

IN GOLDEN FETTERS.

THE IDEAL OF YOUTH, AND THE REALITY OF MANHOOD.

He was twenty-three, homely, uncultivated, uneducated, awkward, slow of thought and speech, just escaped from the dull, grinding routine of hard labor on a farm.

Catherine Ashton paid but little attention at first to her ungainly admirer; then amused herself a little while with him; then, as his attentions began to assume a character too serious to be made a matter of jest, she ridiculed him in public, snubbed him in private, and at last ceased to notice him altogether.

As for David Lane, when he realized the only feeling he was capable of arousing in Miss Ashton's mind was scornful aversion, he felt at first crushed, then half indignant, but his infatuation was only increased.

Miss Ashton's residence was in the suburbs of the town, and toward this he used to wander, watching her light as it burned in the window, recalling every word, every look they had ever exchanged.

He rose from his seat just as the light in the window went out, but he scarcely noticed its disappearance. The light of a new and firm resolve had sprung up in his soul.

In these days the minds of nearly all ambitious young men turn with their first thoughts to law, and it was natural for David at once to conceive the idea of taking up law as a profession.

As he walked away again a sound of laughter made him turn his head, and he saw Catherine Ashton standing on the steps of the building, surrounded by a group of girls, who looked on admiringly.

And now to his task. He lived as cheaply as one well could, reducing personal economy to an art, that he might save his little property as much as possible.

In his uncle's office he took up the study of law. Hard, unromantic work, prosaic enough it seemed, yet to him inspired as he was with that fierce spirit of love, viewing it, as he did, a path to climb to fortune and fame.

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wonder; for, to tell the truth, men, attracted at first by her brilliant, yet pleasing ways, soon grew tired of her lack of sympathy and afraid of her sarcastic wit.

Well, it will not take long to tell the story: he was soon to know. News had reached the town before he arrived of the successful termination of the suit, and the party that evening assumed before long the character of a reception to the distinguished guest.

He could not sleep that night when alone in his room. He rose and walked about the old streets he had trodden at night so long ago. He stood across the way and looked up at the window of Catherine's room.

The vision of his life was gone. He was not now one to mourn over the inevitable, but he felt as if he had just looked for the last time on some dear dead face. As he rose from the stone light in the window faded out, and with it that which had illuminated ten years of toil and struggle over the dark places through which ambition must ever pass to win its ends.

The height of the battle came at last. A lawsuit involving the title to a large part of the town in which he had attended college came up, and was carried step by step to the highest court of the state.

In every lower court before which the case had been tried, the committee of citizens, who backed Judge Ashton, the nominal defendant, had been worsted, and now the case came before the supreme court for final decision.

David saw that the crisis had come. All night before the day that the case was to be argued, the lamp burned on the lawyer's table, and he rose from his papers only as the gray morning light softly crept in at the window of his office.

David Lane went into the inner room of the court that day as the last resource of men whose property and influence were about to be overwhelmed by a mass of subtle legal technicalities. He came out in the eyes of those men a hero of heroes.

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Keep the sheep quarters dry, as a wet place for them to lay or stand in is very unhealthy.

Arrange not to winter anymore stock than can be kept warm and comfortable and well fed.

Within ten years 2,220,000 acres of British farm lands have been transformed to pasturage.

The ambition of each farmer should be to make his farm better than any of his neighbors.

To succeed with oats or barley, the sowing cannot take place too early, and fall plowing is essential.

A weak loins in hogs is a rheumatic trouble and should be treated accordingly. Active rubbing helps as does exercise.

A farm work horse should never be clipped. It is cruel. He should retain his hair as a natural covering of warmth.

Do not blanket your horse constantly while in the warm stable as he will catch cold more readily when exposed to the air.

When you drive your horse to town and leave him before the village store, take care that he is comfortably blanketed.

THE ARCTIC REGIONS.

The natives of the frigid zone know, too, how to set effective traps for deer, wolves and other animals without the aid of wood or white men's implements. A deer trap, for instance, is made by digging a hole in the deep snow and covering it with snow blocks held in position by resting upon each other.

A wolf-trap is made by coiling into a small space, as possible slender strips of whalebone about a foot in length, and tying them with thread made from sinew. Each coil is then imbedded in a small chunk of meat and thrown upon the snow, where it is subsequently found by the wolf and bolted without chewing.

In a little while the frozen meat thaws, the sinew is wet and slips the loosely made knots, the whalebone straightens, and pierces the stomach and intestines, and the animal dies in torture. In winter the native knows where to find the blow-hole in the ice fields, where a seal comes up to get a fresh supply of air for his lungs.

Generally they are represented as irregular openings in the ice from two to six feet in diameter. The fact is, one unfamiliar with the habits and haunts of these marine mammals would pass directly over a blow-hole in winter or spring and not see it, as it is not usually more than from half an inch to an inch in diameter at the surface of the ice. The native seal-hunters are greatly assisted in these searches by their dogs, whose noses scent the odor of seal meat and guide their masters to places on the right and left of the line of search that would otherwise have escaped the notice of even these keen-eyed hunters.

In the spring, when the seal comes out upon the ice to bask and doze in the warm sunlight, the hunter approaches him by lying down and advancing cautiously at the same time imitating the motions of a seal, keeping his feet and legs, which he crosses at the ankle, close together, so that they much resemble the hind quarters of a seal.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Keep onions in a dry loft and avoid freezing.

Caraway seed is a large and profitable English crop.

Irregularity in milking will ruin the best cows in time.

Want of care destroys more on the farm than use wears out.

Apples should be kept cool, but care must be taken to prevent freezing.

Do not allow a good harness to hang in the stable, where it will soon be ruined.

Before packing the new supply of pork seal out the pork barrel and make a new brine.

Less grain should be fed to horses in the winter than in summer when at work.

It is not often that the poultry are annoyed by lice during the winter, as the incubating season chiefly favors these insect pests, but they must be guarded against.

There should always be good ventilation in places where fruit and vegetables are stored.

Carrots, especially the long orange variety, are good to be fed to horses with other food, as they aid digestion and keep the stomach in order.

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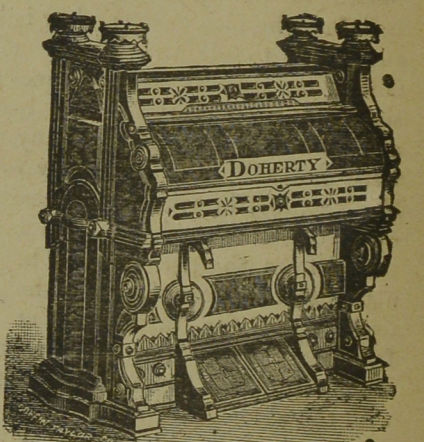
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