

directing and ordering where it seemed necessary. He now approached Hugh, speaking rapidly.

"They have held the train for us for ten minutes, and must now go on. My name is John Parker. Those are my boys. You can't go on in this shape and I want you to go home with us"

Hugh looked a bit bewildered. "Of course you'll go, Hugh," urged his companions. "It's the only thing for you to do."

"O wait a moment—" as he was being urged from the car he scribbled a line and handed it to Ralph.

"Please telegraph to my mother," he said. The next moment the party in a closed carriage were rapidly driven to the home of the two young adventurers who had caused all this commotion.

All had been so quickly done that really little time had elapsed between the first plunge into the ice bath and the arrival at Mr. Parker's house. Under peremptory ordering the younger boys kept their beds for a few hours, varying the monotony by protest loud and deep against the abuse. Hugh grew restlessly anxious to be on his way home, regretting that he must wait for evening for a train.

Luncheon being over, Mr. Parker

asked Hugh into his library, and after some pleasant general chat, led the way to more personal topics, by his kindly interest drawing Hugh on to talk a little of his own affairs, and in spite of the boy's proud guarding of his statements making a shrewd guess at the difficulties in his way.

I am a little sorry that you are thinking of leaving school," he went on.

"It seems to us best just now," said Hugh.

"I can understand," he said. You are only one among heroic boys who will not seek the best in life for themselves at the expense of struggle by their mothers. Now," he laid a kindly hand on Hugh's shoulder, "you will pardon me for saying I think it a mistake to make any break in your education, and I am going to claim the privilege of relieving your mother of any burden in the matter."

"Why, sir," Hugh gazed at him in surprise, "we couldn't think of it—it would be too much —"

"Listen to me," said the other, in a tone of grave sympathy. "I fully appreciate your honorable objections to being placed under obligations, but bless our heart, boy—" Mr. Parker left his seat and walked excitedly up and down the room, "could anything in the world I or mine might do for you ever wipe out our obligation to you? Hear, now—" a clamor of boy sparring and laughter sounded from an upper room, "do you realize that—those voices might have been stilled—but for you?"

"Others might have—" began Hugh.

"Others might—you did. Now, there is, you must see, only one way to look at this. I hope you will decide to return to school. I hope for the pleasure of seeing you comfortably through school and college—the 'comfortably' meaning such little helps to your mother as no good woman could refuse when I point out to my sons, and place before her as I am now placing before you," the hand again on Hugh's shoulder, this time with a heavier pressure, "the thought of what this darkened home would have been. When you are through college we will talk about your going into my business or whatever else you may prefer. Now—" holding up a finger in calling attention to the still hilarious sounds above, "can you dare to put trifling favors against that?"

There was more kindly talk, leading to full understanding, and a few hours later Hugh was on his way home feeling that life had suddenly turned its brightest face towards him.—The Standard.

A MONKEY LAUNDRESS.

Monkeys are the most imitative of all the lower animals, and sometimes this propensity for imitating the doings of their betters get them into rare mischief. The New York Herald tells the following experience of a London lady with a pet monkey:

"One day this monkey observed the maid washing the laces of her mistress. Her very obligingly offered to help her, but was angrily repulsed by the maid. The monkey stopped for a few minutes, at a safe distance, to give the maid a well-deserved scolding for her rudeness, and then started out, evidently intent on finding other laundry work to do. The result of his sudden intrusion into the field of John Chinaman's labors can best be told in the lady's own words:

"Unfortunately," she says, "the windows of my room were invitingly open, and he entered with the idea of the washing still fresh in his head. He

soon discovered two small drawers containing lace, ribbons and handkerchiefs. Ah, here was the washing all ready to his hands! In a moment all of these articles were out of the drawers and into a footpan, together with all the soap and water that happened to be in my room, and the laundering began. He must have washed away with great vigor, for when I returned to my room after an absence of an hour or so, I found him spreading out to dry the torn and disfigured remnants of my lace, ribbons and handkerchiefs. He was aware that he had done wrong. Without my speaking to him, he made off the moment he saw me, going very quickly and hiding himself in the case of the kitchen clock in his own room."

"At another time this same monkey saw the cook at work preparing partridges for dinner. This looked like an amusing and interesting operation, and he determined forthwith to put it to the test. There were no more partridges. But, ah, yes! his mistress had some pet bantam fowls! Doubtless one of them would do equally well. At the first opportunity he hurried out into the yard, seized one of the hens, quickly returned to the kitchen, and then coolly began pulling out the feathers, just as he had seen the cook do, utterly regardless of the squawking protests of the poor bantam. The servants heard the noise and hurried to the kitchen, but they found the hen in such a pitiable condition that they were obliged to kill her."—Kind Words.

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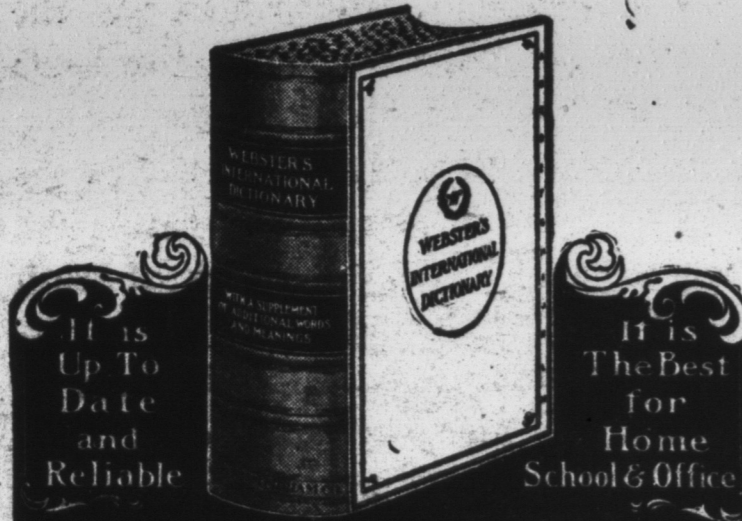
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