act as guards on the Rockefeller estate. These men will patrol the preserve night and day to be on the lookout for and to prevent any possible attack from the ill-tempered and hostile mountaineers.

Big Lumber Fire in Wisconsin. Mellen, Wis., Sept. 24.—F. B. Chase's sawmill, store and 6,000,000 feet of lumber at Morse have been destroyed by fire. The loss is \$900,000, partly insured.

**DEATH PENALTY FOR JETT**

Escaped Gallows in One Case, but Sentenced in Another. Cynthia, Ky., Sept. 24.—At last Curtis Jett, who is reported to have killed forty men in the Breathitt county feuds, has been adjudged guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death.

Curtis Jett was accused in the present case of the assassination of his own cousin, Town Marshal Cockrill, in Jackson, Ky., on July 21, 1902. The



CURTIS JETT.

trial was pressed after Jett had escaped the gallows on his second trial for the murder of Judge J. B. Marcum.

The Cockrill murder grew out of a feud started in 1852 about the marriage of Miss Virginia Buiton and William Sewall of Jackson. During the last two years, it is said, twenty-seven persons have been murdered both by the Hargis and Cockrill factions, which took opposite sides. Jett sided with the Hargis combination.

**TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION.**

The Action of the Bessemer Furnace Association.

Pittsburg, Sept. 24.—The Chronicle-Telegraph says it was learned that a movement is on to curtail the production of pig iron beginning Oct. 1.

The Bessemer Furnace Association, which controls a number of furnaces in the Mahoning and Shesango valleys, has consented to the arrangement, but the details have not yet been agreed upon. It is certain, however, that a number of furnaces in the valleys will be put out of blast on the first of the month, but the number has not been decided upon. A falling off in the demand for pig iron is an indication of a falling off in the demand for finished iron and steel products. It has been suggested that the only way to keep the mills running through the winter months is to look for new markets, and the prospects for business abroad are being considered.

The United States Steel corporation may close all its sheet steel plants in the near future unless the Amalgamated association will consent to a reduction under the same plan as was agreed upon last fall. The reason for this attitude is an overstocked market and the dullness of trade at this time of year. Last year the Amalgamated association accepted a reduction of 3 per cent on all material made on foreign orders, and the Steel company intends to make a similar request this year. President T. J. Hafer of the Amalgamated said that he felt sure that the limit would not be changed and that existing conditions did not warrant it.

Iron Works to Shut Down. Lebanon, Pa., Sept. 24.—Vice President Buckingham of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company corroborates the statement that the furnaces here and at Cornwall, Pa., will be blown out in a few days, throwing out 2,000 hands. He said the company has too much iron on hand. Mr. Buckingham stated further that the building trades strikes, causing delay in the construction of new buildings, have helped to necessitate the suspension which may continue.

Lane For Mayor of San Francisco. San Francisco, Sept. 24.—Franklin K. Lane has been nominated for mayor by the Democratic municipal committee. Mr. Lane was the Democratic candidate for governor at the last state election.

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**CLAIM OF UNCLE SAM**  
American Contentment Respecting the Alaskan Boundary Line.  
PRESENTED BY MR. WATSON

The Attorney for the United States Begins the Presentation of Oral Arguments Before the Commission in London.

London, Sept. 24.—Attorney General Finlay has concluded his argument in behalf of Canada before the Alaskan boundary commission. He received the thanks of Chief Justice Alverstone and the congratulations of Messrs. Root and Lodge on his "lucid explanation of so technical and comprehensive a subject." The attorney general made it clear that Canada wants, above everything, access to the sea.

The American counsel state that every effort will be made by them to convince the tribunal that the treaty contemplated a barrier between the Dominion and the ocean and that the question of territory is not important, provided the shores and inlets remain in the possession of the United States.

The attorney general, after a recapitulation of the points of his argument, referred to the great importance of the case and concluded with saying: "I trust the Canadian interests will not suffer by my presentation. I commit the question to the hands of the tribunal with full confidence in their judgment."

David T. Watson of Pittsburg, of counsel for the American side, opened for the United States, describing the purchase of Alaska and stating that the United States published in 1867 the map issued by Russia in 1826, one year after the treaty with Great Britain, and that no protest was made against the boundaries therein fixed, either by Great Britain or by Canada.

Effect of Gold Discovery. Mr. Watson pointed out that it was three years after gold was discovered in the Yukon territory that Great Britain made her first formal notification that she would question the title of the United States to the heads of inlets. The correspondence prior thereto referred to the actual demarcation line on the ground, but no question as to the accuracy of the boundary claimed by the United States, as universally shown on the maps, had ever previously been formally raised by Great Britain.

A. B. Aylesworth, king's counsel (of Canadian counsel), remarked that in 1867 Canada had no concern in the question and had no right to interfere with an objection, as her territory was not extended to the Pacific until 1871.

Mr. Watson, continuing, quoted the report of the surveyor general of Canada in 1874 agreeing that the line was across certain rivers which were emptying at the head of the Lynn canal and argued that Canada thereby acknowledged the United States' claim to the heads of inlets.

In the course of his speech Mr. Watson caused a diversion by apologizing to the tribunal for calling them "four honors," a habit he had got into, counsel explained, through long practice in the courts.

"Don't you think it appropriate?" Lord Alverstone asked. Then there was a general laugh, while Mr. Watson admitted the term could properly be applied. The commission adjourned for the day.

**HUNTING TRAIN ROBBERS.**

Big Posse After Men Who Held Up Burlington Train.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 24.—One hundred men, police, trainmen, railroad detectives and citizens pressed into service as deputy sheriffs, armed and mounted, are scouring the countryside to surround and capture the four masked bandits who held up the west bound Burlington and Missouri River express five miles west of this city and plundered the express car of \$10,000.

The bandits worked with the skill and assurance of old time Missouri road agents. They are thought to be discharged railroad employees, and railroad detectives from all over the Burlington system have been summoned to this place to trail them down. Their capture means death on the scaffold, for train robbery is a capital offense in Missouri.

The express messenger says that one of the bandits was injured by the explosion of dynamite, as he limped badly as he went to his horse. The police here think they will be able to surround the robbers and prevent their escape.

The officials of the Burlington Railway company in St. Joseph announce that a suitable reward will be offered by the company for the arrest and conviction of the four masked men who held up the Portland express north of St. Joseph. The railroad and express officials still insist that the robbers got no booty. Poses are scouring the country adjacent on both sides of the river, but so far without success. It has been found that one of the robbers boarded the tender of the engine at St. Joseph.

Boston's New Election Law. Boston, Sept. 24.—The total vote cast throughout the city in the caucus held under the new election law was a trifle less than 50,000. Of the total number the Democrats exceeded the Republican 3 to 1, the total Democratic vote being 35,757; Republicans, 11,297; Socialists, 672.

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