

# The Story of Hunch Badeau.

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### Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.

Hunch Badeau is the rough, capricious, but kind-hearted, good-natured, and very capable man who has been the life and soul of the household since he came to the city. He is a man of many talents, and his energy and industry have made him a success in every way. He is a man of many talents, and his energy and industry have made him a success in every way.

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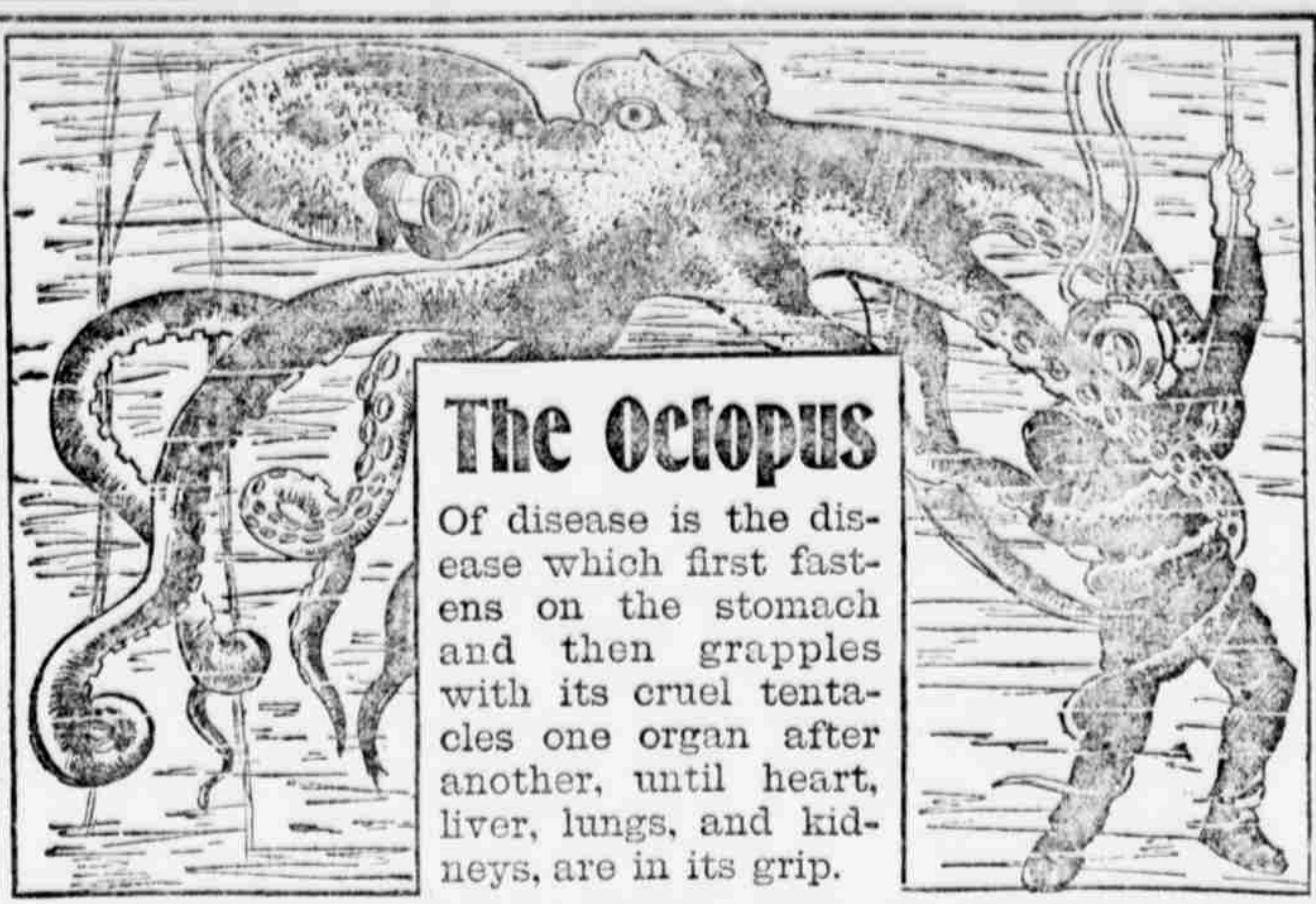
Considered as married in May. For four months Badeau had been with Mamie only in a roundabout way. One day toward the close of September Badeau met him on the road. "Hello, Hunch," he said, "how are you?" "All right, how's yourself?" "Fine. Why ain't you been round to see us. We're keeping busy."

### CHAPTER VI.

"Up to see Jess." "I ain't seen you to shake on that, have I, Hunch? Mamie told me. She says Jess is tickled to death. When are you going to be married?" "Yunno exactly. Guess not before spring."

### CHAPTER VII.

Mamie grew slowly better, but the baby was still almost entirely dependent on her constant attention. Hunch did not go to the house at all. Jess suggested it once or twice, but it made Hunch look so black that she began to avoid the subject. For the rest of the time Hunch was in better spirits than usual. After the night with Bruce he had made up his mind to drop Bruce and his family from his mind. He had no right to interfere in Bruce's domestic matters. The decision brought relief and Jess and he were happier than at any time since the beginning of their engagement.



## The Octopus

Of disease is the disease which first fastens on the stomach and then grapples with its cruel tentacles one organ after another, until heart, liver, lungs, and kidneys, are in its grip.

### THE STOMACH THE VITAL CENTER.

No man is stronger than his stomach. The average man measures his physical vitality by his heart, his kidneys, or his lungs. Rarely does he take his stomach into consideration when he casts up the account of health. Let his heart action be weak, his kidneys be disordered, and he runs at once to a doctor. But his stomach seems to have no rights he is bound to respect. Anything will do for the stomach. Yet the stomach is to the body what the foundation is to the house, the basis of support and strength. Whatever hurts his stomach and impairs its powers hurts every other organ of the body and impairs their powers. When disease obtains a hold on the stomach and the allied organs of digestion and nutrition, it stretches out its tentacles to grapple and involve one organ after another until heart and lungs, kidneys and liver, may all be involved. Why is this? The body is sustained by food which is converted into nutrition in the stomach and conveyed to the several organs in the form of blood. Let disease impair the power of the stomach and it impairs the power of every organ, because it reduces both the quantity and quality of their nutrition. For this reason cures of the stomach and nutritive and digestive systems by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery are almost invariably followed by cures of other organs involved with the stomach. A great many people who have "doctored" for years for disease of heart, liver, kidneys, or lungs, have at last been impelled to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for stomach "trouble," and have found to their astonishment and happiness that with the cure of the diseased stomach the heart "trouble" ceases, the torpid liver becomes active, the kidneys healthy and the lungs strong. There is only one way of making physical strength and that is by food. The man weak from starvation needs food, not medicine. His heart flutters weakly, his breath comes in gasps. Feed him and he is soon strong again. When the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition are diseased, the organs dependent on them slowly starve. These organs don't need medicine, they need food. By curing diseases of the stomach and the digestive and nutritive systems, "Golden Medical Discovery" enables the thorough nourishment of the body, by food properly digested and perfectly assimilated.

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"PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND HER, HUNCH, AND TAKE IT."

came more uncertain, he took to spending the evening with them as often as he could. Mamie was prettier than ever, with a new depth in her eyes, and Bruce appeared very well as the head of a household. They played cards a good deal and talked about old times. After a while Hunch found it easy to drop in and take supper with them. One evening, late in October, when he came in to supper, he missed the usual cordiality. Mamie's eyes were red and Bruce's manner was strained. He left early and Bruce walked out with him, saying that a little walk would do him good. "Say, Hunch," he said, when they reached the sidewalk, "I don't know whether you heard about it, but—"

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Again he waited for a reply. "I'll tell you, Hunch. Mamie and I've been talking it over. She's a good friend of yours and she says if you stop coming just because people talk about it never forgive you. She's right, too. And we was thinking mebbe we'd have one of the girls around—say, the one who's so nice and pretty well, Hunch? There's Jess Bartlett, now. She's an awful nice girl. And she's stuck on you, Hunch. She's Jim Bartlett's sister, you know. He's on the life-saving crew. Mamie's been talking with her and she says she'll come around with you tomorrow night if you'll go get her. Will you?"

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