

THAT HANDSOME MAN

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Marian Hamilton had met John Broadfoot in Washington while that young man had been attached to the British embassy. He had been noticeable even in Washington society because of his handsome face and splendid carriage. His manners, too, were charming and he was a much sought after guest at social functions.

From the moment that he beheld Marian he had loved her. And he was not long in telling her of his feeling. Marian had been very kind but very sorry—she could not marry him. She had always said she could not be happy with a really handsome man, and she had always said she hoped she would not fall in love with one. She recognized her own weakness—a tendency to jealousy.

And it was not until John Broadfoot was called back to his own country to serve his colors that the girl realized that, in spite of herself, she loved him. She had bidden him a hasty good-by and there had been no time for further explanation.

Following his departure she evaded society; she was not happy. And when an opportunity came to enlist herself for service in the Red Cross ranks she cheerfully took up the preliminary work in Washington. Later, when a girl chum decided to go on to the scenes of battle in Europe she begged leave of her parents to accompany her.

Therefore, it was not so strange that she should one day find her old lover, John Broadfoot, among the wounded soldiers under her care. His wounds had been so severe that there had been little hope of his recovery and she had lingered day and night at the side of his cot so that she might be near him when he regained consciousness. And she had been there only to receive the fleeting recognition and then to have him sink back again into the darkness.

Strangest of all, followed the cable calling her to Washington. She had only time to leave a message with the girl with whom she had come across the ocean.

That message conveyed to John Broadfoot the hope that if he still cared to tell her a story she would listen. But the wounded soldier had not yet received the message and he looked forward to the time when he could rejoin his regiment and fight at the front.

"I've found Miss Hamilton's friend, Mary Sprague, who says she has a word to whisper in your ear," his nurse said to him one morning when he seemed brighter and stronger. "Will you see her?"

"Will a thirsty man drink?" he asked her, smilingly.

And almost as he said the words Mary Sprague appeared at the side of his cot. "John Broadfoot—you know me now?" she said, taking his thin, white hand.

"Now—and always, I hope," he said with a touch of his old-time chivalry. "But it's a long way—from Washington, U. S. A., isn't it?"

Broadfoot nodded against his pillow. Then he seemed to wait for the message.

"Marian was with me," Mary Sprague began.

"I—yes, I remember seeing her standing here," the patient said.

"She and I joined the Red Cross together and—she was suddenly called home. Her mother was ill. She—she left a hasty message for you. She told me to tell you that—" Mary Sprague hesitated—"that there was some story you wanted to tell her that—that she would be interested in—now."

The wounded man searched the face of the nurse. "Marian told you to tell me that?" he asked, unbelievably.

"She told me that as she left to catch the steamer back to America," Mary Sprague repeated.

John Broadfoot was silent for a few minutes. The other nurse had disappeared.

"Could you—would you let me write a cable message for her and—would you send it for me?" he asked, with almost childish appeal in his voice.

Mary got him pencil and paper. Then she left him while he composed his message.

When the cable letter was finished it said to Marian Hamilton: "Will you have me now? I am no longer the handsome man you refused. My nose is flattened and turned up like that of Socrates; I've lost a finger. Is that enough? The battle did it, but it gives me you I'm happy."

It was an extravagant message, but it meant much to the wounded man, and when he received a reply to it that made him happier than he had ever been in his life he took a wonderful turn toward health and surprised the nurses and doctors who were attending him.

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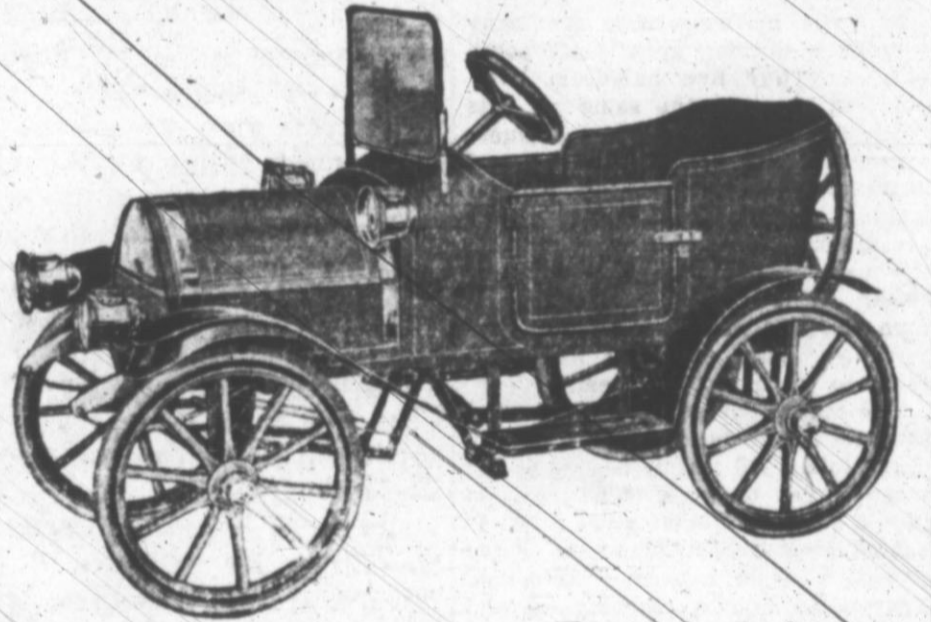
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