Close Shave

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SHE was young and very pretty. Almost hidden by an armful of packages she lowered them long enough to smile at the old druggist who smiled back, reminded suddenly of some one also young and fair who used to smile at him that way many years ago.

"May I have two nickels?" she asked laying a ten-cent piece on the counter, "I'd like to telephone."

"Certainly," said Doc Putnam cheerfily, adding: "We have two telephone booths, one in the rear and one at the front. Take your choice."

"I'll take the one in the rear," she smiled, gathering her bundles together.

"It doesn't matter which one you use," the druggist's eyes twinkled, "I can hear everything you say."

Laughing gaily, she entered the booth. As she called the number, Doc listened idly. Some lucky young husband was about to be called, he guessed, perhaps informed that dinner would be late because his darling had been delayed while shopping. Doc enjoyed cataloguing the people who passed in and out of his drug store day after day and generally his guesses were right.

"Is this Bishop 7-3232?" the girl was speaking. "This is Mary. Yes. John was supposed to phone me at exactly five o'clock and I'll never be there on time. Yes, I'll give you the number in the phone booth and he can call me here. Ready?"

Not far wrong, thought the old druggist proudly and turned to greet two new customers: A blond, rather overdressed, and an attentive young man.

He entered the phone booth in the front of the store and the blond took a seat by the soda fountain. As the old druggist rearranged a window display which had fallen down, he heard the young man in the booth give the operator a number.

Suddenly he stiffened to attention. It was the same number called by the girl in the rear phone booth.

"This is John, is Mary there?" The young man's voice was easily distinguishable to old Doc Putnam.

"Yes, yes," the voice was suddenly impatient, "Let me have the number. O. K. Thanks. Good, I'll call her at once." The receiver clicked as he hung up.

"Will you let me have some nickels, please?" the young man had swung open the door of the booth and was holding a dime in the general direction of the druggist and smiling at the blond.

With shaking hands the old man made change and the young man turned to the phone and called the number in the back booth where his wife waited.

In a few minutes things would be popping in the store and Doc wondered what attitude the erring husband would take. And what of the blond? He turned and regarded her as she sat impatiently tapping her foot and puffing a cigarette.

But the telephone conversation broke in on his thoughts.

"Hello, Mary, this John? Yes, yes, I know. I'm very sorry, but I won't get home until late—delayed downtown, you know."

There was a pause. "I know I promised but—"

Suddenly Doc Putnam was angry. Suddenly he hated the frivolous blond girl, tapping her foot so impatiently, so sure of herself and the man she waited for. They were cheaters, that's what they were!

What would happen when the phone conversation ended and those two stepped out and confronted each other? All the dreams of the sweet-faced girl in the back of the store would come crashing down about her. It would be a cruel thing to watch. A lump rose in the old man's throat. Suddenly he determined that it would not happen.

The rear phone booth opened, and the girl came out. Picking up her bundles, she started toward the door. Then she caught sight of the young man standing in the door of the front phone booth.

"Why, John—" her laughter bubbled out—"What a coincidence. You were in that phone booth all the time?"

"Mary!" He was both surprised and frightened.

The blond, who had been staring at the girl indignantly, stepped forward. But a firm hand grasped her arm.

"Mrs. Smith," said old Doc Putnam, loudly, "this is probably the best cure for your ailment."

He had seized a bottle from a shelf and was holding it before her.

"That's his wife," he whispered, in a hoarse undertone.

Bewildered, the blond was staring at the skull and cross-bones on a bottle of iodine.

In the background, Doc was dimly conscious of the strained voice and laughter of the young man.

As the husband walked out with his wife, he half turned. Without glancing at the blond, his eyes riveted on the face of the old druggist, and in their depths was mingled a story of contrition and gratitude.

Law Briefs Old

The system of submitting all cases to a court in the form of a written brief existed in Egypt about 5,000 years ago. One such brief in the Berlin museum covers litigation between an heir and an executor; it is believed to be of that age and the oldest document of its kind in existence.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Williams visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Jr., of Baltimore, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clayville and son, Everett, of Baltimore, spent Thanksgiving holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clayville

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crew and daughter, Thelma, of North East, were the guest of Mrs. Blanche Loller last week.

Mrs. Henrietta Rasin who spent the past several weeks with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rouse, of Aberdeen, returned home Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rouse and daughter, Ann, spent the week end here.

Rev. Franklin Ferguson and Miss Mildred Owens, of Wilmington, were entertained Sunday evening at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasin.

A nurses Training Class taught by Mrs. Franklin Smith, of Chestertown, was held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Dodson, Jr., Monday afternoon the next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. H. Matthews there were sixteen in the class.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rash, and Mrs. Barney Cooper entertained Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. John Scheiner, of Baltimore over the holiday.

Mr. Marvin Nichols, of Selbyville, Del., visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crowding last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Loller, of Wyoming, Del., spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Loller.

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