A Knave of Conscience

By FRANCIS LYNDE.

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tenable theory he had formed; that the robber was no criminal; that he was only a monomaniac on the social side.

"And when he did that he doubtless asssured you that he would consider himself bound in honor not to take advantage of your frankness?"

"He did just that. How did you know?" she asked.

"I merely inferred it. And his parole was to expire at St. Louis?"

"It was—it did."

Griffin rose and found his hat.

"I am greatly obliged to you, Miss Farnham. I know you haven't found it easy to speak of this to a stranger."

While the identity of the man is still a mystery, you have helped more than you know. Good morning."

Griffin left the house, but instead of taking the street, he turned aside to stroll aimlessly along the lake shore, giving a new theory time to grow a little more definite. As has been said, his trade of man-catcher had come to be a passion with him, and he had genius where others labored only with talent. When the new theory had taken shape, it slipped into musing speech.

"She can't account for his little vagary, but I can. He simply fell in love with her at first sight, and because he was in love with her he made her do that which she knew to be right, at whatever cost to himself. That being the case, he is as sure to turn up here sooner or later as the sun is sure to rise to-morrow morning. Better than that, he may be here now. I'll camp down and study my environment for awhile. It's a pretty place, and I'll call it my vacation."

In a week's time Mr. Thomas Griffin had learned more about Wahaska than the ordinary summer visitor would have learned in a year's residence. He knew Jasper Grierson and his ambitions, and Jasper Grierson's daughter and hers. He knew all about the social teapot tempest, and could identify the adherents of each of the factions. He knew that Andrew Galbraith was a guest at the summer hotel on the point, and was soon able to draw his own conclusions touching the growing intimacy between Grierson and the New Orleans banker. The drawing of these conclusions cost the detective a trip to the pine-land region in the northern part of the state, and the information he sought and obtained had no bearing upon the bank robbery. Jasper Grierson held the reversion of some worthless pine land which he was trying to sell Andrew Galbraith; that was all.

But in another field Griffin sent his arrows of investigation nearer the target, and that without knowing it. He came to know all about the Raymers, the iron works company, and the reorganization of the same with one Kenneth Griswold for a partner. Probing a bit deeper into this, more to account for the oddity of a man like Griswold interesting himself in a business affair than for any other reason, the detective unearthed a thing which the prime movers in it were not bruiting abroad. Jasper Grier[illegible] to "[illegible]" but succeeded in smashin[illegible] Raymer's enterprise; would have smashed it but for Griswold's intervention. That was fact the first. And fact the second was this: That Jasper Grierson repulsed was not Jasper Grierson defeated. Having failed to smash Raymer, he was now trying to obliterate both Raymer and the new partner. To this end he was fashioning two weapons. The railway and all other work controlled by Grierson and those to whom he dictated was withdrawn from the reorganized iron works company. That was the weapon legal; the other was more deadly. In the height of the Raymer-Griswold prosperity a deputation of workingmen had waited upon the partners with demands which could not be met. And the alternative was a strike.

CHAPTER XXI.

As Raymer had foretold Griswold's initial visit to the Grierson mansion on the lake's edge was but the beginning of an acquaintance which soon ripened into intimacy with the daughter of the house. For one thing, Griswold was always sure of his welcome at Mereside; and, for another, he was beginning to find the atmosphere of Margery's sitting-room the one environment where the remaking of the book could go on, and that Margery herself was the one person with whom he could discuss it with helpful freedom.

Do what he might he could not bring himself to the point of taking Charlotte into his confidence in the matter of the book. Though it was wholly undefined in his own mind, the barrier was the one which had been builded on the voyage up the river. The more he saw of Charlotte, and the more his love for her grew and throve, the less possible it became to look forward to a day when he might hope to tell her all with a fair probability of winning her approval of the thing he had done.

But with Margery no such difficulty existed. Her sympathy was always quick and intuitive, and she seemed to have the gift of saying instinctively the thing he craved most; the thing he might have suggested if she were not always beforehand with him. He was not so besotted as to believe that he had discovered in her that other half of the artist's always incomplete circle; the one person in the world who can fully understand him. On the contrary, in his soberer moments he thought he knew her for what she was. But these disillusions grew less frequent as visits to Mereside became more frequent, and in time they began to disappear altogether. For Mistress Margery was wise in her generation, knowing many things well and the heart of a man better than any.

But about the book, which was to settle once for all the vexed question of the rights of man, they did not always agree. As first conceived, the story was merely a vehicle loaded to overflowing with the socialistic protests of its author. But in the rewriting a new plot had been substituted; suggested, nay, even outlined, by Mistress Margery herself; and on the keel thus laid the venture built itself into something more like a novel and less like a preachment. Griswold saw the growth of it under his hand; saw the far-reaching possibilities of it; saw also that it was departing, despite his most strenuous efforts, from the course which he had pricked out on the chart of the former endeavor. In other words, the new book bade fair to grow into something which the publishers might accept and the public might buy and read, but of the rights of man there was coming to be less and less as the work progressed.

Being first of all an enthusiast, Griswold dug deeply for the cause of all this, and thought he found it in his new relation as an employer of labor. At first he had told himself that he would be a silent partner in the iron works, leaving all the activities to the practical Raymer; but he soon found this blankly impossible. And with personal interest and the shifting point of view came a change, gradual and almost insensible, in his attitude toward mankind in general and toward the workers in particular. So it came about that while he was writing a book, designed to overturn the existing social order, he was drifting slowly but surely into the ranks of the oppressors.

The first open confession of this change of creed came when the threat of a strike rose storm-cloud like on the iron works horizon. Raymer was for temporizing with the men, and for yielding something if need be; but this Griswold fought stoutly, growing more stubborn as the threatening cloud increased in size. If the men could not see for themselves what was for their best interests, they must be made to see.

But in reality it was Margery who was responsible for the major changes in the book. Caring nothing at all for the ethical question involved, she cared a great deal for the success of the author, and she was shrewd enough to arrive quickly at a double conclusion; that Griswold was well able to write a successful book; and that, left to himself, he would assuredly spoil it with his theories. So she labored faithfully to keep him in a broader road and not without a goodly measure of success.

"But, Margery,"—(they were well past the "Mr." and "Miss" by this time)—"I can't do that," he said one morning when they had been reworking the plot through one of the cozy sitting-room talks.

"Don't you see it begs the entire question of labor and capital?"

"I see that you can't help doing it unless you are deliberately false to your art," retorted the literary oracle.

"You have put these people on the stage, giving them certain characters, and they must go on and do the things that are consistent."

"Not if the consistent things are going to make the entire picture out of drawing."

She laughed. "How impossible a man can be," she rejoined, sweetly. "How many times must we go back to the original question. You must choose between saying it all and having nobody read it and saying a little and having everybody read it. I'm not saying anything against your theory—it's lovely. But unless you make it a good story, first, last and all the time, you will never get a hearing."

"Then I may as well give it up," Griswold confessed. "If I may not preach a little I have no excuse for saying anything at all."

"Oh, you may preach a little. But in this particular instance you must make[illegible] and inflexible, cruel[illegible] didn't be afraid of its effect upon the girl. She will condone anything he may have to do—it's a way girls have."

He looked at her narrowly and then the film of abstraction came between.

"I wonder if you really mean that? Are women so ready to condone?"

Her laugh was mocking. "You make me blush for you," she said. "Isn't an author supposed to know more about us than we know about ourselves?"

"I don't know about the supposition. But the man who knows the heart of one woman—"

She stopped him with a little gesture of impatience.

"Tell me what it is you don't know and I'll turn traitor and betray my sex."

At that his gaze went beyond her again and he said: "I wonder if you would?"

"Try me and see."

He hesitated a moment, and then plunged into the depths of it.

"Then tell me this: If Rathbone should go on and do all the hard things you say his character calls for—things which Priscilla believes to be wrong—would she put her conscience aside and stand with him?"

Miss Grierson's reply was brief and very much to the point.

"A woman in love has no conscience. The man she loves has to furnish enough of that commodity for two."

Griswold winced. "What a merciless little cynic you are," he declared.

"It is true, and when you are saying true things where is the use of taking the roundabout way. I don't say the woman wouldn't be hurt. She would be, and the hurt might turn up afterward in a way to make the man sorry. But that has nothing to do with the fact that a woman's conscience can't hold its own against her love."

Griswold shook his head in deprecation. "I don't like to believe that. I'd like to believe that a man may go on making a good woman's conscience the touchstone by which his own conceptions of right and wrong may be corrected."

Margery laughed lightly. "And so you may, if you don't first go about to make the woman love you. But you can't eat your cake and have it too."

Griswold folded his manuscript and put it back in the envelope. Then he said what was in his mind.

"These are generalities, Margery. Would you be that loyal to the man you loved?"

Miss Grierson's shrug was barely perceptible.

"I like that," she said. "That is certainly personal enough." And then: "You mustn't endow me with a conscience."

"Why?"

"Because I think it was denied me in the general distribution of things good but unhappy. I am afraid the question I ask oftenest is whether I want the thing hard enough to try to get it."

"As if anyone would believe that of you!" said Griswold, at parting.

But afterward, when he came to think of it, the thin edge of belief found a crevice and would not be denied its entrance therein.

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UNITED STATES WINS.

Dutch Jurist Decides Russia Must Pay Damage for Illegal Seizure of Sealing Ships.

Prof. Asser, the Dutch jurist, who has been arbitrating the claims of American sealers for the seizure of their vessels by the Russian government about ten years ago, has delivered his award in favor of the United States. He appraises the damages in the case of the American schooner C. H. White at $32,444, in the case of the James Hamilton Lewis at $28,588, the Kate and Anna at $1,488, and the Cape Horn Pigeon at $38,750.

In giving his reasons for the award Prof. Asser held that the schooner C. H. White was seized outside Russian territorial waters, and that the Russian contention that a warship of one

DR. T. M. C. ASSER.
(Has Decided Behring Sea Dispute in Favor of United States.)

nation was entitled to pursue beyond the boundaries of its territorial seas a ship of another nation guilty of illegal action within these waters, was untenable.

The arbitrator declared that the jurisdiction of the state could not extend beyond its territorial waters except by special treaty. The seizure and confiscation of the C. H. White and the imprisonment of its crew was, therefore, illegal, and Russia was condemned to pay the C. H. White $32,444, with interest at six per cent.

The case of the James Hamilton Lewis is governed by the same decision, while in the case of the Cape Horn Pigeon, Prof. Asser, in fixing the damages of $38,750 and the interest at six per cent., held that the general principle that damages should include the prospective profits of which the victim had been deprived applied equally to international litigation.

In the case of the Kate and Anna the arbitrator decided that the captain could have continued seal hunting, and that, therefore, Russia was not responsible for the prospective profits.

Both the James Hamilton Lewis and Kate and Anna are given six per cent. interest on the amount awarded.

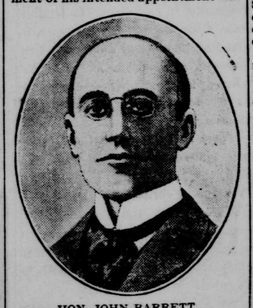
The dispute was the subject of protracted negotiations, resulting in an agreement in 1900 between Count Lamsdorf, acting minister of foreign affairs of Russia, and Herbert H. D. Pierce, United States charge d'affaires of St. Petersburg, designating Prof. Asser, a member of the council of state of the Netherlands, an arbitrator.

JAPANESE MISSION.

Mikado Objects to Appointment of John Barrett as Successor of the Late A. E. Buck.

John Barrett, of Oregon, will not be the United States minister to Japan, although it was the president's intention to send him in that capacity. The Japanese minister, Mr. Takahira, called at the state department the other day, and, while he did not make any formal protest, it was evident that the Japanese government had instructed him to say that it would prefer not to have Mr. Barrett as the representative from the United States.

It develops now that the announcement of his intended appointment was



HON. JOHN BARRETT.
(Orientalist Who Is Persona Non Grata at Japanese Court.)

premature. It is customary in all such cases to consult the foreign government before an appointment is made, and this, unfortunately, was omitted [illegible] to Mr. Barrett. The Japanese minister did not, of course, formulate any charges, and according to usage he was neither expected nor required to.

There are peculiar relations between Japan and Siam. It is said that Mr. Barrett, while minister to Siam, trod on the toes of the Japanese government in some way, and later on, in a lecture or interview in this country, made some references to the empire of Japan which left a sore spot over there.

John Barrett, now serving as commissioner general to Asia and Australia for the St. Louis exposition, is eminent as a writer and lecturer upon eastern questions. Prior to his appointment by President Cleveland in 1894 as United States minister to Siam he had made a special study of the possibilities of trade with the orient, and it was in recognition of this work that he was indorsed by both parties in Oregon, Washington and California for a high place in the Asiatic diplomatic service.

During his term of office he traveled extensively in China, Japan, Korea, Siberia, Java and the Philippines, studying commercial opportunities for the United States and embodying the results of his investigations in official reports, which have always been regarded as of great value.

He is a native of Vermont and a graduate of Dartmouth college. He is 56 years old.

From Boston, Perhaps.

"Don't you think she has a very distingue air?"

"Yes," said the sad-looking young man. "Judging from the chill she produces, I should call it a liquid air."—Washington Star.

Weak Woman.

Mrs. Gumpps—What do you think of this? Prof. Scraper says women make better violinists than men?

Mr. Gumpps—Of course. They can't make so much noise.—N. Y. Weekly.

A Mean Man.

"Remember," said the beautiful girl who was soliciting for the charity entertainment, "that the Lord loves a cheerful giver."

"I know He does," replied the square-jawed old captain of industry. "Just give me a cheerful rest, will you? You're the tenth nuisance that has been here this afternoon."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Poetry and Farming.

Oh, the musing poet warbles
Of the frost that's on the vine
And the labors of the huskers
In a style that's very fine;
But you bet he couldn't do it
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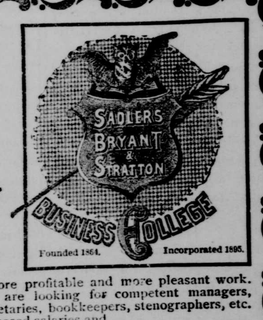

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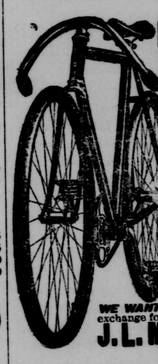

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