

# THE GHOSTLY BRIDEGROOM

By JAMES ALLEN.

I waited at the station in a fever of impatience. Wantman had not come on the 2:30 train, and the wedding was to be at four o'clock.

"I have been unexpectedly detained," he had telegraphed from Milwaukee at noon. "But life or death, I will be there in time."

If the 3:25 was on time, and he came on that train, we would barely have time to reach the church at the stroke of four. He would be compelled to appear, dusty and travel stained, before his bride and her friends. Perhaps he would come in a special. I could only wait and hope.

"Life or death, I will be there in time," he had said, and Wantman never lied.

I went into the telephone booth and called up the house. "Wantman has been detained, but he says he will be at the church on time. I am waiting for the last train."

"What shall we do?" demanded Helen's father.

"I think you are safe in waiting at the church," I said. "I don't know what else can be done. He said he would be here in time, and unless he sends word to the contrary we must depend upon him. If he is alive he either will be here or send word."

After that I had no further message. I waited, waited, waited.

The train was late, of course. When was it ever on time when you were waiting for it?

It was 3:55 when it came, and Wantman was not on board.

I leaped into the carriage and drove madly to the church, where I knew the bridal party would be waiting. Poor Helen.

I met Beaumont at the door. "He did not come," I cried.

"O, yes, he came at the stroke of four," said Beaumont. "You have missed him somehow. The ceremony must be over by this time. And say"—he drew me to one side and spoke in whispers—"something awful must have happened to Wantman. He was white as a ghost and he did not speak nor look to right or left. It made me shiver just to see him. Look, there they come now!"

As the bridal party left the church I saw that Wantman indeed was as white as a ghost. His eyes turned toward me for one fleeting moment, but there was no speculation in them. They were like the wide, staring eyes of a man who just has died.

Helen clung to his arm. She seemed terrified, but she was not weeping. As they disappeared in the carriage, by some fiendish mischance or else as the result of some hideous joke, the organ pealed forth a funeral march.

A shudder passed over the throng of guests. I could hear some of the women weeping hysterically.

With a curse that I could not restrain I leaped into a carriage by Beaumont's side and we were driven rapidly to the house. We reached the door ahead of the bride's carriage, and as the door was thrown open the vehicle in which the couple had ridden seemed to be empty.

Wantman was not there.

Helen was huddled on the floor, unconscious, a pitiful thing.

Her father took her in his arms and carried her into the house.

As we gathered at the door, silent, aghast, the driver was swearing that his vehicle had not been stopped, and that the carriage door had not been opened between the church and the house.

What hideous mystery was before us? We were soon to know, for a messenger came with a telegram, and I opened it and read.

"Wantman was killed in a runaway at 12 o'clock as he drove to the station at Milwaukee."

Subsequent investigations proved that the message was correct.

There could be no possible doubt or dispute of the fact. He had been driving madly to the station in a cab—there had been a collision, and the lifeless Wantman had been taken from the wrecked vehicle. His body had been taken in charge by the police, and in the delay that was caused by identification and addresses, word was not sent to us until half past four o'clock.

At the time of the ceremony, when Wantman appeared in the church beside his waiting bride, before scores of people who knew him and wondered at his spectral appearance and inanimate responses—at this time Wantman was lying dead in Milwaukee.

It is unbelievable—I myself cannot believe it.

But these are the facts.

Wantman was killed in Milwaukee at noon.

He was married in Chicago at four o'clock in the afternoon.

"Alive or dead, I will be there in time," he had wired me just before he left his hotel for the station.

I have no explanation to offer.

And poor Helen never spoke again. Within a week she was lying beside her husband in the cemetery.

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**His Coveted Sensation.**

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"And what is that?" asked his companion, who sat looking out of the club window.

"I should like to feel a 'berserk rage,' whatever that is, that all these novel heroes have when things go wrong with the heroine. But perhaps," he sighed drearily, "I shouldn't know it if I had it. I might think it was hives, or indigestion, or epilepsy coming over me. It's an awful thing not to have an education."—Judge.

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