

What the Green Box Contained

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This is the letter that I wrote:

Dear Mrs. Hynes—After you had left my brother's office, I thought I would like to thank you (what hangs a mirror) to get my hat. Near the hat I found a nickel, which was not there when I put it down. Therefore I conclude it is your property and am inclosing it equivalent in stamps. Yours most faithfully,

WILLIAM DEATY.

This is the letter that she wrote:

Dear Mr. Deaty: The nickel, as you surmised, belonged to me, and I thank you for your thoughtfulness. But, as its loss was the result of my own carelessness, I feel that no more than 2 cents is my due, and I return herewith my stamp. Again thanking you, I am,

L. M. HYNES.

I had several times from my studio observed Mrs. Hynes enter my brother's law office, the rather sad brown eyes, shining rolls of dark hair and an unusual grace of carriage attracted me. So, on the morning of the letters, I happened to be in the office when she came. I was presented and allowed to remain.

Back in my studio again, I was in possession of these facts concerning her. Left penniless by an invalid husband, Mrs. Hynes was bound to seek some employment when her only relative, an uncle, died. There seemed to be no will, so she had come here from a distant town to reside in her uncle's handsome home at the corner of Adams street. Then she had discovered the will, which gave everything to one Harry Armstrong, whose father had been a friend of the deceased. She had had the matter before my brother, hiding him search for Armstrong. My brother censured her for her exaggerated sense of honor, but to me there was something splendid in it. Then followed the answer to my letter, which showed that under her serious demeanor there ran a vein of fun.

Soon came a happy evening, when I was invited to call upon her with my brother, who had something to report concerning the unknown heir.

We found Mrs. Hynes looking rather frail in a delicate gown—frail, but charming. I had been wondering what her name was, and I did not like to ask Jim.

"Her name is Lillian," I thought. "Was ever name so fitting?"

Then as she and my brother discussed their business affairs I took in the surroundings. We were in the library, furnished in green, with dainty dashes of crimson. The mantel pleased me especially. It held but two articles—a vase of autumn leaves and a small green box. The latter seemed familiar to me somehow. As we were bidding her good night after a very pleasant evening I observed the box more closely. It bore a padlock about as big as the width of my knife blade.

"You would like to see the contents?" queried Mrs. Hynes. "Some time, perhaps. But if you would see them aught your eyes might be anointed with the saline of fancy."

There were other evenings after that when I visited Mrs. Hynes alone, and each time I went away determined that at the next visit I would disclose to her the state of my feelings. Each time I was deterred by circumstances. As with a breath, my heritage had been blown away, and at something more than thirty I was beginning life anew. I was prospecting to meet one Harry Armstrong, turn up Mrs. Hynes was a rich woman. On the other hand, if Armstrong did appear and took her wealth away from her, my prospect nature would refuse my advances, thinking that I tendered them through sympathy; consequently I was not entirely happy.

One evening as I waited in her library, turning the matter over again in my mind and gazing at the green box, I suddenly discovered of what it reminded me, and at the same time I knew whom Mrs. Hynes herself was like.

"I've found out about the green box," I observed, when she was seated near me.

Into her face flashed a startled expression. "You opened it?" she exclaimed.

I looked at her reproachfully. "Do you think I am without honor?" I asked. "Besides, I had no key."

"There was a strange note in her soft laughter.

"When I was a boy," I began, "I went to school at Glenbrook, where my parents lived, not many miles from here. We moved away from the place when I was fourteen and my chosen playmate, Ludema Sears, was twelve. Your eyes are not green, but blue—here to have been, except yours lack the experiences of a none too happy maturity. She had the palest yellow hair I ever saw. One day she brought to school a little green box. This one looks like it, though if we had the other one to compare with this there would possibly be quite a difference. Well, she opened her box when the teacher's back was turned, and I saw inside two small but very red apples. Of course I supposed one was for me, but at recess she gave it to Willie Henderson. I feel quite angry and reckless now when I think of it."

The freight was bringing a most becoming flush to Mrs. Hynes' rather pale cheeks.

"And what happened then?" she asked softly.

"Willie Henderson got licked, and the teacher settled with me quite abundantly later," I said.

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JOHN H. MAC KAY,
Officer appointed by County Court to levy said Assessment.
Dated Barrington, June 15, A. D. 1906.

Quentin's Corners.
Wm. Thies of the Elz creamery was at Palatine on business Monday.

Fred Klinschmidt will build an addition to his residence this summer.

Louis Ernsing has returned from a week's visit with relatives in Kansas. He reports fine crops in that state.

Phil Young has sold his place here to Henry Graf. The consideration was \$25,000. Henry says there are many pretty girls out at Algonquin.

Wm. Stockel celebrated his birthday by inviting his friends to a royal feast.

Our creamery seems to be doing a good business under the able management of Charles H. Patten and Wm. Thies. A large number of transients and the regular patrons think the business is conducted on a fair basis to both transients and the proprietor.

Fred Klinschmidt and family made a pleasure trip to Palatine last Sunday, being the guests of friends.

A large number of farmers changed their fat hogs for cash last week at good prices. The prices running as high as \$6.15 per hundred live weight.

Albert Hoelt has returned from North Dakota, where he filed on a land claim.

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Fred Ahlgrim visited with relatives at Barrington Sunday, and he also got ditched by an automobile.

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