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**SHE WOULDN'T ELOPE EXCEPT IN AN AUTOMOBILE**

**And He Being Much In Love Bought An Automobile And Then His Troubles Began.**

MISS JANE TAZEWELL Gore, daughter of Maj. Henry Wyatt Gore, of Vilna, Va., eloped recently with Putney Crewes in the presence of her father, her mother, her sisters, and over 200 citizens of Vilna, her elopement and wedding being the sensation of the entire country and declared to be the most spectacular elopement in the history of northern Virginia.

Mrs. Crewes, who is 17 year old, was the beauty of Highland county. With her parents, and her sisters, Truth and Faith, she lived in the big, white mansion of the Gores up on the hillside over the beautiful little mountain valleys of Vilna, and there all the dashing young swains from Monterey and Vanderpool, and even from way over at Staunton and Harrisonburg, came to call upon "the beautiful Gore girls," for while Jane was the beauty of the family, there are some of the young men who declare her sisters just as lovely.

Jane was the second daughter, two years younger than Truth, and two years older than Faith, and the trio were the belles of the county, not only for their beauty, their cleverness, and their vivacity, because Maj. Gore was rich, for that section of the country. The girls had been over to Staunton to school, they played and sang, and the roomy, cool-looking old plantation house, with its wide porches and great white pillars, its windows that open clear to the floor, its magnolia-lined lawns, was the headquarters for the young men.

**JANE BLUSHED AT HIS NAME.**

But until early in the spring, when they came back from school, the girls escaped Cupid's arrows, and Jane was the first to fall the victim. There came, one Sabbath day, from over Staunton way, Ed Hilday, one of their old beaux, driving his new trotting horse to a side-bar buggy, with a great flourish and much pride. And with him he brought a young man. That man was Putney Crewes, one of the Standardsville Crewes, a grandson of old Gen. Putney. He was blacked haired, black eyed, handsome fellow, strong and rather silent, and in contrast with the golden haired Miss Jane Gore, he seemed darker and more silent. Yet from the first he and Jane drew towards each other, and when away late in the afternoon Faith and Truth rallied their merry sister about the young man and instead of laughing and responding, she blushed and turned away.

After that Putney Crewes came over to the Gore mansion once a fortnight and he and Jane drew apart from the rest, and even jolly old Maj. Gore chaffed his pretty daughter about the young man.

Indeed, the entire family thought it was only a question of time until Crewes would come formally to Maj. Gore and ask the hand of his daughter in marriage. They knew the young man was poor, but they knew also that he was a hard worker and honest, with a little land that had been saved from the wreck of the family fortunes. But despite the fact that he was not rich, Maj. Gore intended to give his consent and blessing, and perhaps a little land and a generous gift of money to start the young couple.

Still there was delay and no one knew why—until afterwards.

This fact is that Crewes proposed during the second month of his acquaintance, proposed and was accepted by Jane, who confessed trembling that she loved him. They sat for a long time in the hammock under the magnolia trees, looking out into the soft light of the southern moon, and then Crewes, with a long kiss, arose and said:

"I will go to your father. Please stay here until I return."

"You mustn't do it," Jan whispered, holding to him.

"Why? He will not object when he knows we love each other."

"I know that. He likes you, but we must elope."

"But why elope, dearest?" he urged holding her in his arms again. "No one will oppose, and besides it will be more honorable."

"I never will marry any one who does not come for me in an automobile and carry me away and marry me. I made a vow years ago, and not even for my love of you will I be married to you in any other way."

The argument lasted all evening and all the next evening that he called, and again the next evening, and the next, until Faith grew impatient and asked, "Isn't he ever going to ask you, Jane?" And the others thought what Faith had said.

**BUT WHERE COULD HE GET AN AUTO?**

June, the month that both had hoped would bring their wedding day, passed and still the argument over the automobile continued.

"There never has been an automobile within 25 miles of here," expostulated the lover. "I don't own one. I don't know of one nearer than Charlottesville. I couldn't run one if I had it, and I can't afford to buy one. And besides, what is the use of eloping when we can be married at home, in the right way?"

And then the argument began all over again. August came, and once or twice they were near a real quarrel over the elopement subject, but despite the pleading, entreaties and screams of her lover, Jane refused to marry unless he would come and carry her away in an automobile, and she even stipulated that it must be a big automobile, and a red one.

September came and Crewes was growing desperate. They sat together one evening where the nastier vine swept the porch and they came near quarreling. Jane pouted a bit, and Crewes grew dignified. Finally she refused to kiss him good-night unless he would promise to come for her in an auto.

"Very well," said he, yielding stiffly, "I will do it if it can be done, but I don't know whether any one can run an auto over these roads."

Jane, having conquered, threw her arms around his neck, kissed him, whispered three words to him and fled into the house, and he drove away towards his home near Staunton, half vexed but wholly happy.

And having promised to do it, he set himself to the task of arranging for his elopement with all his power.

**SETS OUT TO BUY AUTOMOBILE.**

No date had been set, but he told Jane to be ready when he came for her and she promised to go at any hour of the day or night if he came in an auto.

The next week there arrived at the Crewes place near Staunton a big red auto. It was a secondhand one that he bought cheap from a firm in Roanoke and he ran down there to see it and learn something about the machine. He spent a whole day with a chauffeur and at the end of that time he made a few inquiries.

"How far will it run?"

"O, over 100 miles on that much gasoline."

"That will be far enough," he said, producing the money, he had sold some pigs. "Ship it up at once."

So the machine came and every one in Staunton knew it, and most of them being fond of horses, they were a bit indignant, but more curious. So the machine was set up in Crewes' barn and he and one of his negroes who was handy with machinery put it together.

That evening, after dark, Crewes tried to run the auto. He landed

off the side of a bridge two miles away, after a wild journey, and it was not until a team of horse was hauling the mud splattered auto back home that he remembered how the man had told him to stop it. The next evening he made another attempt, and did some better, getting it stopped after leaping a ditch and tearing down a rail fence.

**JANE GETS READY FOR ELOPEMENT**

All through those trials and exciting lessons Jane had seen nothing of Crewes. She had heard of his extravagance in purchasing an auto, but she did not say, even when her father commented on the reckless waste of money, that she had been the cause of the purchase. She simply packed a suit case, laid out her best brown shirtwaist suit, and put the buttons in her new lace shirt waist and smiled.

After four days of wild careening around his plantation and the mud roads of the neighborhood, Crewes decided that he might as well elope the next day. He planned to arrive at the Gore mansion early in the evening, and to make sure, he left home in the auto at 10 in the morning. Besides he took Sam along to help get the auto out of the mire, two extra cans of gasoline, and a chest full of tools, besides a couple of heavy scantling to use in prying the machine out of ditches.

It is 28 miles from Staunton to Vilna and they took the Laurel hill road to Churchville, making the first half of the journey in less than an hour, although Sam was lost overboard just after they flew through Adial. Afterwards Sam denied indignantly that he leaped.

**RUNS MACHINE INTO CREEK.**

Crewes got the machine topped against a mule cart a mile north of Churchville and hesitated. Then determined and desperate he started on, taking the headwaters gap through the mountains, to strike the Pasture river road through Vilna. He made the three miles down hill into the valley in about three minutes, shutting his eyes and holding tight to the steering wheel hoping he wouldn't meet anyone coming up, and he stopped in bad order in the creek, in two feet of water, with the steering wheel twisted and one lever bent almost double. At dusk, with the aid of five negroes whom he hired, the machine was drawn out, and hauled to the Maury plantation blacksmith shop, where the plantation blacksmith worked with Crewes on the machine until after midnight.

Towards morning he went through the bridge three miles below Vilna, and after that catastrophe was righted, it past daylight. At 8 o'clock in the morning he shot through Vilna, like a red comet, his clothes disheveled, his hat a wreck, his face and hands scratched, but still determined. The lever which had been bent refused to work, and he was two miles beyond the town before he got the lever pushed over and the car stopped. Unable to turn in the narrow road, he got out and pulled the auto around until it headed back toward Vilna.

**THROUGH A FLOWER**

**BED TO THE HOUSE.**

Jane had seen him fly past along the road leading past the Gore plantation and while the other girls ran to the porch to get a glimpse of a real automobile, she fled upstairs and came down attired in the brown shirtwaist suit, her brown hat, and her new little tan shoes. And also bribed Manuel to carry the suit case down to the big road and stay there until she came past with Crewes in the auto. Half the negroes on the plantation had hurried out to the road to get a glimpse of the flying red auto, and half of Vilna already knew that there was an auto in the vicinity.

Crewes came back slowly and carefully. With elaborate pains he turned into the lane leading to the plantation house and he stopped directly in front of the porch, even though he had to go through a flower bed to reach it.

Without a word Jane rushed to the auto and climbed into the tonneau. "Darling," said Crewes, "don't risk it. I can't have you risk your life in this infernal machine. Wait until I can send down to Raleigh to get a chauffeur to help us elope."

"I'll go with you now," she whispered.

"Then you must love me," he groaned. "This proves it."

The whole Gore family was on the front veranda, innocent of any idea of an elopement, when Crewes suddenly threw forward a lever, shoved on another notch of speed, turned the wheel wildly and they started. There were screams from the veranda as the auto scraped the horse block, leaped across the pansy bed, careened wildly between the magnolia trees and turned into the lane.

"My suit case is at the corner," screamed the girl. "Stop there."

**FATHER THOUGHT IT PROOF OF BRAVERY.**

Crewes pulled the levers as they came to the big road, and the machine, quivering, jumped backward. Again he reversed, and the machine leaped toward the ditch. Already Manuel had fled, and the negroes and the girl's family grew afraid. Finally the machine stopped and Crewes leaping out, put the suit case into the tonneau.

"Are you afraid, sweetheart," he asked.

"Not a bit; hurry, hurry," she answered.

"I declare," said Maj. Gore when he saw the suit case lifted into the machine, "if I don't think they're eloping."

"Yes," said Faith sweetly. "She always said she wouldn't marry a man who wouldn't carry her off in an auto. Guess that's why Mr. Crewes bought it."

"He surely deserves it," said the Major. "I wouldn't get into that tarnation thing for all the girls in Highland county. Of course, excepting your mother."

Again Crewes started, and the big red auto, badly scared, started rapidly down through the village. The ride through Vilna was a triumph. The auto, as if entering into the spirit of the occasion, rolled along easily and under perfect control. Down the beautiful valley, across the mountain gap, down into the opposite valley it clugged along, behaving perfectly, and when they stopped at the summit Jane climbed into the front seat with Crewes, snuggled up close, and they went rapidly towards Staunton.

They drew up in front of the parsonage shortly after 1 o'clock, and half an hour later Miss Jane Gore was Mrs. Putney Crewes.

"Let us ride back home in the auto this evening, and be forgiven" said the bride.

"We will not," said the groom. "I am boss now. We'll drive over behind my trotting horse."

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