# Cupid's Test of Love

By H. M. EGBERT

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When Rev. Aloysius Smith went out of his study and saw the man standing in the hall he could not repress a shudder of disgust. Broad as an ox, with short and rather bowed legs, still his figure was that of an Adonis so poorly that my folks thought I was compared with his face. And the going into consumption. One day I last straw was that his name should found a piece of paper blowing around be Cupid.

"Come in, my friend," he said after an effort. "What can I do for you?" "I'm looking for a position in Little Falls, sir," answered Cupid respectfully. "I've been working as a porter in town, but my health gave out and - I was told to go to the country. So I · came here. It was a bit of a walk, sir. I can show you good references, in case you know of a job-"

The pastor looked at the fellow with a repugnance which he could not conceal.

"I know my face is against me, sir," said Cupid with a smile. looked almost decent.

The pastor racked his brains. He took a sudden liking to the man, and he was resolved not to be prejudiced "Miss Cavendish was wanting a handy man to take care of her garden and pony." he said "I don't least that vigor which makes work easy. The Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine co., Lynn, Mass.

and pony," he said. "I don't know

ly. He called up Miss Cavendish on fond of romancing. Still, we knew the telephone and broke the news as that Mr. Norman had tried to perconsiderately as possible. "The man suade Miss Cavendish to get rid of is afraid he doesn't look very prepossessing, Miss Cavendish," he ex- always had a will of her own. They plained.
"Well, send him round and I'll judge

for myself," answered Miss Cavendish. And a few minutes later Cupid de-



Leave Miss Cavendish Aione."

parted. That night he returned, radi-"I've got the position, sir, and I'm

ever so grateful," he said to the pas-

Miss Cavendish was a maiden lady of about forty years. Sensible, though a little "queer,"

and very determined—it is a type common in New England. Before a month had passed it was realized that she had got a treasure. Cupid had been almost the round of the town in search of employment before he went to the pastor. Many regretted that they had been prejudiced against the man on account of his appearance. Miss Cavendish had a beau. Not that she hadn't had heaps during the course of her life; but somehow no-

body had proved quite good enough for Miss Cavendish. She was of that · fine metal which won't take the rust of life, and sooner or later all her eweethearts had received their discharge. But Mr. Henry Norman was A year or two older than Miss

Cavendish, very soft-spoken, he was the sort of a man whose very flawlessness makes one think there may be more wrong with him than appears on the surface. People sort of distrusted Mr. Norman. But it was easy to see that Miss Cavendish was infatuated with the man. Mr. Norman didn't like Cupid. The two came from the same town, and, though it was not likely that they had ever been closely associated, Cupid seemed to know something to the discredit of Mr. Norman. At least, that was what people surmised. Cupid never spoke est smiled his way into the heart of Little Falls.

Cupid had been a married man. Joe Rogers was questioning him one day, in the days before we learned to

respect Cupid. He asked him if his wife was coming out to Little Falls to live with him. Joe Rogers never had much feeling.

"No, sir," answered Cupid, turning

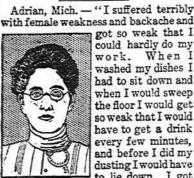
"Dead, hey?" asked Joe Rogers. "No, sir," said Cupid, looking straight into Rogers's eyes. Somehow Joe Rogers found an excuse to back away. He never questioned Cupid after that.

 Joe Rogers was at work in charge of the men who were repairing the hig dam above Little Falls. It had hands to her own and burst into hysbeen called dangerous; people said sweep away Little Falls as the flood would have time to do anything but dam was progressing toward completion. With the re-enforced concrete what he knew about Norman. Nobody structure no one thought it would

We used to hear gossip of the Cav- Falls again. endish household from Emma, the black maid. That was how we

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got so weak that I could hardly do my work. When I washed my dishes I had to sit down and when I would sweep the floor I would get so weak that I would have to get a drink every few minutes, and before I did my dusting I would have to lie down. I got

the yard and I picked it up and read it. It said 'Saved from the Grave,' and told what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for women. I showed it to my husband and he said, Why don't you try it?' So I did, and after I had taken two bottles I felt better and I said to my husband, 'I don't need any more,' and he said 'You had better take it a little longer anyway. So I took it for three months and got well and strong."-Mrs. ALONZO E. BAKER, 9 Tecumseh St., Adrian, Mich.

Not Well Enough to Work. In these words is hidden the tragedy of many a woman, housekeeper or wage And it was astonishing how the smile changed him. Cupid smiling wages. Whether in house, office, factory, shop, store or kitchen, woman should remember that there is one tried and true remedy for the ills to which al women are prone, and that is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It

whether that is in your line, my nige cupic. in fact, it was said by her that the first time the two men "I was bred on a farm," answered met Mr. Norman looked as though Cupid. "I think, sir, I could manage he had seen a ghost, while Cupid drew the job if-if you'd see Miss Caven- bimself un vorv stiff and loaked at dish first and-and mention my looks, Mr. Norman in a way that made her blood run cold. However, Emma, That softened the parson complete- faithful old soul that she was, was Cupid. Miss Cavendish refused. She nearly quarreled over it till Mr. Norman saw that it was a case of yielding or losing Miss Cavendish-or her money.

That was the bitter part. Joe Rogers found out that Mr. Norman was a bankrupt. He had hidden away enough of his property to enable him | Ledger. to dress like a gentleman, and to bring Miss Cavendish expensive flowers; but he wanted her cool fifty thousand, everybody knew. But nobody is going to meddle in such affairs. Folks are cowardly in small towns. As for Cupid, whatever he knew, he kept quieter than ever. He worshiped "So it was, but I had hard work to get Miss Cavendish. That was easy to it away from the lawyers."-Life. see. But people said he wouldn't hold his position long after the marriage,

which was only four weeks away. Now comes the astonishing part of the story. Emma said she saw Cupid talking to Mr. Norman. The two men were at the gate of Miss Cavendish's use, and Norman was on his way homeward after a call when Cupid confronted him. What Emma was doing there she did not pretend to

"For the last time I warn you to leave Miss Cavendish alone," said Cupid.

"You scoundrel!" hissed Norman "I'll have you arrested for blackmail.

"We know all about that, Mr. Noryou are right up to a certain point, ridiculous and vulgar.-Schopenhauer. but not when it comes to sacrificing a woman like Miss Cavendish."

What Norman answered Emma could not hear, but she saw Cupid clench his fists and Norman start being asked what was the matter with away. And, as Cupid watched him his coat, replied, "Insomnia: it hasn't slink by there was a queer look on had a nap in ten years."-Christian the man's ugly face. It almost seemed Register. as though he realized Norman was a coward and was meditating about it

"If the dam don't burst tomorrow she can't," Joe Rogers had said, and everyone repeated it. The key to the solid wall of mascary was to be swung into position the next day. Some had said that the laying of the great blocks had disturbed the foundations of the old dam, but Joe ridiculed that. After ten at night the insisted. People grew a little nervous as the evening wore away. Black Emma had heard Miss Cavendish laughingly tell Mr. Norman, who was visiting her that evening, and she said right in the line the torrent would Oliver Hobbes.

Only Emma saw what happened at the house that night, and we have to rely on her. It seems that Norman was within half an hour of departing -the two had been reading some book together-when Cupid rushed into the living-room without the preliminary of a knock.

"The dam's burst!" he yelled. There's just two minutes before the flood catches us. Run for the hillside or you'll be buried under a hundred feet of water!"

Emma screamed naturally, but she was not so terrified as Norman. He stared at Cupid with wild eyes for the tenth of a second. Then, with a yell, he was upon his feet, out through the glass of the window, which fell in splinters all about him, and speeding with all his might for the hillside. And just as Emma and Miss Cavendish turned to run Cupid caught

"It's a lie!" he cried. There was a look of triumph upon the fellow's face. "The dam—the dam hasn't burst and LOANS NEGOTIATED never will!"

Emma said that for a moment Miss Cavendish stood stilf, watching his | Mortgages. face. Then suddenly she put her terical tears and laughter. You see, that if ever it burst the flood would she had been brought to a realization of Cupid's motive at last, and a thouhad destroyed Johnstown, and nobody sand little traits in Norman which she had passed over, for love's sake, were pray, and pray fast. Meanwhile the suddenly made clear And Cupid had saved her. But he never told her knew three Only it did not matter, AND SURVEYORS. for Norman was never seen in Little

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Household Hint From Father. (You could write your name on the table, it was that dusty.) "Suppose," said father, peering over his glasses (eye glasses) at his industrious ragplaying daughter, "I say, suppose you stop hammering on the 'Mendelssohn Rag' for a while, and practice with the dust-rag an hour or two. I think mother would be pleased."

Not Really "Sentinels."

All animals, whether quadrupeds or birds, that feed in herds are said to place sentries on the outskirts of their party. It is, however, obvious that wherever there is a collection of animals feeding or lying down there will be members of the group at the corners who, by their very position, become "sentinels."

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Quits.

"Your boys were in my appletree "If you say anything more about it,"

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Folly of Anger.

To speak angrily to a person, to man," answered Cupid wearily. "You show your hatred by what you say or and other repressive measures must are relying on my not daring to bring by the way you look, is an unnecesmy wife's name into court. Maybe sary proceeding-dangerous, foolish, time and place in order to be most

> A Bit Tired. A somewhat weather-beaten tramp,

Their Existence a Failure. They who are most weary of life, and yet are most unwilling to die, are such who have lived to no purposewho have rather breathed than lived. -Earl of Clarendon.

Worse. "Do you suppose it's such a very following day the dam couldn't burst bad thing to be sarcastic?" "Not unless an earthquake struck it, he nearly so bad as to think you are and not be so."

Probably the Truest Form of Love. There is a love which can find its the man seemed scared when Miss one expression in sympathy and all Cavendish told him their house stood its happiness in understanding .- John

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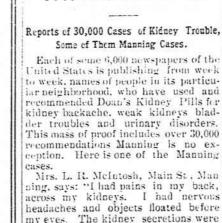
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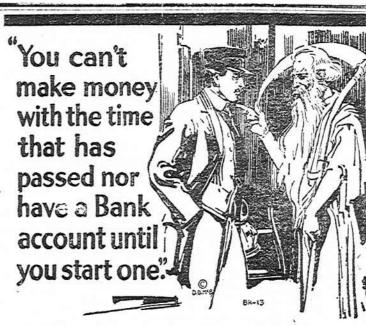
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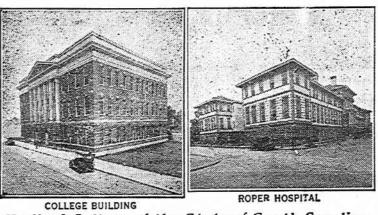
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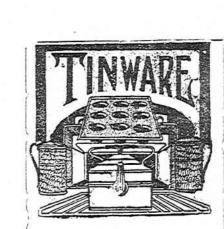
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