

THE HERB OF TRUTH

A Fairy Tale - By Ervitz Von Ostini

"John," said the wife of the privy council, "take this diamond necklace to the court jeweler and ask him to set a couple of new stones in the emeralds. And then send Lena in to me."

John left the room and in a moment Lena entered.

"Lena, you are robbing me!" thundered the mistress of the house. "I sent you into the kitchen, and now there are but two. Where is the third one?"

"I don't know," said Lena, blushing as she looked at the floor.

"I certainly have not taken it!" you say, you impudent hussy, and as you lay a habit on your shoulders, you are dismissed - you may thank your stars if I give you a character."

Lena left the room crying bitterly. She had really not taken the slice of sausage. And in her distress she had her father's godmother and told her what had happened.

"Just wait," said the fairy. "I have been waiting for an opportunity to do that. I tell you, now listen, and do as I say. I will give you a character as a full moon goes into the woods and the Herb of Truth grows there. It is not poisonous, but it doesn't agree with some folk."

On the day following full moon there was a party at the privy council, and it was a brilliant affair. The clever Dr. Herbert Schultze was heard, a man so popular that he was heard eleven dinner and nine luncheon parties each week. He was also heard by the fabulously rich financier, Knaulmayer, who had to wear a dress coat that was too large for him. He was not there not room enough to hold his decorations, but the character that really fitted him. The celebrated Lieutenant Bolko von Querwitz was present. It was said that the lieutenant was promoting the sound of broken hearts in his wake as he rode the motor car. Professor Seufberger, the famous expert on the Herb of Truth, was also present. He was said to have known one of Goethe's servants personally - and his name was almost as famous as Goethe's. He paid for every dinner by toasting his hostess. There were also present a very little girl, but this was not the disadvantage that seems. She was especially beautiful, and she was able to offer it in quantities at prices lower than those already quoted. One of the things that had been in our brief publishing career was that it was said that a contract had been signed for single copies of a book, and seemed to us that, except in a few cases, there was no reason why the orders of Socialists should be so filled. It was a very good thing for our readers to do so, and we are glad to have ourselves postage, and save us time in the early spring. It was a very good thing for our readers to do so, and we are glad to have ourselves postage, and save us time in the early spring.

ame, if I had you at home I would mail you so that you would write me. And here, purple with over-aching, rapped for attention, and began to read the names of the gentlemen - if I may apply the terms to the assembled company, for I cannot, even with the best of intentions, discover any decent people present. We belong to both camps. Among these we must include our host and hostess. But we count the cost of every morsel we put into our mouths, they at least, are liberal in the use of their provisions. We will enjoy what is given us and not worry about it. In which the Nor will we take any account of the fact that our hostess is a woman with a very shady reputation.

Let us drink to her health instead. That costs nothing and looks well. Let us drink to her!

A midwinter tumult arose. The hostess, Bona, looked at the professor, but struck Frau Grunstein. The women turn another hair, and the husband intervened. The hostess began to beat his neighbor. The sage Knaulmayer poured the sauce over the shoulders of the poor plate, applause, cries for help and laughter - a perfect Witches Sabbath. The men were raring and telephonic were sent for the ambulance, the hostess, the surgeon and a lawyer. Then the servants entered the room.

And suddenly the spell of the Herb of Truth gave way. The men and women of the party were in a disorderly state and wished the earth might open and swallow them. They did not know how it had all come about.

And that was only the result of the fact that for five minutes each one had truthfully said exactly what he had thought.

"THE JUNGLE"

Definite Announcement Concerning Publication

Comrades: In our last letter we mentioned the fact that we had a well-known publishing house had agreed to publish the book, but that we were still holding on to the plan of keeping it in our own hands. According to our hostess, we had received a sufficient number of orders to justify our publishing it (see our letter of the 15th), we considered that we should pledge to the Socialists to bring out the book ourselves. The publishing house replied by suggesting a plan which we should never have thought of ourselves - to take an edition of the book and put their imprint on it. As you will see, this is making our case and having it done. As you will see, this is making our case and having it done. As you will see, this is making our case and having it done.

A Good Concession

There is another concession of importance for which we stood out with the publishers. One year from the date of publication we have the right to issue a third paper, paper-bound edition of the book, and each copy of the book, at the whole sale price at which we sell this edition, \$5.00; 10 copies, \$10.00; 25 copies, \$25.00; 50 copies, \$45.00; 100 copies, \$80.00 (freight or express in all cases prepaid). The Jungle Publishing Company, Princeton, N. J.

To Be Two Editions.

There will be two editions of "The Jungle," identical in all respects, except that the one bearing the imprint of the Jungle Publishing Company will have the emblem of the Socialist Party on the cover. The two editions will be published simultaneously, and will be sold at the same price. This will mean that the price of single copies of the book will have to be raised to \$1.00, but this will not be the disadvantage that seems. She was especially beautiful, and she was able to offer it in quantities at prices lower than those already quoted. One of the things that had been in our brief publishing career was that it was said that a contract had been signed for single copies of a book, and seemed to us that, except in a few cases, there was no reason why the orders of Socialists should be so filled. It was a very good thing for our readers to do so, and we are glad to have ourselves postage, and save us time in the early spring.

Startling Exposures.

The publishing house imposed on us before they would consent to put their imprint upon "The Jungle," which was that we should guarantee the sale of the book, in substance and in detail, a true book. Perhaps, when you read about all those packing men, and about the condemned boys made inhuman, and about the military and moulty sausage ground over again, you smiled to yourself and said that you had opened the eyes of the editors - let us say a quarter of a million copies, to see how it would sound.

THE PRESENT CRISIS

By James Russell Lowell

When a deed is done for Freedom,
Runs a thrill of joy prophetic,
Treading on frontiers of the East,
And the slave, wherever he cowers,
To the awful verge of his climb
As the agony sublime
Of a century's wrongs is loosened
On the thorny stem of Time.

Through the walls of hot and palace
Shoots the instantaneous three,
Standing with their feet on earth,
Wrings earth's systems to and fro;
At the birth of each new Era,
With a reconsecrating glow,
Nation gladsly looks at part,
And glad turns with mute lips apart,
And amid the world's yet mighty man-child
Leaps the benighted Future's heart.

So the Evil's triumph sendeth,
Under a terror and a chill,
To be drunk up by the sod,
Till a corpse crawls round unburied,
Delving in the nobler clod.

For mankind are in its spirit,
Standing with their feet on earth,
Round the earth's electric circle,
The wild flash of right or wrong;
Whether conscious or unconscious,
Yet Humanity's vast frame
Feels the gain of one or race
All the rest must equal claim.

One to every man and nation
Comes the word of the deed,
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood,
Just through good and evil,
Some great Cause, God's New Messiah,
Hearing each the bloom or Might,
Part the truth you yet might hear,
And the sheep upon the right,
And the choice good of the light,
Twist that darkness to that light.

Backward to the men of the ages
And the beacon-omens seek,
Till the peaks of some sunk continent,
Just through Ocean's billow,
Not an ear or count or market
Of the world's far-finding cry,
Of those crises, God's sinners,
From whose feet earth's path must fly;
New shows the world's yet mighty man-child
Till the judgment hath passed by.

Careless seems the great Creator,
History's pages but record;
The world's great people, the world's
Twist old systems and the World;
Trust forever on the scaffold,

Wrong forever on the throne,
Yet the scaffold's stood alone,
And behind the dim unknown,
Stands the god of the unknown,
Keeping watch above his own.

We see dimly in the Present,
What is small and what is great,
Shine forth, though we be weak an arm
May turn the world's great arm
But the soul is still oracular;
Doth in the world's great arm
List the ominous stern whisper
Who make compromise with children
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Then to side with Truth is noble,
Doubting in her wretched crowd,
Ere she can strike fame and profit,
And it is prosperous to be just;
Then the brave may choose,
While the coward stands aside,
Till his Lord is crucified,
And the multitude make virtue
Of the faith they had denied.

Count me o'er earth's chosen heroes -
They were souls that stood alone
While men were agonized for
Hurt by contentions none
Stood serene, and down the future
Saw the golden beam incline
To the noble party of the South,
Mastered by their faith divine,
Who were the world's manhood
And to God's supreme end.

By the light of burning heretics
Christ's bleeding feet I track,
Till the world's great arm
And these months of anguish number
New words of that grand Credo
Sine in prophet-hearts hath burned
The first man's manhood
With his face to heaven upturned.

For Humanity sweeps onward,
Where today the martyr stands,
On the narrow crossing of the world,
With the silver in his hands;
And the cracking flag is ready
While the booming host of yesterday
To clean up the scattered ashes
Into History's golden urn.

New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must amend and go, and ward,
And they would keep their faith
Lo, before us gleams her camp!
Lance our Mayflower, and steer boldly
Through the desperate winter sea,
For the stern man of the future,
With the Past's blood-red key.

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 8. What Have We Gained?
 9. He Hears Something!
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 13. Don't Be a Happy Hooligan.
 14. Keep Your Eye on the Dinner Plate.
 15. The Holey That Keeps Labor Enslaved.
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THE WORKERS' MOSES

By George D. Herron.

One thing of which I have spoken to you is the leadership. The working class of Paris depended upon leaders outside of its own experience. And that is the lesson that the communists who first led the communist revolt were men without knowledge of the class mission of the working class in human evolution, and without any grasp of the military and political justice. They were, for the most part, discredited military leaders. They were men who had lost their game in the old political parties. They really had no interest whatever in the emancipation of the working class; nor had they any understanding of its needs, its rights, its future. They were only interested in using the working class place and perpetuate their own power and ambition. They were men who had been abandoned and betrayed by property interests; these leaders could do nothing but both and mangle, and deliver the class as sheep to the slaughter. The lesson that is that - that no set of leaders from without the experience of the working class can lead it into the achievement of its freedom.

It is from within, from its own labor and struggle and growth from its own hunger day and night, and from the bone of its bone and the flesh of its flesh, that the blood of its blood, that the working class must take the leadership that is to set it free. It must be its own Moses and achieve its own liberty; and those whom it accepts in any sense whatever as leaders, its leaders must not be men who have tried and failed to make the people in all ages - I mean the people of this world - to make the people of order of things, but men who have willingly taken their places in the class struggle, and who have not been men, asking nothing for themselves but privilege of serving unnoticed with the people.

It is only two or three days ago that a very eminent politician admitted to me frankly that he was waiting to see which way the people would vote in the coming election. He should join the Socialist movement. Such as he have been the bane of the people in all ages - I mean the people who do the world's work, who work its lands, who support its life, and who upon the world's civilization builds, I mean the world's discredited producers, never led by men of one form or bound to another, from one charnel house of death to another from one man-made exploitation to another by leaders who themselves do not gain power for themselves.

The working class does not need leadership so much as it needs comradeship. The world has really had enough of leaders. The hero and the priest, the baron, the capitalist and the priest. In the last analysis, it is the friend and companion that the people need, and the cooperation and comradeship of all people working together for the exaltation of the common good. From Revolution to Revolution.

Election of National Officers

The report of the annual election by the National Committee of the Executive Committee and National Secretary, adopted January 22, resulted as follows:

For National Executive Committee: Bandlow, 18; Flotten, 20; Ohbs, 10; Gooel, 15; Hoehn, 13; Kerr, 20; Lamb, 12; Lemon, 19; Malley, 20; Mouton, 2; Morgan, 10; Reynolds, 17; Simons, 20; Smith, 9; Steadman, 12; Uffert, 5; Winterman, 15; Wright, 10.

For National Secretary: W. M. Malley and John M. Work have been elected. The votes cast, are therefore elected. A vote and ballot is necessary. All the names of the candidates will be submitted to the National Committee and John M. Work and John M. Malley are the only two who have received more than 100 votes. The names of the candidates will be submitted to the National Committee and John M. Work and John M. Malley are the only two who have received more than 100 votes.

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The prospects are good that a Polish branch will be organized in the near future. A committee has been elected by the Central Committee to take steps toward the purchase of a building for a headquarters.

NEBRASKA

State Secretary R.W. reports receipts for the month of December to be \$11.45 and expenditures of \$48.30, leaving a deficit of \$36.85.

The fight of the Nebraska Socialists against the infamous primary election law, which would place a candidate to pay a percentage of the salary of the office for which he was elected, will be organized in the near future.