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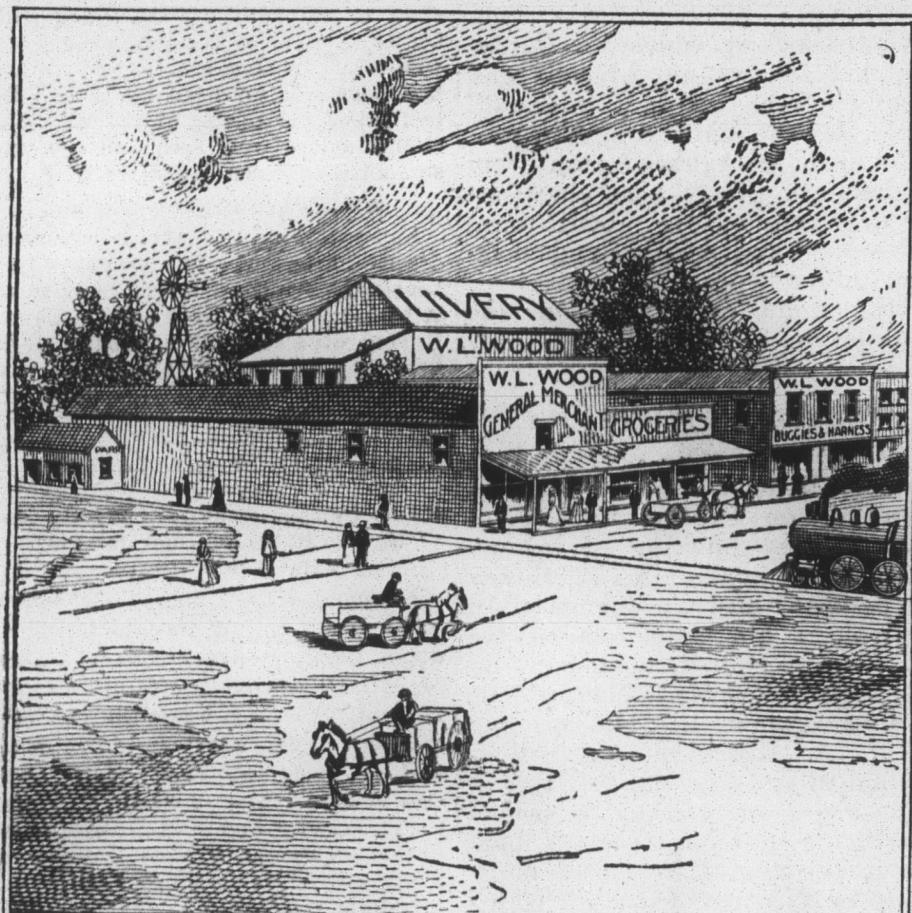
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On Front Street.



## In a Masquerade

By  
Harriet G. Canfield

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Leslie Wolcott threw himself on the green bench near the stone wall. It was shady there under the big maple. He had been in the fields all day, directing his men and working with them. After nine months in the dingy offices of Grant & Wolcott it was good to be in the country once more. He pulled his straw hat over his eyes and made overtures to the "sandman."

"I'll take a little nap," he said drowsily and then sat bolt upright. Some one on the other side of the wall was speaking his name. It was a woman's voice—a young woman's—and she was angry.

"Mr. Wolcott, indeed!" she was saying. "Why, father had no idea he lived next door when he rented this little place for the summer. Father isn't like you, Aunt Hetty; he isn't always trying to marry me off!"

"There, there!" the lady addressed as "Aunt Hetty" replied soothingly. "I simply expressed my pleasure at your father's unusual foresight in renting a place near Mr. Wolcott's, a young man who is not only wealthy, but well bred and well educated."

"Foresight!" the girl voice cried indignantly. "I've never met Mr. Wolcott, and I've no desire to meet him. The very fact that he is rich is enough to prejudice me against him! What can there possibly be to foresee?"

"That will do, Elizabeth! I had supposed a Carter incapable of such ingratitude as you have expressed!"

There was the soft swish of skirts over the grass, and then Leslie Wolcott awoke to the fact that he had been eavesdropping. Well, like other listeners, he had heard little good of himself. He lay staring up into the leaves, trying to imagine what Elizabeth Carter was like—this girl who was "prejudiced against him." He was interested and slightly piqued. The more he recalled the conversation the more interested he became. His sister was away; would not return for a month. Must he wait until Edith came

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In the morning he was starting for the fields when her voice came to him over the high stone wall. "Madge," she called, "come here and help me carry this rug; it's so heavy!" Madge was slow in coming, but Leslie vaulted over the wall and ran up the steps of the little cottage. A shapely head, covered with braids of soft brown hair, turned at his coming and two great, dark eyes looked at him inquisitively.

"Pardon me," he said, "but you called."

"Yes," she replied, "I called my sister. Is there anything I can do for you?"

"N-no," he stammered. "I came to ask you that question. I was on the other side of the wall, and—"

She looked at him quickly, suspiciously, he thought, and seemed relieved at the sight of his blue overalls and old straw hat.

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"Thank you," she said, and she thanked him again when he carried it to the porch and spread it carefully on the floor. Madge and her father came up and she introduced him to them. "Mr. Leslie, father," she said, "Mr. Wolcott's overseer." The old gentleman extended his hand cordially. "Come over the wall, did you?" he asked laughingly. "Well, come over again—come often. I envy you the ability to do so, young man."

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and the disgust of Aunt Hetty, who complained that she seldom found them alone now, when she came out for the day that forward overseer was always there!

Leslie knew her opinion of him. Madge, child fashion, had repeated her aunt's language. "My!" she said. "I wish you had seen Beth's eyes dash! She stood up so straight and tall—like this—and she said, 'Please be careful how you speak of my friends!'"

Leslie's face flushed with pleasure. "It was kind of Miss Elizabeth to say that," he murmured.

"Oh, she likes you. But Aunt Hetty is worried because Mr. Wolcott isn't at home. You see, she would like to have him fall in love with Beth and marry her. 'Elizabeth,' she said, 'what will Mr. Wolcott and his sister think when they come home and find that you have been so intimate with their hired man?' And Beth said, 'They will think that I recognize a gentleman when I meet one.' I'm sorry Aunt Hetty says such horrid things about you!"

"I'm glad!" Leslie cried, to the amazement of his little friend.

At the end of the month Edith Wolcott came home and was immediately taken into her brother's confidence. "Don't give me away when you call there," he cautioned her.

"Not if I can help it," she said laughingly.

Elizabeth received her politely, but Aunt Hetty, who was present, was more than cordial. "I'm so glad that you and your brother have returned, Miss Wolcott," she said. "There has been no one for my nieces to associate with in your absence."

"You forget our friend Mr. Leslie," Elizabeth said quietly, and Edith Wolcott's heart went out to her then and there.

"Speak to her, Leslie," she urged that evening, "before she returns my call. I can't keep your secret much longer."

"I will now," he said determinedly. "I caught a glimpse of her white dress out there in the moonlight. Wish me good luck, little sister."

An hour later Edith heard his step on the walk. She met him at the door, a question in her eyes. "Congratulations?" she asked.

"Yes, for 'Mr. Leslie.' I'm jealous of that overseer!" he said, smiling ruefully. "Beth was willing to take him for better or worse, but Leslie Wolcott she—"

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#### CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The city council met in regular session Monday evening with all members present.

The report of the city engineer on the Vine and Milton street sewers was presented. It shows the cost of Van Rensselaer sewer to be \$247 and the Vine and Milton street sewer to be \$1075.71.

The city treasurer's report for month ending May 30th shows funds in electric light fund amounting to \$307.23 and in water fund amounting to \$425.39. The road fund is overdrawn \$1877.67; corporation fund, \$4331.82; electric light fund \$1823.52. A large proportion of the outstanding warrants in these funds have been paid since the date covered by the report, however.

The property owners on Clark street were ordered to at once put in the sidewalks ordered last fall.

The light committee was given two weeks more to consider the salary ordinance governing the light and water employees.

The city attorney and ordinance committee were instructed to draft an ordinance governing Weston Cemetery.

The Van Rensselaer, Vine and Milton street sewers were referred to the city commissioners for assessment.

The insurance on the city hall and horse car was ordered renewed.

The following bills were allowed.

#### ROAD FUND.

Chas. Seelman, mowing ..... 8 10  
Geo. Newman, work on road ..... 7 50  
Ed Randle, work on sidewalk ..... 3 00  
John Brown ..... 3 00  
Elmer McClure ..... 3 00  
Wm. Shelhart, work on street ..... 2 25  
Chas. Bowers, ..... 3 00  
Tom Parker, hauling gravel ..... 19 50  
Bruce Hardy ..... 13 00  
Al Fletcher ..... 1 20  
Dave Gasaway ..... 1 80  
Wm. Simons ..... 9 75  
Firman Rutherford, hauling gravel ..... 7 50  
S. O. Baker, mowing ..... 1 50  
Leslie Clark, printing ..... 17 00

#### CORPORATION FUND.

J. H. Chapman, salary ..... 63 00  
Chas. Morian, salary and fees ..... 47 85  
F. M. Abbott, marshal ..... 22 50  
H. L. Gamble, city engineer ..... 29 10  
A. E. Kirk, assisting engineer ..... 9 30

#### WATER FUND.

Jas. B. Bow & Sons, supplies ..... 17 32

John Hordeman, work on main ..... 7 50

Conrad Hilderbrand, salary ..... 30 00

White & Marion, tapping main ..... 2 00

J. H. Chapman, interest paid on bond ..... 288 72

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT FUND.

A. L. Branch, hauling coal ..... 34 30

C. S. Chamberlain, salary ..... 50 00

C. L. Thornton, ..... 30 00

Lem Huston, ..... 30 00

Frank King, repair work ..... 8 75

J. H. Chapman, freight ..... 62 32

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