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"There's younger and better-looking boys around, I surmise, Miss Virginny?" returned November meaningly.

Virginia flushed a lovely red. "Why, Joe, it's no use blinding you; for you remember Walter Calvey, don't you?"

"Sure! So, it's him. That's good. But I heard he was out of his business," said Joe with apparent simplicity.

"I must speak it all out, or you won't understand what I did. My father ruined Walter, because that would put off our marriage, for a time, any how. Then, when the Schelberg affair came on and he gave me no rest, why I could not stand it any longer. You see, he is so clever he would pay all my bills, no matter how heavy; but he never let me have more than five dollars in my pocket, and I was helpless. I could never see Walter, nor could I hear from him; and all the time Schelberg was given the run of the house."

November was audibly sympathetic; so was I, but I had not the courage to say so. "Then, one day this notion came to me. I planned it all out, and got Hank to help. I'd have asked you, dear Joe, if you'd been here. Come now, Joe, you must see how good a pupil I was to you, and how much I remembered of the tracking that I used to bother you to teach me."

"You're right smart at it, Miss Virginny!"

"I arranged the broken rod, and Hank and his brother carried me to the canoe; then, they got out on the other side of the lake and I paddled up near to the rock by the waterfall, to put the police, or whoever should be sent after me, off my trail.

## ROUGH ROADS AND ROUGH RIDING TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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opened his batteries upon the General, thereby contributing materially to his defeat for the Presidency.

Now and then a man, such as James Buchanan, has attained the White House through sheer persistency and an eventual combination of happy circumstances. Buchanan was our first bachelor President and was a lawyer of respectable standing—merely that and nothing more. He early shied his hat into the ring, and he let it stay there too long, to the disrevelment of his fame. Holding high offices progressively for many years, he had long had a hankering for the Presidency and had received votes in the Convention of 1844, 1848 and 1852. On the first ballot in the Convention of 1852 he ran second to General Cass, of Michigan, and had about given up the idea of occupying the White House when he was appointed Minister to the Court of St. James by Franklin Pierce. But man proposes and God disposes; the appointment to England was the leading factor in elevating him to the White House. At the time of the Convention of 1856, the Kansas imbroglio had rendered every other Democrat of Presidential stature impossible; and, fortunately for himself, Buchanan was able to prove an alibi.

It was one thing, however, to nominate the veteran Pennsylvanian, Buchanan, who had held office so long that he was popularly known as The Old Public Functionary; but quite another to elect him. The Whig Party was *in articulo mortis*; the Know Nothings—the Bull Moose faction of the moment—were mystifying the country; and the Republican party had sprung into the arena full-armed and in fighting trim. It was to be a battle-royal. The Know Nothings nominated Ex-President Fillmore and Andrew Jackson Donaldson, adopted son of General Jackson. What was left of the Whig party ratified their nominations.

The Republicans nominated young Colonel John Charles Fremont, of South Carolina, a French Huguenot by lineage, a soldier by profession, who had eloped with Colonel Benton's daughter, Jessie, and whose exploits as a pathfinder had made him a popular figure. He was supposed to be the possessor of a fabulous

I'm real hurt I did not deceive you, Joe!" "But you did right through—till you come to Black Lake," Joe assured her.

"But you did not recognize me even then?" she cried. "And I'd put on a pair of Hank's moccasins to make big tracks."

November explained, and added the story of his dismissal by Plaux.

"Well, it's lucky you were there, any how, or we'd have had poor Hank shot. That fixed me in my determination to get the money. I want it for Walter; I want to make up to him for all that my father had him lose."

"So, Mr. Calvey is in this too?" said Joe in a queer voice.

"If you mean that he knows anything about it, you're absolutely wrong!" exclaimed Virginia, passionately. "If he knew, do you think he'd ever take the money? It's going to be sent to him without any name or clew as to where it comes from. Walter is as straight a man as yourself, November Joe!" she added proudly. "You know him, and yet you suspected him!"

"I did n't say I did. I was asking for information," said Joe submissively. "But you have n't got the money yet."

"No! But, I'll get it in time."

And in the end Miss Virginia triumphed. She got her ransom in full, and it is to be doubted if Mr. Plaux ever had an idea of the trick played on him. Probably, Mr. Walter Calvey, too, is still in the dark as to the identity of his anonymous friend. But one thing I am quite sure of—Mrs. Virginia Calvey is a happy woman.

wooly horse, which served as his mascot in the campaign.

Fremont proved a dangerous antagonist. When the popular vote was counted, it was found that Buchanan was a minority President, having received 1,838,169 votes, while Fremont had obtained 1,341,264 and Fillmore 874,534. In the Electoral College, however, Buchanan had a large majority, receiving 174 votes as compared with 114 for Fremont and 8 for Fillmore.

Mention of the Know Nothings brings my pen to Theodore Roosevelt, the most versatile of Presidents, who was voted to remain in the White House in 1904 because he had been elected Vice-President in 1900 and had succeeded to the higher office on the death of McKinley. His election in 1904 was the smashing of precedents, in cases where Vice-Presidents had succeeded to the Presidency on the death of their chiefs. Roosevelt accomplished what Tyler, Fillmore, Johnson and Arthur had failed to do. He was nominated for Vice-President because he had served in the Legislature, run a cattle ranch in Dakota, written several books, made innumerable speeches, acted as Civil Service Commissioner, Police Commissioner of New York, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Governor of New York, and had distinguished himself in Cuba. It was Roosevelt's rough riding that contributed most toward putting him in the White House, however. He was the youngest of the Presidents, and was the fourth professional statesman to achieve the distinction, the others being John Quincy Adams, Johnson and Garfield. It was the Roosevelt administration, or rather its endorsement, it must be admitted, that contributed most toward gratifying the Presidential aspirations of William Howard Taft.

Summarizing our Presidential campaigns and candidacies, it is noticeable that more than one man has gone to the White House with a smaller popular vote than his antagonist. This observation might be extended to the great party Conventions, as showing that the will of the people is apt to be badly expressed by Conventions, and as indicating that a new order in the way of carrying out the popular expression is at hand.



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