

His Magnum Opus.

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Poindexter pulled the sheet of paper from the typewriter carriage and added it to the pile in the wire basket beside him. He caught up the last few pages and reread them with a glow of pride, for he knew that at last he had written a story of fact and blood interest of the mildir innocuous romances that had added to his bank account, but not to his fame.

Ever since that night six months before, when he had come back to his darkened home to find the note on the dresser of his room notifying him that Agnes had gone away with the man he had considered his best friend, he



AT LAST ONLY THE BLACKENED SHEETS REMAINED.

He had worked with feverish energy upon the novel.

He had taken little Elsie and had crossed the continent with her that she should be far removed from all who might wonder at her mother.

As they sat in the car, the child sat in the aisle at the constantly shifting scene, he had planned the story, and once he had made his new home he had set to work.

All the bitterness of his heart he had written into the book. It was the plain tale of his own experience, told with the simple directness of one who feels deeply, except that into the last chapter he had written an ending such as he wished that she might suffer. Almost glottingly he drew the picture of remorse and shame that followed the desertion, and now reading it over he shuddered at the evil picture his own fierce desire had conjured up.

For years he had sought a theme that should lend him his great accomplishment. Agnes, too, had sought to help him, but their lines had fallen in the pleasant places, and he wrote things that were satiable, but not great.

Then she had left him for Frederick, a man who had done things, and his inspiration had come. He knew that he had done well, that this book would bring him fame and opportunity, and he called as he gathered the sheets together and prepared them for mailing.

He had kept in touch with his eastern connections, and Edward, the publisher, had asked for the first reading. He was bent over the desk writing the address when there came the patter of bare feet across the uncarpeted floor, and he looked up from his work.

"What is it, daughter?" he asked as he took the little nightgown figure in his lap.

"I was someone," explained Elsie. "You didn't come to kiss me good night like you said you would, daddy. I waited and waited and waited. Then I just had to come. Is you most done, daddy?"

"All done, dear," he said, with an affectionate pat on the package at his elbow. "I was so interested that I even forgot my little Elsie for Frederick."

"And it's going to make you a great big man," she demanded. "It's going to make you famous and happy, daddy."

"Famous and happy," he repeated. "It's my great work, dear."

"I'm so glad," she whispered contentedly, patting the pale cheek, wanted to kiss him by his forehead and absorption in his work. "Some day when I get a big girl, a great big girl, I'll read it and tell all the other girls that my daddy wrote that great book, and they'll all be mad because their papers can't write books like my papa can."

Poindexter shivered and drew the little form closer to him. Not once in all those months had he thought of that night. He had worked steadily with one purpose—of holding this woman who had been his wife up to the level of the great books, and of the child. Not once had he realized that there would come a day when she would read his masterpiece.

of her mother's fall painted to words of bitterness such as only wounded pride and dead love can convey. She would see her mother's soul in all its nakedness, and his would be the hand that had thrown aside the garments of time and charity.

"Are you sleepy, daddy?" Poindexter roused himself.

"Not a bit," he declared. "What makes you think that, daughter?"

"You are so still," she explained. "and you don't talk."

"Daddy's a little tired," he explained.

"Still I tell you a good night story?" The child nodded but her head contentedly, and Poindexter began a fantastic tale. He had a fertile fancy, and these good night stories were glorious moments in the child's life. There were times when she stole softly about the house, lest she interrupt his writing.

One when bedtime came and she lay curled up in his lap while his rich voice recited weird tales of giants and fairies and dragons she had him for her very own, and was content with the sacrifice.

As they neared the climax his voice grew soft, and when at last the end came he writhed for the usual applause of "That was lovely, daddy!" Instead, soft lips brushed his cheek and the tired child sank off to sleep.

Fondly he bore her in her bed and tucked her in as gently as a woman might have done. Reverently he pressed his lips against the rosy mouth and lippled from the room.

The library seemed cold and cheerless when he returned. The child's visit had but emphasized his loneliness, and he sat blankly at the table on which lay the package with its address torn half an inch or so.

He swung his chair about that he might not see it; but, though he had turned his back upon it, the script still danced before his mental vision. He could still see the uncompleted tail of the "y" he had been writing when Elsie had come in and the ink blotch in the corner where the pen had rolled against it. A dozen times he half turned to complete the address, and as often there came to his memory the words of his daughter.

Some day she would read the book with a clear vision, and perhaps she would understand. There is always some one to disillusion with awkward speech. Perhaps she might never know how true to life the story was. Then again some chance remark might bear it upon her the truth.

Agnes by her action had forfeited all right to his forbearance, but there was still his duty toward his child. It seemed like murder to destroy this masterpiece, and yet—

He went over the incident of his life since his marriage. She had married him, ambitious for his future, and he, utterly content, had been happy in his moderate success, as for those moments when her urgings spurred his ambition. One purpose in writing this very book was to show her, in his modest success, that she could accomplish those successes for which she had longed; that he could write as brilliantly as the man for whom she had left him.

The east glowed with the first blush of the dawn when at last he rose from the chair and threw aside the curtains to let in the morning light and the fresh air.

Slowly he crossed the room to the empty fireplace and laid the package in the grate. A troy ounce of flame crept along the wrapper, biting deeper as it grew. At last only the blackened sheets remained, and he turned away.

"For Elsie's sake," he whispered and added, with a sigh, "and for Agnes' too. God pity Elsie's magnum opus was found not in accomplishment, but in renunciation."

Korea's Seven Wonders.

The seven wonders of Korea are: (1) The marriage of King Kib, the emperor, one dip in which is a sovereign cure for all the ills that human flesh is heir to. (2) The double springs which, though far apart, have a strange, mysterious affinity. According to Korean belief, there is a connection underground, through which water ebbs and flows like the water of the ocean, in such a way that only one spring is full at a time. The water possesses a wonderful sweetening power, so that whatever is cooked therein becomes good and palatable. (3) The cold wind cavern, whence comes a never ceasing wind so piercing that nothing can withstand it and so powerful that the strongest man cannot face it. (4) The indestructible pine forest, the trees of which grow up again as fast as they are cut down. (5) The fountain of stone, a mossy block that has a visible support, but like Mohammed's coffin, remains suspended. (6) The warm stone, situated on the top of a hill and said to have the peculiarity of spreading warmth and heat around it. (7) A drop of the sweat of Buddha, for thirty paces round which no flower or vegetation will grow, nor will birds or other living things pass over it.

A Sulphurous Mountain.

The Southern, or sulphurous mountain, is considered to be the greatest natural curiosity of the East. In fact, of the West Indies. It is situated about half an hour's ride from the town of San Juan, to which it has given its name. It is a mountain of the east of the Pinnac and is at the foot of two small hills, both of which are quite bare of vegetation on the

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School Notes.

Assistant Superintendent Farr, of Cook county, spent Tuesday forenoon with the teachers of the school.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held Friday evening.

Miss Floss Ellis, of Palatine, visited her sister, Miss Cora Ellis, Tuesday evening.

Robert and William Ankler entered school Monday. Robert is in second and Lella in third grade.

The Glee club and male quartette are practicing for the entertainment to be given Monday evening, October seventh.

No pupil has a right to be absent, or tardy, for in so doing he retards the progress of all other members of his classes.

Examine the report card that is handed you to sign and make searching inquiry as to the cause of unsatisfactory marks. Also remember to speak a word of praise for the marks that are high.

The boilers in the basement have recently been re-covered and put in fine condition.

The present enrollment is as follows:

	Boys	Girls
Room 1, Miss Burrows	19	19
" 2, Miss Smith	19	18
" 3, Miss Hawley	27	19
" 4, Miss Dickenson	25	20
" 5, Miss Cudahy	17	21
" 6, Miss Hodgkins	23	23
High school	29	29
Whole number	159	159

The program Monday evening, October 7th, will be fine. No charge will be made but a collection will be taken to defray expenses and add books to the library.

The librarians for the first semester are Miss Mildred Ehrlich, Victor Rieke and William Gottchalk.

The most vital endowment which the school gives to the child is the confirmed reading habit directed by cultivated taste. But this reading habit cannot be cultivated in the absence of books. Without the library, the rural school must fail in its most important function.—Southern Education Leader.

By mistake the name of Virginia Allen was omitted from the list of those who do perfect in the first spelling test.

Frank Dehmer was a school visitor. He astonished the students by the rapidity and accuracy with which he operates a typewriter, although blind.

Come to the school Monday evening and hear the funny recitations and good singing.

A test in spelling was given in the high school Friday; those spelling the whole fifty words correctly were Almeda Plagge, Virginia Allen, Lillie Volker, Gottlieb Miller, Addie Kampert, Lillian Argemine, Willis Kampert and Arthur Heise.

Miss Dickenson was obliged to be absent from her work Monday.

Miss Burrows took her pupils to the camp grounds for an outing, Wednesday afternoon. The day was fine and the children had a joyous time for about two hours.

Mrs. M. A. Bennett will recite one of her most humorous pieces at the school house Monday evening. Misses Pomeroy and Myrtle Plagge will sing a duet. Miss Olive Hurlbut will read and her sister, Miss Lucy, will sing, besides, the pupils of the high school will give several numbers.

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"Can ye tell me, woman, what is it they call a jubilee?"

"It's a jubilee, woman, what is it they call a jubilee?"

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"It's a jubilee, woman, what is it they call a jubilee?"

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