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DRUCILLA AND THE WAGER

By Mollie McMaster

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Drucilla cast a furtive glance at the toe of her shabby little foot, in order to make sure that it was not protruding beyond the hem of her skirt.

An envelope was lying on the floor of the subway car at her feet. Drucilla stooped and picked it up. The envelope was sealed and not empty. There were few persons in the car and Drucilla felt herself unobserved. She turned the envelope over and over in her hands, then she slipped her finger under the flap and peered in.

Drucilla's wide, brooding eyes lit up, startled out of their habitual vague dreams. There was money in the envelope. She cast a surreptitious glance at the numbers in the corners of the bills. There were two tens and one five. Drucilla closed the envelope and thrust it well within her own pocketbook and gave herself up to multitudinous thoughts.

Elation, quickly followed by probes from her conscience and a quick succession of the urgent needs she had for the money, chased through the girl's mind.

Down deep in her consciousness there was the certain knowledge that she would seek to find the owner of the money, but for the present that truth was swamped in the joy of having twenty-five dollars in her hands.

She dreamed first of the much needed lessons in sight-reading that she could now have. Her glorious voice, the training for which she went without many lanches, was little good to her from a monetary standpoint until she could read music. And a position was essential within the next year or so. Until then, with overzealous saving, she could eke out her tuition.

She had just passed a window in which was displayed a beautiful set of red fox furs. Drucilla realized, without concert, that with her face framed



There seemed to be no writing.

In the shade so nearly resembling her hair, and her eyes only the shadows in the color scheme, it would be hard for either choirmaster or manager to turn her away.

She smiled whimsically. Appearance was a valuable asset.

On her way from the subway to the small room that Drucilla called home she was haunted by the fear that she was being followed and that the precious money would be taken from her, and by the more terrible feeling that she was fleeing from capture with stolen money in her hands.

In the privacy of her room she took out the bills and made an examination of the envelope. There seemed to be no writing—nothing upon which to hang an identification clew.

Yes! Drucilla was guilty of sudden irritation. There was writing on the flap of the envelope.

"Property of C. Drayton, 009 Clairmont avenue," Drucilla read. She sighed, but smiled whimsically again. "My dreams were so vivid I had better go immediately to Clairmont avenue, before they become realities."

She donned her coat without stopping to make a much needed cup of tea.

Drucilla's heart was lighted as she made her way to the heights by the Hudson. Her dreams had been pleasant while they lasted.

Upon arriving at No. 009, Drucilla inquired of the elevator boy and learned that C. Drayton was on the ninth floor. She sent up word over the 'phone that she was in possession of a package, and was shown up.

A maid ushered her into the drawing room, and the girl was obliged to sit and gaze at the luxurious surroundings until Mrs. Drayton made her appearance.

Drucilla arose when a sweet, motherly looking woman entered.

"Have you found that foolish envelope?" she asked kindly, and Drucilla liked her the moment she spoke. Her startled eyes, however, made the older woman continue in a deprecating voice: "The dropping of that money in the subway was the result of a wager made between my husband and my son. My son, Carroll, made the statement that he would like to see the person who would return money that had been found, and my husband took him up on a \$25 wager that nine persons out of ten would return it." Mrs. Drayton

turned toward the door. "Here is my foolish boy now," she said fondly, and rose to greet a tall, laughing man whose look betokened frank admiration for his mother's guest.

"Oh, I see!" he laughed, "some one has found—"

"And returned," supplemented Mrs. Drayton. "Miss—Verney—I think I caught the name—my son."

Oddly enough, both Drayton and Drucilla were conscious of being happy when their hands clasped. Neither was embarrassed.

"Then you made me lose my wager?" Drayton chided her.

"I came very near—not—doing so," Drucilla laughed. "You have no idea what dreadful temptations I threw off."

Drayton and his mother exchanged glances, and for the first time each noticed the shabby little brown suit and the brave but rather wan smile that struggled behind the fine eyes.

And because they seemed to want it, the girl told them her story of study and ambitions and of the struggles. Her smile was wistful when she finished.

"Could you sing us one little song?" Mrs. Drayton asked, and in her question voiced her son's desire.

Drucilla cast a startled glance at the grand piano and its distance from her chair. She felt strangely weak about the knees. If only she had taken time to have her tea she could have sung for these two friendly people. As it was, she only gazed hesitatingly at the piano.

That blessed sixth sense—intuition—gave Carroll his words.

"Mother, perhaps if we had tea first Miss Verney could give us more voice."

Drucilla's heavy eyelids lifted and she gave Drayton one fleeting, grateful glance.

"I have to 'fess up,'" she laughed a trifle unsteadily, "that I foolishly went without my lunch for the joy of a new opera score."

Ominous shadows darkened in Carroll Drayton's eyes, and Mrs. Drayton swept a hand across her own as she rang the bell for tea.

"Miss Verney," she said, as she returned to the girl's side, "if you will let me I will take pleasure in introducing you to the musical coterie that we have gathered about us. It may perhaps help you in your work."

A sunny smile that eclipsed all other light, to at least one pair of eyes, swept Drucilla's face.

"You are very, very kind—to an absolute stranger. I—I—" She broke off because she felt suddenly like running over to Mrs. Drayton and having a good cry in those motherly arms. She felt little and crumpled up and very tired, but happier than she could remember having been. In one blinding moment she knew that her struggles were over; she would no longer have to battle lone-handed in a world where no one cared or watched for her coming. Here were two persons who would herald her approach into a world where she knew she could play a vital part—the world of music.

"But it is strange," Mrs. Drayton was saying, while she busied herself with tea, "how our friends are given to us—sometimes through a trivial little happening." She glanced up at her big son who stood waiting for a cup for Drucilla. "I seem to feel that Miss Verney has walked into our lives to stay."

Carroll took a cup of tea and some sandwiches to Drucilla.

"The whole thing is very sudden," he said half to himself, then answered his mother's questioning eyes, "I know she is going to stay."

Drucilla smiled.

WITH OUR CHURCHES.

First Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. R. A. Brown, D. D., Pastor. Sunday school, morning preaching service and Epworth League as usual. No evening preaching. The pastor will deliver a short sermon at 10:45 a. m. on "A Question of Values." The Chorus Choir will give special music. All are especially invited to these services.

Evangelical Church—Rev. Henry F. Ebert, pastor; residence, 209 Mazon ave. Sunday services: Salem Church, Goodfarm—Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; sermon (German) 10:30 a. m.; Y. P. A. meeting, 7:30 p. m.; sermon (English) 8 p. m. Dwight Church—Sunday School, 2 p. m.; sermon (English) 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited.

Congregational Church—Rev. F. F. Farrington, pastor. Services for Sunday, July 28: Sabbath School, 9:30 a. m. Morning preaching, 10:45 a. m.; subject, "Economy that Costs too Much." C. E. Society meeting, 6:45 p. m.; leader, Miss L. Kime.

Bedell Danish Lutheran Church—Rev. J. Simonsen, pastor, West Seminoles St. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. every Sunday. Services at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., first and third Sundays in the month, and each Friday evening previous to first and third Sundays at 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

St. Peters Danish Lutheran Church—Rev. N. V. Holm, pastor, (corner Lincoln and W. Chippewa streets). Sunday school, 9 a. m.; church service, 10 a. m., (except third Sunday); Young Peoples meeting 2nd and 4th Sunday, 2:30 p. m.; choir practice Friday, 7:30 p. m.

German Lutheran Church—Rev. W. O. J. Klateman, pastor. Sunday services at 9:30 a. m.

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DATES OF ILLINOIS FAIRS.

List of Those to Be Held This Year in Many Places, and Dates.

- County and other fairs in Illinois will be held this year as follows:
- Boone—Belvidere, September 3-6.
 - Bureau—Princeton, September 3-6.
 - Calhoun—Hardin, October 2-4.
 - Carroll—Mount Carroll, August 27-30.
 - Champaign—Urbana, August 26-31.
 - Clark—Martinsville, September 10-14.
 - Clay—Flora, September 9-14.
 - Clinton, Breese, September 17-21.
 - Coles—Charleston, August 20-24.
 - Crawford—Robinson, September 22-27.
 - Cumberland—Greenup, September 3-7.
 - DeKalb—Sandwich, September 10-13.
 - Edgar—Paris, August 26-30.
 - Edwards—Albion, September 9-13.
 - Effingham, Altamont, August 26-30.
 - Ford—Piper City, September 10-13.
 - Gallatin—Shawneetown, August 27-31.
 - Green—Carrollton, October 15-18.
 - Grundy—Mazon, August 27-30.
 - Henry—Cambridge, August 19-23.
 - Henry—Kewanee, September 9-13.
 - Iroquois—Wateka, September 23-27.
 - Jackson—Murphysboro, September 3-6.
 - Jasper—Newton, September 9-13.
 - Jefferson—Mount Vernon, September 24-28.
 - Jo Daviess—Galena, September 24-27.
 - Johnson—Vienna, August 20-23.
 - Kankakee—Kankakee, September 2-7.
 - Knox—Knoxville, August 27-30.
 - Lake—Libertyville, September 3-6.
 - La Salle—Streator, September 7-13.
 - Lee—Amboy, September 17-20.
 - Livingston—Fairbury, September 2-6.
 - Logan—Atlanta, September 3-6.
 - Macoupin—Carlinville, October 1-4.
 - Madison—Highland, August 29-September 1.
 - McDonough—Bushnell, August 6-9.
 - McDonough—Macomb, July 30-August 2.
 - McHenry—Woodstock, August 27-30.
 - McLean—Danvers, September 3-6.
 - McLean—Leroy, August 20-23.
 - Menard—Petersburg, September 3-6.
 - Mercer—Aledo, September 17-20.
 - Perry—Pinckneyville, September 17-20.
 - Platt—Monticello, August 13-16.
 - Pike—Griggsville, July 23-26.
 - Pope—Golconda, September 25-28.
 - Randolph—Sparta, October 1-4.
 - Richland—Olney, September 3-8.
 - Rock Island—Joslin, September 10-12.
 - Saline—Harrisburg, September 10-14.
 - Stark—Wyoming, August 27-30.
 - Stephenson—Freeport, September 3-6.
 - Tazewell—Delavan, September 13-15.
 - Union—Anna, August 27-30.
 - Union—Jonesboro, September 10-13.
 - Wayne—Fairfield, August 20-23.
 - White—Carmi, September 10-14.
 - Whiteside—Morrison, September 3-6.
 - Will—Elwood, September 18-20.
 - Will—Peotone, September 18-20.
 - Will—Plainfield, September 11-13.
 - Williamson—Marion, September 3-6.
 - Winnebago—South Beloit, August 27-30.
 - Woodford—El Paso, August 26-30.

Suit Stolen from Business Store in Broad Day Light.

Monday afternoon between the hours of two and three o'clock some unknown party walked into the clothing store of Carey & Seabert and was successful in getting away with a suit of clothes.

The clerk, who was alone in the store, had just sold a suit of clothes to a customer and had stepped out to take it to a tailor shop, which is only a short distance from the store, when an unknown person entered the store and made his getaway with a suit. As soon as the clerk returned to the store he proceeded to put the clothes, that he had been showing the customer, back on the hangers when he discovered that some one had taken a coat of a \$25 suit and the pants and vest of a \$20 suit thereby spoiling two suits. The clerk thinking some one had played a joke on him and would return them did not say anything about the missing clothing until the proprietor came in and then an immediate search was made but up to this time nothing has been learned as to where or who the guilty party is, but whoever he was he will not be able to wear the suit as the coat was a different size than the pants and vest.

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DEATH OF CYRUS E. GREEN.

Aged Man Passed Away at the Residence of Dr. C. L. Hamilton, Monday.

Cyrus E. Green was born in Madison county, Kentucky, August 23, 1830; died at Dwight, Ill., July 22, 1912. He left his native state and settled in Clinton county, Mo., near where the village of Lathrop now stands, in 1852. From active farm life he retired in 1883, since which time the family home has been in Lathrop. Mr. Green was married in 1853, August 16th, to Wilmoth L. Moberly, at his old home in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Green were blessed with seven children, five daughters and two sons, four of whom are still living: Miss Bessie, of Lathrop, Mo.; Miss Jennie, of Kirksville, Mo.; Mrs. Artie G. Hamilton, of Dwight, Ill., and John F. Green, of St. Louis, Mo. Two daughters, Mrs. Maggie Estill, of Colorado Springs, Col.; Mrs. Laura Hanlin, and one son, Charles Green, of Barnesville, Mo., were called home years ago. The wife, Mrs. Green, passed to the better land, Feb. 7, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Green early in their married life united with the Barnesville Presbyterian Church, and for the past fifty-five years he has been an elder in that denomination. All the children were members of the church, and during his recent illness he remarked that he had cause to be proud of every one of them.

In his home county he was universally respected as a straightforward, conscientious christian; one whose faith in the Master was disclosed by his every day life, and their confidence in him placed him in some important positions. He was always on the side of right on moral questions affecting his community, and God has now rewarded him by calling him up higher. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord * * * that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

They Meet and Are Satisfied.

They meet tonight, the one who closed his eyes
Unto the pain forever and the woe,
And one who found the mansions in the skies
In all their splendor long, long years ago.

Will she who went before ask first for those
Left far behind, those whom she loved so well?
Or will the other, new to heaven's repose,
Question of all its meaning—who can tell?

One went so long ago and one tonight
Took the long journey far across the tide;
This only do I know, they meet tonight,
And meeting, both, I know, are satisfied."

Notice.

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—Notice is hereby given that the firm of Cosgrove & Larsen has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, the undersigned H. A. Larsen having purchased the interest of the undersigned Joseph Cosgrove, and will continue the business with his father, Lars Larsen, under the firm name of Larsen & Son, assuming all liabilities thereof, and any person indebted to the firm will be expected to make immediate settlement with Larsen & Son.

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A nice program and entertainment for the guests has been prepared and the Dwight lodge will show the visitors a good time.

Following is the program:

TUESDAY, JULY 30.
8:30 a. m.—Delegates assemble at K. of C. Hall.
9:00 a. m.—Solemn High Mass at St. Patrick's Church.

2:00 p. m.—Delegates assemble at K. of C. Hall.
8:30 p. m.—Convention Ball, Mazon Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.
9:00 a. m.—Business Session.
1:15 p. m.—Excursion to Pontiac.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1.
9:00 a. m.—Business Session.
2:00 p. m.—Business Session.
9:00 p. m.—Banquet at Livingston Hotel.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.
9:00 a. m.—Business Session.

The officers of the Livingston county organization are as follows:

County President, Bert West; Vice President, Thos. H. Sullivan; Secretary, Wm. McMann; Financial Secretary, J. W. Riley; Treasurer, James West.

The officers of the Dwight lodge are as follows:

President, John Finnegan; Vice President, Tom Sullivan; Financial Secretary, James Finnegan; Recording Secretary, Wm. Cusick; Treasurer, M. J. Bagnell.

James West is chairman of the committee of arrangements, and is assisted by Wm. Carey, James Finnegan, M. J. Bagnell, Wm. Burns, Eddie Breen, Leo West, Eddie Farrell, Bert West, James and John Finnegan, John Stephenson, all the officers and many others whose names we did not get.

The following are the officers of the Auxiliary:

County and local President, Mrs. M. Golecky; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Robt. Orr; Vice President, Mrs. Wm. Carey; Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Finnegan; Recording Secretary, Miss Florence Golecky.

Reception Committee Ladies Auxiliary: Miss Celia Carey, Miss Anna Finnegan, Miss Margaret West, Miss D. West, Miss Genevieve Steger, Miss Mary Burns, Miss Sidney O'Malley, Miss Joe O'Brien, Mrs. J. West, Mrs. John Dawson, Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. W. E. West, Miss Cathleen Carey.

New Translation.

While Woodrow Wilson was in Chattanooga on his recent tour one of the features of the program arranged for his entertainment was an automobile sightseeing trip through the city.

As the party slipped up from time to time at some particularly interesting point the colored chauffeur volunteered bits of local information. They were passing the new city hall and Mr. Wilson read aloud the date on the corner stone—1909 A. D. "George," remarked one of the party, addressing the chauffeur, "can you tell us what the A. D. stands for?" "Suttinly, boss, suttinly," responded George, without the quiver of an eyelid. "Why, dat dere 'A. D.' stands fo' 'all done'."

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