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Jimmy Marion was no great shakes. In the mind of Brush Creek Jimmy had but two redeeming qualities. One was being his father's son, the other that he had wit enough to love his father's ward, Cressy Oliphant.

Upon a summer morning Cressy called to him over her shoulder: "Jimmy, do come on! You are the slowest old thing! And you know I hate a man or a horse without lots of go."

"Are you crazy?" Charley broke in. "I can change the beneficiary in a trice. Say, Uncle Jim, won't you trust me? I'll certainly never take advantage of your trust. Speak quick. We have just three hours' grace, and it will take two at least to get back to the courthouse."

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"You!" Charley cried, with the intensest scorn. "What are you? What can you do without money or brains?" "Work—all day an' all night!" Jimmy said sturdily. Charley drew back a step, his face twitching. He bit his lips hard before he went on.

"Another thing, think of Cressy. She will end by marrying you if you keep the place. It is that which has stood between me and winning her. I know it. Remember, I am speaking now against myself. I cannot do less in face of all I owe my uncle and my dear, good aunt. Speak to Jimmy, both of you. If he still refuses to save you, sign this deed and put it in my power."

Mrs. Marion nestled close to her son. Her husband broke away from them and leaned from the open window. Jimmy's eyes followed the father's gaze as it rested upon the familiar fields, the trig barns, the deep, shadowy woodlands belting the clear land. Could they give it up and go away, strangers in a strange land?

Stronger, more insistent was the thought of Cressy. How should a beggar lift eyes to her? No, not a beggar except for work! Somehow the word was a tonic. He faced half about, drew his mother in front of him and said with many breaks: "Charley—I—I—can't talk with you. But the Lord—help me—to show I—can work with you."

Squire Marion stepped beside his son, linked arms and said: "Ruin or no ruin, Charley, I'll do as Jimmy says. If the money must all go, let it! Lord, what is all the property in the world beside findin' that I've got a real man for my son?"

"The best man in the world," Cressy cried, breaking tempestuously from an ambush of half closed door. "I had to come home right behind you," she panted to Jimmy. "It—it is not true—what he said," nodding toward Charley. "Now you have lost everything else, I ask you to—take me."

"Amen. The Lord be praised!" Squire Marion said, catching Cressy in his arms. Charley darted away, swearing under his breath. Jimmy? Jimmy put his head upon his mother's shoulder and cried for the first time since he was ten years old.

Jimmy showed the stuff he was made of by working through five hopeless years trying to save the homestead, mortgaged to full value. Cressy helped him, singing about the place, her face always sunshiny, her tempers all blown away. Still there was rejoicing, indeed, when Gill Magee came back from the Klondike with money enough to make good all his luckless adventures had paid. Little Jim, aged four, high in the arms of his dotting grandmother, held the canceled mortgage in a candle flame and laughed to see it burn. Across the hearth the grandfather looked on with eyes that did not see and murmured brokenly, "The righteous shall not be forsaken nor his seed beg bread."

As Jimmy went up the walk he saw his mother at the sitting room window, very white and moaning faintly. He rushed inside. His father met him, all his hale ruddiness changed to ashen gray. Charley had come and sat at Squire Marion's desk, his pen racing over a sheet of legal cap. Without looking up, he called: "Saddle me a fresh horse, Jimmy. The best you've got. The minute this is signed I must ride like the devil."

"What's up?" Jimmy demanded. His father clutched his shoulder, leaned heavily upon it and gasped: "Son, son, we're on the edge of ruin! Charley found out early this mornin' that Gill Magee had run away with all the county money! And me on his bond for \$50,000! I trusted Gill like my own brother!"

"There, there, Uncle Jim," Charley interposed. "Walls have ears sometimes, and we must not leave one loophole in this precious document. It's a deed of gift, Jimmy. Uncle Jim makes over to you everything—land, money, stock and crops."

"What for?" Jimmy asked, his eyes wide. Charley laughed shortly. "For the best of reasons—to save myself from beggary and keep a roof over his head. But I've written it down for a consideration of \$1, love and natural affection. Sign, quick, Uncle Jim. Unless this goes on record before Gill Magee's pranks get wind, it will be worth less than the paper it's written on."

"Oh, it's hard!" the old man moaned. "In my old age too! I never did think I could be brought to any of them covarin' up tricks. I've been so proud to

bear folks say, 'As honest as a Marion.' But what else can I do? I'm old—seventy next month! I can't let my home go! I can't take my wife to the poorhouse!" "You'll have me, pappy, no matter what comes," Jimmy said, lifting his head and throwing his arm about his father's bowed shoulders. So holding him, he moved to where his mother sat, lifted her to her feet and with his free arm drew her to his breast. Then he turned to his cousin and said clearly: "Charley, it was good in you to think of us this way. But I can't see things your way. Now Gill's gone bad, by the Lord, he shan't take old Jim Marion with him. I love the place, every stock an' stone an' red clay hill in it, next to my own people. But I won't keep it unless I can keep it honest!"

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Iowa Pioneer Dead. Ottumwa, Ia., Oct. 3.—Daniel Carl, a veteran of the Mexican war and for thirty-five years a justice of the peace, is dead at his home at Blakesburg. He is believed to have been the oldest white citizen of Iowa.

Many New Cases of Cholera. Cairo, Egypt, Oct. 3.—There were 254 fresh cases of cholera reported in Egypt yesterday and 241 deaths from that disease. The total since the outbreak, July 15, are 35,658 cases and 30,958 deaths.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Trading in corn was one of the principal features on the board of trade today, and considerable strength was manifested in both the grain and provision pits. December corn closed 1/4c higher, December wheat was 1/2c lower, while oats closed 1/2c higher. January provisions closed from a shade lower to 1/2c higher. Closing prices: Wheat—Oct., 68 1/2c; Dec., 69 1/2c; May, 70 1/2c. Corn—Oct., 50c; Dec., 48 1/2c; May, 47 1/2c. Oats—Oct., 30 1/2c; Dec., 31 1/2c; May, 32 1/2c. Pork—Oct., \$10.85; Jan., 15.15; May, 14.35. Lard—Oct., \$10.65; Jan., \$8.75; May, \$8.15. 3 Ribs—Oct., \$11.25; Jan., \$9.17 1/2. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 red wheat, 70c; No. 3 red wheat, 69 1/2c; No. 2 spring wheat, 69 1/2c; No. 2 hard wheat, 69 1/2c; No. 2 cash corn, 60 1/2c; No. 2 yellow corn, 61 1/2c; No. 3 yellow corn, 61 1/2c; No. 2 white oats, 34 1/2c; No. 3 white oats, 29 1/2c.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Oct. 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000, including 800 westerns; good to prime steers, \$7.35-\$8.40; poor to medium, \$4.00-\$7.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.25-\$6.00; cows, \$1.25-\$4.50; heifers, \$2.25-\$5.25; calves, \$1.25-\$3.50; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.50-\$7.00; Texas fed steers, \$3.00-\$4.25; western steers, \$3.75-\$4.25. Hogs—Receipts today, 12,000; tomorrow, 8,000; left over, 3,000; average 10c higher; mixed and butchers, \$5.10-\$7.00; good to choice heavy, \$7.00-\$7.70; rough heavy, \$7.50-\$7.70. Sheep—Receipts, 17,000; sheep and lambs steady; good to choice wethers, \$5.25-\$5.40; fair to choice mixed, \$2.25-\$3.50; sheep, \$2.50-\$3.25; native lambs, \$3.50-\$4.25.

Kansas City Live Stock. Kansas City, Oct. 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; steady to lower; choice beef steers, \$7.00-\$7.90; fair to good, \$4.35-\$6.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50-\$4.50; western fed steers, \$3.25-\$4.50; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.00-\$4.35; Texas cows, \$1.75-\$2.80; native cows, \$1.75-\$2.45; native heifers, \$3.00-\$4.15; canners, \$1.00-\$2.00; bulls, \$2.35-\$3.10; calves, \$2.00-\$3.00. Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; steady to lower; good to choice heavy, \$7.15-\$7.25; heavy, \$7.12-\$7.25; mixed packers, \$7.12-\$7.25; light, \$7.15-\$7.25; yorkers, \$7.20-\$7.25; pigs, \$6.35-\$7.20. Sheep—Receipts, 13,500; steady to 1/2c lower; native lambs, \$3.50-\$4.10; western, \$3.50-\$4.10; 4.75; native wethers, \$2.85-\$4.00; western wethers, \$2.60-\$3.90.

South Omaha Live Stock. South Omaha, Oct. 2.—Cattle—Receipts, best steady, others dull; native steers, \$4.75-\$5.25; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.00-\$4.00; western steers, \$3.75-\$5.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50-\$3.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.50-\$3.00; calves, \$3.00-\$5.75; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.00-\$4.25. Hogs—Receipts, 13,500; steady to 1/2c lower; mixed and butchers, \$7.15-\$7.25; heavy, \$7.12-\$7.25; light, \$7.15-\$7.25; yorkers, \$7.20-\$7.25; pigs, \$6.35-\$7.20. Sheep—Receipts, 11,000; steady to 1/2c lower; native lambs, \$3.50-\$4.10; western, \$3.50-\$4.10; 4.75; native wethers, \$2.85-\$4.00; western wethers, \$2.60-\$3.90.

St. Joseph Live Stock. St. Joseph, Oct. 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,543; steady to 1/2c lower; stock cattle dull, steady to lower, 7.00c; the yards, \$4.00-\$4.75; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.75-\$5.00; western steers, \$3.75-\$5.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.00-\$4.65. Hogs—Receipts, 3,300; steady to 1/2c higher; light and heavy mixed, \$7.15-\$7.25; medium and heavy, \$7.15-\$7.25; pigs, \$6.35-\$7.20; bulk, \$7.17-\$7.25.

Impetuous but sporty. An impetuous constituent of Abraham Gruber called upon the latter at his office last week and requested the loan of a dollar. A two-dollar bill was the smallest the colonel had. This he handed to the caller with the remark: "Go to the cigar store downstairs, get a 15-cent cigar, keep a dollar, and bring me the change."

In a few minutes the visitor reappeared, puffing contentedly at a cigar, and handed the colonel 85 cents. Noticing a peculiar expression on Colonel Gruber's face, he withdrew the cigar from his lips long enough to inquire: "Did you mean that the cigar was for you or me?" "Get out of here," was all Gruber could say.—New York Times.

Bronchitis for Twenty Years. Mrs. Minerva Smith, of Danville, Ill., writes: "I had bronchitis for twenty years and never got relief until I used Foley's Honey and Tar which is a sure cure." Contains no opiates. A. H. Kiesau.

A Good Thing. German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boschee, a celebrated German physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in medicine. It quickly cures coughs, colds and all lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test for years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Boschee's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1888, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 75 cents. Get Green's special almanac. A. H. Kiesau.

Good Advice. The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from dyspepsia and liver complaint. More than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects: such as sour stomach, sick headache, habitual constiveness, palpitation of the heart, heartburn, water-brash, gnawing and burning pains at the pit of the stomach, yellow skin, coated tongue and disagreeable taste in the mouth, coming up of food after eating, low spirits, etc. Go to your druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. Get Green's special almanac. A. H. Kiesau.

No danger of consumption if you use Foley's Honey and Tar to cure that stubborn cough. A. H. Kiesau.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, as hereinafter set forth in full, is submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska, to be voted upon at the general election to be held Tuesday, November 4, A. D. 1903.

A Joint Resolution proposing to amend section one of Article fifteen, of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relative to the manner of submitting and adopting amendments to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. Be it Resolved and Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska: SECTION 1. That section one of Article fifteen of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Either branch of the legislature may propose amendments to this Constitution, and if the same be agreed to by three-fifths of the members elected to each house, such proposed amendments shall be entered on the Journals at least once each week in at least one newspaper in each county where a newspaper is published, for thirty days immediately preceding the next election of senators and representatives, at which election the same shall be submitted to the electors for approval or rejection. If a majority of the electors, voting at such election on such proposed amendment, shall vote to adopt such amendment, the same shall become a part of this Constitution. When more than one amendment is submitted at the same election, they shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

All ballots used at such election on such amendment or amendments shall have written or printed thereon the following: For proposed amendment to the Constitution relating to here insert the subject of the amendment; and, against proposed amendment to the Constitution relating to here insert the subject of the amendment and the vote of each elector voting on such amendment or amendments shall be designated by the elector by making a cross with a pen or pencil in a circle or square to be placed at the right of the lines of the words "For or Against" the proposed amendments, as he shall desire to vote thereon, or by indicating his preference on a voting machine when such machine is used.

I, Geo. W. Marsh, secretary of state of the state of Nebraska, do hereby certify that the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of Nebraska is a true and correct copy of the original enrolled and engrossed bill, as passed by the Twenty-seventh session of the legislature of the State of Nebraska, as appears from said original bill on file in this office, and that said proposed amendment is submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Nebraska for their adoption or rejection at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, A. D. 1903.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the state of Nebraska. Done at Lincoln this 23rd day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two, of the Independence of the United States, the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh, and of this state the Thirty-third.

GEORGE W. MARSH, Secretary of State.

Never Ask Advice. When you have a cough or cold don't ask what is good for it and get some medicine with little or no merit and perhaps dangerous. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar, the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures coughs and colds quickly. A. H. Kiesau.

Spent More Than \$1,000. W. W. Baker of Plainview, Neb., writes: "My wife suffered from lung troubles for fifteen years. She tried a number of doctors and spent over \$1,000 without relief. She became very low and lost all hope. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and thanks to this great remedy, it saved her life. She enjoys better health than she has known in ten years." Refuse substitutes. A. H. Kiesau.

Wise is the girl whose sense of self interest prompts her to take Rocky Mountain Tea. It fills her full of vigor and there is always honey in her heart for you. A. H. Kiesau.

A Dozen Times a Night. Mr. Owen Dunn, of Benton Ferry, W. Va., writes: "I have had kidney and bladder trouble for years, and it became so bad that I was obliged to get up at least a dozen times a night. I never received any permanent benefit from any medicine until I took Foley's Kidney Cure. After using two bottles I am cured." A. H. Kiesau.

His Life in Peril. "I just seemed to have gone all to pieces," writes Alfred Bee, of Welfare, Texas, "billions and a lame back had made life a burden. I couldn't eat or sleep and felt almost too worn out to work when I began to use Electric Bitters, but they worked wonders. Now I sleep like a top, can eat anything, have gained in strength and enjoy hard work." They give vigorous health and new life to weak, stilly, run-down people. Try them. Only 50 cents at Kiesau's drug store.

Goes Like Hot Cakes. "The fastest selling article I have in my store," writes Druggist C. T. Smith, of Davis, Ky., "is Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, because it always cures. In my six years of sales it has never failed. I have known it to save sufferers from throat and lung diseases, who could get no help from doctors or any other remedy." Mothers rely on it, best physicians prescribe it, and the Kiesau Drug Co. guarantee satisfaction or refund price. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes, 50 cents and \$1.

Natural Anxiety. Mothers regard approaching winter with uneasiness, children take cold so easily. No disease comes so little lives than croup. It's attack is so sudden that the sufferer is often beyond human aid before the doctor arrives. Such cases yield readily to One Minute

Cough Cure. Liquefies the mucus, allays inflammation, removes danger. Absolutely safe. Acts immediately. Cures coughs, colds, grip, bronchitis, all throat and lung trouble. F. S. Mahon, Hampton, Ga.: "A had cold rendered me voiceless just before an oratorical contest. I intended to withdraw but took One Minute Cough Cure. It restored my voice in time to win the medal." A. H. Kiesau.

Perhaps You Wonder if the tormenting cold that made last winter one long misery will be as bad this year. Certainly not, if you take Allen's Lung Balm when tickling and rawness in the throat announces the presence of the old enemy. Do not expect the cold to wear itself out. Take the right remedy in time. Allen's Lung Balm is free from opium.

A Word to Travelers. The excitement incident to traveling and change of food and water often brings on diarrhoea, and for this reason no one should leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by Kiesau Drug Co.

Forty Years' Torture. To be relieved from a torturing disease after 40 years' torture might well cause the gratitude of anyone. This was the case of DeWitt's Witch Hazel salve did for C. H. Wain, Geneva, O. He says: "DeWitt's Witch Hazel salve cured me of piles after I had suffered 40 years." Cures cuts, burns, wounds, skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. A. H. Kiesau.

"Watch the Kidneys." "When they are affected life is in danger," says Dr. Abernethy, the great English physician. Foley's Kidney Cure makes sound kidneys. A. H. Kiesau.

Sweeter than the breath of morn is the breath of the girl who takes Rocky Mountain Tea. A perfect system renovator, safe, soothing and invigorating. A. H. Kiesau.

People Believe in it. It has been cynically said that anything can be sold by advertising nowadays. This is not so. Many liniments have been advertised but only one—Ferry Davis' Painkiller—has stood the test of sixty years' use. Today its popularity is greater than ever and is based not upon what anybody says but upon what the remedy does. There is but one painkiller, Ferry Davis'.

Look Out for Fever. Biliousness and liver disorders at this season may be prevented by cleansing the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers. These famous little pills do not gripe. They move the bowels gently, but copiously, and by reason of the tonic properties, give tone and strength to the glands. A. H. Kiesau.

Danger in Fall Colds. Fall colds are liable to hang on all winter leaving the seeds of pneumonia, bronchitis or consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar cures quickly and prevents serious results. It is old and reliable, tried and tested, safe and sure, contains no opiates and will not constipate. A. H. Kiesau.

America's Famous Beauties. Look with horror on skin eruptions, blotches, sores, pimples. They don't have them, nor will any one, who use Bucklen's Arnica salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema or salt rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains. Infalible for piles. 25 cents at Kiesau's drug store.

It moves the world. Makes you well—keeps you well. It soothes the bowels, purges the system of all impurities, enriches the blood, eradicates brain fog and restores perfect and normal energy. Rocky Mountain Tea. A. H. Kiesau.

When you wake up with a bad taste in your mouth, go at once to A. H. Kiesau's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One or two doses will make you well. They also cure biliousness, sick headache and constipation.

Get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets at A. H. Kiesau's drug store. They are easy to take and more pleasant in effect than pills. Then their use is not followed by constipation as is often the case with pills. Regular size, 25 cents per box.

A Typical South African Store. O. R. Larson, of Bay Villa, Sundays River, Cape Colony, conducts a store typical of South Africa, at which use be purchased anything from the proverbial "needle to an anchor." This store is situated in a valley nine miles from the nearest railway station and about twenty-five miles from the nearest town. Mr. Larson says: "I am favored with the custom of farmers within a radius of thirty miles, to many of whom I have supplied Chamberlain's remedies. All testify to their value in a household where a doctor's advice is almost out of the question. Within one mile of my store the population is perhaps sixty. Of these, within the past twelve months, no less than fourteen have been absolutely cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This must surely be record." For sale by Kiesau Drug Co.

Nasal Catarrh quickly yields to treatment by Ely's Cream Balm, which is agreeably aromatic. It is received through the nostrils, cleanses and heals the whole surface over which it diffuses itself. Druggists sell the 50c. size; Trial size by mail, 10 cents. Test it and you are sure to continue the treatment.

Announcement. To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, the proprietors prepare Cream Balm in liquid form, which will be known as Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price including the spraying tube is 75 cents. Druggists or by mail. The liquid form embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation.

DON'T BE FOOLED. Take the genuine, original ROCKY MOUNTAIN TEA. Made only by Madison Medicine Co., Madison, Wis. It keeps you well. Get the package marked cut on each package. Price, 35 cents. Never sold in bulk. Accept no substitutes. Incorporated 1888. Title. Ask your druggist.

More Harmful Than Alcohol. Overeating Worst Form of Intemperance.

If your food is undigested, you are underfed, no matter how much you eat. And the underfed man is, to the extent of the underfeeding, crippled for the battle of life. On the other hand, there is such a thing as overeating. The harm done by indigestion caused by overeating stomachs exceeds that from the increased heart beats caused by the use of alcohol or whiskey.

Eat as much good food as you need but don't overload the stomach. If your stomach is weak it may refuse to digest what you eat. Then you ought to use a good digestant like Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, which digests what you eat without the stomach's aid. This rest and the wholesome tonics contained in Kodol Dyspepsia Cure soon restore health. You don't have to diet. Don't eat too much. That's harmful. But eat enough and of sufficient variety. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will digest it. It quickly relieves the sensation of fullness and bloating from which some people suffer after meals. It prevents belching and absolutely cures indigestion and other stomach troubles. Equally good for children.

Lemuel James, Marysville, O., says: "I suffered from dyspepsia for thirty years but a few bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure completely cured me and I heartily recommend it to all sufferers from this disease."

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Cures All Stomach Troubles. Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. The \$1. bottle contains 24 times the 50c. size.

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