

**CYNTHIA'S ADVENTURE**

By F. POBARTY.

Tears gathered in the eyes of Cynthia Thomas as she gazed down at the little garden in the back yard of the house adjoining that in which she occupied the smallest room on the top floor.

Cynthia was going away—although she knew of no place to go. She had eaten nothing for two days, and was hungry.

A recent interview with her landlady had not been a pleasant one—the shame of it was responsible for her tears. Landladies cannot wait more than four weeks for their room rent, and Cynthia had not paid hers for five. Even now there seemed no possibility of its being paid for five more weeks.

So she said goodbye to the little garden and looked about her room in vain for something she could pawn. There was nothing left—nothing but her clothes, and those she must keep so that she might look respectable even if the river had to be the solution of her problem.

During the first few weeks after she had lost her position on the News Cynthia had rather enjoyed the experience of "hard luck." It had broadened her, developed her insight into life, she thought. But the endless round of visits to city editors, asking for a job, then the search for any kind of work ended fruitlessly, her money gone, and that curious gnawing sensation, with a light-headed faintness, was an entirely different matter.

Blindly she walked down Broadway, stumbling as she crossed the intersecting streets. Presently she met the eyes of a handsome, well-dressed young man, a stranger, who lifted his hat with a smiling "Good evening."

"Good evening," said Cynthia, before she was really aware what had occurred.

"May I ask where you are going?" politely inquired the stranger.

"I'm going to dinner," she announced firmly, with her head held proudly erect.

"May I beg that you will take pity on me—and dine with me?" asked the man as he stood in front of her, hat in hand. "I am a stranger in the city—and lonely. I ask you to grant my request, as a beggar would ask for alms. Won't you give me the pleasure of your company for an hour while we dine?"

Cynthia looked him squarely in the eyes—eyes that met hers with frank straightforwardness. "Thank you," she said with quiet dignity. "I will dine with you with pleasure. I have not dined for two days."

He looked at her with a start and his eyes read the truth in the face before him. Quickly he guided her to a quiet restaurant not very far away, where they found a table for two near an open window.

For two hours they chatted pleasantly, lingering over the dinner.

Cynthia liked the man. They were congenial companions. If only she had met him in another way. She could not continue an acquaintance formed thus.

"What shall we do next?" he inquired cheerfully. "It's too hot for the theater. Shall we take a drive by the river side? It's early and we can be back by ten if you wish."

This proposition fitted in with her half-formed plan; so she agreed.

"I will wait in the reception room while you order the taxi," she murmured; but as soon as she saw him disappear down the corridor she hastily scribbled a note at the writing table and gave it to the maid, with instructions to hand it to the gentleman when he returned.

"You have probably saved my life. Thank you—and goodbye," it read.

The next minute pedestrians on Thirty-fifth street were amazed at the sight of a stylishly gowned young woman running swiftly along that quiet thoroughfare.

Was it fate that sent her directly into the arms of Mrs. Forbes, the society editor on the Star, and the one woman in all New York that she knew at all well.

"Cynthia, child, whatever is the trouble?" asked that kind soul, as she caught the excited girl by the arm and faced her about in the direction she was going.

"Oh, Mrs. Forbes, they told me you were out of town."

"I was. Just got back an hour ago." Then between little gasps of laughter and tears, Cynthia told her story to the sympathetic woman by her side.

"You are to stay with me tonight, Cynthia; and tomorrow I'll introduce you to our managing editor. He is looking for some one to report women club news, and I'm sure you can land the job. At any rate, we'll try." "Now you must get to bed. You are all worn out and nervous," continued the motherly little woman, as she led the way up the steps of an apartment house where her own rooms were the daintiest and coziest in the building.

In her dreams Cynthia saw the gray eyes of her dinner companion and wondered if ever again she would look into their kindly depths.

**What Was the Text?**

"I select my text," began the young layman, "from the Book of Nature. It is inscribed on every leaf, which clings to every tree, in the library of the forest—the latter clause of the fourth branch, and the third twig."—Judge's Library.

**Domestic Amenities.**

"When Mrs. Tribble loses her temper she calls Mr. Tribble a worm."

"What does Mr. Tribble do?"

"He answers, 'Madam, you can't bait me!'"

# Another Big Bargain Offering!

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| <p><b>Bailey &amp; Bailey</b><br/>Newhouse Block</p> <p>Reliable Shoe Dealers</p>  | <p>25 per cent discount on Dishes and Cut Glass.</p> <p><b>H. E. Grice Drug Co.</b></p>  | <p>Miner's bargain day offerings</p> <p>A discount of 20 per cent on all Men's Women's and Children's Shoes and Oxfords.</p> <p>Nine bars of White Russian Soap for 25c. 18 bars sold to any one customer.</p> <p>Don't fail to see our new lines of Spring and Summer merchandise in all departments.</p> <p><b>The Miner Bros. Co.</b><br/>A Mighty Safe Place to Trade</p> | <p>We will close out our stock of Haffimocks at cost.</p> <p><b>Pope Bros.</b></p>   | <p>10 per cent discount on flour.</p> <p><b>Geo. Trine</b></p>  |
| <p>All Pattern hats and all Children's hats at 90c on the dollar.</p> <p><b>Mrs. C. W. Barrett</b></p>   | <p>A BIG BARGAIN</p> <p>We will make the price of the Red Cloud Chief \$1.00 per year for Bargain Day ONLY, Wednesday April 16, 1913. This will apply to new subscribers or those paying a year in advance.</p> <p><b>C. B. Hale, Editor</b></p> | <p>All silver knives, forks, spoons, etc., at 90 cents on the dollar.</p> <p><b>J. C. Mitchell</b></p>  | <p><b>Saunders Bros.</b></p> <p>Prepared Roofing</p> <p>\$1.50 roofing.....\$1.00<br/>2.00 " ..... 1.40<br/>2.50 " ..... 1.80</p> <p>These prices are for cash and are good on Bargain day only.</p> | <p>Sacrifice price on Handkerchiefs.</p> <p>25c Broom..... 20c<br/>35c " ..... 30c<br/>50c " ..... 40c<br/>60c " ..... 50c</p> <p><b>F. G. Turnure &amp; Son</b></p>                |
| <p>20 per cent off on trimmed hats.</p> <p>10 per cent off on muslin underwear.</p> <p><b>Mrs. J. A. Burden</b></p>                                    | <p>10 per cent discount on oil and gasoline stoves.</p> <p><b>Edward Hanson</b></p>  | <p>One more chance to buy Wear-Ever Aluminum ware at a discount of 20 per cent. A special 8 quart Berlin stew kettle worth \$2.25 for only 98 cents.</p> <p><b>Morhart Bros.</b></p>  | <p><b>Frank Smith</b><br/>The Shoe Man.</p>  | <p>Come to Red Cloud on Bargain Day and get a free dish of Ice Cream with your dinner at</p> <p><b>Warren's Restaurant and Short Order House</b></p>                                |
| <p>10 per cent off on all kinds of Job Work.</p> <p><b>Commercial Advertiser</b></p>   | <p>25 per cent off on Ladies' Skirts French dry cleaned, if received on Bargain day.</p> <p><b>R. G. Hassinger</b><br/>Cleaner and Dyer Red Cloud, Nebr.<br/>Successor to W. C. Creider</p>  | <p>20 per cent discount on all Jewelry.</p> <p><b>E. H. Newhouse</b></p>  | <p><b>Springer's Home Bakery and Candy Kitchen</b></p> <p>Located opposite postoffice</p> <p>Specials in pure made Candies and Pastries.</p>   | <p>Argus home view post cards will be on sale at all drug stores at 5 for 5 cents on bargain day only.</p> <p><b>Webster County Argus</b></p>                                       |
| <p>20 per cent discount on all Wall Papers in stock. A few Remnants—enough for an ordinary room; 50c to 75c.</p> <p><b>Chas. L. Cotting</b></p>        | <p>Delicious home made peanut fudge (regular price 20c) At 14c per pound on bargain day only. Try some.</p> <p><b>J. O. Lindley</b><br/>The little condy store on Grice's corner</p>   | <p>Our Soda Fountain is now running. Our 5c Ice Cream Sodas are always a bargain.</p> <p><b>H. Neuerburg</b></p>  | <p>15 per cent discount on all orders for enlargements taken on Bargain day. All work guaranteed.</p> <p><b>Stevens Bros.</b></p>  | <p>Ladies' Shirt Waists worth up to \$2.00 at 98c.</p> <p>3 lb. can tomatoes, regular 15c. at 8 1-3c per can. Only 6 cans to a customer.</p> <p><b>Weesner, Perry &amp; Co.</b></p> |

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