

# "THE FOOL"

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BEHOLD HERE TODAY  
 Clare Jewett, in love with the Rev. Daniel Gilchrist, marries Jerry Goodkind for his money. Daniel is dismissed from the fashionable Church of the Nativity in New York because of his radical sermons. Gilchrist, sent to the coal mines by Goodkind senior and when that big strike is settled, a delegation of strikers comes north to interview the president and directors. They are received in Jerry's home, first Stedman, then Hennis and Umanis. They do not meet with much success. Umanis is disappointed with results. Clare is angry because her dinner party is interrupted by Jerry's business meeting.

## NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

MEAN that is where was working. She's at her sisters' now-up at Pittsburg. Left the day before I was elected to come up here. I sent her a telegram.

"You don't say so," said Goodkind, then turned to Jerry with: "Anything the matter with that bell?" "The man's busy, I suppose," said Jerry. "I'll show them out."

The elder Goodkind shook hands graciously with Stedman and Hennis.



IT WAS AS A REFLECTION IN THE MIRROR THAT GILCHRIST CAME IN.

When he reached Umanis he found the immobility he had encountered before. The tall figure burned with his eyes. Stedman turned at the door to whisper the promise of a visit later and Jerry, ushering them out, turned to inform his father that they were leaving.

The tardy servant entered with an explanation that he had been signing for a box he carried for Mrs. Goodkind. A moment later he handed it to her as she came from the music room. Clare evinced little curiosity as to its contents, putting it under her arm unopened.

"Everybody gone?" queried Goodkind, looking up from a desk at which he had seated himself. "They're all down in the billiard room," she said with an infection that indicated she was either bored or angered. "We wanted to make up a couple of tables of bridge, but with the men in here—as usual, where's Jerry?"

"Downstairs for a minute," replied Goodkind. "I've seen him just 10 minutes this week," said Clare. "He's only been back three hours," laughed Goodkind. "Well—" and she was showing her displeasure now—"I wish he wouldn't break up my dinner parties."

Goodkind pushed back the papers before him and moved toward her.

"What have you there?" he said, turning his eyes to the unopened box.

## BETTER THAN WHISKEY FOR COLDS AND FLU

Delightful Elixir, Called Aspirinal, Medicated With Latest Scientific Remedies That Are Endorsed by Medical Authorities to Cut Short a Cold or Cough Due to Cold and Prevent Complications.

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Clare started to open it. "Another—substitute," she said haltingly.

"Substitute? For what?" "For my husband's time—and love—and companionship," she held up a stunning sable scarf and handed it unconcernedly to her father-in-law.

"Hm! You don't seem much surprised," he said.

"No. Whenever Jerry's been away longer than usual, or has done something he's a little ashamed of, there's something of this sort for me."

"Must have been a whopper this time," laughed Goodkind.

"Yes," said Clare seriously, her eyes taking on a look of calculation.

"Pretty generous husband, if you ask me," said the husband's father airily.

"Yes. The answer was unconvincing. She put the scarf back into its box. Goodkind had caught the unhappiness in her attitude.

"Upon my word," he said, "I don't know what you women want. A man works his heart and soul out to get you things and still you're not satisfied."

Clare looked up appealingly.

"Maybe we'd like a little heart and soul," she said, taking his own words.

"You're not crying?" he said, leaning over her. She looked up through tear-blurred eyes and nodded sheepishly. "My God," he said. "Can you beat it?"

She rose and walked to a mirror. "I'll be down in a minute," she said.

"Tell Riggs—will you—if any one comes, I'll be talking to Jerry." He followed her and put a hand on her shoulder. "And—buck up. There are people worse off than we are—and it's a great life if you don't weaken."

Clare stood before a mirror a moment, first brushing aside the intrusive tears, then covering their red wake with powder. It was a reflection over her shoulder in the glass that she saw the door open and Daniel Gilchrist came in.

## CHAPTER XI

### Opening Old Wounds

Clare stood a moment, surveying the man in reflection as she had done a thousand times in her heart since last they had faced in dramatic tenacity in a darkened church room. He did not see her. He stood there, a meek figure, indeed.

Suddenly Clare turned. Gilchrist looked up in surprise, then, a bit doubtful, bowed and made a movement toward the door.

"Oh, come in," she said in bold invitation. "I'm just powdering my nose. Does that offend your reverence?"

"On the contrary," he said with a smile, "I agree with the man who said, 'Put your trust in God, but keep your powder dry.'"

They laughed, and with the laughter the wall that was between them crumbled and vanished.

"When did you get in?" Clare asked, quietly.

"Half an hour ago."

"Had dinner?"

"On the train. I was starved."

He smiled again. "Thank goodness, they don't charge for dinner by the mile. Riggs said your father-in-law was in here."

"He'll be up in a moment—won't you sit down? We haven't had five minutes together since."

"Since—" he started. But the wall had risen again, and there was an awkward pause.

It was Clare who broke the momentary silence, as silence she dared not face because it brought memories, as all silences do.

"I understand you're very happy in your new—profession," she said.

"Yes," he answered.

"You've got—everything—you—want?" she pursued haltingly.

"No, I haven't everything I want," he said frankly. "But I'm happy."

"My father-in-law says that if you settle this strike you're to be—"

She put her hand to her mouth in a gesture of self-reproach. "—but that's a business secret." She paused. "I suppose I might tell you, though. He says it'll make you a big man in the company—with a tremendous salary. You mustn't give that away?"

"The secret?" asked Daniel, smiling.

"The salary," said Clare. "I suppose you've got over that. It's settled. 'So—you don't really seem to have lost anything by giving up your church.'"

"No," he said thoughtfully. "Queer as it seems, sometimes I think I've gained—in opportunity."

Clare looked away, reflectively.

"Perhaps one might have eaten one's cake and had it, too," she said, chiefly to herself.

"Clare!" Christ turned eyes that were half eager, half reproachful, upon her.

"You frightened me so that night with the bugaboo of poverty. It went on with something of despair in her voice. 'Don't you think there might have been a compromise—something half way?'"

He turned away.

"Why open wounds that are beginning to heal?" he said protestingly.

"Yours seem quite healed," she said, a little evasively.

"He stepped nearer and looked at her intently.

"And you have everything you want?" he asked tenderly, solicitous.

His tone prodded her pride.

"Yes," she said with something of her impulsive defiance.

"You see—I was selfish—to ask you to give up the thing that counts so much with you for those that count with me." He was quietly earnest. "Afterward, when I knew you were to be married—"

He frowned. "—I was afraid for you—but I was wrong again. You're happy—and I'm honestly glad."

She was looking at him quickly.

"Are you—honestly—happy?" she asked slowly.

"Honestly," he said.

"In just helping others?" He nodded his answer.

"Don't understand that," she said. "You will—some day—and so will all the world."

Jerry found the two faces to face and he came in, a bit unsteadily. He had added several brandies to a generous allowance at dinner and was in a one too genial mood.

"Hello, Gilchrist," he said gruffly.

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE—By AHERN



THE MAJOR FINALLY GETS HIS TROUSERS BACK

HERE'S YOUR PANTS, MR. HOOPLE. TH' BOSS SAID YOU CALLED UP FOR 'EM, AN' WANTED TO PAY TH' WHOLE BILL!

EXACTLY!—AND I WISH YOU TO TELL MR. MARX FOR ME, THAT I THINK HIS METHOD OF DOING BUSINESS IS VERY RASH!—ALSO, I CONTEMPLATED GIVING HIM A VERY FAIR ORDER—HALF A DOZEN, OR SO, BUSINESS SUITS—A TUXEDO OR TWO, SOME FORMAL WEAR, AN ULSTER, FROCK COAT, AND A FEW TOPCOATS!—HOWEVER, I WILL GIVE THIS WORK TO A MORE RELIABLE TAILOR—I VENTURE TO SAY MR. MARX WILL SORELY MISS MY PATRONAGE!

HA—HA—TH' RICHEST PART OF TH' ORDER IS WHERE HE SAID, BUSINESS SUITS!

WHAT HE REALLY NEEDS IS A TRACK SUIT—TO RUN AWAY FROM WORK!

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS—

DON'T PUSH ME LIKE THAT, TOM—I CAN GET ACROSS THE STREET ALLRIGHT

I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET RUN OVER

HELEN, WILL YOU WAIT A MINUTE I WANT TO GO IN HERE AND GET SOME CIGARS—

YOU SMOKE TOO MUCH, TOM YOU HAVE TO HAVE A FRESH CIGAR EVERY FEW MINUTES

I WANT A COUPLE OF GOOD HAVANA CIGARS—WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST?

TRY THESE, THEY ARE THE BEST THINGS OUT—

YOU SAY THESE ARE THE BEST THINGS OUT? HOW ARE THEY WHEN THEY'RE LIGHTED?

THE OLD HOME TOWN—By STANLEY

HOLD ER NEWT SHE'S ABEARIN'

YOU SAY HALF TH' SOLDY HE WAS CHAFF?

NO—NO—I SAY HE HAS A NECK LIKE A GIRAFFE!!

WHUTS TH' FU?

I DON'T MIND TH' LOSS OF THE WHISKERS—BUT I HATE TO WEAR A NECKTIE ALL WINTER TO KEEP MY NECK WARM

WHEN ROGER TOBIN CAUGHT HIS WHISKERS IN THE SCREEN DOOR, AT THE PALACE MEAT MARKET, THE NEW BUTCHER PROMPTLY WHACKED OFF THE FLOWING BEARD

PRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS—By BLOSSER

ANY MORE SENT SOME CHOCOLATE CACKS OVER FOR ME? I GIVE RAY 'CAUSE HE'S BEEN SICK—ARE YOU RAY OR AGE YOU JAY? I DON'T WANNA GIVE 'EM 'T' YOU IF YOU AIN'T RAY.

NO, I'M JAY—RAY'S STILL UNDER TH' DOCTOR'S CARE BUT I GUESS HE CAN EAT ONE—I'LL GO GET HIM.

YEAH—AIN'T HIS MOM AINCE 'T' THINK OF YOU LIKE THAT? THEY'S TWO CACKS, CAN I HAVE ONE OF 'EM?

YES—YOU CAN HAVE ONE OF 'EM.

HELP YERSELF RAY—THERE'S A LITTLE ONE AN' A BIG ONE—TAKE YER CHOICE

66! THEY ARE NICE CACKS, AIN'T THEY? I'LL TAKE TH' BIG ONE.

SAY! DON'T FORGET, YOU ARE UNDER THE DOCTOR'S CARE!

HOOSIER BRIEFS

According to a census just completed at Huntington is population is 18,200.

For children whose fathers are in prison, a fund of \$139.50 was raised by the Volunteers of America at Columbia City.

Plans for law enforcement at Garrett were made Thursday night at a meeting of the Ministerial Association. The Rev. M. R. Wilson, secretary, stated there is a gross disregard of law and decency going on in the town, did.

"Why, Jerry didn't leave much before you, did he?" Clare asked, puzzled.

Jerry stirred nervously.

"Just a few—" he started, but Gilchrist also had begun an answer.

"Only twenty-four hours," he said. "He wanted to get back to you."

"But—his—just got back," said Clare. She turned to her husband.

"Where have you been, Jerry?"

"Attending to business—of course," he said impatiently.

"Of course," she said resignedly. "Good night, Dan." She picked up her box and started to leave.

"Oh—you got the furs," put in Jerry cheerily.

"Yes, thank you," she said without looking up.

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