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# The Cow Puncher

BY ROBERT J. C. STEAR.  
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CHAPTER XX.—(Cont'd.)  
"I guess I'm all right," Dave answered, "but I got a job on—an important job on. I must get it done. There is no time."  
But her woman's intuition had gone far below his idle words. "There is something wrong, Dave," she said. "You never looked like this before. Tell me what it is. Tell me, Dave; not that I want to know, for knowing's sake, but just that I—perhaps I—can help."  
Dave was silent for a moment, watching her. She had charged her eyes, and he could see her face. Suddenly it occurred to him that Edith Duncan was beautiful. If she had not quite the fine features of Irene, she had a certain softness of expression, a certain mellowness, even tenderness of lip and eye; a certain womanly delicacy.  
"Edith," he said, "you're white. Why is it that the woman a man loves will fall for him, and the woman he only likes—stays true?"  
"Oh!" she cried, and he could not guess the depths from which her cry was wrung. "I should not have asked you, Dave," she said. "I'm sorry."  
They stood a moment, neither wishing to move away. "You said you had something must be done at once," she reminded him at length.  
"Yes," he answered, "I have to kill a man. Then I'm going to join up with the army."  
Her hands were again upon him. "But you mustn't, Dave," she pleaded. "No matter—no matter what—you mustn't do that. That is the one thing you must not do."  
"Edith, you are not a man. You don't understand. That is the one thing I must do."  
"But you can't fight for your country, then. You will only increase its troubles in these troubled times. Don't think I'm pleading for him, Dave, but for you, for the sake of us—for the sake of those who care."  
He took her hands in his and raised them to his shoulders and drew her face close to him. Then, speaking very slowly and with each word by itself, "Do you really care?" he said.  
"Oh, Dave!"  
"Then come to my room and talk to me. Talk to me! Talk to me! For God's sake talk to me. I must talk to someone."  
She followed him. Inside the room he had himself under control again. The street lights flooded through the windows so he did not press the switch. He motioned her to a chair. And then he told her the story, all he knew.  
When he had finished she arose and walked to one of the windows and stood looking with unseeing eyes out the street for the second time in his life. Dave Elden had told his bare to her.  
"I'm afraid I haven't spoken a very heroic part," he said, "but I have a secret in my heart; buried it even from you; perhaps most of all from you. I should have faced the world with a smile, as one who has overcome fortune. People do that kind of thing in books; perhaps some do in real life. I suppose you can't tell from the outside what may be carried within, and every man has secrets. But you can advise me, Edith. I will value whatever you say."  
She trembled until she thought he must see her, and she feared to trust her voice, but she could delay a reply no longer.  
"You are right, Dave," she said at length. "You never can tell what other people are carrying; perhaps even, as you say, your closest friends. The first thing you get out of it is that your experience is unique; that your lot is harder than that of other people. It may be different, but it is not harder. When you get that point of view you will be able to pass your judgments. I am not worrying about the defeat of Germany. If our civilization is better than that of Germany we shall win, and if our civilization is worse than that of Germany we shall be defeated, ultimately—and we shall deserve to be defeated. But I rather think that neither of these alternatives will be the result. I rather think that the test of war will show that there are elements in German civilization which are better than ours, and elements in our civilization which are better than theirs, and that the good elements will survive and form the basis of a new civilization better than either."  
(To be continued.)

### When Dickens Read.

When Dickens decided to give public readings, when he appeared face to face with the public for the first time, England was in a turmoil. The halls were packed and jammed, enthusiasts climbed up the pillars or crept under their beloved pier. In the United States, in the bitter winter of 1852, people brought out their chairs and camp stools to sit in front of the tables where waiters brought them food from nearby restaurants; but the crush was beyond control. Every hall proved to be too small, and finally a church was secured in Brooklyn. From the pulpit he read the adventures of Oliver Twist and the story of Little Nell. Fame for him was not unobtainable. It proved Walter Scott to be a pale over-awed Thackeray's genius for a while. "I'm going out when the light comes out," when Dickens died, the first English-speaking word for it like a blow. On the streets foreigners marked to see another that London was as despoiled as if such some great battle had been lost.

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One day, there were fully three feet of snow-banked against our back door. A can of maple syrup was in the cellar. The know-how had been stored in my head for thirty years.  
Mother Nature, as expressed in the sugar maple, needs no vanilla, or butter or milk in order to produce candy. She needs nothing but heat; heat to make the sap run in the tree, heat to boil it into syrup, and heat to boil the syrup still more until the candy stage has been reached.  
I poured a full quart of maple syrup into a pan and while it heated, I stepped outside to prepare my snow bed and get my candy tester. My thirteen-year-old son, unaccustomed to sugar campers or maple candy making, watched eagerly as I pounded the newly fallen snow into a compact mass for a full square yard of the nearby drift.  
A honeysuckle vine that had trailed up the porch, furnished the "blower" or tester. A piece about eighteen inches long was clipped and the tip curled until it formed an oval about one inch long and half an inch across. A piece of thread tied the vine and assured me of an oval hole that would stay put. In the sugar woods, the tender sap-bitten maple or birch or beech twig would permit a knot to be tied in its tip.  
The little tester takes the place of white embroidery floss. The corners are left plain or one corner is decorated with a clever little cross-stitch forms a hard ball. As the boiling

with narrow beams and cross-stitch in blue.  
Muslin Shades.  
Use the best grade of muslin 1 1/2 in. or brown domestic. If impossible to buy such with a window, sheeting may be used and cut to fit. Allow for shrinkage. If you have worn-out shades, and rollers are in good order, these may be used, except give new rollers may be bought. In cutting allow about eight inches more than length of window and one inch for room on sides, as a hem under them more substantial and less likely to wrinkle when being rolled up and down.  
The lower end of shade may be made with a hem. If scalloped, it scalloped any size scallop you prefer, pressing down raw edge of material and finishing with ball fringe tape, stitching same on machine. Unless you are an expert on stitching, better baste fringe to shade before stitching with machine.  
A stick such as is used at bottom of shades should be placed about six or eight inches above scallops. A cutting same width stitched on material may be used for this.  
For top of shade make a hem to fit close over roller, slip roller in this, using one tack at each end of pole.  
When soiled, shades may be laundered. They must not be starched.  
Cost of shade for ordinary window is about 50¢.  
Fassel is made of any heavy material cotton or carpet chain.  
Shades like these are of various substitutions for better ones to come or are used in kitchens or other rooms where a makeshift is desirable. For kitchen windows they are very good because they can be kept clean by frequent tuggings to remove the inevitable smudge that arises when much cooking is done.  
They are just the thing, too, for children's windows, for they make the pantries, attic, store closets, and places where it is not convenient to have the regulation shades.  
Chance for the Inventor.  
A vast fortune will be the reward of the inventor who puts on the market an alarm clock that will wake only the man who sets it and not everybody else in the house.  
Radio in Netherlands.  
The Netherlands Government will approve a radio "graph" that will communicate with all parts of Europe and will equip it for sale, lease, hire or casting.

### —AND THE WORST IS YET TO COME



**Repeat at Leisure.**  
Ding, dang, ding dang, ding dang.  
The peal of bells announced the commencement of a working at the church.  
Inside the building the bridegroom, the best man, and the brides were in close conference over the guest list.  
"You understand," said the best man, "you must get the guests when they come in, and ask them if they are friends of the bride or the bridegroom."  
"And then what?" asked the head waiter.  
"You seat the friends of the bride on one side, and the friends of the bridegroom on the other. It's the custom."  
"I can't see the use of that," said one of the ushers. "They'll take sides soon enough."

**The Woods.**  
And I have loved the woods, the boundless woods.  
Magnificent—a forest solitude.  
Eloquent of God and liberty.  
Yes, loved them ever since I was a child.  
When of the mighty trees the shade I sought,  
Where Nature as a mother smiled.  
Unkind to the vain world, and their name  
Unto my heart was an enchanter's wand.  
Arcading my spirit until affame  
I was helped rejoicing to take my stand  
Where never the foot of the spoiler tread.  
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