Man's Deserts

Snow an' rain, an' rain an' snow
Blizzard startin' in to blow—
Summer roses soon are past;
Skies of blue are overcast.
This of world, it 'pears to me
Is 'bout as harsh as it kin be.
But, although it twists your nerves,
Guess it's good as folks deserves.

Didn't 'preciate the hours
Sweet with song an' fair with flowers;
Didn't heed 'em as we ought,
Simply went ahead an' fought.
When we do so, tain't no shame
If the weather does the same.
So whatever way it swerves
Guess folks gets what folks deserves.

—Washington Sun.

Tottie and the Angel

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The Angel wore an expression that was little short of tragic when Tottie's dressing woman let him in. He sank heavily down on the lounge and heaved a sigh that was as heavy as his subsidence. Tottie, who was removing the thick of her make-up at the mirror, glanced over her shoulder in alarm.

"Hevings!" she exclaimed. "you'll blow out the gas and then if I ain't suffocated I'll be compromised. What's eating my Heart's Delight?"

"I'll tell you when you get through," said the Angel gloomily.

"Just about two seconds," said Tottie, turning again to the mirror and dabbing at her right cheek. "It'll keep, won't it—or is it too rotten bad already?"

The Angel made no reply beyond another sigh, if anything heavier than the first. Tottie calmly and leisurely finished her tint subduing and then sat down on the lounge beside him and kicked off her slippers. "Shoes now, Biddy," she requested. "Turn your head away," she continued, addressing the Angel, "I'm going to put on my shoes. How do I look tonight?"

"Distracting," replied the Angel, in a mechanical sort of a way.

"You look as if you had broke the faro game and lost the bundle at poker," commented Tottie. As the woman buttoned her walking shoes. "Your whiskers are out of curl and your tie's twisted. Who's been bothering my pet?"

"I'll tell you when you are through," repeated the Angel.

"That'll do, Biddy," said the darling of the gods. "Duck now and I'll put my lid on with my own fair hands. 'Gene here wants to tell me how badly I've mashed him and he doesn't want you rubbering. Now Gene," she added as the woman left the dressing room, "what's the trouble?"

In response the Angel handed her a telegram and then buried his head in his hands. As the girl read it her face paled slightly under her paint and the rings on her hands flashed tremulously in the flaring gas light.

"Is it true, 'Gene" she asked.

He nodded.

"Total smash-up, eh?"

The Angel bowed his head in his hands again.

"That's bad," said Tottie gravely, "how did it happen?"

"Wrong side of the market," muttered the Angel. Cussed foolishness. You see, I couldn't watch my business and you at the same time."

"That's dead right," admitted the girl with a musical laugh. "I take a heap of watching, 'Gene."

"I'm sorry for you," said the Angel. "Don't you worry about me," said Tottie. "Any old time I can't take care of myself."

"I know," groaned the Angel, "It's only another sucker gone to the bad. When a bottle's empty order up a fresh one. I'm the empty bottle. I knew that I'd be emptied some time and that you'd just roll me off under the table. I've told you that often enough."

Tottie looked down at him as he sat with his face hidden—thoughtfully yet with something like pity in her eyes. Then she laughed out, that happy, contagious laugh of hers, and patted the Angel on the shoulder.

"Brace up, you chump," she said; "Sure thing," replied Tottie. "I've got a few dollars in my socklet—enough for that, anyway. You skip back then and see if there are any pieces to pick up—"

"There won't be," said the Angel.

"Never mind if there ain't. I guess I'd better freeze on to this engagement while it lasts. We'll need all the stuff we can get and—"

"Tottie!" cried the angle.

"Oh, I'm a good fellow, all right, all right. You can't lose me, 'Gene. You're worth a dozen dead ones yet, and if luck's against you I guess I can get a billet most any old time. You write to me when you get down there and when you see how it is, we'll see whether it will be better for you to join me or for me to get back to you.

"Oh, maybe I won't be solid with Puppar after this!"

"Oh, yo' honey-gal, she will stick to yo'."

"It might be worse, 'Gene."

It was about a week later that Tottie and her manager were having a little consultation in a corner of the hotel parlor. The manager was as gloomy as the Angel had been, and he considered he had cause. Tottie even looked hardly radiant.

"You're all right," said the manager, "but you can't carry the show along. The support is too bum. It's us for the white oak ties I guess. If we only had the Angel! You haven't heard from him, Tottie, eh?"

"Not a word," replied Tottie. "I gave up fifty to take him back, too."

"What in the name of sense!"

"That's what," said Tottie, composedly; "gave him a fifty and the sweetest little song-and-dance you ever heard. Gave him to understand I wasn't no base, mercenary proposition, and I'd take in washing to support him if necessary."

The manager eyed her curiously.

"What did you do that for?" he asked.

"Oh, I felt sorry for him and I wanted to let him down easy," replied Tottie airily. "Besides," she added, "I had a hunch he was putting up a job on me. I didn't want—"

"Special delivery for Miss Tottie De Vere," interrupted a boy in uniform at the door.

"Bring it here, sweet son," said Tottie, languidly, "I'm that enchanting creecher."

"It's the Angel," she announced as she glanced at the superscription of the letter. The next minute she jumped up and gathering her skirts performed a whirling pas de scut around the room, waving the letter above her head in triumph.

"Oh, isn't this a tapioca custard!" she cried at last, sinking into a chair. "My dream's come true. He wanted to test my affection and he's not busted, but on a toot in the country. He's coming back to me on the wings of love with something pretty in his pocket for his true blue little girl and he's— Oh, maybe I won't be solid with Puppar after this!"

"What's eating my Heart's Delight?" "why bless your old bald head, what do you take me for? Come here and let me straighten out your whiskers."

"Stop your fooling, Tottie," said he Angel looking up quickly, "you know well enough that you haven't any use for a man who's broke."

"Oh—I—don't—know," said Lottie smiling demurely and twining a suspiciously pretty whisker around her plump forefinger. "Depends on who it is, and seein' as how it's you—Going back to New York?"

"If I can borrow railroad fare from you," said the Angel.

Long Distances in Florida.

We often laugh at the ignorance of Europeans as to distances in this country. We sometimes display as much ignorance ourselves when we speak of distances in Florida and Texas. A land trip from one end of Florida to the other is as long as from the great lakes to the gulf. A citizen of Maine who makes up his mind to go south may pass through Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia and far into Virginia without taking any longer ride than he would take in going from one Florida town to another. And yet some people complain of the slow time made by Florida trains. They need to take a geography with them.—Boston Globe.

Poultry

Closely Penned Fowls.

I have found by large experience that it is not advisable to pen up fowls unless they have to be penned. Closely penned fowls are generally deprived of many of the things fowls should have to enable them to do their best work. Usually the green stuff in the yard is so small in quantity that it soon disappears altogether. I have a lady friend who was very anxious to keep hens. She had a house built for them, about ten by ten feet in size, and a yard about as wide as the house and thirty feet long. She bought four beautiful White Rocks and a rooster. How pretty they looked in that yard bright with green grass! If she had but been content with the little flock she might have been keeping hens yet.

But, alas! She thought if 80 eggs a month were such a help, 400 eggs a month would be far better, so she bought twenty more fowls of the same breed. That made a flock of twenty-five. How the grass did disappear from that yard! By midsummer not a green thing was left there. When the fall rains began, even the roots of the grasses that had made up the texture of the sod had disappeared, having decayed in a few weeks after the tops were killed. The birds spattered around in a lake of mud. How they did look, covered with mud from foot to wing.

Their mistress no longer took her visitors out to see them. Her enthusiasm had died out and she gave the fowls as little attention as possible. Another month, and they had disappeared. The lady said she had got tired of keeping chickens, "they are so dirty."

Now, if my friend had retained her little flock and at the same time retained that bit of green grass, she would not have become disgusted. Looks count for a great deal.—Bertha Snow, Tippecanoe Co., Ind.

The Use of Incubators.

It is simply wasting money to buy a poor machine. It can never be depended upon. The test of incubation is not alone the number hatched, but also in the health, vigor and hardiness of the chicks and their ability to live and thrive. Faulty incubators are responsible for the death of many small chicks. If, by buying a low-priced and poorly constructed incubator, one gets a 20 per cent lower hatch or gets 20 per cent lower vigor in the chicks that do hatch, he has bought the probability of failure in buying that machine. A large hatch of strong chicks cannot be expected unless the eggs used are from a pen of thrifty, vigorous fowls. It is not advisable to use for hatching eggs that are more than ten days old, and these should be tested twice during the incubation period.

The advantages of a really good incubator are not all summed up in the larger hatches and the greater strength and vigor of the chicks. Such a machine renders us independent of the vagaries of the broody hen and enables us to get chicks when we want them. Obviously, if we want eggs to sell when prices are high, we should hatch our chicks of the American varieties in April or May and of the Mediterranean varieties in May; then feed the pullets for growth so they will be mature and laying by November.

The incubator should be ordered early, as there are apt to be vexatious delays in delivery. The incubator should be placed in a well-ventilated room, preferably one unheated. The chicks developing in the shells require an abundance of fresh air. A bright airy cellar or a well-ventilated room having an even temperature is the best place, with outside air entering the room at all times, but without a direct draught blowing on the machine. Follow implicitly the directions that accompany the machine, the care of the lamp and the control of temperature, the turning, cooling and testing of the eggs, and all other details. When hatching commences let the machine alone. It is too late to rectify mistakes in management and interference can only injure the hatch. The chicks should be left in the machine until they are thoroughly dry and not fed the first day. When feeding commences, feed sparingly. More small chicks are killed by overfeeding than by under-feeding.—Mr. F. C. Elford, Canada.

Hens for Hatching.

In spite of the fact that incubators and brooders have been brought to a great state of perfection, the old hen will still be used on most farms. The hen is a more skillful producer of chicks than is the incubator in the hands of the average man and woman. Where only a few fowls are kept and only a few chicks are desired the hen will still hold her popularity. We believe that where the farmer desires to keep a good-sized flock of hens and to raise yearly in excess of 100 chicks the incubator should be used. But we realize the fact that on millions of our farms just enough fowls are kept to consume the scraps from the table.

The hens for setting purposes must come from some of the breeds that have not had the maternity instinct bred out of them. We would not think of selecting any of the Leghorn breeds for sitters. Probably there is no breed that produces better sitters than the Plymouth Rocks. But in selecting a fowl for this work, preference should be given to those that are light in weight, as the heavy fowls both break eggs and trample chicks to death. We have found the lighter weights to give most excellent satisfaction. While they cannot cover so many eggs as the larger fowls they will bring more chicks to maturity.

Meat in the Chick's Diet.

If the chick receives daily a good ration of meat, his growth will be remarkable. With common meat meal the proportion should be one of meat meal to five of scalded meals of a mixed character. This will give the chick a vigor that will defy disease and, to some extent, lice.

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Schutt Beats Englishmen.

At the university field sports at Oxford, England, Warren Ellis Schutt, the Rhodes scholar from Cornell university, won the three-mile run in 17:04 1-5.

Schutt won by five yards from M. H. Godby, the winner of the two-mile event at the Oxford-Cambridge-Harvard-Yale games of 1904.

Many Nations to Compete.

Several nations will be represented in the lawn tennis contest for the Dwight Davis International challenge cup when the matches are played at Wimbledon, England, during the latter part of June or the first of July. The competing nations are the United States, Australia, Belgium, France, and probably Germany.

THOMAS L. ST. GERMAINE.

A leading member of the University of Wisconsin swimming team is a full-blooded American Indian. His name is Thomas L. St. Germaine and he is an earnest, unassuming young man of much strength. He was a substitute member of the university football team last fall, playing at guard and tackle. Much is expected of him on the gridiron next fall unless Coach Phil King dislikes him.

McCoy Retires Again.

Kid McCoy has been offered a match with Hugo Kelly of Chicago by Andy Mulligan of the Whittington Park Athletic club of Hot Springs. McCoy promptly declined the offer, saying he has quit the ring for good, and in the future will confine his attention to betting on the races.

Pay Well for Players.

Football advices from England have it that the Middlesborough club has bought the release or transfer of a forward player named Common, from Sunderland, at what is said to be a record for an English league transfer, $5,000. Common was sold three years ago for $1,500.

Marshall Wins Series.

Frank J. Marshall of Brooklyn too the eighth game in the chess match with D. Janowski of Paris, thus winning the contest. The final score was: Marshall, 8; Janowski, 5; drawn, 4. Marshall intends playing at various European cities before returning to the United States.

Will Race Locomotive.

C. S. Henshaw, the well-known automobilist, is making preparations for a race between a huge locomotive and himself in an auto. Henshaw's plan is to run the race next year or sooner, if possible, at the Ormond beach tournament.

Fast Trotter Changes Hands.

Fred Cline of Indianapolis has sold to Murray Howe, Memphis, Tenn., presumably for F. G. Jones, same city, the Graydon gelding, Choir Boy, 2:17¼, for $5,000. Choir Boy is looked upon as a coming sensational trotter.

Greek Enters St. Louis Marathon.

Louis D. Lambrackis, aged 22, a native of Greece, who has lived in St. Louis for some time, has entered for the Marathon race, to be held there the first Saturday in May.

Michigan Overwhelmed Purdue.

The greatest victory Michigan ever won indoors took place when the Michigan-Purdue meet ended, March 11, the score being 54 to 10. The splendid Michigan indoor team which made the record was half composed of freshmen.

Only firsts and seconds counted, with twelve men on each team, and Purdue was actually smothered without a point in all the running events. The Michigan athletes ran sometimes in good indoor time, but always finished laughing and full of reserve force.

In the three field events, the high jump, shot put and pole vault, Michigan had only one entry apiece, and here Purdue's score of ten points was made with two second places. Purdue also got a tie for first place in the pole vault.

Buffalo's Harness Stakes.

The early closing purses for the grand circuit meeting at Buffalo this summer have been announced. The Empire State, a $10,000 purse for 2:10 trotters, is the principal event. Others announced are:

The Genesee Hotel, for 3-year-old trotters, $1,000.

The Lafayette Hotel, for 2:17 trotters, $2,000.

The Liquid Veneer, for 3-year-old pacers, $1,000.

Iroquois Hotel, for 2:17 pacers, $2,000.

The Dominion of Canada, for 2:08 pacers, $5,000.

All these events will be decided by the three-heat method, which was tried so successfully last year. Entries close on April 6.

Predicts Big Year in Archery.

A call to arms has been made to the archers of the country by Dr. Edward B. Weston, Chicago, who is the president of the National Archery association. Dr. Weston, in a circular greeting to the devotees of archery throughout the country, urges all archers to begin practice as early in the spring as possible, and each member of the association is exhorted to bring at least one novice to the annual meeting, which will be held here Aug. 15, 16, 17.

From the impetus which archery received at the Olympian games at St. Louis last summer Dr. Weston predicts the most successful season known to the association this year.

Jiu Jitsu Beaten Again.

The Japanese style of wrestling received another setback at Baltimore March 8 when Columbus, the champion featherweight wrestler, defeated Hako, the jiu jitsu champion. Columbus was but four pounds heavier than his opponent, who wore a kimono.

The local boy won the first fall with a half-Nelson hold in twelve minutes. Hako took the second with a kimono throat hold in eight minutes, and Columbus in the third went at his opponent in American style and after four minutes had the Japanese down. The contest was to be best three falls in five, but the Jap quit, admitting that he was a beaten man.

Harvard and Penn Nov. 11.

Pennsylvania and Harvard have practically agreed upon Nov. 11 for their annual football game this year. The Pennsylvania schedule had been made out with Nov. 4 as the date, but Harvard wrote asking for a week later, which had been the time for some years, and Pennsylvania did not object.

The change will require a shifting of other dates, most important being the Columbia game, which was set for Nov. 18, and will now have to be on Nov. 25 or Oct. 28.

This Frenchman is a skillful lad, has a fine pair of hands and knows well how to be patient on a horse's back. This is one of the main points of his successful career.

Kramer to Ride Abroad.

Frank L. Kramer, the national champion bicycle rider, has sailed for Paris. He is to appear on the French courses during April, May and June and the early part of July.

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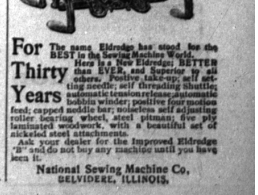

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