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HOOP AND CANDLE

By BERTHA F. SEYMOUR

When "Willie" Chalmers opened the door to "Billy" Chase's timid ring, Billy's frown darkened his eyes, which would not perceive Willie's smile of real welcome. The hand which opened the door was ornamented with a silver thimble, and from the left dangled a sofa pillow top, on hoops, the same which had taken so much of her attention on the occasion of his last call. Her smile, now mischievous, broadened, and he helplessly returned it.

"Why so cross? You didn't have to come if you felt like that about it." She took his hat and led him into the parlor.

"If you liked to have me come a hundredth part as much as I like to come, you wouldn't meet me with that old fancywork, or (hopefully) you'd put it up as soon as I got here."

"Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do," quoted Willie. "Think how much prettier to look at than a gray stocking, for instance. Mamma says she always had her knitting work in her hands when she was out to her neighbors or when the other boys and girls were at her house. I come naturally by my industry."

"Yes, and wickedness," grumbled Billy. "But I have prayed, Lord, keep me from being conceited, like that insufferable Maynard Mann, for in—" He stopped and glared less at the thought of Maynard than his own guardlessness. "Did you read a book the whole evening the last time he called?"

"Why, yes," said Willie, in feigned innocence.

"I told him I was engaged for the evening when he telephoned he wanted to call. It was not true, but I didn't want him to call. I'm sick of him; he brags so. He strolled by, found I wasn't entertaining, 'happened in,' and found me engaged with a book. But not the whole evening. Mamma came in to inquire for Maynard's mother, and she was horrified. She said, 'Willie, if your book is so absorbing, hadn't you better take it to your room?' I said 'Yes' in a faraway tone and actually stumbled over a hassock, on my way to the hall to carry out the absorption idea. Nobody but my brother would have been mean enough to tell you or—anyone else," hastily.

"I like the candle in the window." He drew near, but more quickly withdrew as the needle, reversed, came in to dangerous proximity. "Please put back my arms around you."

"You'd better, and succeed. But you just imagine this is a stocking and I'm armed with four knitting needles, not so sharp, but dangerous to the eyes."

"I'd pull them out," savagely.

"Which would be very ungentlemanly. I'd get a book and get sent to my room for being unadvisable."

"He groaned. Then, 'I'm remembering my candle, anyway. That brother of yours, than whom no other mortal is so mean, told me no one else is accorded that favor. I love your brother.'"

At last the embroidery was dropped unheeded, and only great seriousness was visible in her eyes. "Please," he pleaded, "please."

"Mr. Chase." At that he sat bolt upright, white to the lips. "I'm not going to send you away." In quick sympathy, "yet. But I've seen so many mistakes. I mean to be sure. The man who marries me will have to prove himself the only sort I would love."

"How?" he breathed, eagerly, leaning forward.

"I shall not tell you. He must really be that sort, not pretend to be, as he might if he knew what I liked in anybody."

He sighed. "Have I ever offended you?" he questioned, half fearfully.

"Not seriously." She smiled, and was blushed both, and both in spite of herself. "That torment has just come in." She clenched her fists, but he, unprevented by the embroidery needle, covered them both with his hands.

"Don't worry," she said grimly, "I have come off second best too many times."

"There goes the up car, and you won't tell me how to win you, I must go. Good-night."

As he hurried into the street from the house walk, he noticed a woman's figure, weary and burdened with a heavy child on one arm and a large, unwieldy bundle on the other. The next instant he had seized both the bundle and the protesting baby, and was hurrying the woman toward the little waiting room a quarter of a mile distant, feeling that the delay would be just sufficient to make him lose his car.

He was right. The next hour he spent in the little station.

At last the next car came. But he would miss his light in the window. Of that he was sure. But he could not forbear a glance in that direction, as the car reached the gap between houses, through which he could see Willie's parlor window. And framed by the lace draperies he saw two candles and, joining them, a wooden hoop.

How it Happened.

Her Friend—What! You rejected Jack Gayboy? I thought, dear—

Miss Thirtynodd—He's the meanest man on earth. He proposed last night, and when I blushed and stammered that it was so sudden, the wretch burst into a roar of laughter, and I was obliged to haughtily reject his proposal to save my self-respect.

MADAME P. EARLINE OSBORNE TO RETURN

Madame Osborne will appear in return engagement in her famous Shakespearean recital, July 3rd under the auspices of the Fra Ternity Frat at DeLuxe Academy. Music by Turner's famous orchestra.

QUARREL OVER OIL LAND CAUSES ARREST

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SUPREME ROYAL CIRCLE OF FRIENDS OF WORLD COMING TO LINCOLN

The Supreme Royal Circle of Friends of the World, a fraternal insurance order operating in all the states of the Union and the District of Columbia, with a total membership of over 200,000 members and total assets exceeding \$500,000, is organizing local bodies in Lincoln. Mr. Robert H. Lee of 1944 R. Street has been appointed Supreme Deputy to begin the work in Lincoln, and Supreme Supervisor A. L. Richmond of Kansas City, Mo., will be in Lincoln in a few days, and on Sunday, the 11th and 18th, will make talks in Lincoln churches. The Royal Circle is the most progressive order among the Race today and is doing more for our Race than any other order or insurance company, paying its members \$7.00 per week for sickness or accident, \$150 at death, erects a monument at the grave of each deceased member, gives them the advantage of a loan and charity department, free hospital treatment, Old Folks Home, School for orphans of the deceased members, for \$1.25, payable monthly and NO TAXES. The Order has four hospitals and dispensaries in operation at the present time in Little Rock, Hot Springs, Memphis and Chicago. After a membership of 90 days policy may be increased as high as \$1000. For further information about the order see Deputy Robt. H. Lee or write Supreme Supervisor A. L. Richmond, 1516½ North 24th St., Omaha, Neb., or 2541 Highland Ave., Kansas City, Mo. In Kansas City, Mo., last year over 4200 new members were added, and in Omaha since March 16th of this year over 600 members have been added. There is no rough initiation, and men and women belong to the same local bodies, having the same advantages.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the beautiful floral offerings and the kindness shown during our recent bereavement in death of our darling baby, James B. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson, Grandparents.

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SQUAW, 42, HAD 24 CHILDREN

Mohawk Indian Woman Has Given Birth to Eight Sets of Twins.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Chief Probation Officer Henry Scull has before him a case of an Indian woman who has been a mother of 28 children. She is forty-two years old. He refuses to make public her name. Her husband is earning \$15 a week.

"Mrs. Doe" is a descendant of the Mohawk Indians. When she was fifteen, according to the custom of her tribe, her husband was selected for her. He was her cousin, Deerfoot. She did not quite fancy Deerfoot for a life partner and fled camp, later marrying again.

As years passed "Mrs. Doe" became the mother of six sets of twins. Subsequently she had seven more children. A wealthy aunt in Philadelphia is said to have been the intermediary whereby the children were taken to the tribe as they attained their tenth day of existence. The little ones were taken to Canada and reared by the Mohawks.

"Mrs. Doe" later on married a widower with four children. Two sets of twins and another child were born. Several of her children have died.

PIRATES ROVE OFF MEXICO

Make War on Ocean Ships for First Time in More Than Hundred Years.

Monterey, Mexico.—For the first time in more than one hundred years piracy is being practiced in the lower Gulf of Mexico bordering the coast of Tabasco and Campeche, according to reports to the Mexican government.

It is stated that during the last few days several small steamships, including a coastwise mailboat, have been boarded by pirates and robbed of money and the more valuable parts of the cargo.

Bandits also are roaming part of Tabasco and Campeche in such numbers that farmers have been forced to abandon their crops and flee to towns for safety.

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Services at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday were nicely attended. Sunday school at 9:30, preaching by the pastor at 12, B. Y. P. U. services at the usual time. The Daughters and Sons of Bethel, about forty in number, assembled, after several songs, invocation and introductory remarks by Mr. J. E. Jeltz, G. S. All then listened to a remarkable discourse by Rev. H. W. Botts, which was commented on by all.

Services at the A. M. E. church on Sunday were as follows: Sunday school at 9:30, preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., A. C. E. at 7 p. m. Attendance during the day was fair.

Preaching morning and night at the Newman by Rev. J. A. McAllister. Attendance fair.

The A. M. E. church and Morning Star Baptist church held union services Sunday at the latter place.

Robert Henry Hucless Consistory No. 32 A. S. Rite Masons held their meeting Monday night, and installed the following officers: J. C. Galbraith, C. in C., A. B. Mosley, 1st Lieut. Com.; M. E. Williams, 2nd Lieut. Com.; Lloyd Carter, Recorder; T. T. McWilliams, Treas.

Gratitude.

A clerk employed behind the counter at a post office in the south of England recently rescued a young girl from drowning. In order to show her appreciation of the young man's bravery, local residents have now decided to purchase their stamps at his post office.—London Punch.

Sugar Gives Off Sparks.

A queer phenomenon has recently come to the notice of Washington scientists. Disks of loaf sugar mounted on a rapidly rotating lathe while a hammer beat lightly against them were seen to give off a continuous light that has not been satisfactorily explained.

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ARTICLE XIV. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Citizenship Rights Not to Be Abridged.

1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.



FACING THE FUTURE

Just now hundreds of young people are leaving high schools, colleges and universities to enter upon careers and avocations in the busy marts of life. Some will have no opportunity to go further than high school, and this made possible only through the self-denial and sacrifices of their parents. Others will have had the advantage of college and university training and this, too, through the self-denial of loving parents, supplemented in many cases by the labor and struggles and sacrifices of the pupils themselves who, ambitious for the mental training possible to equip themselves more fully for taking their place in the ranks of service, are willing to pay the price. Education is simply foundation laying in the important work of character building. If the foundation be well and truly laid a strong, useful, helpful character will be built thereon. So whether students shall be privileged to enter the field of higher learning, or begin to take their place in the ranks of the workers, the mental training which they have received will form a solid foundation upon which they can build. To the young people, facing the future, and may God bless every one of them and keep them from the snares and the pitfalls by which youth, perhaps more than that of maturer years is surrounded, we would urge go forth to your work with high ideals and the determination to do your level best in whatever field of activity you may be called to serve. The hope of the nation confronted with grave problems lies in the youth of today. Face the future hopefully, thoughtfully, prayerfully, with the determination to do your best. This is the message we all need today but especially the youth of the land, our youth, upon whom our hopes are set.

"THAT AMERICA MAY FIND HER SOUL"

A Unitarian minister speaking in Lincoln a few days ago stated that we should pray that "America may find her soul." This states a significant truth that we all need to lay to heart and not only lay to heart, but act upon it. America was, in our judgment, called into being for a high and holy purpose, the development among the nations of the earth of a true democracy, which means fraternity, or brotherhood, equality of opportunity for growth and expansion of all that is highest and best in humanity and justice for all. This involves the fullest development of our own national life and the broadest sympathy with and helpfulness towards all other nations of the world. Domestic strife founded upon racial and religious prejudice, threatens our national being and blights and dwarfs our soul. National selfishness would place upon us the suicidal belief that we are sufficient unto ourselves. This is all wrong. America is in grave danger of losing her soul. That Unitarian minister is right. We need to pray, "that America may find her soul." Finding that the evils which now threaten us will vanish.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

It is high time to think of the political situation, local and state. The primaries, by which the electorate shall make its voice heard concerning the character of those whom they desire to fill important public offices, are only a little more than a month distant. We should give careful thought to this matter. Nebraska is to elect national, state, county and city officials. It is of prime importance to all citizens that men of probity, character and ability should be chosen. The Monitor will try to guide, as far as we can and to the best of our ability, Nebraska voters of our group in making a wise choice. We hope that we will be able to so advise and centralize our people in Omaha, whose voting strength is above \$,000 that we can make it really count. This vote efficiently organized and intelligently used can wield an enormous influence. It is to be

hoped that in this campaign our people will show their ability to organize and act unitedly. The political situation calls for careful thought and united and intelligent action.

THE GOVERNORSHIP

The Monitor believes, as we announced several weeks ago, that in Adam McMullen of Beatrice, the electorate of Nebraska will find an honest, efficient, fair-minded and capable man for governor of the state. Mr. McMullen served two terms in the house and one term in the senate, where he was found on the side of progressive legislation in the interests of the people. A native of New York, but reared and educated in Nebraska, where his interests lie, his views on the square deal for all American citizens are such as commend him to the favorable consideration of our people. He is well-known throughout the state, which is a strong factor in his favor.

SCRUGGS FOR LEGISLATURE

Amos P. Scruggs, one of our well-known attorneys, has filed for the legislature from the Ninth Legislative District. The Monitor is glad that Mr. Scruggs has filed and we pledge him our unqualified and hearty support. The Monitor urged that some clean, capable, representative citizen file for the legislature, and we are therefore pleased that our advice has been followed. We had no preferred candidate. Mr. Scruggs suits us and he should suit all our citizens. The Ninth Legislative district is bounded by Bedford avenue on the North, Charles street on the South, the Missouri river on the East and Thirtieth street on the West. Within this district resides a large number of colored voters—more than enough to elect Mr. Scruggs. Organize, unite and support him and a member of our race will again take his place in the Nebraska State Legislature, of which the late Dr. M. O. Ricketts was many years ago an honored and influential member. Now is our chance to come back. Let every man and woman in the Ninth District work for Scruggs.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

BILLY SUNDAY MAY BE KLANSMAN

A recent news item from Charleston, West Virginia, reveals the fact that Billy Sunday, pulpit barnstormer, has accepted a gift of \$200 from the "invisible empire." The committee of presentation appeared in Billy's circus tent with ful regalia of their order to hand him the roll of greenbacks. By way of reply Mr. Sunday praised the Klan because "it stands for one hundred per cent Americanism, Christianity and white supremacy."

If Billy is not a member of the Klan already, it would seem by his acceptance of their money and by his praise of their principles that he is at least open to the overtures of any kleagle who would care to suggest the formality of affiliation in fact.

The Colored brother who styles himself the "Black Billy Sunday" had better change his name to "Saturday" or "Monday" as a matter of principle.—Western Dispatch.

QUARREL OVER OIL

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