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A Romance of The Year's End

By Howard Fielding.

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If you had been able to look into Henry Clifford's rooms upon a certain evening as if they were a scene set on a stage and he an actor, you would have said to yourself, "What is the matter with this fellow?"

He was engaged in packing his belongings in spasmodic bursts of hurry, and often he would stand stock still and set his teeth very hard and pull himself together in the manner of a man who fights against a prostrating illness or a racking pain. You would have felt sure that he was forcing himself through this task, which must be done within a very brief time, for he kept looking at his watch, and the sight of it always seemed to increase his distress and his hurry.

Now, the facts are that there was not a healthier young man in ten miles' radius, that he suffered no physical pain whatever and that he had a superfluity of time for what he was doing. It was the evening of Friday, Dec. 31, and Clifford was to leave his rooms on the following Wednesday and sail on Thursday. Meanwhile he had scarcely anything to do except the remainder of his packing, a few hours' work in all.

Take another look at the man, and then I will let you into the secret. You will observe that he is a strong, rugged, masculine creature, with a handsome but somewhat stern countenance, keen gray eyes, plenty of nose and a firm jaw—an attractive fellow, not unamiable, but very hard to move. He is an expert in steel work, especially bridge building and his appearance fits his calling.

This is what had happened to him: In the early part of the preceding summer he made the acquaintance of Miss Dorothy Leland at her father's country house on the north shore, and he had fallen in love with her.

He addressed himself to Dorothy's father, who admired the young man extremely and willingly gave him leave to try his fortune. Then, with a sense of hazard that might have paralyzed a weaker man, with cold fear in the marrow of his bones and a consuming fire in his blood, but outwardly as steady as iron, he offered his hand and heart to Dorothy.

The girl had seen this coming, and yet she was surprised. It was too soon. She was almost angry with Clifford, as if he had been guilty of a rudeness. He had spoiled the fun.

The sense of justice in man is replaced in woman by the punishing instinct. A true woman will punish even an inanimate object if it hurts her. If you have seen a little girl stumble on the stairs and then stand and make

HE WAS FORCING HIMSELF THROUGH THIS TASK.

faces at the stair carpet you have the material for a considerable knowledge of the sex.

Only one circumstance saved Clifford from a direct refusal—that he showed in his avowal the capacity for doing precisely what he had thus far conspicuously neglected. He really did introduce the subject, and for half an hour he was a wooer, speaking of nothing in particular, but with a thrill images of beauty rose unsought to his lips, surprising and exciting his own heart; he sang a sort of wordless song to her, and all the meaning was in his eyes. What he said was mere fancy, mere picture, a direct emotional appeal, and if he had gone on like that for half an hour more he might have won an acceptance. But suddenly his intellect awoke and felt itself neglected. It intruded awkwardly where it had no business, and it wrecked the scene. He began to speak straight out rationally about marriage and his status in the world and all the cold conventionalities. Thirty minutes at least these matters should have been postponed, but Clifford did not know it.

Dorothy was furious—as she herself would have expressed it. Her wrath when he began to speak ordinary, colorless words out of the dictionary was directly proportionate to the pleasure she had had in the bird song prelude; but, of course, she couldn't tell him to go back and do it over again. He should have known it; he must be punished.

"No," she said, rising. "No, I cannot listen."

REPORT
OF THE
AUDITING COMMITTEE
FOR
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, Md.

Gentlemen:—In compliance with an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed January, 1904, we having been appointed Auditors for Kent County, beg leave to state that we have examined the books, accounts, vouchers and papers of the offices of County Commissioners, Treasurer, Board of School Commissioners and Trustees of Almshouse, and submit the following report as shown in Exhibit No. 1, Exhibit No. II, Exhibit No. III, Exhibit No. IV, Exhibit No. V, Exhibit No. VI.

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PHILIP G. WILMER,
E. THOMAS MASSEY, } Auditing Committee

EXHIBIT I.

Showing Financial Conditions of Kent County for the year Ending June 6th, 1908.

SUMMARY OF ASSETS

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

$8,481,393.60 Real and Personal at $1.12	$94,991 60	
$346,545.47 Banks and Corporations at $1.12	3,881 31	
$35,266.00 P. B. & W. Rolling Stock at $1.12	394 98	
$165,695.00 Special Rates at 30c	497 08	
Due from Cecil County	245 50	
Cash	61 49	
Total		$100,071 96

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Total County Expenses by Certificates	$53,733 73	
Total Special Cash Levies	46,338 23	
Total		$100,071 96

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EXHIBIT II.

Statement of Treasurer's Office for the Year Ending July 1, 1908.

To Balance	$1,131 06
To Real and Personal, Banks and Corporations, P. W. & B. R. R. Stock and Special Rate	97,390 58
To Certificate from Commissioners	1,980 00
Total	$100,501 64
By Cash paid on Levy	100,501 64

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EXHIBIT III.

Statement of All Bonds Outstanding for the Year Ending July 1st, 1908.

Sixteen 5% School	$16,000 00
Ten 4% Refunding	10,000 00
Total	$26,000 00

EXHIBIT IV.

Statement of Almshouse Account for the Year Ending May 4th, 1908.

Total from County Commissioners		$2,655 71
Total Farm Products		1,425 30
Bank Balance, May, 1907		69 52
Overpaid and Refunding		1 67
Total		$4,182 20
Expenditures	$3,958 31	
Bank Balance for 1908	223 89	
Total		$4,182 20

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EXHIBIT V.

Exhibit of Accounts of Board of County School Commissioners for the year ending July 31st, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 31, 1907	$ 2,535 69
State School Tax	17,523 43
State Free School Fund	1,558 99
Amount of County Levy	25,000 00
Licenses, Tongers	774 54
Manual Training	1,500 00
Free Book Fund	2,565 23
Received from sale of books	43 37
Balance Book money on hand July 31, 1907	45 41
Total	$51,546 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rent	$ 215 00
Fuel	2,644 45
Repairs	1,118 63
Apparatus and Furniture	593 68
Teacher's Salaries	34,071 50
New Buildings	50 00
Sanitary	1,450 47
Incidentals	105 38
Kindergarten and Manual Training	1,635 01
Office Expenses	177 10
Superintendent's Salary	1,560 00
Commissioner's Salary	300 00
Printing	60 00
Advertising	30 00
Institute Expenses	151 50
State and County Association Expenses	30 00
School Libraries	30 00
Expended for Books	2,357 64
Cost of Distribution	82 78
Notes and Interest	2,466 79
Attorney's fees for 3 years	150 00
School Supplies	50 05
Balance Cash in Second National Bank	2,062 09
Balance Cash in Chestertown Bank	213 59
Total	$51,546 66

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EXHIBIT VI.

Showing Total Expenditures of Kent County for the year ending June 6, 1908.

CIRCUIT COURT.		
Certificates	$2,586 69	
Orders	1,281 33	
Checks	118 76	
Total		$3,986 78
MAGISTRATES AND CONSTABLES.		
Certificates	$1,098 79	
Checks	26 55	
Total		$1,125 34
ORPHANS COURT.		
Certificates	$ 793 20	
Checks	48 00	
Total		$ 841 20
COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.		
Certificates	$2,835 08	
Orders	474 67	
Checks	283 78	
Total		$3,593 53
COMMISSIONERS OFFICE.		
Certificates	$2,988 34	
Total		$2,988 34
CLERK'S SALARY AND JANITOR TO ROOM AND JURY LIST.		
Orders	$ 986 74	
Checks	2 57	
Total		$ 989 31
PENSIONS.		
Certificates	$1,401 00	
Checks	50 00	
Total		$1,451 00
CHARITIES.		
Certificates	$ 81 15	
Checks	6 00	
Total		$ 87 15
HOSPITALS.		
Certificates	$ 794 61	
Orders	1,701 34	
Total		$2,495 95
INQUISITIONS.		
Certificates	$ 223 78	
Checks	2 00	
Total		$ 225 78
TREASURER'S OFFICE.		
Certificates	$2,086 77	
Total		$2,086 77
TAXES IN ERROR.		
Certificates	$ 196 84	
Checks	7 76	
Total		$ 204 60
PRINTING.		
Certificates	$2,672 30	
Total		$2,672 30
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Certificates	$ 240 07	
Orders	26 27	
Checks	26 28	
Total		$ 292 62
REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS.		
Certificates	$ 47 92	
Orders	5,731 20	
Total		$5,779 12
SMALLPOX QUARANTINE.		
Certificates	$ 219 84	
Total		$ 219 84
ALMSHOUSE.		
Certificates	$1,720 77	
Orders	1,010 74	
Checks	30 00	
Total		$2,761 51
HEALTH OFFICE AND JAIL PHYSICIAN.		
Certificates	$ 186 30	
Orders	225 00	
Total		$ 411 30
BETTERTON PROPORTION.		
Order		$ 300 00
CHESTERTOWN PROPORTION.		
Order		$ 2000 00
GALENA PROPORTION.		
Order		$ 600 00
MILLINGTON PROPORTION.		
Order		$ 600 00
KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.		
Certificates	$2,704 51	
Orders	872 80	
Checks	3 00	
Total		$ 3,580 31
ROADS AND BRIDGES.		
Certificates	$30,855 76	
Orders	905 57	
Checks	1,283 45	
Total		$33,044 78
RETURN OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.		
Orders	$ 250 00	
Total		$ 250 00
GENERAL BRIDGE KEEPERS SALARY AND REPAIRS.		
Orders	$ 225 00	
Total		$ 225 00
BONDS.		
Orders Interest on	$ 1,275 00	
Orders, Bonds redeemed	1,000 00	
Total		$ 2,275 00
WATER RENTS.		
Orders	$ 96 50	
Total		$ 96 50
SCHOOLS.		
Orders	$24,000 00	
Total		$ 24,000 00
AUDITING COMMITTEE'S SALARY.		
Orders	$ 314 00	
Total		$ 314 00
TREASURERS SALARY.		
Orders	$ 1,500 00	
Total		$ 1,500 00
Total Expenses		$100,998 04
Total Certificates	$ 53,733 73	
Total Orders	45,376 16	
Total Checks	1,888 15	
Total		$100,998 04

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