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formerly, he observed, on the Boston streets at night. He walked back to the place he had left on the Common, sat down and tried to think the matter out once more. His head ached, and his thoughts flew volatilely in all directions. Suddenly he jumped up, strode down the subway stairs, and flew into the Brookline car that seemed, providentially, to be waiting there.

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The house was blazing with lights. They must be entertaining, he reflected. That seemed strange. The life had been a quiet one in his boyhood. He tiptoed across the velvet lawn, and peered in one of the front-windows. The huge drawing-rooms were full of people, all seated, their chairs arranged in tiers, rows and rows of them, facing the further end of the room. There were dozens of pretty, bare-shouldered girls, laughing and talking. Here and there were matronly, elderly women. There were groups of men standing at the back and in the aisles. Richard recognized nobody. It was a dream. Suddenly his mother's face flashed out from a laughing group. The sight gave him courage. He walked to the back of the house, and went in at the kitchen door.

'Tell Mr. James that there is somebody here who would like to see him,' he said shortly to one of the surprised maids sitting there.

'I'm afraid he's too busy,' the girl began.

'Tell him,' Richard commanded. She disappeared.

He waited for several minutes, still standing. Then his brother appeared.

'Richard!' he exclaimed. 'Good heavens!—come in here,' he ended with a quick glance at the curious faces of the two women. Richard followed him into the dining room.

He was aware, even in the instant before his brother spoke, of a new look to the room, that was not entirely to be accounted for by the exquisite appointments of the many tiny tables that filled it and the adjacent hall, nor by the huge vases of blushing roses, and the pink-petticoated silver candlesticks that were everywhere. An inexplicable atmosphere hung about it. His brief glance into the drawing-rooms had surprised it there also. It was as if the big, old-fashioned house had suddenly grown younger.

James was holding out his hand to his brother. 'I'm awfully glad to see you, Richard,' he said. 'We did not expect you so soon, or we should have been prepared—you see, we're doing some entertaining tonight. I'm wondering—' he laughed embarrassedly.

Richard took his brother's hand. He was still standing.

'Tell Mr. Stanton to come here, please,' James called to a maid passing in the hall.

There was a pause. Richard looked at his brother, as handsome in his evening clothes as an illustration in a magazine. He caught a glimpse of his own figure in a mirror. He did not know himself at first. It seemed impossible to him that the ghastly mask, surmounting a thin figure, that almost looked as if it would rattle in its loose, bagging clothes, could be kin to the freshcolored face across the table.

In the midst of this train of thought his father came in.

'What's the matter, James?' he asked briskly. 'Is—Richard, my poor boy! How does it happen that you're here? They told us three weeks later. If we'd only known. Now you must—come right up—' He stopped in perplexity. 'The trouble is that every room and every bed in the house is filled up. We've a lot of out-of-town people on our hands. Now, where can we put you for the night, or until we've got rid of these people?'

'There's the hotel,' James suggested. There was an awkward pause. Richard said nothing. He was still standing.

'Tell Mrs. Stanton to come here,' Mr. Stanton ordered an invisible somebody in the hall.

Nobody spoke for a minute or two. Mrs. Stanton came bustling in, soft and motherly; radiant, too, as Richard had never before seen her, in gray satin, lace and pearls. 'My boy, my boy,' she called from the doorway. She rushed over to Richard, and kissed him lovingly. 'When—how—we didn't know—if we had only been notified, dear, we'd have—tell me all about it. I'm so glad. Take Richard up—no, there's no—what are we going to do, Dick?' She turned to her husband. 'Every corner in the house is taken. James is even going to sleep on the couch in the library. We could send Richard down to Cousin Amy's. I know she'd be lovely about it.'

Cousin Amy. Richard recalled her acid and vinegar aspect. Ten years ago she had always frozen him. What would she be like under the conditions of the present? Well, he wouldn't bother them. Willett was right. There was no place in the social scheme for the returned State prison bird. He would stay at the hotel that night. And the next day at three he would keep his appointment with Willett. He must be doubly careful to call him Jones now—now that they were going to be pals. Jones had understood. How sure he had been that Richard would return.

'Don't bother about me, mother,' he said steadily. 'I'll go to the hotel for the night. To-morrow I have a business engagement, but as soon as I have time——'

'For goodness sake what are you doing out here?' a spirited voice interrupted. 'It's so queer for you all to leave, and everybody's ready for the first tableau.'

A young girl stood in the doorway. It was Patia. Richard knew her at once. Her slender figure did not look her twenty-three years, but her earnest little face more than showed them. It was a beautiful face, Richard decided swiftly; proud in its poise on the slender neck, proud in the expression of the velvety eyes. These eyes were really black, but they were set in a skin as white as milk, it's only other relieving color the satiny dark of her hair and eyebrows, and the curved scarlet of her delicious mouth.

'Oh,' she said uncertainly, 'you've got—' She stared intently at Richard. 'You're my brother Richard!' she burst out suddenly, rushing to his side. Her slender, bare arms went about his neck, and she kissed him again and again. 'Oh, my dear, I'm so glad to have you here! It was all I needed to make my birthday-party a success. Oh, how I've longed to see you, Richard! But you must be tired and hungry. Sit down and let me bring you some wine.'

She pushed him into a chair at one of the little tables, making ruthless confusion of its dainty completeness. She brought a decanter from the sideboard, and poured him a glassful of wine. Richard drank, weakly obedient.

'We were just wondering what we should do,' her father was saying. 'where can we put Richard to-night, Patia? There seems to be no place in the house that we can think of.'

'I suggested the hotel,' James said perplexedly.

'Oh, no, not a hotel,' Mrs. Stanton protested. 'I couldn't do that, and I am sure Cousin Amy will take Richard home for the night. But if she happens to have company I don't know what I'll do.'

Patia had stopped at her brother's side, her arm about his neck. She stared at them each in turn. 'Well, I know, I know what we'll do,' she said; 'he'll stay here—he'll have my room.'

'But, Patia,' James expostulated, 'how can we explain—what shall we say?'

Patia looked at him for a second, 'I'll tell you what we'll say,' she said. 'Listen.' She disappeared through the door-way.

'What is that crazy girl going to do?' James muttered. He walked over to the door that led to one of the drawing-rooms, and pulled its portiere aside. His father and mother followed him and stood watching. Impelled, against his will, Richard joined the group.

He watched Patia enter from another door. She held her head high, and her eyes flamed. The delicate lace of her overdress, the muslin ruffles of her skirt, the ribbons at her belt, even the fluted hanging sleeves were floated out like banners by the haste of her progress. She looked neither to right nor left, and the skirt-encumbered aisle was rapidly cleared for her until she reached the platform at the other end of the room. She mounted this, and for a second she stood silent, a slender, white figure that cut into the gloom of the green curtains.

'Ladies and gentlemen,' she began. The buzz of conversation died out. 'Before we go on with the tableaux,' she continued clearly, 'I wish to make an announcement to you. My brother Richard has just come home. He is in the house now. You know—every one of you—what he has come home from, and what he comes home to. If there are any among you who do not wish to speak with him to-night, nor to receive him in your homes afterward, you will kindly leave our house now, before he come in here to join us?'

She stopped, and there was an instant of dead silence. Then the room filled with tumultuous applause. It followed her as she went into the hall, and the wall seemed actually to rock with its violence when she returned, leaning on Richard's arm.

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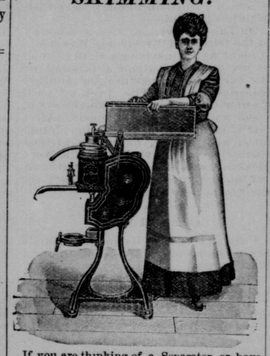
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 1906,
at 1 o'clock, P. M., all those Two Valuable Farms of which the said Samuel A. Haines died seized and possessed, to-wit:
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154 ACRES, 2 ROODS and 30 PERCHES
of Land, more or less, whereon the said Samuel A. Haines resided at the time of his death, and composed of the same lands that were conveyed and are described in the deeds from the following named persons to the said Samuel A. Haines, viz: (a) David Engel, dated October 2nd, 1851, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll County in Liber J. B. B. No. 12, folio 543 &c.; (b) Thomas Gorsuch, Trustee, dated April 4th, 1861, and recorded among said Land Records in Liber G. E. W. No. 20, folio 107 &c.; (c) Samuel Carr, dated December 31st, 1863, and recorded among said Land Records in Liber G. E. W. No. 20, folio 453 &c.; (d) William H. Bond, dated October 19th, 1874, and recorded as aforesaid in Liber F. T. S. No. 44, folio 300, &c.



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GOOD RECIPES.

Preserved Grapes in Bunches.—Take out the stones from the bunches, with a pin, breaking them as little as possible; boil some clarified sugar to nearly candying point; then put in sufficient grapes to cover the bottom of the preserving kettle, without laying them on each other, and boil for nearly five minutes, merely to extract all the juice; lay them in an earthen pan, and pour the syrup over them; cover with paper, and, the next day, boil the syrup, skimming it well, for five minutes; put in the grapes; let them boil a minute or two; put them in pots, and pour the syrup over them, after which tie down.

Pear Butter.—Cut the fruit in small pieces, removing the core, skin, and all imperfections; allow a quarter of a pound of light-brown sugar to each pound of fruit, and half a pint of cold water to every two pounds of pears; do not add the sugar until they have cooked an hour or so; then put it in, with a quart of cider to each two pounds of sugar, and let all cook slowly until a thick marmalade-like substance is formed, which will be in about four hours. If it should seem too dry while cooking, add more cider.

Crab-Apples.—Select perfect ones; pour boiling water over them, which removes the skin; lay them in water enough to cover them; let them simmer slowly until soft; take them out and drain; make a clear syrup, pound for pound; boil them in it till clear, lay them on dishes to cool, and place them in jars; cook the syrup a little longer, and pour it over the apples when hot; seal.

Apple Marmalade.—Take any kind of sour apples, pare and core them; cut them in small pieces, and, to every pound of apples, put three-quarters of a pound of sugar; put them in a preserving-pan, and boil them over a slow fire, until they are reduced to a fine pulp; then put in jelly-jars, and keep in a cool place.

Tomato Jam.—Peel ripe tomatoes, taking out all seeds; put in preserving-kettle, with one half-pound of sugar to each pound of prepared tomato; boil two lemons soft, and pound them fine; take out the pips and add to the tomato; boil slowly, mashing to a smooth mass; when smooth and thick, put in jars and tumblers.

Quince Jelly—Slice the quinces without either paring or coring; put them into a preserving-kettle, and just cover with water; put over the fire, and boil until soft; remove from the stove, and strain off the liquor; to every gallon, add four pounds of white sugar, and boil very fast, until it becomes a stiff jelly.

Quince Marmalade.—Take the quinces that you have boiled for jelly, and mash them with a spoon; to a pound of quinces, take a pound of sugar; boil them together until they are well softened; then strain through a coarse sieve, and put up in small jars.

Green Tomato Preserve.—Take one peck of green tomatoes. Slice six fresh lemons, without removing the skins, but taking out the seeds; put to this quantity, six pounds of sugar, common white, and boil until transparent, and the syrup thick. Ginger-root may be added if liked.

Quince Jam.—Peel the quinces, and grate them on a coarse grater; and to one pint of quinces, and three-fourths of a pound of sugar; boil it half an hour; put in small jars, and cover as other preserves.

Peach Jelly.—Wash, without removing skins or pips; cover with water; boil until soft; strain; add one-half pound of sugar to each pint of juice; boil twenty minutes.

Tomato Catsup.—Take a peck of tomatoes, squeeze through a thin piece of muslin, so that no seeds get through. Add, to this, a dessertspoonful of cayenne pepper, two tablespoonsfuls of salt, one pint of vinegar, half a tablespoonful of cloves and allspice mixed, two sticks of cinnamon about three inches in length, a bundle of thyme and parsley tied together, and two cloves of garlic chopped as fine as possible. Simmer four hours steadily and slowly. After filling the bottles with catsup, put two inches deep of sweet oil in each bottle. Rosin the bottles, the more effectually to exclude the air.

Stuffed Peppers.—Put the peppers in strong salt and water for twelve days; then scald them with boiling water, and let them drain. Put some of the best white cabbage in salt and water for five days, scald it, and let it drain. Chop up the cabbage very fine, and mix with mustard-seed. Stuff the papers, and put in each a piece of garlic no lager than a grain of coffee. Sew them up, and pour the vinegar over them, when it just begins to boil.

Peach Sauce.—To one peck of peaches, take three pounds of brown sugar, and one pint of vinegar. Dip the peaches in hot water, and wipe them. Cover them with water, and boil them until you can run a straw through them; then pour off the water, and pour the vinegar and sugar over them. Boil them until done and quite clear. Can them boiling hot.

Red Cabbage.—Slice it into a colander, and sprinkle each layer with salt. Let it drain ten days, then put it into a jar and pour boiling vinegar enough to keep it covered. Put in a few slices of red beet-root. Choose the purple-red cabbage. Cauliflower cut in branches, and thrown in after being salted, will become a beautiful red.

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