A Knave of Conscience

By FRANCIS LYNDE.

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braith's sitting-room at the summer hotel was never known to any save the two who were the actors in the little drama. But when Charlotte came out Andrew Galbraith accompanied her and put her into the buggy with her father. And she was crying a little, though not as those who weep without hope.

The old banker watched the buggy as it melted into the darkness of the driveway, and shook his head.

"There goes a woman that any man might be proud to give his name till," he said. "Now, if the young deevil has half her courage—"

"A gentleman to see you, Mr. Galbraith," said the voice of the night clerk beside him. "I thought you were in your room, and I sent him there."

Griswold was standing, hat in hand, in the middle of the comfortable sitting room when the banker entered.

"I beg your pardon," he began. "The clerk told me you were here, and I found the door open."

"Sit down," said the banker, not inhospitably, drawing up his own easy chair. But Griswold remained standing.

"No," he objected. "What I have to say may be said standing. Mr. Galbraith, did you ever see me before you came to Wahaska?

The shrewd old face was unreadable by any, but if there was a certain glint of hardness in the eyes, it was tempered by the lines about the mouth.

"You wore a beard when you were in New Orleans, Mr. Griswold," he said at length.

"Then you recognized me?"

"Not at first, you may be sure."

"I suppose not; otherwise I should be awaiting my trial in the parish prison."

"Is there any good reason why ye shouldn't be?" demanded the old man, with a rasp in his voice.

"None at all, though up to an hour ago I should not have admitted it."

"And what made ye change your mind, I'd like to ask?"

"A number of things, but chiefly this: I have come to know now that what I did that morning was wrong."

"Wrong!" shouted the banker. "Are ye clean daft, man? Was there ever any doubt about its being wrong?"

"Not from your point of view, perhaps; but if it had seemed wrong to me, I should not have done it."

"You're crazy, man; clean daft, I say."

"Put it in the past tense, if you please, Mr. Galbraith. I'm in my right mind now."

"And what cured ye, I'd like to know?"

"The fact that I found out an hour ago that I had made a good woman my accomplice after the fact. There can be no question about the sinfulness of that, so I am here to do what I may in the way of reparation."

"Go on," said Andrew Galbraith.

"First about the money—"

It was the canny soul of the old Scotchman that groaned.

"Ye lost it, ye loon; I know all about that. Go on with your reparations."

"How did you know I lost it?" queried Griswold, no little mystified.

"Never you mind what I know or how I know it. Go on, I say."

"But I didn't lose it; or rather, I lost it and found it again. Odd as it may seem to you, I have never regarded the money as my own. I have held it as a fund in trust for the good of my kind. Ninety-five thousand dollars are invested in the Wahaska iron works, and there are some three thousand dollars of undivided profits due on this investment. Here is a check payable to your order for my balance at the bank—$3,940.57. The iron works stock can be sold at par to-morrow, if you like, and that, with the dividend and this balance, will make you whole again, with a small interest on the principal."

Andrew Galbraith heard him through, with grim satisfaction depicting itself on the shrewd old face. "Ye're not so bad a financier," he said. "Now, what's to become of ye?"

"That remains for you to say. You may go and ring for the police, and I'll wait here till an officer comes; or if you don't care to be mixed up in it, I'll take the first train south and surrender myself in New Orleans."

"Is that all?"

"All but one thing. If you put the iron works on the market at once it will embarrass Mr. Raymer perhaps to the point of forcing him to the wall. I have no right to ask favors of you—"

The banker sprang up and began to tramp up and down in something as nearly approaching rage as he ever permitted himself.

"Why, ye callow young fule, what d'ye think I'm made of?" he exploded. "A few hours ago you and that brave bit of a lassie—God bless her—risked your two lives to save mine. D'ye think I'll be sending you to that leevin' death in the chain gang if ye were twenty times the crazy loon ye are?"

Griswold drew himself up. "You've got it to do, Mr. Galbraith. You must not compound a felony to save me."

"Compound your grandmither!" shouted the old man. "If you go and give yourself up in New Orleans, I'll go on the stand and swear I never set eyes on ye before. Then ye'll have an old man's perjury on ye're soul to answer for. Na, na, lad; they call me a hard old skinflint, but after a' I'm just human. You've turned face about, and it's not old Andrew Galbraith who'll be piling stones in your way. Go you right away down to the doctor's and tell that brave lassie of yours what's come of it a', and to-morrow we'll see about the money matters. Maybe I'll make up my mind to let sleeping dogs lie, and set ye up as my resident manager at your iron works. Go on, ye loon, before I turn ye out."

Griswold went toward the door, with his brain in a whirl, but when his hand was on the knob Andrew Galbraith stopped him.

"Hold on a minute, I forgot. There's a man here by the name of Griffin; he knows who you are, and he'll be nabbing you." Griswold smiled. "No, he won't. He has thrown up the job, as he will probably tell you to-morrow."

"Thrown it up? What for?"

Griswold hung his head. "I—I was lucky enough to save his life, too. I—"

"That'll do; ye've a mission that way, it seems. Now, then, be off with you."

Griswold left the room and hotel, walking as one in a dream. The dream lasted until he entered the gate of Lake Lodge and saw a flutter of white on the high veranda.

"What have you done, Kenneth?" she asked, when he would suffer her to speak.

"I have done what I could, dear, and it is nothing—less than nothing, in the way of reparation. Oh, Charlotte, you must be my conscience, if you take me. I am but a sorry knave, after all."

"A knave of conscience," she murmured; and he caught at the phrases.

"That shall be the name of the new book you are going to help me write," he said quickly, confirming it with a kiss.

And so indeed it was.

THE END.

Almost Ready.

"Well, Hetty," said Uncle Bill, "I reckon you have written your graduating essay and are about ready to say good-by to school."

"I am almost ready, Uncle William," replied Harryette. "I have selected the material for my graduating dress, and as soon as I can decide whether to carry a bouquet in my hand or wear it in my corsage I shall give some attention to other trifles of the occasion."—Judge.

Real Unkind of Her.

Miss Frankleigh—Why, you are limping, Mr. Uppstart! What is the trouble?

Mr. Uppstart—My feet are swelled from some unknown cause.

"You are always going in for extremes. Now, it is your feet—but usually it's your head. —Chicago Daily News.

Identified.

The general post office at Paris once received a letter addressed: "To Monsier, my son, Rue ——, etc." They were going to send it to what in France corresponds to our dead-letter office, but a clerk objected.

"There must be two fools in that family," he said. We shall find out to whom it belongs."

Sure enough, in a few days a stupid-looking youth entered and said to the clerk:

"I'd like to find out if you haven't kept here a letter from my father."

"Yes, sir," replied the clerk. "Here it is."—Youth's Companion.

No Satisfaction in That.

"Yes," he explained, "she is very angry with him."

"Why?" she asked.

"Oh, he caught her dozing in the hammock and kissed her."

"While she was asleep?"

"Yes."

"And didn't know what was happening?"

"Yes."

"How inconsiderate. I should think she would be angry."—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Definition.

Little Clarence—Pa, what is executive ability?

Mr. Callipers—Executive ability, my son, is the capacity for making some one else paddle your own canoe for you.—Judge.

His Nose Was on Fire.

At Paris, France, Leon Godefroy, having lost his nose, got a surgeon to replace it with a celluloid imitation While he was lighting a cigarette on the boulevard the other evening his nose took fire. Godefroy jumped about in pain and was carried to a drug store through a horrified crowd, where the extraordinary conflagration, which had involved his mustache, beard, eyelashes and eyebrows and had injured his eyes, was extinguished.

Nahum Foretold the Auto.

A Boston editor has discovered that the advent of the automobile was predicted long before the Christian era. In the Bible, Nahum 2:4, we read that: "The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."

Education.

He sent his boy to college,
And now he cries, alack!
He spent ten thousand dollars
And got a quarter back.
—Puck.

His Intentions Were Good.

Wantanno—Did Ezamark succeed in trying all the grip remedies his friends recommended?

Duzno—No, the process was interrupted midway by a funeral.

Wantanno—Whose funeral?

Duzno — Ezamark's. — Los Angeles Herald.

Correct Estimate.

Hatterson—That woman next door must have a tolerably correct notion of the partner of her joys and sorrows.

Mrs. Hatterson—Why?

Hatterson—I went over there to get a rake, and she said her husband was out.—Town Topics.

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PEACE IS RESTORED.

Warring Factions in Colombia Will Fight No Longer.

Termination of Hostilities Is of Particular Interest to Us on Account of Pending Canal Negotiations.

Colombian's reported conclusion of peace is full of interest to the United States. It is on general principles pleasing to know that our southern neighbor has reached the end of a struggle which was tedious and disastrous in the extreme. It is a relief to be rid of the necessity of keeping guard over our interests at Panama and occasionally intervening in their behalf with force and arms. There have been complaints made against such intervention, by both parties to the conflict on the isthmus, largely, if not entirely, unfounded. The treaty rights of the United States to intervene for the protection of its property and the maintenance of free traffic on the railroads cannot be disputed. It may well be that such intervention hampered the belligerent activities of one or both of the parties. But if so their quarrel was with the treaty, and not with our enforcement of its provisions. Certainly the government, now that it has won the day, must realize that it is far better to have the railroad and its terminals in good order and in operation than it would have been but for United States intervention. The establishment of peace is thus welcome as a vindication of American action.

Another highly important consideration is that the return of peace will expedite a definite settlement of the canal question. Being rid of the insurrection, the Bogota government can apply itself to that question without distraction. It is high time for it to do so to a practical purpose, says the New York Tribune. There has already been too much delay and too much backing and filling. For

DR. J. M. MARROQUIN.
(Compromise President of the Republic of Colombia, C. A.)

years past the Colombian government has professed to be eager for the United States to purchase and complete the unfinished ditch of the French company. This country has been given to understand that every facility will be offered it for the prompt completion of the canal on the most liberal terms. But now that it is ready and eager to begin the work, Colombia seems inclined to temporize and to ask impossible conditions. There does not seem to be the slightest justification for the reported attempt to increase the rental price. It is understood that Colombia was willing to accept a certain price a year or two ago, when it was not certain that the United States would want to build at Panama. Nothing has occurred since then to make the concession more valuable. As for Colombia's reluctance to grant to this country complete and permanent control of the strip of land containing the canal, her own conduct and condition demonstrate its unreasonableness. It would be simply intolerable to have the canal exposed to the disturbances which for months past have beset the Panama railroad.

The terms proposed by the United States are not only reasonable, they are generous to Colombia. It is for Colombia to accept them or reject them. Whichever she does she should do thoughtfully and advisedly, for the decision is one fraught with incalculable importance to her future, but she should, and indeed must, do it promptly. The United States must not be kept waiting like a party to an old-fashioned New England horse trade. For the Panama route, as our Colombian friends should remember, is not the only one. There is another at Nicaragua, which has some advantages over that at Panama, and which we can have for the asking. The president is as fully authorized to accept and adopt it as he is to conclude arrangements with Colombia, and if he should do so that would mean an ending of the Panama canal. Whichever route this country adopts will thenceforth be the only one. Colombia cannot afford to run any unnecessary risk of being left in the lurch forever.

Market Women Are Tricky.

A favorite trick of Alsatian market woman is to place six or eight eggs in a small basket, and to declare that those are all the absolutely fresh ones they have. The victim buys them, thinking that if the woman were dishonest she would have offered more "fresh eggs." Afterward the market woman takes six more out of a larger basket which is carefully covered over.

An Irishman's View.

"Are you looking for trouble?" demanded the angry man.

"No," replied the Irishman; "only for pleasure."

"You seem to want a fight?"

"That's what I said," returned the Irishman.—Chicago Post.

Before Their Time.

First Chappie—I wonder now, Cholie, how the donkey ever came to be used as the—er—emblem of stupidity?

Second Chappie (with a yawn)—Don't know. I'm sure, deah boy; must have been before our day."—Tit-Bits.

Two Points of View.

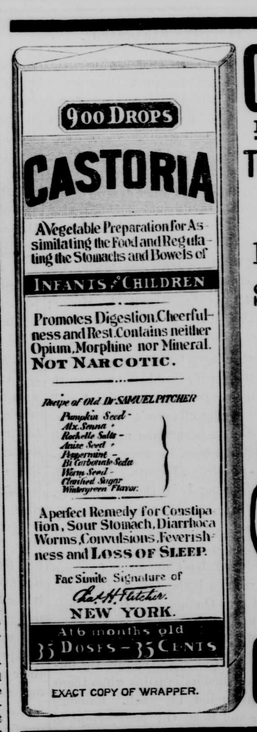
"If there is one man I like more than another," said the optimist, "it is a man that I can trust."

"My ideal man," rejoined the pessimist, "is one who is willing to trust me."—Chicago Daily News.

Something Wrong.

Roe Shelle—Why did Jenks kill his wife's parrot? Did it take to swearing?

Newark Branch—Worse! It took to imitating the lawn mower!—Puck.



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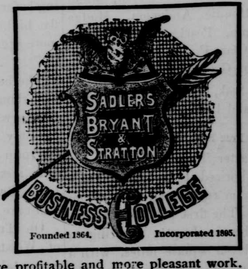

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