



A QUESTION OF COURAGE. She looked up in surprise at the cynical outburst. "I think that's a little unkind," she said, quietly.

He had known well enough what she would say, but the verbal confirmation of his conviction came to him like the sentence death to a criminal who has with Hester. "I suppose you'd be quite willing to have me turn 'The Laurels' into a workshop; and I almost wish I could take you at your word, as if it would be possible, though I shouldn't know how to work if I were out of reach of the printer's boy."

They had left the main road in the valley, and were descending a steep hill to a ford in the river. The driving was difficult, and the colonel gave his entire attention to the horses as they slid down the rocky declivity, talking to them as if they understood his explicit directions. "So-o, now, Tolliver—there's a right smart chunk of rock just ahead of you—step around it, my boy. You, Jane! never you mind about Tolliver: just pick up your own feet a little higher. Steady, now."

"You have pretty rough roads around here," began Ringbrand, bracing himself into his seat. "I should think—"

The interruption was an ominous snarl, and the horses stopped. "That sounded mighty like some thing broke," said the colonel, and they stopped and looked at the carriage over carefully. "Yes, here it is, for sure," he continued, "tongue's broke off right here."

They examined the fracture, and Ringbrand suggested wrapping it in splints with one of the butter-straps. "I reckon it wouldn't hold," said the colonel, "but we can try it."

They spent some time trying to put the suggestion into practice, succeeding finally in making a clumsy splice, which the first pull of the horses disjointed hopelessly. "It's no use, Mr. Ringbrand," said the colonel; "we're in for it; there's nothing like a blacksmith shop this side of Tregarthen."

Ringbrand looked at his watch and saw that it was half-past ten. "How far are we from the village, colonel?" he asked.

"About eight miles, I reckon."

That settled the question of departure for that day, and Ringbrand was annoyed to find himself feeling rather jubilant than disappointed over the unavoidable delay. He helped the colonel un hitch, and after an hour's hard work



"I'm proud of you, Mr. Ringbrand," she said, they got the buggy to the top of the hill, where they left it at the side of the road and walked back to the nearest farmhouse, leading the horses.

Since the colonel knew nearly every one in the valley, it followed that they had only to mention their need to obtain the hospitality and assistance of the farmer, who lent them an antiquated carriage and refused to let them depart until after dinner. Adding the delay to the time consumed in the careful driving necessary to the preservation of the farmer's vehicle in a state of entirety, it was near the middle of the afternoon when they got back to Tregarthen, and then Col. Latimer assisted upon taking his companion up to the mountain for the remainder of the day. Ringbrand offered every reasonable objection he could think of, knowing that another visit to Hester would immeasurably increase the pain of leaving her; but in the end discretion was swept away by an overwhelming desire to see and talk with her once more, and he yielded. They drove past the Meadows, and he ran in to tell his hostess that he would not be home for tea. She saw the change in him, and detained him to ask if his trouble had disappeared.

"No," he replied, and she saw the look of despondency come into his eyes again; "and that isn't the worst of it; I'm going to do something that will make it infinitely harder."

"Are you going to see Hester?"

"Yes."

"How can that make it harder?"

"I can't explain without telling you all about it, and I haven't the courage to do that now."

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Card of Thanks. We desire to take this method of thanking the many neighbors and friends, who, during the last sickness and death of our beloved husband and father, assisted in many ways to alleviate his sufferings, and so kindly administered to us in our great bereavement. We also wish to express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fort and to the friends who contributed the beautiful flowers. They shall never be forgotten.

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Called Home. On Sabbath Aug. 16th, Marion Amelia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pierce, aged 15 months and 16 days, was called home.

Another little lamb has been carried by the Good Shepherd into the Heavenly fold. Gone on before. God gave the darling treasure and now he hath taken her away. "Blessed be the name of the Lord." Dear parents, mourn not as those who have no hope. When Jesus comes again, "Even so then also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." M. E. H.

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From Oklahoma. HENNESSY, Ok., Aug. 14, '96.

To THE EDITOR:—If you can spare space I thought a few items taken while on our journey south through Kansas and into Oklahoma might be of interest to some of the readers of your valuable paper. Our journey was a very light spring wagon containing a very limited number of outfit, having dispensed with everything not absolutely necessary, in order to make as quick time as possible. We left home, Judson, Kansas, July 29th, and our first day out proved to be the most eventful one. In the forenoon we had a light shower sufficient to lay the dust and cool the air, and we camped for dinner at the old Gates farm six miles south of Red Cloud. Soon after noon we had another shower making the roads quite heavy. A third shower caught us about nine miles from Burr Oak, Kansas, and as it was raining in the wagon I moved back into the bedding. I had hardly got seated when lightning struck the wagon. It struck on the left front burning a hole through oil cloth and muslin running up and tearing the wagon sheet at the top and splitting the bow at the top, running down and litterly shredding the sheet at the corner, burning the rope in two and scattering the lint like chaff for a distance of several feet, and knocking one of the horses down. When I took in the situation the wagon sheet was loose and flapping, one horse lay floundering on the ground, the other frightened and kicking. It seems almost miraculous that we were uninjured and the only other damage was a broken single-tree and a strap. We went half a mile to a farmers and succeeded in getting repairs sufficient to enable us to continue our journey to Burr Oak where we arrived about six o'clock and none too soon for it began pouring rain and two inches of water fell. The next day we continued our journey south by way of Mankato, Jewell City and Beloit. At Mankato we passed the Jewell county fair grounds and were surprised to find the buildings so much inferior to those of Webster county. From Mankato to Beloit we find a good section of country and we pass many beautiful farms with commodious dwellings and fine orchards. Crops are good all the way and we feel that truly CORN IS KING. Beloit in Mitchell county is a nice city with fine business buildings comfortable homes and well kept lawns. The celebrated "Randall rock" is much used here. The old-fashioned English ivy is found here growing in great profusion, reaching to the tops of the houses and in some instances it is seen clinging to the shingles.

We cross the Solomon river at Beloit and the absence of windmills is soon noticeable. Upon inquiry we find that water is scarce, and that what wells there is are very shallow and known as surface or wet weather water. We find much of it to be quite salty. As we travel on we find the country more thinly settled and much of the land is very rocky. Rock is used for everything, fences, fence posts, houses and in one place we saw a water trough made of rock. The country in south Mitchell and north Lincoln counties is very rough. When we camped at night we inquired of a girl about sixteen years old, if anyone lived in that country. "Oh yes," but they mostly all live in the hollows." Was the reply. An old lady who was there from Oklahoma visiting her daughter said that they (her daughter) were doing well there as they raised so much Kafir corn and stock. Upon inquiring how much stock they had we received the reply "four cows and two

calves." We inquired of a land agent what land was worth and were told that it was worth from three dollars to nothing per acre. At Lincoln Centre we cross the Saline river, and now we feel that we have again reached a land of "corn and wine," or rather "wheat and wine," as that cereal is the main article of production here. Hundreds, or one might say thousands of acres of wheat meet our gaze, now mostly in shock. As we pass on into Ellsworth county we find a strip of country badly damaged with hail and we were told that it was accompanied with the hardest rain ever known since the county was settled. So far all the way from home we have had muddy roads, but now we come to a cattle country. We go through section after section of fenced pastures and we see many fine cattle. We are told there that the land is owned by the "mortgage companies" and is leased to the cattlemen.

In some instances where the surface soil is off to a depth of two or three inches, we travel over solid rock as smooth as tables and resembling the paved streets of our large cities. The little lizard known as the "swift," abound here, and it seemed to me they were nearly as thick as grasshoppers. We find our first dusty roads south of Little river in Rice county, and from there on we have it dry. We arrive at Hutchinson, in Keno county, on Saturday evening where we have friends, and stop to spend the Sabbath. Hutchinson is a beautiful city with its wide clean streets and shady avenues. Its population is ten thousand. It has fourteen salt plants, and salt is worth forty cents a barrel there. The vein from which the salt is taken is three hundred feet thick and four hundred feet below the surface. There are two ice factories there which turn out twenty-five tons of ice daily and sell for thirty-five cents per hundred. In the center of the city there is a beautiful fountain containing a statue of a long-eared owl from the top of which emanates a constant stream of water meant to represent the productivity of the Arkansas river valley, corn and salt. The statue bears the inscription, "Ladies' Columbian Club 1893." The valley of the Arkansas river is indeed another corn belt, and the land near Hutchinson is valued at thirty dollars per acre. All along the valley we find the finest trees we have ever seen that was planted by the hand of man. I forgot to say that Hutchinson contained ten school houses all of them larger than the high school building at Red Cloud. One of the state reform schools is located there also. We had the pleasure of visiting the buildings and found them to be massive stone structures with every window barred and with fine drives and well laid out grounds. From Hutchinson south we faced hot winds all of the way. About eighteen miles from the north line of the territory known as the "strip" we crossed the salt fork of the Arkansas river. As we crossed we dipped up some of the water and had our first taste of natural salt water. We traveled for forty miles in the "strip" without seeing a piece of brush or timber six inches long. Many of the claims seemed to be abandoned and we were made to realize what a "settlers shanty" meant when we saw some of the "makeshifts" that were made to answer for houses. We arrived at our destination August 2d, and were informed that hot winds had been blowing for twelve days. If this escapes the waste basket I may write again, giving my impression of things generally in this much talked of country of Oklahoma.

Very Respectfully Yours, Mrs. F. L. SMITH.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 18 of ordinance Number 45, of the City of Red Cloud, Nebraska, which said ordinance was passed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Red Cloud, Nebraska, that Section 18 of Ordinance 45, of the City of Red Cloud, Nebraska, be amended to read as follows, to wit: Tanks, including one wash basin, per annum \$ 8.00 Bakeries, each oven 12.00 Barber Shops, one chair 4.00 Bath house, one additional chair 2.00 Bath house, public, per tub 1.00 Bath room, private, per tub 3.00 Blacksmith Shop, one fire 5.00 Blacksmith shop, each additional fire 1.00 Butcher shop 12.00 Billiard saloon, one table 5.00 Billiard saloon, where billiard tables are used, drinking saloons, each additional table 2.00 Bar and drinking saloon 15.00 Dwelling houses, occupied by one family 5.00 Each additional family occupying same 5.00 Dye houses and renovating establishments, monthly 10.00 Filling private systems furnishing water only, each line 10.00 Hotels and boarding houses not exceeding ten rooms 16.00 Hotels and boarding houses, each additional room up to thirteen 5.00 Lodging houses, each additional room over thirteen 10.00 Offices and sleeping rooms 3.00 Printing offices, six or less hands 15.00 Each additional hand over twenty 1.00 Photograph galleries 15.00 Sprinkling by water of street with hose, including washing street with side walks, twenty five feet or less 5.00 Sprinkling street with wagon, each hour per day 1.00 Book Bindery 5.00 Cigar manufacturers, five hands or less 15.00 Cigar manufacturers, each additional hand 2.50 Stables, including livery, dry farm, stock pens and all public barns and washing stables, carriage, strays, harness, etc., belonging to same, up to twenty stalls, per annum per stall 1.00 Each additional stall over twenty 1.00 Stable, private, including washing carriage 3.00 Steam engine per horse power, each horse power per annum 2.00 Stores and public halls 8.00 Steam boilers for house warming, per foot 1.00 Hotels, halls and public buildings per annum 10.00 Each square foot of surface heated 10.00 Schools, public and private, special prices Tobacco manufacturers, five hands or less 8.00 Tobacco manufacturers, each additional hand 1.50 Urinals with constant flow 10.00

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SHERIFF'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of sale issued from the office of James Burden Clerk of the District Court of the 10th Judicial District, within and for Webster county, Nebraska, upon an action pending therein, wherein William H. Maies, Benjamin Graham, William Halls Junior, Harris B. Hayden are plaintiffs, and against William J. Perry, Charles Perry, William Perry and W. J. Rowden, defendants, I shall offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the east door of the court house, at Red Cloud, in said Webster county, Nebraska, that being the building wherein the last term of said court was holden on the 15th day of Sept. A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, the following described property, to-wit: Lots numbered three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7) and eight (8), in block numbered twenty one (21) of Smith and Moore's addition to the town of Red Cloud, Webster county, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 11th day of August, A. D. 1896. J. W. BENOBY, Sheriff. CASE & McNEE, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

SHERIFF'S SALE. Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of an order of sale issued from the office of James Burden, Clerk of the District Court of the 10th Judicial District, within and for Webster county, Nebraska, upon a certain action pending therein, wherein William H. Maies, Benjamin Graham, William Halls Junior, Harris B. Hayden are plaintiffs, and against William J. Perry, Charles Perry, William Perry and W. J. Rowden, defendants, I shall offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the east door of the court house, at Red Cloud, in said Webster county, Nebraska, that being the building wherein the last term of said court was holden on the 15th day of Sept. A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day the following described property, to-wit: Each of lots numbered nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12), in block numbered four teen (14) in Red Cloud, Webster county, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 11th day of August A. D. 1896. J. W. BENOBY, Sheriff. CASE & McNEE, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

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