OUT UNDER THE STARS

After He Had Told Helen Whole Truth.

By S. E. KISER.

For three hours Helen Sibley had been waiting at Northport Junction. Luckily the evening was pleasant, so that she was not compelled to sit in the stuffy, dingy little station. There was ju. ; one pretty thing about Northport Junction, and that was Helen, If the train for which she was waiting board." ever came and ever departed again, Northport Junction would resume its habit of being about as unlovely a spot as one might find within the temperate zone.

While Helen remained the place would possess one attraction that would have lent distinction to a far more important and a far more splendid center of activity than the Junetion was ever likely to become.

The operator in the bay window that jutted out into the point of land between the branching tracks evidently had an eye for beauty as well as an ear for Morse. As Helen walked up and down the platform he watched her and became thoughtful. He wondered why it was that nature bestowed her gifts so lavishly upon some girls beauty that Helen possessed might a cloud-burst." and treated others so shabbily. The have made a dozen plain girls fair if it had been distributed among them. Such was the opc. is reasoning. The operator at Northport Junction was a philosopher.

But Helen was not thinking of philosophy, and if she had noticed that the operator was eagerly watching her the fact neither added to her pleasure nor caused her annoyance. For some loneliness of her surroundings. It

was nearly a year since she had refused to listen when Tom had said that be could "explain everything in good time," and for months she had thought that she was never going to have any interest in hits again. Thinking of Tom naturally caused

her to think of Mrs. Dunforth, the pretty, young grass-widow who had come between them. There was something mysterious about Mrs. Danforth. Peo-



She Was Thinking of Tom Harlow.

ple talked about her, but nobody seem- She walked away from him, crossed ed to know just why. She had come the platform and stood for a long time. to Springfield a stranger and she had looking at the silent hills that lay ueep been careful to leave her past behind in the gathering shadows of the night, her. It had not taken her long to find At length she turned, came half way riends and she was quickly admitted to back to him, and then stopped. He the best social circles. With plenty approached her, held out his arms, of money, she lived at the most fash- and asked: ionable hotel, she entertained lavish- "Don't you believe I have told you ly, and her clothes were the talk of the truth, Helen-that I have told you the town. Then, one day, she disap- all there is to tell?"

stantial citizen of Springfield had re- When they returned to the waiting turned before him. The substantial room the operator informed them that citizen had seen Tom and Mrs. Dun- the train for Medford would arrive in forth together in Chicago. Of course |ten minutes. Tom had assured Helen that it was At Medford Helen had friends, and all right, but he had not explained at Medford there were preachers. He had merely promised to do so "in | (Copyright, 1912, by W. G. Chapman.) good time." And Helen had naturally decided that the "good time" could pever come. So Tom went away.

patiently waited at Northport June of the Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany's tion. A dozen times she tried to fix ascension to the throne, new coins. ber thoughts on other things, but all both in gold and silver, will be struck. ways they turned back to the old sub- The coins now in use throughout Gerject. She became angry with herself, many bear a likeness of the katser as at last, and more for the purpose of he appeared only a year or two after trying to forget Tom Harlow than he became emperor, when still a young with the hope of obtaining information | man, without a trace of the serious ahe went into the station and asked lines which his recent illness has the operator if it was likely that the greatly accentuated. The new coins train for Medford would arrive on will represent his majesty as he is to-

inte," the operator informed her, tions. Prof. Strum, well known

"There's a washout up the road." hopelessness and went outside again of Wilhelm II. If Northport had looked dismal to her before, it now seemed decolate. While Too Much Enthusiasm for Idleness. she was trying to count the appalling | Long ago Robert Stevenson sugnumber of minutes that she would gested that a lad who played trusas. have to wait, she heard the whistle of might be doing himself more good an engine away up the curve around than he who never missed a lecture. the hill on the main line.

Junction Helen saw a man step down twin gifts of youth are enthusiasm from on of the Puliman cars away at and idleness." All our young people the rear. She paid no attention to are terrifically in earnest about some him supposing he was a passenger thing or other. But they have not who had merely stepped off to get a much chance of icleness. Even their breath of fresh air, but after the train games are so organized that sport ithad gone on she noticed that the man self begins to be a systematic busiwas walking slowly down the cinder ness."-London Telegroph. path beside the track toward the station. For a moment she gazed at

dark, and she remained so stient that the experiment was, says the Scien Tom entered without noticing her. | tific American, we are unable to learn

"When does the train leave for Medford?" he asked at the ticket win-

"It's pretty hard to tell," the operator replied. "She's reported fifty minutes late, but there's a washout up the road, and she may be held up all

That's encouraging," Tom remark-"What I've seen of this place doesn't make me yearn to spend the night here. Where's the town?"

"This is it."

"Isn't there a hotel of any kind?" "No, nothing in that line except the farm house half a mile down the track, where the night operator and I

"I suppose there's no back?" "None that I've ever heard of."

"What time do you light up here? They ought to let you use plenty of oil in such a lonesome place as this. It's getting pretty dark." "Just a minute. Here's my call."

The operator turned to his instruments and Tom Harlow waited at the ticket window, hoping there might be encouraging news concerning the train for Medford; but he was doomed to be disappointed.

"I guess you may as well make up your mind to hang around here all strument had ceased clicking (he spoke rather loudly for Helen's benefit); "they say the track is washed out in half a dozen places. There's been

While Tom drummed with his fingertips upon the ledge of the ticket window the operator lighted the lamp in his ouice and then proceeded to illuminate the waiting room, which served for both men and women.

For a moment after the light had been turned on Tom Harlow looked silen at Helen, who sat with her back toward him, her head bent and her teason she was thinking of Tom Har- to: turned to his instruments, which were clicking frantically.

"Helen," Tom said very tenderly after he had paused beside her. She looked up at him, and he saw that there were tears in her eyes. He reached for one of her hands, but she drew away from him and shrank a little farther into her corner.

Helen," he said again, "I've come to explain to you. I supposed you were already at Medford. I was going there to tell you."

She stood up, and when he again attempted to take her hand in his she did not object.

"Let's go outside," he suggested, outside, under the stars, where I can tell you everything-where nothing will be between us and heaven."

The operator was busy, and did not notice that the waiting room was empty.

You see, Helen, it was necessary for Mrs. Danforth to take somebody into her confidence," Tom said. "For some reason she selected me. Her former husband, who was a scalawag, had informed the secret service agents that she had been smuggling jewelry. It was merely a case of blackmail Sne had refused to support him and he tried to get her to buy him off. She needed somebody to help her establish an alibi, and at the same time she didn't want the story of her troubles to get out. So she drafted me into and I couldn't very beg off. She was a woman in distress, that was all."

"But why didn't you tell me before?" Helen asked.

"She had asked me not to tell anybody until she gave me permission to

"Then she has given you permission and you have seen her again?" "No, I have neither seen her nor heard from her. The man has made a confession, and the whole story is in

the papers."

peared, and on the following morning | She did not speak, but put her arms Tom Harlow told Helen that it had about his neck and laid her neck become necessary for him to go to Chi- against his breast, while his arms closed about her. Thus for a long A week later he returned, but a sub-time they stood beneath the stars.

New German Coins.

In honor of the celebration next She thought over all this as she im- year of the twenty-fifth anniversary day, in the uniform of a cuirassier, "She's just reported fifty minutes and his breast covered with decorathroughout Germany as a maker of Helen turned away with a feeling of medals, will execute the new protrait

Now we hear a professor declaring When the long train stopped at the "We are prone to forget that the

Talking Machine and Aeroplane. him, and then hurried inside. It was A novel use was made of the talk-Tom Harlow, carrying a suit-case. | ing machine recently in a Farman bi-Selecting the darkest corner in the plane. A passenger dictated his obstation. Helen sat down, turned her servations, which were made on a recback toward the door, and waited, hep- ord of specially strong material This ing that no one would come in and was then carefully wrapped and fearing something that she could not thrown to the ground, where the rechave explained. Her corner was so ord was reproduced. How successful



HEAD OF WOMEN'S FEDERATED CLUBS



Mrs. Pennybacker, a picture of whom is herewith presented, was recently elected president of the Federation of Women's Clubs. It is said to be her idea that women, whose activities are directed to affairs outside their home circles, consist of three classes: First, those who work for their daily bread; second, those who are moved to action by the economic conditions surrounding working women and political abuses which affect the general public and strike particularly hard at women and children; third, those who are interesting themselves in public affairs as a means of broadening their mental horizons and acquiring a more liberal knowledge of the ways of the world

In the first class there are in the United States six million women. Six million women are working for their bread and shelter. Their activities are, with few exceptions, compulsory. They work because hard practical necessity compels them.

It is almost impossible to estimate the number of women in the second class. They are in every city and village. From the richest woman in the metropolis who is using her wealth to alleviate the hardships of overburdened girls to the poor woman in the small hamlet who insists that the village constable shall keep children out of the one pool room in the place are found these workers for the betterment of conditions.

The third class form the majority of the club women. There are about eight hundred thousand club members in the United States. Approximately one-third of these work for their living or are engaged in unpaid public service. Two-thirds are students of public affairs for educational reasons

SIR GEORGE ALARMED BY AMERICA'S GAIN

Anglo-American amity means world supremacy or these two nations, a-c cording to the opinion expressed by Sir George Reid, high commissioner for Australia at the British capital, in an interview given out the other With a rupture of the friendship between the United States and Great Britain-and he sees no indication of unpleasantness-other powers might seek to change the balance of power, the commissioner said.

Sir George and Lady Reid have just finished a tour of the United States that extended over several Of course, he is duly impressed with the remarkable growth of American industries and American fortunes. But, do you know, Sir George actually thought at one time that the bally American foundation wasn't solid. He says so himself. Listen:

"To one who lives as far from the United States as I do your tremendous strides and development appear so rapid that it is hard to believe

they are built on a solid foundation. One feels that the bubble must burst some day. But my visit has convinced me that you have builded solidly. and that impression of which I spoke has been entirely dissipated." Sir George also gave an interesting original expression of opinion about

the little unpleasantness between the American colonies and England in 1776. "I wish to emphasize," he declared, "that there never was a war between the people of Great Britain and the people of the United States. At the time of the war with the American colonies it was not the pe who brought about the strife. The people had really no voice in the matter. The king was influenced by bad advisers, and the people really had no say in the matter."

DR. PAGE MADE BISHOP OF NEW MEXICO



Rev. Herman Page, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, East 50th street and Madison avenue, Chicago, has been chosen bishop of New Mexico by the Episcopal house of bishops.

The announcement of Dr. Page's election came as a surprise to the members of his parish. None of the members had heard of the possibility of such action being taken. Some were inclined to express doubt as to whether Dr. Page would accept the appointment.

Only one other promotion was made by the house of bishops, that being the election of George Biller Jr., formerly of New Jersey, to the hishopric of North Dakota. The house of bishops was in session for two days

Dr. Page has been rector of St. Paul's church for twelve years. He came to Chicago from St. John's Episcopal church at Fall River, Mass. The newly appointed bishop was graduated from Harvard with a degree of bachelor of arts in 1888. In 1891

he received the degree of bachelor of divinity from the Episcopal Theological seminary at Cambridge, Mass. In 1906 he was awarded the honorary degree Dr. Page had been rector of St John's church in Fall River for seven

of doctor of divinity by the University of Pittsburgh. years when he was called to Chicago to occupy the pulpit of St. Paul's one of the largest Episcopalian congregations in Chicago.

Dr. Page is forty-three years old, married, and has one son, now a student at Harvard.

JILTS A PRINCE TO WED AN AMERICAN

The engagement of Miss Katherine Britton, who, it is reported, jilted a prince to wed E. H. Harriman's son, Averill, is expected to be announced shortly. Young Harriman will inherit much of the millions left by his father, and Miss Britton, as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Britton, will come into a large for-

Miss Britton spent the summer in Europe and at Narragansett Pier. She won fame in social circles at the national capital last winter by appearing at a dance with a golden snake twined about her corsage. The effect was so lifelike that it startled the guests until the wearer assured them it was made of jewels. As a devotee of aviation, she has also gained some prominence, having made sereral flights on the speedway with famous aviators.

At the time of Miss Britton's debut, several years ago, she was a member of the exclusive coterie of debutantes known as the "Big Six." Her associates of that year were Miss Laura Merriam, Miss Gladys Hinckley, Miss Fudora Clover, Miss Marguerite Draper and Miss Sophie Johnston

With Miss Merriam, Miss Britton helped to organize the Monday Afternoon Skating club and the Dancing Fifty at the Playhouse club at Washington. She has also taken part in various society dramatics at the Playhouse and in Mrs. Barney Hemmick's affairs. She was particularly effective in the pantomime given by Mrs. Hemmick last spring. Attired in the colonial costume owned by her great-great-grandmother, she led one division of the minuet at the Southern Relief ball, and won great admiration.

In her mode of dressing Miss Britton has been noted for her originality. She was the first to wear the new Robespierre collar, and she defies conven tion by wearing a gay black and white cap while driving her automobile Her engagement has been rumored before.

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