

# Cross and a Gain

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Hope Winslow glared in the fact that she was a descendant of the Mayflower-pilgrims. The three-volume genealogy on the library shelf, which she had just discovered, had established the fact, as well as the letters and relics that, in the division and redivision of household goods, had fallen to her by right of the family.

"I think you are very provoking," she exclaimed, "and quite lacking in the right kind of pride. You know that your name was originally Alden, and that you could establish your line through the original Alden family."

"Of course," admitted the young man, good-naturedly; "but my father and grandfather were both John Alden, and their example is a good one for me to emulate in all things, since both left the world better for having lived in it."

"But you miss my meaning," persisted Hope, tapping the floor with her foot. "It would really be adding honor to their memory to establish such ancestry through them."

"How was John Alden any better than John Elden?" queried the young man a trifle indignantly. "What does history have to say of him more important than the fact that he was so thick-headed that poor little Priscilla had to propose to him? I don't think that the little crippled one down at the Elden Home would reverse my father's memory any more if I were to tell them that his ancestor came over to the Mayflower."

Hope quietly faced his indignation. "Yes; but John—I wish you would become slightly more dignified, with costume ball of our New England society, so that you might dance the minuet with me—and—oh! ever so many others!"

"Thank you," said John, still grimly; "you know I love to dance with you, Hope; but I only wear knee-breeches when I go, and I don't want the football team I have given up long ago. I might as well tell you now, Hope, that your New England society seems a make-believe, where, almost all your members were born in the Mississippi Valley, and all of them live here in the States, doing something to build up the west, rather than—"

"That will do, Mr. Elden," glared Hope, rising to her feet. "Your opinion is a matter of indifference to me, so further enlargement upon the topic is unnecessary. And will please excuse me, as I have some committee work this afternoon."

"I've done it," soliloquized the young man dejectedly, as he slipped on "down street." "Made a fool of myself as usual, and now Hope is angry clear through. This will mean that Turby, with his Declaration of Independence record, will have a clear field. I wish the memory of the Puritan Fathers was in Halifax, or that I could keep my head temper!"

And because of these circumstances the business of the North Star Milling company, the presidency and management of which had fallen to the young man, were given to John Elden's hands, received redoubled attention from him; while the forthcoming costume ball of the New England society, which was the apparent aim of Hope Winslow's enmity.

# ADVICE TO ACTIVES

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As a naturalist remarked to a recent meeting of ornithologists at the museum which he presented his "Catalogue Mammalia," the species of rodents known in 1880 were only 970 in number, divided among 130 genera.

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Protecting His Magazines. "While waiting at the doctor's the other day, I picked up a newspaper, and the man who observes them. All through the book, on nearly every page, I saw the name of 'Lion'.

Turned Down. Gosh! Gosh! spoke anxiously. "I understand," he said, "that my name was brought up last evening at the New York club."

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# THEY WONT SHUT DOORS.

And They Will Ride Backward, Reports a Traveller of Englishmen.

Travelers returning from England tell of two habits of the people of that country which impressed them. One is the average Englishman's aversion to change.

The other English peculiarity is a preference for riding backward on trains. The Englishman will make for the seat with his back to the engine every time, plant himself down in it with every evidence of comfort and look wonderingly at anybody who sits in the seat facing him.

So you will become an ambassador, exclaimed the man of power. "Yes," replied the opulent person. "I thought you were devoted to your country. Why did you become interested in diplomacy?"

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