

HIS LIFE IN SIX CHAPTERS.

Something About Corey, Steel Magnate—Will Actress Write The Seventh?

CHAPTER I.

At 16 years of age Will Corey was the happiest young fellow in Braddock, the Pennsylvania town which is the heart of the great iron and steel industry, says Nix-on Greeley-Smith in New York World. He was happy for two reasons. Nurtured among people whose lives and thoughts revolved about the big mills that furnished livelihood to many and millions in little to a few, he had looked toward the moment when he should become an active factor in the life of the mines as the first crisis in his life, and it had come. The next morning he was to begin work on the coal dump of his uncle's mine. His beginning was the humblest possible, but he was glad of it. For even then he planned to learn the iron and steel business thoroughly and become its master.

His other reason for being happy was because he had met Laura Cook, the bright-eyed, vivacious, 16-year-old daughter of a miner, the first girl that had even momentarily distracted his attention from his great dream of becoming the head of the steel industry. It was not many weeks before this dream, which had seemed to the ambitious boy a fantastically wonderful one, was merged in another dream—a vision of a tiny home in which he and the glorified being that other people thought of merely as little Laura Cook, should live together.

CHAPTER II.

In 1883, a year later, William Corey and Laura Cook were married. Each was 17, and, standing before the altar breathing the solemn vows that made them one, they faced a rosy-colored future. They were very poor. The boy now earned \$10 a week instead of \$7. The girl had nothing. The first years of their married life formed a period of sharp struggle. Children were born to them.

The young husband was happy in being able to provide for them and their mother, who toiled and saved ceaselessly in the interest of her home. All his thoughts circled about their advancement. During the day he worked in the mills. At night he attended a business college in Pittsburgh. His few spare moments were given to experiments in the chemical laboratory, where he conceived ideas for improvement in the manufacture of steel that later brought him power and fortune. After four years Corey, who had served variously as furnace man, roller and puddler, in the Braddock mill, attracted the attention of Andrew Carnegie, who made him superintendent of one of the mills at Homestead. Then Mrs. Corey's father died, leaving her a few thousand dollars. It is said she turned the money over to Corey and that it formed the foundation of his large fortune. The couple were still very happy, and the wife no longer had to work so hard.

CHAPTER III.

After a year at Homestead Corey was placed in charge of the armorplate department, the most important charge in the steel industry. His various inventions and improvements were adopted, and in 1895 he was made general superintendent of the Carnegie company. Corey's uncle has said that Andrew Carnegie ruined his nephew—turned his head by too rapid advancement. However this may be, when Charles Schwab's spectacular gambling at Monte Carlo cost him his leadership of the giant steel trust, Carnegie chose Corey for his successor. It was about this time, when he had reached the pinnacle of material advancement, that Corey's domestic troubles began.

CHAPTER V.

The Coreys had moved to Pittsburgh. They formed part of the Smoky City's four-ringed circus of trained and untrained millionaires. In some respects Pittsburgh has always been the mecca of musical comedy. Between the Pittsburgh millionaire and the New York chorus girl an affinity by no means subtle has always existed. It is said that one of these affinities grew up between

Corey, who had grown too big for Pittsburgh, and Mabelle Gilman, then starring in "The Mocking Bird," who has since found New York too small for her and is in Paris having her voice cultivated at Mr. Corey's expense. It has been stated, Mrs. Corey's first intimation of her husband's wandering affection came through a photograph published in a magazine of Miss Gilman's studio, where a life size portrait of Mr. Corey on an easel was revealed. Mrs. Corey asked an explanation of her husband. There were stormy scenes, mutual reproaches. Finally, in 1905, Mr. Corey left his home and came to New York.

CHAPTER VI.

Mrs. Corey followed him, and at a meeting at the Hotel Touraine pleaded for a reconciliation that would keep their home together. Mr. Corey refused. He said his wife had never loved him. His father and sister denied this, and gave testimony to Mrs. Corey's 22 years of devotion and self-sacrifice. Mr. Corey issued a statement in which he admitted his friendship for Miss Gilman, but said he would contest the divorce suit she threatened if it involved him in any "moral turpitude." For months friends and relatives strove to reunite the couple. Andrew Carnegie was appealed to. It was said at one time that Corey's domestic troubles might cost him his presidency of the steel trust. This proved to be untrue. But the fatal blight of money was between the Coreys, and nothing availed against their separation. Accompanied by Corey's sister, Mrs. Corey went to Reno, Nev., and after a six months' residence brought suit for divorce. It is said that Corey paid her \$1,000,000 in lieu of alimony. On Monday she received her decree. She wept when it was pronounced. Mr. Corey celebrated his freedom by a bachelor dinner at Delmonico's.

CHAPTER VII.

Will it be written by Miss Mabelle Gilman?

Advice to Correspondents.

Dr. Leonard Pearson, Philadelphia's famous veterinary surgeon, told at a dinner at Philadelphia a horse story. "A farmer," he said, "wrote to the editor of the Farmer's Friend this letter: 'Mr. Editor—Sir: I have a horse that has been afflicted for the past year with periodical fits of dizziness. Please answer through your valuable paper and let me know what I should



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PHASES OF DESERT THIRST.

Terrible Experiences of Man Lost in Wastes of the Southwest.

Of the three types into which thirst as a pathologic condition has been grouped that of the desert is most purely the deprivation of moisture without the influence of modifying external circumstances. That form known as ordinary thirst occurs under the favorable surroundings of humid air and often protection from the sun. Sea thirst is also under the influence of air heavily charged with vapor, with plenty of water, though undrinkable, at hand, and is modified by the presence of salts externally.

In cases of desert thirst, water, even as a vapor, is entirely lacking, or nearly so, and the influence of external salts is a minimum. Death from thirst is a horror that has many times been described by onlookers, or, paradoxically speaking, occasionally by those who have really suffered its pangs by going through the various stages until unconsciousness is reached, but who happily, though rarely, are rescued and survive.

Never have the phenomena of extreme thirst been pictured more graphically than by W. J. McGee, director of the St. Louis public museum, in a paper reporting the remarkable survival of a Mexican in southwestern Arizona. This man was in the desert eight days and nights with only one day's supply of water. During that time he rode in the saddle thirty-five miles and walked or crept between 100 and 150 miles.

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The case recorded by Dr. McGee was most unusual in that half of those dying from desert thirst perish in thirty-six hours, a quarter within forty-eight or fifty hours and all others of which the history is known by the eightieth hour. Dr. McGee discusses thirst in general and then in particular desert

thirst, the phenomena of which he arranges under three stages, normal thirst, functional derangement, and structural degeneration.

Making up these stages are five phases, most of them descriptively named by survivors and well known to those who frequent the desert, namely, the clamorous, cotton mouth phase, the shriveled tongue, the blood sweat and the living death. The first phase is relieved by water, or in some instances fruit acids or similar substances may be required. Thirst in the second phase is best relieved by water taken by quarts in small sips and thrown over the body in quantities. Persons in the third phase also require water by gallons, inside and out, but cautiously applied. Usually in addition a febrile stage should be given, and in some cases a heart tonic also is indicated. Little of value may be possible for those in the fourth phase. Water may be a damage. If physical recovery does occur the mental condition may never clear.

In the final phase there is no alleviation but the end. Fortunately this applies only to the end. Dr. McGee has spent a great deal of time in the deserts of the southwest and has himself gone half through the stages of desert thirst, and is thus personally well qualified to speak upon the subject.—American Medicine.

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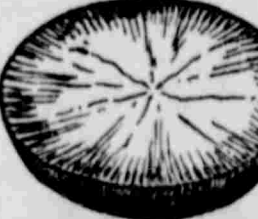
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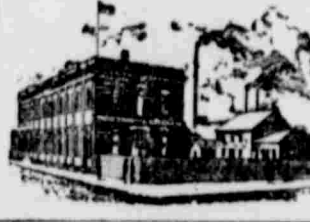
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