The Loves, Courtship and Marriage of Abraham Lincoln

THERE was a vein of strong and true romance in the make-up of the man Lincoln, as there has been — no matter how deep-hid — in the natures of most men who have made history, writes Fullerton L. Waldo in the Philadelphia Ledger. Listen to his own story of the first awakenings of the tender sentiment—it is very like the dream of Kipling's Brushwood Boy, except in the non-fulfillment:

"When I was a little codger (in the log-cabin Indiana days), one day a wagon with a lady and two girls and a man broke down near us, and while they were fixing up they cooked in our kitchen. The woman had books and read us stories, and they were the first I had ever heard. I took a great fancy to one of the girls, and when they were gone I thought of her a great deal, and one day, when I was sitting out in the sun by the house, I wrote out a story in my mind. I thought I took my father's horse and followed the wagon, and finally I found it, and they were surprised to see me. I talked with the girl and persuaded her to elope with me, and that night I put her on my horse, and we started off across the prairie. After several hours we came to a camp and we found it was the one we had left a few hours before, and we went in. The next night we tried again, and the same thing happened—the horse came back to the same place, and then we concluded we ought not to elope. I stayed until I had persuaded her father to give her to me. I always meant to write that story out and publish it, and I began once, but I concluded that it was not much of a story. But I think that was the beginning of love with me."

When "Abe" was 22 years old he became clerk in the store of Denton Offutt at New Salem, Ind. It was a general store, and his employment was various. Presently he was made postmaster and carried letters (for the sparse population of a couple of hundred) in his hat, and hungrily read every one of their newspapers before he let them go. He also found employment as deputy county surveyor. He boarded at the tavern of one James Rutledge, grandson of a signer of the declaration, and there he met and fell head over heels in love with the beautiful, blue-eyed Ann Rutledge.

Ann Rutledge had been engaged to a prosperous young farmer, John McNeill by name, but John McNeill had "heard the east a-callin'," and had gone thither upon business bent, promising to come back and reclaim her as his bride. His letters, at first frequent and ardent, became non-committal and occasional, and finally there were no more of Mr. McNeill's missives for Postmaster Lincoln to hand to Ann from the crown of his hat. She still was faithful to McNeill's memory. For a long time she would not listen to a word of love from the newcomer. But it was the old story of "first endure, then pity, then embrace."

"Abe" likewise felt sorry for the jilted Ann, and longed to be able to comfort her with his sympathy. They were thrown together three times a day at meals, and presently she let him sit with her on the steps, and that led to long rambles through the country roundabout. When at last she was convinced that McNeill was never coming back to her, Ann Rutledge yielded to Lincoln's impassioned pleading and agreed to become his wife. She must have realized the promise in him which others disbelieved or descried but dimly, for she felt her need of a better education, that she might be a more suitable helpmeet for him. So it was arranged that, while Abraham went to Springfield for the legislative session and to study law she should go to Jacksonville, Ill., and spend the winter in an academy there. In the following spring they were to be married.

Spring came, but the apple blossoms and the roses were laid upon her grave.

The doctors said Ann Rutledge died of brain fever, and doubtless they were right. It may have been due to her pathetic, eager desire to learn enough to be the wife of the future statesman that she saw in the overgrown and awkward clerk of the country store.

A year or so later Lincoln became involved in a singular embarrassment.

A girl named Mary Owens came to New Salem to visit her sister, Mrs. Able, and spent four weeks. Lincoln met her, and liked her for her steady and well balanced character, her evident domesticity, and, neither last nor least, her prepossessing appearance. After she went he jestingly told Mrs. Able that if she would bring her sister back he would marry her. Mrs. Able reported the conversation, and Mary Owens accepted Lincoln's offer as being seriously intended.

Lincoln was in a dreadful predicament. Go back upon his word he would not, even if it meant lifelong misery for him. Mary Owens was a year older than he, and when he met her again she seemed to have lost most of her good looks. He wrote to her. "I am afraid you would not be satisfied," he said. "You would have to be poor without the means of hiding your poverty. What I have said I will most positively abide by, provided you wish it. My opinion is that you had better not do it. You have not been accustomed to hardship, and it may be more severe than you now imagine. I know you are capable of thinking correctly on any subject, and if you deliberate maturely upon this before you decide, then I am willing to abide by your decision."

This did not sound in Miss Owens' ears like the ardent protestation of true love. She wrote back and gave him a piece of her mind, saying that he was "deficient in those little links which go to make up a woman's happiness."

Lincoln, not a little relieved, accepted this rejoinder as the conclusion of the matter and wrote to Mrs. Browning: "I have now come to the conclusion never again to think of marrying."

About a year later a high-spirited and fascinating Kentucky girl, 21 years old, Mary Todd—the sister of a Mrs. Edwards, at whose house Lincoln was a frequent visitor—was the cause of a broken resolution. Stephen A. Douglas was among Lincoln's rivals for the hand of the beautiful southron, but Lincoln won out in this his first debate against the "little giant," and in a twelvemonth from the time that he first met her Lincoln was engaged to be married to Mary Todd and on November 4, 1842, they were married by the Rev. Charles Dresser, at the house of Mary's brother-in-law, Ninian W. Edwards, who had been bitterly opposed from the start to the alliance on the ground of Lincoln's church-mouse poverty.

Earliest portrait of Lincoln. Daguerreotype taken about the time of his marriage.

Mary Todd Lincoln, from a photograph made about 1861.

His Thirst for Knowledge.

The American Magazine published a complete account of Lincoln's boyhood, as related to Mrs. Eleanor Atkinson of Chicago by Dennis Hanks, Lincoln's playmate and cousin.

"You bet he was too smart to think everything was in books. Sometimes a preacher 'r a circuit-ridin' judge, 'r lyyer 'r a stump-speakin' polytician 'r a school teacher'd come along. When one o' them rode up, Tom'd go out and say: 'Light stranger,' like it was polite to do. Then Abe'd come lopin' out on his long legs, throw one over the top rail an' begin firin' questions. Tom'd tell him to quit, but it didn't do no good, so, Tom'd have to bang him on the side o' the head with his hat. Abe'd go off a spell an' fire sticks at the snow-birds an' whistle like he didn't care.

"'Pap thinks it ain't polite to ask folks so many questions,' he'd say. 'I reckon I wasn't born to be polite. There's so darned many things I want to know. An' how else am I goin' to git to know 'em?'"

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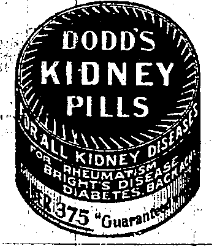

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