A Knave of Conscience

By FRANCIS LYNDE.

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the high-swung, stylish vehicle and the faultlessly-gowned young woman on the box were three parts of a harmonious whole, and more than one pair of eyes looked, and turned to look again.

Miss Margery drove daily in good weather, but, on this occasion the outing had an objective other than the spectacular. Wherefore, when the high-stepping English horse had measured the length of Main street he was sent on across the railway track and was finally brought to a stand before the office of the Wahaska iron works.

Raymer was at his desk when the trap drew up before his door. A moment later he was at the fore wheel, bareheaded, and offering to help Miss Margery down.

"No, thank you, I'll not come down," she said. "Duke doesn't stand well. Can I see Mr. Edward Raymer a moment?"

Raymer bowed and blushed a little. He knew her so well, by eye intimacy, at least, that he thought she must know him. But he was a fair man, fair to redness, as his hair and beard attested, and he blushed easily.

"That is my name. What can I do for you, Miss Grierson?"

"Oh, thank you," she rejoined, impulsively. "I was afraid I might have to introduce myself. I—"

The interruption was of Raymer's making. One of his employes appeared opportunely, and he sent the man to the horse's head with a gesture and once more held up his hands to the perched one.

She let him lift her to the sidewalk, and the ease with which he did it gave her a pleasant little thrill, of the sort that comes with the realization of a thing hoped for. Next to social triumphs, strength, strength in a man, was a thing to be admired.

Raymer held the office door open for her and placed a chair at the desk end.

"Now we can be comfortable at shorter range," he said. "Will you pardon the interruption, and tell me what I can do for you?"

"Oh, it's only a little thing. I came to see you about renting a pew in St. John's; that is our church, you know."

Raymer did not know it, but he was politic enough not to say so.

"I am quite at your service. Shall I show you a plan of the sittings?"

She protested that it wasn't at all necessary; that any assignment he chose to make would do. But he got out the plan and dusted it, and in the putting together of heads over it many miles of the gap of unacquaintance were swiftly and safely overpassed.

When the sittings were finally chosen she found her purse.

"It's so good of you to take the time from your business to wait on me," she said. "I—I asked poppa to make out a check, but I don't know whether it's for enough."

Raymer took the order to pay and glanced at the amount.

"It is twice as much as we get for the best locations," he demurred.

"Wait a moment and I will write you a check for the difference and give you a receipt."

But at the word she was in a flutter of protest.

"Oh, please don't!" she pleaded. "If it is too much, put the difference in the missionary box, or in the—the rector's salary, as a little donation from poppa, you know."

Thus the small matter of business was concluded, and Miss Grierson rose to go.

"I am so glad I had the courage to come and see you this morning. We have been dreadfully remiss in church matters, but I am going to try to make up for it now that we are comfortably settled in our own house. I'm sorry you couldn't come to us last evening to help us christen Merside. Please tell your mother and Miss Raymer that I hope we'll meet some time. I should so dearly love to know them. Thank you, so much. Good-by."

Raymer went out with her, put her on the box and watched her drive away. His smile was meant to be satirical, but it became openly approbative.

"She is a shrewd little strategist," was his comment; "but, all the same, she's a mighty pretty girl. I wonder why mother and Gerty haven't called on her?"

He carried the query home with him in the evening, but when he had given an account of Miss Grierson's visit it seemed injudicious to put it. Mrs. Raymer's comment left something to be desired, but her glance across the table in Gertrude's direction was significant.

"The 'regrets' did that," she said; and Gertrude nodded.

Having thus mined the Raymer outworks, Miss Grierson next turned her batteries upon the Farnhams. They were Methodists, and she soon learned that the doctor's hobby was a struggling mission in Norsk Hollow. Accordingly, the paternal check book was again called into requisition, and the stylish trap made an excursion to the doctor's office in Main street.

"Good morning, doctor," she chirped, bursting in upon the elderly hobbyist as a charming embodiment of youthful enthusiasm. "I'm running errands for poppa this morning. Mr. Rodney was telling us about that little mission in Norsk Hollow, and poppa is very anxious to be allowed to help. But we are not Methodists, you know, and he was afraid—that is, he didn't know how you might—"

It was an exceedingly clever bit of acting, and the good doctor capitulated at once, discrediting for the first time in his life the intuition of his womankind.

"It was very thoughtful and good-hearted of you, Miss Margery," he said; "the more so as you must have a great many calls upon your charity. We have been wanting to put a trained worker in charge of the mission, and this good deed of yours makes it possible."

"It is a kindness to us to be allowed to help, I'm sure," murmured the little lady. "You will let me know when more is needed? Promise me that, doctor."

"I shouldn't be a good Methodist if I didn't," laughed the doctor. Then he remembered the housewarming, and was moved to make amends for the regrets. "I'm sorry we couldn't be neighborly the other evening, but my sister is very frail, and Charlotte doesn't go out much. But they will call before they go south for the winter."

But for some reason the doctor's vicarious promise was not kept, and the Farnhams held aloof, notwithstanding Margery's praiseworthy activity in St. John's; and the Oswalds relinquished the public library project when it became noised about that Jasper Grierson and his daughter were moving in it. Margery possessed her soul in patience, and was placably persistent; but when the winter wore away and spring came and found the conservative opposition increasing rather than diminishing, she grew vindictive, as who would not.

"They think I'm a jay!" she said to herself one day, when the Raymers, mother and daughter, had apparently taken pains to avoid her at the counters in Thornwalden's. "They need a lesson, and they're in a fair way to get it. I'm not going to sing small all the time!"

The next afternoon she met Raymer as he was coming out of the First national bank. They were fairly good friends by this time, and the young man stopped willingly enough to exchange commonplaces with the president's daughter. In the midst of them she astonished him.

"Mr. Raymer, please tell me what I have done to offend your mother and sister," she said, abruptly; and half of the deferred payment of triumph was discharged on the spot by Raymer's blundering attempts at disavowal.

"Why, Miss Margery! I don't know—that is—er—you really must be mistaken!"

"I'm not, and I'd like to know," she persisted, looking him hardily in the eyes. "I am sure it must be something I have been doing, and if I can find out what it is I'll reform."

Raymer got away as quickly as he could; and when the opportunity offered was besotted enough to repeat the question to his mother and Gertrude.

Mrs. Raymer smiled. "The mere fact of her having said such a thing to you ought to be a sufficient answer, I should think."

"I don't see why," Raymer objected.

"What would you think if Gertrude did such a thing?"

"Oh, well; that is different. In the first place Gerty wouldn't do it; and—"

"Precisely. And Miss Grierson shouldn't have done it. But if you really want to know why we haven't cultivated her I can tell you. There are a few of us who think she wouldn't be a pleasant person to know socially."

"But why?" insisted the obtuse one. It was his sister who undertook to make it plain to him.

"It isn't anything she does, or doesn't do, particularly; it is the atmosphere in which she moves. If it wasn't for her father's money she would be—well, it is rather hard to say just what she would be. But she always makes one think of the bonanza people—the pick and shovel one day and a million the next. I believe she is a frank little savage at heart."

"I don't," said Raymer, doggedly. "She may be a bit new and fresh for Wahaska, but she is clever and bright, and honest enough to ignore a social code which makes a virtue of hypocrisy. There isn't one young woman in a thousand who would have had the courage to do it."

"Or the impudence," added Mrs. Raymer, when her son had left the room. "I do hope Edward isn't going to let that girl come between him and Charlotte."

Gertrude laughed. "I should say there was room for a regiment to march between them as it is. Charlotte has been home a week now, and he hasn't been over yet."

"But he is going over to dinner with us to-morrow," amended Mrs. Raymer, complacently. "He promised me yesterday."

Gertrude was arranging the centerpiece for the dinner table, and when she spoke again it was of another matter.

"Did you know Mrs. Holcomb has found a boarder at last?"

"No; who is he?"

"A young man who has been sick at the St. James for two or three weeks. He is from New York, I believe she said; but she didn't have time to find out much about him. He had a relapse last night; and today, when she sent for Dr. Farnham, he was delirious."

"Dear me! That will be hard for Martha. What is his name?"

"Kenneth Griswold. She says he is an author, but I don't recall the name in any of our reading."

"Nor I," said Mrs. Raymer. "Poor Martha! We must go over and see if there is anything we can do."

(Continued next week.)

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PROF. H. W. WILEY.
(Chief Chemist of United States Department of Agriculture.)

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After this preliminary training the 12 free boarders, who are all clerks in the department, will be divided into two squads, who will take their meals at separate tables. At one table the food will all be prepared with adulterants, coloring matter and preservative compounds. This is to be known as the poison squad, and they will be fed in this way for a period of half a month, when the tables will be turned literally and the other half dozen young men will become the poison squad and the first six will recuperate on the fat of the land.

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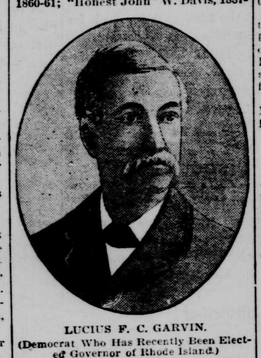
FOURTH OF HIS KIND.

Gov.-Elect Garvin, of Rhode Island, Has Had But Three Democratic Predecessors.

Lucius F. C. Garvin, governor-elect, will be the fourth democrat to occupy the chief executive office in Rhode Island since 1797. Three other democratic governors have served terms as follows: Gov. Allen, 1850-51-52-53; William Sprague (dem-conservative), 1860-61; "Honest John" W. Davis, 1887-



LUCIUS F. C. GARVIN.
(Democrat Who Has Recently Been Elected Governor of Rhode Island.)

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Dr. Garvin is a Vermonter by parentage, reared in Tennessee and North Carolina, where his father, an Amherst graduate, taught in two colleges. Young Lucius was graduated from Amherst in 1862 and immediately enlisted in company E, Fifty-first Massachusetts, remaining until his company was mustered out. He then entered the Harvard medical school, from which he was graduated in 1867. At first a republican, he supported Tilden in 1876 and has fought under the democratic banner ever since.

He entered Rhode Island politics in 1883, when he was elected to the general assembly and, with the exception of two years, has served continuously in one branch or the other of that body.

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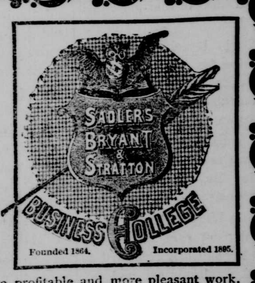

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