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A COMMONPLACE HERO.

[Written for this paper.]

Winter was dying hard, and with its latest three sheets everything by a fall of sheet; the north wind held it away, and tore with outer gusts through the storm driven streets.

"You ain't got to do nothing, Steve Brady; only just keep quiet," whispered the tempter.

"That set to the effect of sending Steve back to his bed again. His head throbed and he raved about roses and sandalwood and Dolly, until one day he found himself looking into Dolly's own blue, beautiful eyes."

"Oh, you poor fellow!" she cried. "Oh, but how you care for me! But how brave you are to save him when you were sick and jealous and all."

"Hold fast, Steve," he called, encouragingly; "I'm coming to help you. Hang on till I get a turn of the wire around you—good Lord! may; don't you wriggle or you're a gone one in spite of me!"

But in the same breath with the warning that was a convulsive effort on the part of the suspended man, the parting came, and he slipped from his rigid fingers, he was toppling backward, falling into space; the earth, the sky, the face of the man above him all blending in one chaotic picture before his despairing sight, yet he did not fall; the arm of John Harmon, who had slipped like a flash over the edge, was about him holding him up, while he adjusted:

"Get a hold, for God's sake! If you vally your life and mine keep your wits about you, Steve Brady. Now, then, climb up the rope. It'll bear the strain, I think, and you can get on the roof from my shoulder. Steady, steady."

There was a moment of suspense. The strains of the straining rope were cutting on the edge of the slates, but the wire which John had held to higher up divided the weight and enabled first the one, then the other to climb to the roof. They stood there panting with exertion, looking into each other's eyes.

"I owe my life to you," said Brady, "but I wish I didn't. I wish I'd dropped down into the street where I owed it to you."

"The cause of the enmity between them! The usual cause—only a girl. Not even a pretty girl as the world saw her, but the one on whom each of these men had set his heart."

"You're a better man than I am, John Harmon," he cried out. "You're more devoted of her, too."

"I don't know," answered John, "I'm slow an' you're quick, that's about the difference. It just depends on which she takes to most—that's all there is of it."

Another spirit moved the injured man before he was consoled by John Harmon to be fairly on his feet again.

"The letter came long late from his work one evening.

"Steve's Brady" he asked of his mother as he sat down to the supper which she had kept for him. "Wants to get out here? He'll be here soon now, but I reckon I'll have to give him the slip to-night. She'd be disappointed if I didn't come home."

"Yes," from the mother. "But seems to me bananas wd give you better worth for your money than them there roses, John."

"She wouldn't think so, mother."

Then a door went shut, and Brady, who was hat way down the stairs when those words arrested him, turned and went up again with his blood on fire. So, this was the kind of faith with him! This was the man who was more worthy of Dolly than he was.

"He could hear John splashing the water at the kitchen sink as he made ready to go out, but Harmon had no idea that a dark figure on the other side of the way, when he finally reached the street, was that of his rival. He did not notice how it crept after him, keeping him in sight, and if there had been any doubt at all in Brady's mind it would have ended, for they were taking the direct route to Dolly's home."

It was a lonely way, down side streets and alleys, and presently Steve saw a second dark form, on Harmon's side of the way now, creeping stealthily after him. He remembered then that this had been pay day and that John most probably had his week's wages in his pocket; but his first impulse to cry out and warn the other died down.

Why should he interfere? What business was it of his if John should be assaulted and robbed? Was not the latter stealing a march on him, carrying roses to Dolly and ingratiating himself when he had promised to keep away. He had a momentary glimpse

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF ALTURAS COUNTY

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OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF ALTURAS COUNTY, HAILEY, JULY 12, 1887.

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