



"My God! Why Are They Hounding Me Like This?"

The THIRD DEGREE

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SYNOPSIS.

Howard Jeffries, banker's son, under the evil influence of Robert Underwood, a fellow-student at Yale, leads a life of dissipation, marries the daughter of a gambler who dies in prison, and is disowned by his father. He tries to get work and fails. A former college chum makes a business proposition to Howard which involves \$500 cash, and Howard is broke. Robert Underwood, who had been repulsed by Howard's wife, Annie, in his college days, and had once been engaged to Annie, Howard's secretary, has arrangements at the Astoria, and is apparently in prosperous circumstances. Howard secures a loan to Underwood, which remains unpaid, and decides to ask him for the \$500 he needs. Underwood, taking advantage of his intimacy with Mrs. Jeffries, Jr., becomes a sort of social highman. Discovering his true character she drives him from the house. Alicia receives a note from Underwood, threatening suicide. She decides to go and see him. He is in desperate financial straits.

CHAPTER V.—Continued.

Underwood laughed nervously. Affecting to misinterpret the other's meaning, he said: "Yes, you're right. The art and antique business is a delicate business. God knows it's a precarious one!" Reaching for the decanter, he added: "Have a drink."

But Mr. Bennington refused to unbend. The proffer of refreshment did not tempt him to swerve from the object of his mission. While Underwood was talking, trying to gain time, his eyes were taking in the contents of the apartment.

"Come, take a drink," urged Underwood again.

"No, thanks," replied Mr. Bennington curtly.

Suddenly he turned square around. "Let's get down to business, Mr. Underwood," he exclaimed. "My firm insists on the immediate return of their property." Pointing around the room, he added: "Everything, do you understand?"

Underwood was standing in the shadow of the lamp so his visitor did not notice that he had grown suddenly very white, and that his mouth twitched painfully.

"Why, what's the trouble?" he stammered. "Haven't I got prices for your people that they would never have gotten?"

"Yes—we know all that," replied Mr. Bennington impatiently. "To be frank, Mr. Underwood, we've received information that you've sold many of the valuable articles entrusted to you for which you've made no accounting at all."

time he reached the Astoria his courage failed him. He rather feared Underwood, and he felt the need of a stimulant to brace him up for the "strike" he was about to make. The back door of a saloon was conveniently open and while he was refreshing himself two other men he knew dropped in. Before he knew it, half a dozen drinks had been absorbed, and he had spent the whole of \$5 which his wife had entrusted to him out of her carefully hoarded savings. When he sobered up he would recall that he had acted like a coward and a cur, but just now he was feeling rather jolly. Addressing Underwood with impudent familiarity, he went on:

"The d—d boy didn't seem to know if you were in or not, so I came up anyhow." Glancing at Bennington, he added: "Sorry, if I'm butting in."

Underwood was not in the humor to be very gracious. Long ago young Howard Jeffries had outgrown his usefulness as far as he was concerned. He was at a loss to guess why he had come to see him uninvited, on this particular Sunday night, too. It was with studied coldness, therefore, that he said:

"Sit down—I'm glad to see you." "You don't look it," grinned Howard, as he advanced further into the room with shambling, uncertain steps. Concealing his ill humor and promising himself to get rid of his unwelcome visitor at the first opportunity, Underwood introduced the two men.

"Mr. Bennington—Mr. Howard Jeffries, Jr."

Mr. Bennington had heard of the older Jeffries' trouble with his scapegrace son, and he eyed, with some interest, this young man who had made such a fiasco of his career.

"Oh, I know Bennington," exclaimed Howard jocularly. "I bought an elephant's tusk at his place in the days when I was somebody." With mock sadness he added, "I'm nobody now—couldn't even buy a collar button."

"You'd sit down and stay awhile," said Underwood sarcastically.

"If you don't mind, I'll have a drink first," replied Howard, making his way to the desk and taking up the whisky decanter.

Underwood did not conceal his annoyance, but his angry glances were entirely lost on his new visitor, who was rapidly getting into a maudlin condition. Addressing Bennington with familiarity, Howard went on:

"Say, do you remember that wonderful set of ivory chessmen my old man bought?"

Bennington smiled and nodded. "Yes, sir; I do, indeed. Ah, your father is a fine art critic!"

Howard burst into boisterous laughter. "Art critic!" he exclaimed. "I should say he was. He's a born critic. He can criticize any old thing—every old thing. I don't care what it is, he can criticize it. When in doubt—'criticize,' is nailed on father's eucalyptus." Bowing with mock courtesy to each he raised the glass to his lips and said: "Here's how!"

Bennington laughed good humoredly, and turned to go.

"Well, good night, Mr. Jeffries. Good night, Mr. Underwood."

Underwood followed the manager to the door.

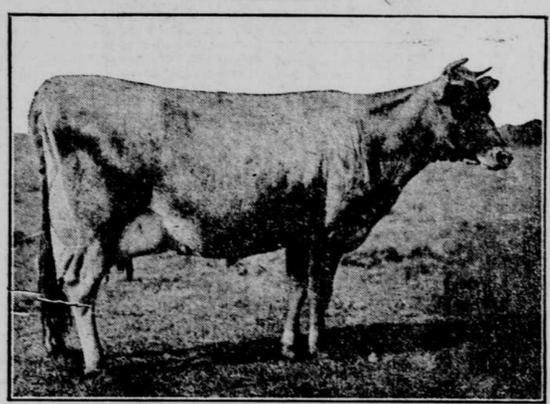
"Good night!" he said gloomily.

CHAPTER VI.

The door slammed, and Underwood returned to the sitting room. Taking no notice of Howard, he walked over to the desk, slowly selected a cigar and lighted it. Howard looked up at him foolishly, not knowing what to say. His frequent libations had so befuddled him that he had almost forgotten the object of his visit.

MANY EXCELLENT QUALITIES OF PURE-BRED JERSEY COW

Reasons for Claim That Animal Is Superior to All Others Is Her Ability to Produce Butter and Cheese Economically and Records Made in Many Tests Gives Her Reputation That Is Indisputable.



Prize Winning Jersey Cow.

After a lifetime spent in learning the business of keeping cows I do not hesitate to say to the young man reared on a farm: "Farm; and if you farm, keep stock; and if you keep stock, keep cows; and if you keep cows, keep Jersey cows," writes H. S. Chapman in the Breeder's Gazette. Of course, I add to this, "If you keep Jersey cows, keep registered Jersey cows. My reasons for maintaining that the Jersey cow is superior to all others as a butter cow are as follows:

Her ability to produce butter and cheese economically stands undisputed. Her record in many public tests, including the Chicago, St. Louis and Portland exhibitions, has given her the reputation, enviable and indisputable, of being the world's greatest butter cow.

The extra size of the fat globules in Jersey milk renders the butter of superior grain and firmness and more easily separated from the cream.

The Jersey cow has the function of assimilation developed to a greater degree than any other breed. She is a high-grade specialist as a feeder. She will give profitable returns from a ration so rich (concentrated) that other cows can not assimilate it. It is this ability to stand force-feeding that has brought the Jersey out ahead in so many public tests. This is a merit of the Jersey that can profitably be taken advantage of in a working dairy herd.

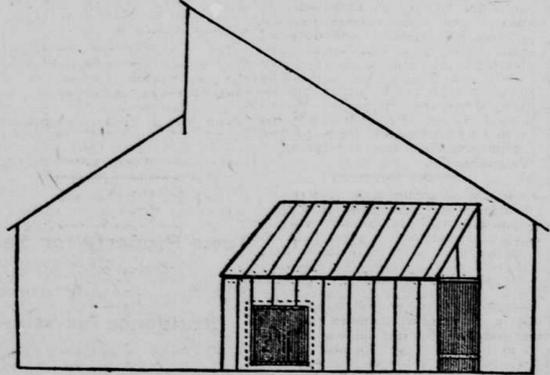
In the herd in which the raising of stock is the primary consideration I would keep a little closer to nature, even at the risk of surrendering to some extent the meritorious qualities that artificial conditions have produced.

Superiority in numbers makes the Jersey a more practical animal than her rivals. The animal that naturally is matched against the Jersey is the Guernsey. The Guernsey has her good points and doubtless merits the friends she has won. If you like Guernseys better than Jerseys, that may be a reason why you may succeed better with them. I am frank to ad-

Farms of United States.

It is estimated that the farms of the United States with all their contents in the way of livestock and improvements are worth about \$30,000,000.

VESTIBULE IN THE HOG HOUSE



An Iowa subscriber, Mr. Horace Carter, sends the following suggestion to the Homestead, which involves the use of a vestibule in a hog house in cold weather. "Many hog houses are made very cold in winter through having a door left open for the hogs to go in and out and even in case a swing door is used the wind will blow through. All draft is shut off by means of a vestibule constructed as follows: Place a small shed 3x5 feet in front of the door to the hog house. This can easily be removed in warm weather and used for several winters. The doors are made of old carpets or burlap or any old cloth hand with a strip of wood on the bottom to keep it straight. Hogs will very readily learn to pass through them. In teaching them pin one side of the curtain up, leaving a small hole, and after awhile the curtain can be let down entirely and they will go through just the same. The curtains may be made to serve two purposes by keeping them saturated with coal oil or some dip for lice.

NEW HILL ONION IS BIG FAVORITE

Particularly Adapted to Severe Cold of Northern Winters and Free From Ravages of "Onion Maggot."

(By F. L. ROBINSON.) The potato, or hill, onion is becoming more and more a general favorite because it will stand the severe cold of northern winters, and also because of its freedom from the ravages of the "onion maggot." Besides, of its very tender and delicate flavor.

Sets planted in the fall will produce marketable bulbs the next June or early in July, and will bring a desirable price.

The large bulbs planted in the spring make sets by the fall, so making it necessary for the onion-grower to save mature bulbs for spring planting, in order to keep up his supply of sets.

The Care of Lambs.

At eight to ten days of age lambs will begin to eat. At that time a creep should be built which will give them access to a feed box containing grain and a trough with hay. Box, trough and feed should always be kept sweet and clean.

A good grain ration for lambs is made as follows: Mix one-third part of oilmeal with one part each of bran, oats and fine cornmeal. Red alfalfa hay or the second cutting of alfalfa hay are the most desirable form of roughage. The two alfalfa is to be much preferred.

It is a good idea to keep up the grain feed right along until the lambs are sent to market. By so doing the lambs are kept fat all the time and are ready to be turned into cash on short notice should the market take a sudden rise.

Navel Oranges.

It is said that navel oranges sprung from a single tree that was found growing on the northern shore of the Mediterranean sea, nearly 350 years ago.



Libby's Sliced Dried Beef

Old Hickory Smoked Highest Quality Finest Flavor

Try This Recipe

To the contents of one medium size jar of Libby's Sliced Dried Beef, add one tablespoonful of butter, then sprinkle with one tablespoonful of flour and add one-half cup of cream. Cook 5 minutes and serve on toast.

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So Familiar.

"Yes," said Nagget, "a woman usually treats her husband as the average servant treats bric-a-brac." "Go ahead," said the wise Mrs. Nagget. "What's the answer?" "Why, the more he's worth the more she tries to break him."

Australia Rich in Libraries.

Victoria's (Australia) five hundredth free library was opened lately. One and all of the older libraries are well patronized. The gross revenue received by them in the aggregate from halls, members' subscriptions, and grants is about \$340,000. There are about a million books in these libraries, and it was claimed that something like 3,500,000 visits are paid to them in the year. While works of fiction are read to the greatest extent, general literature and history receive a good deal of attention.

Properly Thankful.

Clark Howell of Atlanta tells of the sad case of an elderly dorky in Georgia, charged with the theft of some chickens. The negro had the misfortune to be defended by a young and inexperienced attorney, although it is doubtful whether any one could have secured his acquittal, the commission of the crime having been proved beyond all doubt. The dorky received a pretty severe sentence. "Thank you, sah," said he cheerfully, addressing the judge when the sentence had been pronounced. "Dat's mighty hard, sah, but it ain't anything what I expected. I thought, sah, dat between my character and dat speech of my lawyer dat you hang me, shore!"

Breakfast A Pleasure

when you have Post Toasties with cream

A food with snap and zest that wakes up the appetite.

Sprinkle crisp Post Toasties over a saucer of fresh strawberries, add some cream and a little sugar—Appetizing Nourishing Convenient

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Have School for Brides

English Institution That Really Has a Great Deal to Be Said in Its Favor.

A school for brides is the latest English educational enterprise and as the brides are taught domestic economy and housewifery there ought to be rejoicing in that country of unskilled cooks and incompetent housekeepers. The new school calls itself the College of Housecraft, and though it is founded in the hope that newly married young women and girls about to enter matrimony will patronize it, it is open to other women. At present besides prospective brides there are ordinary middle class girls who have been well educated and are trained in sports and accomplishments but are lacking in rudimentary knowledge of home making. In many cases they are planning to go to the colonies or to take some position in domestic service after they have gained a knowledge of housewifery.

The college is arranged like a regular house and run without any servants. The pupils do all the work. Six months is the full course, but shorter terms are arranged as in the case of

the society women, while some students are allowed to come as day workers or can attend special classes.

The students wear a plain uniform of brown linen with mob cap and apron in the morning and of brown cashmere with muslin cap and apron in the afternoon. They sleep in little curtained "bibles, but those who wish it can have separate bedrooms at an additional charge of \$1.25 a week.

Grub Street's Pawnshop. If the Avant is not the oldest and best known pawnshop in the world it deserves to be. It has been in existence ever since the days of Shakespeare and Ben Johnson. It is in Fleet street—Grub street—and has been the poor writer's uncle for all these centuries and years. It has an old legend something like this: "Old Literary Friends Never Forgotten." There are many souvenirs, sayings and traditions of the greatest men on earth, who going broke, had to patronize it. Outside of its own name it is well known as the "Grub Street Pawnshop."—London Mail.