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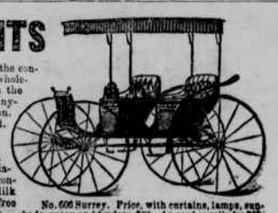

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RUTH'S LEGACY.

BY EBEN E. BEXFORD.

When Rodney Dare came home from the war without his strong right arm Ruth Trevor's friends wondered if she would marry him.

"Of course she will," said the friend who knew her best. 'Why shouldn't she? He's the same Rodney Dare now that he was when she promised to marry him, isn't he?"

"Yes, but there's a difference,' was the reply. 'Then he had another arm to fight the battle of life with. Now—well, I suppose it won't make any difference with Ruth. She always was peculiar.

"Thank God for such peculiarity.' said her friend. "She wouldn't be the woman I have always believed her to be if she refuses to marry him because he has lost an arm. She will take its place to him I know Ruth Trevor too well to believe that the idea has ever occurred to her that this loss need make the slightest difference in their plans.'

And her friend was right. When one day, Rodney Dare said to Ruth: I have come to tell you that, of course, I do not expect to hold you to your promise to me, under existing circumstances, if you care to withdraw it," he rose up before him with something akin to anger in her face and looking him squarely in the eyes.

"Have I ever given you any reason to think I cared to withdraw it ?" she added.

"No," was the reply. 'But when you gave it I was a man Now I am but part of one."

"I'll take that part of the man that's left," she said. It's the part that the Rodney Dare I love lives in. Never speak of this to me again," she added. And he never did.

But he would not talk of marrying until he had obtained employment of some sort, and for this he began to fit himself. It was almost like beginning life over in learning to make one arm do the work of two, but he had a brave heart and a strong will, and love stood ready to help him in the times when he felt inclined to become discouraged.

One day Ruth said to him:

"I'm going away for a month or two, I've had a letter from Aunt Martha, who lives in the prettiest littly country village you ever saw, and she wants me to visit her, I shall enjoy a breath of pure air so much! Only, I wish you were going with me, Rodney, I shall think of you back here in the city and feel half ashamed of myself for having such a good time that you cannot share."

"I shall share it in thinking how much good it is doing you," he said. 'One does not always have to take part in the pleasure of others to be benefited by them. There's a sort of reflex influence you know."

'That sounds quite metaphysical, laughed Ruth, 'but I think I understand what you mean, and I promise to enjoy myself to the utmost in order that you may feel this 'reflex influence' to the fullest extent."

Before Ruth had been at Aunt Martha's two days she found out that she had been invited there for a purpose.

"Your cousin Hugh is coming next week," said Aunt Martha. 'I wanted you to meet him. I know you'll like him—at least I hope you will, and the better you like him the better suited I'll be,"

Ruth looked at her questioningly.

"You wonder what sort of a plan I have in my head, I suppose," said her aunt. 'I'm not going to say anything more about it now, but Hugh knows."

"I infer that it is a sort of matrimonial plan," said Ruth. 'If it is, put it aside at once! I may like my cousin very much—I hope I shall—but I could not marry him."

"Why?" asked Aunt Martha.

"Because I am to marry Rodney Dare,', answered Ruth.

"And who is Rodney Dare?' cried Aunt Martha."

Then Ruth told her about her lover.

"A man with one arm!" cried Aunt Martha, 'and a poor man, too! You're foolish Ruth!"

"Perhaps so." said Ruth, quietly, but with a brave steadfastness in her voice. 'But, foolish or not, I love him. I have promised to marry him, and I shall keep my word."

"You've got the obstinacy of the Trevors in you," said Aunt Martha grimly. 'But this stubbornness of yours may make a great difference with your future prospects, as well as my plans. I have considerable property that must go to the children of my two brothers. You represent one of them, Hugh the other. I wanted you to marry each other and keep the property together. If you persist in your determination to marry this Rodney Dare, Hugh may get it all.'

"Let him have it," said Ruth. 'All the wealth in the world wouldn't influence me in the least in this matter."

"You're a Trevor all through," said Aunt Martha, yet admiring the spirit of her niece in spite of her self. 'Well, since you've made up your mind we'll let the matter drop; but if you are not mentioned in my will you needn't be surprised."

"I haven't asked to be remembered in it,' said Ruth 'I don't want you to think for a moment, Aunt Martha, that I care for your money. I assure you I have never given it a thought'."

"Perhaps not," responded Aunt Martha, 'but money comes handy sometimes and one wants to think twice before throwing away such a chance as this."

"I would not change my mind, if I were to think a thousand times,' said Ruth. 'I am just old-fashioned enough to believe that there are other things more necessary to one's happiness than money."

"Very well, you'll do as you choose about it, of course," said Aunt Martha, frightly, 'but I think my opinion worth considering. notwithstanding."

Cousin Hugh came, Ruth liked him, but—he wasn't Rodney Dare! Millions of money wouldn't have tempted her to marry him if she had no lover.

"I suppose you haven't changed your mind about matters and things?" said Aunt Martha one day, the week before Ruth went home.

"Not in the least," replied Ruth.

"You're a foolish girl," said Aunt Martha.

"Maybe, but I think not," responded Ruth.

When she got home she told Rodney all about Aunt Martha's plans.

"Do you think I was foolish?" she asked, smiling into his face.

"I think you're a noble, true-hearted little woman," he answered, and kissed her. "I hope you'll never regret giving up your share of your aunt's fortune for a man with but one arm to protect you with. I feel unworthy of such a sacrifice."

"There was no sacrifice about it," said Ruth. "I don't care for the fortune, and I do care for you."

Six months later a telegram came saying that Aunt Martha was dead. Would Ruth come to the funeral?

Ruth went, and after the funeral she and Cousin Hugh sat down in the old fashioned parlor together, with Aunt Martha's old lawyer and one or two of her intimate friends, to listen to the reading of her will.

In it she bequeathed to Hugh Trevor "the property now in her possession, to which she had just title and claim, "with the exception of the old family Bible. That went to Ruth.

I have brought my legacy home with me," she told her mother on her return, as she deposited a package, wrapped in thick brown paper. On the wrapper was written: "Ruth Trevor, to be given her, unopened, after my death," in Aunt Martha's prim penmanship.

"You don't mean to say that you were left nothing but that?" cried Mrs. Trevor.

"It's as much as I expected," answered Ruth.

That evening Robney Dare came in. Suddenly Ruth bethought her of the package, which had not been opened.

"I must show you my legacy," she said, bringing the package. "Cut the strings, Rodney, please."

He did so and Ruth took the old worn Bible from its wrappings. As she did so, some papers slipped from between its pages and fell to the floor. She stooped and gathered them up. One was a somewhat bulky document. The other was an envelope on which her name was written.

"Here's a letter from Aunt Martha," she said and opened it.

As she read it a tender light came into her face. Then a look of surprise and bewilderment.

"I—I don't understand," she said, looking from Rodney to her mother.

"She says something about deeds, What does she mean by that, I wonder?"

Rodney took the large document from Ruth's lap and unfolded it and glanced over the half-written, half printed page.

"It means that you're a wealthy little woman in spite of yourself, Ruth. Your Aunt Martha had half her property deeded to you before she died. That which she spoke of in her will was the other half of it, which had not been deeded away, and you, of course, supposed that represented all. She leaves you her old home and other property in its vicinity, to the value of a good many thousands of dollars, I should say."

"It can't be!" cried Ruth excitedly. "And yet it must be so. Read her letter, Rodney—read it aloud, and maybe it'll seem clearer to me.'

Rodney read:

MY DEAR NIECE RUTH: I do not think I have very long to live, therefore, I shall so arrange matters now that there need be little trouble in disposing of what I leave behind when I am dead. When you told me you could not fall in with my plan about a marriage with Hugh I was indignant. If I had died then, you would have got little from me if I could have had my way about it. But by and by I began to think it over, and I came to believe that you were right and I was wrong. I calculated from the head, you from the heart, and the heart is to be trusted most in such matters, I think. I admire you for your honesty to your womanhood and your loyalty to your one-armed lover. You did just right, my dear niece—just right!—and to prove to you that I bear you no ill-will for not falling in with an old woman's foolish plans, I shall have half my property deeded to you at once, so that, at any time after my death, which I have reason to believe may happen at any time and suddenly, all there will be for you to do will be for you to take possession. God bless you dear Ruth, and make you very happy with the man you have chosen. He ought to be proud of so loyal-hearted a wife as you will make him. Sometimes think kindly of the woman who never got much happiness out of life, and may this legacy bring you more enjoyment than it has ever brought me.

"Dear Aunt Martha!" said Ruth, softly, with tears rolling swiftly down her cheeks. "I wish she could know how much I thank her for her legacy—and her letter. Do you know, Rodney, I'm not sure but I value that most?"

For answer, he bent and kissed her.

"Your love and loyalty are worth a thousand legacies," he said. And Ruth threw her arms around his neck and cried: "I'm so glad for your sake, Rodney!"—New York Ledger.

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