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# A Twentieth Century Romance

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It had been considered a fine house in 1892 when it was finished ready for occupancy. It was built of brownstone it was large and commodious, it was by handsome grounds. It was owned by Harlow Winthrop, the wealthiest man in the city. Winthrop was a man not contented simply to be rich. He had a fine wife and as nice a family of children as man need wish for, and one of the children, his firstborn, was said to be as much like his father as a balf grown English pea is like the matured

The family moved into the new house on the third day of October, 1892, and two weeks later a grand housewarming was given by their friends and neighguests by an exhibition of his knowledge of hypnotism, which was at that time a subject beginning to attract attention among ordinary people. Winthrop had taken to it with the

sagerness and enthusiasm which he had always shown for speculative topics and for weeks had been practicing on every one whom he could coax, hire or elept. command to submit themselves to his powers. His son Harold was proved to be the most satisfactory subject and therefore afforded his father more pleasare than he had since his birth, 23 years before the new house was built. On the evening of the housewarming he came forward obediently at the call of his father and seated himself in an armchair in full view of the assembled guests.

"Now," said Mr. Winthrop, who was pleased beyond measure to have so large an audience, "now I am going to put his ability. Harold to sleep for a certain length of awaken without assistance, but previous to that time no one can arouse him."

Harold began to stare at the shining stopper of a glass bottle placed between himself and the light, while Mr. Winthrop pressed firmly on a certain spot on the top of his son's head.

"How long shall be sleep?" asked Mr. Winthrop when Harold began to appear drowsy.

"Until 11 o'clock," suggested the mischievous son of the wealthiest family present.

Harold stirred as if to protest, but was too sleepy to speak.

"Yes, make it 11," echoed the mother of the mischievous son, not because she cared, but because she always made

her home at half past 10, and that Harold Winthrop expected to accompany her. The recollection of that expectation stirred Harold's drowsy brain and prevented him from submitting to his father's hypnotic power with his usual passivity. It is possible that that is the reason why the exhibition did not terminate according to expectation. There were many reasons given during the years which followed, for at last Mr. Winthrop had succeeded in finding the coveted fame. It was said in those days and has been argued since that the operator in hypnotism must have full confidence in his own power in order to be entirely successful, and the elder Winthrop was certainly not lacking in that respect. He had put Harold to sleep too many times to have any doubts as to his awakening at the appointed time. It was afterward decided that in order to have a successful exhibition it was also necessary that the one who acted as the subject to be operated upon should be free from troubled thoughts when he sat

more for your father's folly than for my wishes. Harold remained motionless, and

Letty hurried into the dressing room, found her wraps, and disappearing through a side door went home unat-Goshen!" Harold laughed heartily, found her wraps, and disappearing through a side door went home unattended before any one could guess her intention.

Before she went to sleep that night she wrote a curt note to Harold, releasstrictly modern, and it was surrounded ing him from their engagement and informing him that a messenger would take to him the next day all the books and trinkets which he had given her. name would travel to posterity. He was 20 hours, and that the family physician had been called. The physician tried various remedies, none of which proved useful, said he could have done more awaken." had he been called earlier, charged a fee large enough to support his entire family for a month and went home feelspecimen. This son was named Harold. ing that no man could have acted with greater credit to himself or with greater

profit either, for that matter. Hours lengthened into days, days became weeks and weeks months, yet bors. It was at this housewarming that Harold Winthrop slept. The elder Win-Papa Winthrop decided to entertain his throp grew thin and white with worry; Mrs. Winthrop became silently accusing and refused to kiss her husband until their son should be himself again; the younger members of the family lost the joy of youth in the heavy cloud which hung over the household; the servants would not pass at night the door of the silent room where their young master

> Five years from the date of the housewarming Mr. Winthrop died, leaving a will so drawn that the bulk of his fortune should be held in trust for Harold, the interest to be enjoyed by those who had the care of him.

After the death of Mrs. Winthrop Harold was given into the care of James. the second son. Thirty-five years later James died, and the fine old home passed into the hands of Henry, who agreed to care for his Uncle Harold to the best of

Harold still slept. As he needed little time, at the expiration of which he will more care than the furniture in an unused room, Henry felt that it was as easy a way of earning a livelihood as he should be likely to find. He was forced to own, however, after a few years' experience that they were wiser who preferred life away from the shadow cast by an uncle who, although not dead, might better have been.

No servant who had heard of the "sleeper"-usually spoken in a whisper by that class-could be induced to enter the house, and they who had not heard of him received information soon after their arrival and left without the customary warning. Young ladies did not care to give themselves to a young man who, for all they knew to the contrary, might suddenly fall into a sleep such as it a point to insist on the gratification of her son's wishes so long as they did might never have married had he not not conflict with her own. The son availed himself of the privileges of a antly. "Can you tell me how long I knew that Letty Mays must return to matrimonial bureau and done his court- have slept?"

THE WEALTH MAKERS.

If you do not arouse yourself this min-ute, I shall think it is because you care specimen of womanhood. So when Mrs. Winthrop ordered him "Have you slept so very late?" re-

peated Mrs. Winthrop. "Is it possible that you do not know that you have

then suddenly became serious, believing that his mother's new housekeeper was crazy. "You poor thing!" he said. "Don't mind my laughing. I always did laugh easily. Won't you tell me your name?"

"My name, sir, is Mrs. James Winthrop. I am the wife of your nephew's But before the things were packed she son. I do not wonder at your surprise. everything new, hoping that it might learned that Harold had not yet awak-prove to be the avenue down which his ened, although he had slept for nearly fronted with those who were born and fronted with those who were born and have grown up while you slept. We, however, are no less surprised. We had grown to believe that you would never

> "Great thunder !" exclaimed Harold, who was beginning to be out of patience. "Bring my clothes, madam, or I'll know the reason why! Do you suppose I am going to lie here all day listening to your crazy talk?"

> "I shall not compel you to listen to me unless you like," replied Mrs. Winthrop calmly, "but I really do not see but that you must lie here until a tailor can take your measurements and make you some clothes. You have nothing to put on which will hold together. The appearance of your nightgown should be enough to convince you that I am not telling you an untruth."

When Harold stopped to think of it, he was obliged to admit that it was proof that he must have slept longer than he had thought, or that he was the victim of a joke over which he had no control. He concluded to humor the lady and see if he might not find a key to the solution.

"Could you not," he said, "send out and buy me a ready made suit?'

"It would be impossible to find anything large enough," replied Mrs. Winthrop. "We have no men so large as you. Really you will have to be pa-tient a little while. I have sent for a tailor, who will be here very soon."

old felt that he was being lifted from his feet. He fought desperately, but A little more conversation followed, when one has slept for a hundred years which tended to mystify Harold more one's strength becomes exhausted. Har-old was no match for the powerful womand more. Then Mrs. Winthrop left the room, and soon afterward her husband an, and almost before he knew it he was held firmly on his bed by Mrs. Winappeared in the doorway. Harold recognized him at once as the man who had throp, who called to her husband to fainted. He was yet pale, but the ex-citement of beholding the man who had awakened after a nap of a hundred years had brought a faint color to his lips and a becoming brightness to his no longer offered resistance, "I want to eyes.

have no more trouble with you. You "He is a dear little thing," thought have lain here a bundred years, and it won't hurt you to keep quiet a day or Harold, "but how much more attracttwo longer. You must stay until the ive he would be in skirts!" tailor comes to make your suit."

The little man came slowly into the room, looking as if he were doubtful as to the wisdom of such a procedure, and Harold hoped that he might prove to be more helpful than his crazy wife had been. "Good morning, sir," he said pleas-

five years after he had put you into that hypnotic sleep, so I am told. He had

"One hundred years today," was the

trothed. She was a rattle brained"-"Look out!" thundered Harold, rais-ing himself in bed. He looked fierce back to his room he simply told her to go to thunder, nor did he feel at all enough to frighten a man of his own hamed for speaking so rudely to a size, and the tailor rushed from the lady, as he would have done had she room, his face white with fear. seemed to him less like a man and more

Mrs. Winthrop came in at that moment to bring a history for Harold, and for fully two minutes they looked at each other without flinching.

"You are very strong for a man," said she at last.

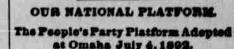
"You are as strong as a man," replied Harold.

"Strong as a man!" Mrs. Winthrop smiled contemptuously. "We will not pursue that subject," she said. "I sim-ply want to say that unless you show yourself a little more tractable I shall be obliged to have you examined for insanity.

With that remark she left the room, and Harold spent the time in which his suit was being made in reading of the events of his day as recorded in the history and in alternately laughing and swearing at the untruthfulness of the pictures presented. He finished the book, convinced that he had really slept a hundred years.

#### (To be continued.)

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Assembled upon the 116th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the People's party of America, in their first national convention, invoking upon their action the blessings of Almighty God, puts forth in the name and on behalf of the people of this country the following preamble and declaration of principles:

### PREAMBLE.

The conditions which surround us best justify our co-operation. We meet in the midst of a nation brought to the verge of moral, political and material min. Corruption dominates the ballot box, the legislatures, the congress, and touches even the ermine of the bench. The people are demoralized; most of the states have been compelled to isobring fresh bedding to be used in place late the voters at the poiling places to of that which he had destroyed. pre ventual intimidation or bripre ventuniversal intimidation or bribery. The newspapers are largely subsidised or mussled, public opinion dlenced; business prostrated; our homes covered with mortgages; labor impoverished and the land concentrating in the hands of capitalists. The urban workmen are denied the right of organisation for self-protection; imported pauperised labor beats down their wages, a and the uplifting of mankind. bireling standing army, unrecognized Second-Wealth belongs to by our laws, is established to shoet them down; and they are rapidly de- industry without an equivalent is robexpected to awaken you in a few hours, generating into European conditions. bery. "If any will not work, aeither

We declare that this republic can only endure as a free government while be upon the love of the whele people each other and for the antions cannot be planed together by bayene that the civil war is ever and that every pustion and recontinent which grow out of it must die with it, and that we must be in fast as we are same, the united brotherhood of free

Our country finds itself confronted by conditions for which there is no prece dent in the history of the world; ous annual agricultural productions amount to billions of dollars in value, which must within a few weeks or months be exchanged for billions of dollars of commodities consumed in their predu the existing currency supply is wholly inadequate to make this exchange; the results are falling prices, the forms of combines and rings and the impoverishment of the producing sizes. We pledge ourselves that, if given power, we will labor to correct these evils by wise and reasonable is stion in accordance with the terms of our platform. We believe that the powers of government-in other words, of the people-should be expanded (as in the case of the pestal service) as rapidly and as far as the good sense of an intelligent people and the teachings of experience shall justify, to the end that oppression, injus-tice and poverty shall eventually cease in the land.

While our sympathies as a party of reform are naturally upon the side of every proposition which will tend to make men intelligent, virtuous and temperate, we nevertheless regard these questions, important as they are, as secondary to the great issues now pressing for solution, and upon which not only our individual prosperity, but the very existence of free institutions depend; and we ask all men to first help us to determine whether we are to have a republic to administer, before we differ as to the conditions upon which it is to be administered. Believing that the forces of reform this day organized will never cease to move forward until every wrong is remedied, and equal rights and equal privileges securely established for all men and somen of the country, therefore:

#### WE DECLARE

arst-That the union of the labor forces of the United States, this day consummated, shall be permanent and perpetual. May its spirit enter into all hearts for the salvation of the republic

Second-Wealth belongs to him who creates it, and every dollar taken from and when he failed to do it his heart The fruits of the toil of millions are shall he eat." The interests of rural and divis labor are mies identical. Third-We believe that the time has come when the railroad corpo will either own the people or the pe mus, own the railroads, and should the shall be placed under a civil service so as to prevent the increase of the Silver, which has been accepted as power of the national administration by

like a woman.

other room.

bed in a moment."

self, but could not.

Mrs. Winthrop gently pushed her husband toward a door leading to an-

"Go in there, dear," she said, "and

do not be afraid. I'll get him back to

"I don't want to strike a lady," Har-

old remarked, with great earnestness,

'but if you touch me you'll be sorry.'

Mrs. Winthrop showed no nervous

"Will you walk back to your room," she asked, "or must I carry you?" Harold made no reply. He thought it scarcely worth while. He started to

pass her that he might go down stairs, when he suddenly felt her arms around

his waist. He endeavored to free him-

"If you don't release me, I'll knock

you down!" he thundered. The little

man screamed in terror and begged his

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wife to let him go for help, but she com

manded him to keep quiet. Mrs. Win

throp was perfectly self possessed. Har-

"Now, sir," she said when Harold

She turned to leave the room again,

'No one knows, sir. He died about

and Harold called after her to remain. "Stop!" he implored. "Where is

my father?"



Harold remained motionless,

down. Every one said that such a conclusion was proved by the result of Mr. Winthrop's experiment and gave so many reasons why this should be thus the bed. that any one who dared acknowledge not having thought of it long before the night of the housewarming was looked opon as an ignoramus. The rich young man was severely condemned for having suggested the hour of 11 as that on which the awakening was to take place. and there were many who went so far so to say that he hoped thereby to win Letty Mays himself.

Harold slept well, and the guests amused themselves by trying in various ways to arouse him, but all their efforts were in vain. Pretty Letty Mays, who did not believe he really slept, but thought he had learned to control his features wonderfully well, crept to his side when the sitention of the guests was drawn to another part of the room and whispered in his car that it was nearly time for her to go. Harold did not stir.

whispered petulantly. "I know you are

Henry died in the year 1972, just 40 unexpected and highly exasperating reyears after assuming the care of his ply. uncle, and his eldest son, James, undertook to fill his place.

## CHAPTER II.

Twenty years later, in October, 1992, Harold Winthrop awoke, after a refreshing nap of just 100 years in length. Mrs. James Winthrop had gone into his room that morning with a feather duster, with which she proposed to brush the dust from his face and hands. It was a task which she attended to about once in six weeks. She found Harold sitting up in bed, trying to rub his eyes open. When she entered, he stared at her in undisguised astonishment. So far as he was aware, he was not accustomed to receiving lady visitors in that way, especially when they came unannounced. Mrs. James let the feather duster fall to the floor. She opened her pretty mouth, gave one shrick and staggered out into the hall. The servants who heard the shrick sent at once for medical assistance with the beautiful presence of mind which was characteristic of that age. There were some among them who had never before heard a woman scream. and who knew no more about a fainting fit than Harold Winthrop knew about

the man in the moon. James Winthrop, Jr., knew that there must be some good cause for his wife's strange behavior and rushed up the broad staircase. His wife still leaned against the wall. He looked at her inquiringly, and she pointed to the room where Harold had slept, with a manner that seemed to say that poor James was very much to blame about something. Mr. James Winthrop stepped into the room, took one look at his greatuncle and fell in a dead faint to the foor.

"Poor fellow!" exclaimed his wife, stooping over him. "I should have thought how delicate he is." The servants offered assistance, but she waved them away, and tenderly lifting her little husband into her strong arms bore bim to his own room and laid him upon

Harold had sprung from his bed when he saw her lift her bushand. He was not used to seeing a woman do a thing like that, and his first thought was to offer assistance, but his threadbare nightgown fell away from him in shreds, and he quickly crept under the bedding again.

Mrs. Winthrop returned as soon as her husband gave signs of returning consciousness and graciously inquired how she might make herself useful to Harold.

"I should like my clothes, if you please," he replied. "I cannot seem to find them. I thought I left them on that chair."

"Perhaps you did." said Mrs. Winthrop, "but did you suppose they could stay there forever ?"

"Have I slept so very late?" asked Harold, who had often made the family and servants extra work by so do-"This is nonsense, Harold," she then ing. He thought the lady before him was the new housekeeper whom his signing just as well as you know it. mother had talked of engaging and

'Another lunatic!" groaned Harold.

'What can mother be thinking of?"

"How do you feel?" inquired the little man. "Are you stiff? Will your joints work? My, but you have slept! The scientific world has made you a study for generations."

"Much obliged, I'm sure," replied Harold in default of a more brilliant reply. It was somewhat amusing to a man who knew himself to be just 23 years of age to be told that he had been an object of curiosity for generations.

"What has the scientific world thought to do about you?" it suddenly occurred to him to inquire.

"They say this is man's century," replied the little fellow, "but I don't know that I understand the meaning of that. There are many men who are dissatisfied with things in general, but I don't know why they should be, I'm sure. I'm comfortable enough, and I don't believe a change would make things any better."

This was all Greek to Harold, and when he was in college he declined to study Greek.

"I wonder if you are really a man?" he asked. "You are pretty enough for a doll."

"Do you think me pretty?" The little man blushed beautifully. "Wife says I am," he added. "She is awfully jealous, don't you know. But you are a man too. She doesn't like to have another woman look at me, but she ought not to mind because a man thinks me pretty, ought she?"

Harold was disgusted. He wanted to take the little fellow between his thumb and finger and crush him, but restrained himself with the thought that the man was a lunatic.

"You-get-my-clothes," he said, with great stornness. He hoped to frighten his guest into obedience. "Get them this minute or I'll"-

"But, sir," faltered the little man, 'your clothes were moth eaten years ago."

"Oh, heavens! See here, you chattering monkey, if you don't do as I tell you I'll drop you get the window."

Harold arose as if to execute his threat, and the little man fled, screaming, into the hall. Harold wrapped his tattered bedding around him and followed, determined to find something to wear. He was just in time to see Mrs. Winthrop caressing her little husband and to hear her telling him not to be afraid, for nothing should hurt him as long as she lived to protect him.

'Go back to your room, " she said sternly when she saw Harold. It is exactly what he would have been most anxious to do under ordinary circumstances, but now he felt that he was in a place where desperate measures must be employed. He was convinced that his garments had been taken from his own room by some one whose intentions were not of the friendliest, and he determined to go down stairs and find some member of his family, even though be must appear in tattered nightgown

ical fact, sir. Should you like to see a school history ?"

"No, I think not," replied Harold faintly. A sudden remembrance had illumined his mind. He recalled the honsewarming and his opposition to bewished to walk home with Letty Mays. He looked at his hands. They had been brown from boating when he went to sleep. He had spent many hours in trying to get them as deeply sunburned as these of the leaders in the athletic club to which he belonged. Now they were as white and soft as a baby's. He knew that they could not have been bleached in one night. He looked around his room. It had been painfully new when he went to sleep; now much of the woodwork was moth eaten. Instead of a smell of varnish there was a smell of decay. The more he thought of it the more convinced he became that the woman and her busband had spoken the truth, and that he had slept many years. He tried to realize his position. It was far from being desirable, as may be imagined. None of his near relatives was living. There was not one soul whom he knew to congratulate him on having awakened. He neither felt nor looked a day older than when he had gone to sleep, and he told himself that he could not hope to die for many years.

Yet life looked to him to be hardly worth living. He had always dreaded sity of becoming acquainted with persons of whom he had never so much as heard and of trying to accustom himself to a world 128 years older than that into which he had been born.

His reverie was disturbed by the entrance of the tailor, who was no larger than the man who had fainted.

"Truly," said the tailor, surveying Harold with astonishment, "truly there were giants in those days! Were there many men as large as you?"

"I was not considered very large," replied Harold. "My father was taller and heavier." It was hard for Harold to use the past tense, but he now thought it to be a necessity, and he did not beliave in fighting the inevitable.

"My, my," eaclaimed the tailor, "how very large you are! I have been obliged to get my own living ever since my wife died. I was a tailor before she married me and have been a tailor over since her death, but I never before took measurements like these. I'm not sure, sir, that I can find a piece of cloth large ensugh for a whole suit."

"Then make it of five or six pleces, replied Harold impatiently, "Bring me anything that will hide my nakedness. I am tired of lying here.' "I should think you would be," re-

plied the tailor feelingly. "Can you tell me anything about a

girl of the name of Letty Mays?" asked Harold as the tailor was about to leave. "Letty Mays!" repeated the tailor. "I never heard the name. It is not in the bistories-oh, yes, it is tool She was the girl to whom you were be-

broke. It is quite a wonderful histor- boldly stolen to build up coloseal fortunes for a few, unprecedented in the

hostory of mankind; and the possessore of these, in turn, despise the republic and endanger liberty. From the same prolific womb of governmental injustice ing made to sleep past the hour when he we breed the two great classes-tramps government enter upon the work of and millionaires. The national power owning and managing any or all railto create money is appropriated to en- roads, we should favor an amendment rich bendholders. A vast public debt, to the constitution by which all perso psyable in legal tender currency, has engaged in the government service been funded into gold-bearing bonds, thereby adding millions to the burdens regulation of the mest rigid character of the people.

> cein since the dawn of history has been the use of such additional government demonstized to add to the purchasing power of gold by decreasing the value of all forms of property as well as human labor, and the supply of currency is purposely abridged to fatten usurers, ral government only, a full legal tender bankrupt enterprise and enslave indus- for all debts, public and private, tries. A vast conspiracy against man- and that without the use kind has been organized on two conti-nents and it is rapidly taking possession able and efficient means of distribution of the world. If not met and overthrown at once, it forebodes terrible social convulsions, the destruction of civilisation or the establishment of an absolute despotism.

We have witnessed for more than quarter of a century the struggles provements. of the two great political parties change. He disliked making new ac- for power and plunder, while grievquaintances, but now he faced the neces- ous wrongs have been inflicted legal ratio of 16 to 1. upon a suffering people. We charge that the controlling influences dominating both these parties have permitted the existing dreadful conditions to develop, without serious efforts to prevent er restrain them. Neither do they now promise us any substantial reform. They have agreed together to ignore, in the coming campaign, every issue but one. They propose to drown the outories of a plundered people with the uproar of a sham battle over the tariff. so that capitalists, corporations, satiesal banks, rings, trusts, watered stock, the demonstization of silver and the oppressions of the usurers may all be lost sight of. They propose to sacrifice me homes, lives and children on the aliar of mammon; to dostroy the multitude in order to secure corruption funds from the militonaires.

Assembled on the anniversary of the birthday of the nation and filled with the spirit of the grand generation which established our independence, we mek to restore the government of the republic to the hands of "the plain people," with whom it originated.

with the purposes of the nutional con-stitution: "To form a more perfect union, estabilsh justice, insure domestie tranquility, previde for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the bluesings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

#### employees. PLATFORM.

We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible, issued by the genedirect to the people, at a tax not to exceed two per cent. per annum, to be provided, as set forth in the subtreasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or some better system; also by payments in discharge of its obligations for public im-

We domand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present

We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

We demand a graduated income taz. We believe that the meneys of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all state and national revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly administered.

We domand that postal savings banks be established by the government, for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people, and to facilitate exchange.

Transportation being a means of en change and a public necessity, the goverament should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people.

The telegraph and telephone, like the postoffice system being a ne for transmission of news, should owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people

The land, including all the s resources of wealth, is the beritage of all the people, and should not be me pollard for speculative purpo alien ownership of land should be hibited. All inade now hold by re roads and other corporations in a of their actual needs, and all lands needs owned by allens, should be reby the government and held for antilars only.