

The Herald and News

A TRUE STORY.

(Written for The Herald and News.) My story is a true one, the names only being fictitious. It begins with a balmy, breezy Sunday morning—the first Sunday in June, 1884.

There was Sunday school every Sunday at Mt. — a beautiful little country church in North Carolina. The churchyard was smooth and well kept; here and there a lovely wild rose swayed gracefully to and fro in the soft breeze.

On this particular Sabbath morning Estelle Lacy and her little brother Royce had gone quite early to Sunday school—in fact were the first on the grounds. Estelle was glad of this, for she wished to have a few moments all to herself for serious thought.

She was standing in front of her class explaining, in low, earnest tones, the morning's lesson. She was saying: "Now, little ones, I think you all understand, do you not? that unless we forgive those who sin against us, neither will God forgive our sins against him."

Her duties as teacher finished, she sat down, quietly loosened the crimson roses in her belt, and put white ones in their place. A little girl took the crimson rose from her hair and soon a pure white one took its place.

Estelle had hitherto kept her eyes on her book, but as she impressed this truth on the minds and hearts of her pupils, somehow it reached her heart with stronger force.

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The family had already eaten dinner, so the young couple dined alone. Lofton felt at home, and was treated by Mrs. Lacy the same way. Mr. Lacy had never liked him very well, and treated him with cool indifference.

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until the door should be opened. Royce was holding a bouquet to ward her of rarest roses, which she knew at once was from Lofton Leek.

"Estelle, my little true heart! accept this peace offering from one who loves you and cannot bear to be longer banished from your presence. Darling, if I may see you home, wear some of these white roses in your belt and in your hair."

With white face and trembling fingers, Estelle fastened the crimson roses in her hair and under her belt, but kept the white ones in her hand.

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lips whispered—"for I—did love you once." "And you love me now, Estelle. Can you, dare you look in my eyes and say that you do not? I love you; have loved you since we were both children. You shall not throw me over like this! I will not give you up! I'd rather see you dead; I'd rather kill you, than see you smile on anyone else! Give me one more chance, darling. I swear I will prove myself worthy of you yet, if you will only let me."

Estelle began to be a little afraid of him, and half wondered if his great love for her and his mad jealousy had unbalanced his mind. She raised her eyes and read—oh! such pleading in those eager black eyes fastened so hungrily upon her.

A wave of tender emotion surged over her soul, and was it pity or love that prompted her to say: "Lofton!" oh how tenderly she breathed his name, "Lofton, it shall be as you wish this time, but our next quarrel will be the last. Don't be jealous and accuse me of things when you know I am not guilty. Eugene Wood has never kissed me, and don't you dare do so again, without my consent. Don't drink one drop of intoxicating drink for three months, and—if you still wish I will marry you."

"That's a heap of 'don'ts,' but God bless you, my little angel, I will do anything you ask. I love you and will prove it." And because he dare not touch her lips he pressed hot kisses on her hands.

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Dr. Will cause you much unhappiness. Your father is very unkind; he wished that you and Lofton would never be friends again."

"I think I love him, mama, and have since we first met—since we went to school together at Academy. You know he showed his preference for me by bringing me choice fruits and flowers to school every day for me. I was twelve years old then and he seventeen," ranted Estelle.

"And now you are sixteen and he twenty five," laughed her mother. "If he didn't drink he'd be a most desirable match; but oh, my daughter, a drunkard's wife has a hard life. My father was a drunkard and I know what a wretched life my poor mother led."

Estelle grew very serious. "I have given Lofton three months to prove that he can quit drinking, mama, before I marry him."

"A very short time, Estelle, in which to test such a serious matter," replied her mother, gravely.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

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Advertisement for Dr. Miles' Restorative Nerve and Heart Cure, showing product images and text.

Advertisement for Parker's Hair Balm, describing its benefits for hair care.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Central Time Between Columbia and Jacksonville, Eastern Time Between Columbia and Other Points.

Table showing train schedules for the Southern Railway, including Northbound and Southbound routes.

SLEEPING CAR SERVICE.

Double daily passenger service between Florida and New York.

Table showing train schedules for the Southern Railway, including Northbound and Southbound routes.

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Condensed Schedule in Effect NOV. 15, 1896.

Table showing train schedules for the Southern Railway, including Northbound and Southbound routes.

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Advertisement for Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad, showing routes and schedules.

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Miraculous Benefit RECEIVED FROM Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure.



ELI P. BABCOCK, of Auburn, N. Y., a veteran of the 3rd N. Y. Artillery and for thirty years of the Babcock & Munsell Carriage Co., of Auburn, says: "I wish to express my gratitude for the miraculous benefit received from Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. I suffered for years, as a result of my life, from scintia which affected my heart in the worst form, my limbs swelled from the ankles up. I labored until I was unable to button my clothing; had sharp pains about the heart, smothering spells and shortness of breath. For three months I was unable to lie down, and all too sleep I got was in an arm chair. I was treated by the best doctors but gradually grew worse. About a year ago I commenced taking Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure and it saved my life as if by a miracle."

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