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A Moment of Danger.

BY MORAH VZNEE.

There always comes a time when a man's love changes.

"Of course they do; love may change for the better, but it changes all the same. A time comes when the man stops worshipping the woman as an impossibly superior being, and knows she is only his fellow-creature after all—not his superior, perhaps not even his equal. But if the woman is wise, and takes the change as a matter of course, not resenting the loss of worship, but makes herself sweeter and more desirable as a fellow-creature than she was as a mere ideal, then, provided the man is worth loving, the very best sort of love begins."

"But it is a dangerous time. The worst danger is that another woman should appear on the scene in the character of the impossibly superior being just when the husband has begun to see faults in his wife. Such a woman would have been no cause of danger before that time of change, she would be no danger when once it was safely past; but if she chances to appear just at the dangerous moment, there is no saying what may happen."

These words weighed heavily on pretty little Beatrice Farleigh's mind as she rode alone, except for the guardship of her groom, to the next at Tarent End. They had been spoken long ago by dear, kindly, prosy old Gen. Tarent, who knew the world, but managed somehow to love it no less for knowing it.

Well, she was married now, and the time of change had come; her husband was quite aware of her faults. He knew she had a temper, that she could make sharp speeches, and was not always quite in the right when she quarreled with her friends. That was why he had laughed at her dislike of Mrs. Casilis.

He had gone as far as laughing at her when he caught her in the wrong—her words were no longer the inspired utterances of an angel. But he laughed affectionately; there was no trace of that sneer that tells a woman she may as well give up the fight, for love is so near dead that only a miracle can revive it.

Her hand trembled on her bridle, and her spirited mare, taking advantage of the tremble, plunged in among the crowd gathered in the roadway outside the front of Tarent house. One or two people looked at her with as much surprise as irritation.

"Why, Beat?" cried one of two girls who had been chatting together, "what's the matter with you? Were you asleep?"

"Isn't Lord Farleigh with you?" said the other. "I thought he didn't let you come out alone?"

As if in answer to the girl's question and her own thoughts, Lord Farleigh's figure was at the moment silhouetted against the sky on the summit of a little rise in the road. Mrs. Casilis was with him, riding 'Telegram,' a horse of Farleigh's which he had never allowed Beatrice to mount.

"And he didn't even tell me! I could almost hope she'll get a spill. Well, it's my chance to-day. I may be a dull little thing compared to her, but I can ride, and he said she shall see it to-day."

Gen. Tarent turned from a group of men with whom he was eagerly discussing some matter of local politics to help her to alight; his manner was unusually kind and fatherly. He gave her in charge of Dick Atterbury, to be taken into the house and fed. Dick had seemed to be waiting there on purpose.

The last time she had seen Dick to speak to they had parted very bitterly. She had refused him, telling him of her engagement to Lord Farleigh, and Dick had seemed to think he had been treated badly. He had said hard things, and declared he would never willingly speak to her again. Since then he had avoided her so far as he could do so without open rudeness. To-day he was horribly kind and respectful.

Had it gone so far already, then? Did the people know that the time was come for her friends to stand round her, so to speak, offering comfort and protection?

Just opposite, her husband and Mrs. Casilis had risen from the table. Mrs. Casilis was very tall and goddess-like, with a delicately arched nose, and fair hair raised softly from a low forehead. Beatrice turned and caught Dick looking at her too.

into the cover. "Do you think I shall be able to manage him?"

"Of course," Beatrice said cheerfully; "Ted wouldn't have let you ride him if there'd been any doubt about it."

She felt, rather than saw, her husband's glance of shamefaced approval, and resented it.

"We will both keep you in sight," she continued, "to see how you get on."

Beatrice had not been in earnest when she had spoken of keeping in the neighborhood of her husband and Mrs. Casilis, and yet they never seemed out of her sight; even when she tried to avoid them, chance, or some involuntary instinct on her part, would bring the three together.

Her plucky little mare went that day as she had never gone before, and more than once when she found herself close upon the two big horses, though she was conscious that her presence was an annoyance to both their riders, she saw a look of reluctant admiration on her husband's face.

After a sharp scamper, the bounds overran the scent, and a fresh cover was tried, and again with success. Reynard hurried away against the wind.

Beatrice saw Mrs. Casilis settle herself in her saddle with an air that said plainly that she meant to leave her well behind this time. "The mare can't hold out much longer"—Beatrice saw her lips move, and guessed at her words.

"Ted and his companion were ahead. She almost lost sight of them. The other woman's golden hair flashed in the light before her eyes and almost blinded her.

Put the fox doubled. An easy ride across grass and an easy jump over a low fence brought her alongside of her husband and Mrs. Casilis just when it seemed they least expected her. They were going gently, to cut across the loop that the bounds were making and come up with them a couple of fields ahead.

Their horses were close together. They were talking eagerly as they rode. Farleigh saw Beatrice first, and his face darkened.

"Good heavens! Beatrice, do you think I need a chaperon?" he said.

"Yes, I do," she said, sharply through her clenched teeth.

"Well, she's undertaken more than she can manage," said Mrs. Casilis.

Beatrice was not meant to hear the words, she knew so much; but her husband had been meant to hear them, the other woman dare sneer at her to him!

This was the end, then; the fight was lost. Her life was not to be beautiful any more, but pitiable and contemptible. Pity and ridicule, that was what she was to have in future, instead of love and honor; and she would have to go on living as if it didn't hurt.

She saw all her future life before her in the few moments it took to cross the field. An unlearned-for wife, fretting alone at home till she grew old, or else a wife like others she knew, very smart and much talked of in the papers, always well dressed and brilliant and interested in something, seeing her husband now and then at other people's houses, and all the while loving him so horribly.

she and her mare fell together among the grass of the bank. Mrs. Casilis' voice was ringing in her ears: "She rode at me, Ted; the wicked woman rode at me."

She did not hear the answer to that, the next thing she knew was that she was sitting on the bank. Her husband was gently bathing her face with a wet handkerchief.

"You're all right, old girl," he said; "you're not hurt a bit."

His voice was more loving than she had ever heard it before. She pushed the handkerchief away, puzzled.

"Take a pull out of my flask," Ted said. "We mustn't have you showing the white feather now, my dear. It was the pluckiest thing I ever saw in my life. The whole field is praising you."

"But she told you—I heard her say I rode at her."

"Stupid woman, so she did. I've made Dick take her round and show her the gravel pit she'd have broken her neck in but for you. I'd no idea of it. Some spring must have flooded it in the night and carried the bank away just where she'd have taken the fence. I saw it, and rode back to stop her, but I shouldn't have been in time. Your riding at her was the one thing that could have saved her, but your swearing off just at the right moment, so that you were spilt and she wasn't—well, that was splendid, my dear, and I'll never forget it!"

She knew by his face what he meant. Other people began to offer congratulations and praises. But some one had a carriage close by, and was putting it at her disposal. She could not collect herself sufficiently to speak, but her husband accepted the offer for her. He lifted her into the seat, then he got in beside her.

"You are coming?" she said. "I thought—doesn't Mrs. Casilis expect you to take her home?"

"My dear!" Ted looked very reproachful. "You are not hurt, I know; but, of course, you are shaken a little. Mrs. Casilis must take care of herself!"

He hesitated, and turned very red, and looked very young, and then spoke awkwardly:

"When Mrs. Casilis seemed to think she could speak as she pleased of you, I saw I must have been making a fool of myself."

Hadn't I'd have been in the gravel-pit myself, by the way. But I don't think she'll care about my society any more. She didn't like what I said when she accused you of riding at her!"

A BRITISH "TREAT."

An Englishman Who Treated His Guest Well, Got Made Him Pay His Way.

"I was constantly struck," says Col. T. W. Higginson, "with the English spirit of hospitality among Englishmen toward Americans, as such, even those with whose pursuits they might have almost nothing in common, and for whom they had not the slightest reason to put themselves out. I liked this more the less for its having its definite limitations as to pecuniary obligations, and the like, including everything in the nature of 'treating,' all this being, in my opinion, a weak point in our more gushing or more self-conscious habit. I remember to have once been taken by a gentleman, on whom I had but the slightest claim, to the country house of another, on whom I had no claim whatever. The latter was not at all literary, and had not even the usual vague English interest in American affairs; yet he gave up his whole afternoon to drive me to Kenilworth, which he had seen a thousand times. But that for which I liked him best, and which afforded me a wholly new experience, was that as we entered the outer doorway, he going first, looked back over his shoulder, and said simply: 'They make you pay threepence for admission here,' and then added, speaking to the attendant: 'here is my threepence.' After all the time and trouble he had given to his stranger guest, he yet left him to pay his own threepence; a thing which most Americans would not have dreamed of doing. It would have been the American notion of good breeding to save a guest from expense, as it was the English impulse to save him from the sense of obligation. I confess that I prefer the latter method."—Atlantic.

His Satanic Majesty. Were it not for his ability to make black appear white his satanic majesty would soon have to retire from business.—Chicago Daily News.

Curiosity. Most people have more curiosity than sympathy for the troubles of others.—Chicago Daily News.

Another Police Outrage. Casey—It's a damned outrage, so it is, an' it's showin' disrespect to the finest corpse that ever lived. Clancy—Fwath's up, Casey? Casey—Last night, fwile we wur havin' a noice sociable toime at Tim Kerrigan's wake, the police kim in an' bruk up the toight.—N. Y. Journal.

SOCIAL GATHERING.

and Mrs. Geo. Copp opened the doors of their residence in the southern suburbs of town Wednesday evening to a host of the young people, the event being a social. Delightful music, brought by the string band from San Antonio, and the young ladies on the piano, was discoursed throughout the evening. Games of descriptions were indulged in by the various couples, every thing moved serenely on and the good of pleasure held sway in every heart. At ten o'clock the guests were called from the parlor and verandas to the dining room, where bountiful refreshments were served. The midnight hour came far too soon, and all were loath to leave, but in leaving expressed themselves as having passed a most enjoyable evening. Those present were:

Misses Itasca and Daisie Carr, Ruy and Juanita Smith, Annie Letarjette, Beulah Freeman, Jan Thomas, Frankie Vandervoet, Vina Roberts, Lucy Manly, Leah Kellogg, Susie Morgan, Juditha Poole, Mamie Wildenthal, Maggie Hughes, Katie Poole, Louisa and Mary Cotulla, Dottie Smith, Emma Smith, Bessie Manly, Della Taylor, Christie and Mary Steele, Emma Copp, Mildred and Mary Dowe, Katie and Emma Cotulla, and Jesse Copp.

Mrs. Woodieff Thomas, Orin Butler, Emmet Stevens, Ed Evetts, Simon Cotulla, Robt. Hall, Bruce Roberts, Hinton Daniel, C. H. Vasbinder, T. B. Poole, M. Tarver, Will Riley W. H. Garrett, Atha Thomas, Jonathan Poole, Charlie Gilmer, Jas. Steele, Ed Peters, J. M. Daniel, C. E. Manly, Joe and Willie Cotulla, George and Dick Knaggs, Butler Smith, George and Willie Copp, Arthur Wildenthal and John Manly.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S HOP.

The most enjoyable dance of the season, if not of the entire year, was given Tuesday night at the Court House, it being the second of the holiday series. Not only was the whole of the Cotulla dancers present, but also many visitors from the surrounding country and neighboring towns came to swell the attendance and participate in the pleasure of the evening. It seemed as though the Fates had conspired together to make this chapter the most enjoyable affair in the social history of the town. The weather was perfect, the music delightful, the deportment all that could be desired and all seemed to enter into the dance with zest, and the one purpose to have "a good time."

The who participated were: Misses D. D. Saul, T. H. Peale, Ed Cotulla and W. L. Pease, chaperones. Misses Nancy Reynolds, Mamie Rowland, Fanny, Jaunita and Dottie Smith, Jyunita and Katie Poole, Caroline, Louisa and Mary Cotulla, Fra Hocut, Katie Tompkins, Susan Butler, Maggie Buckelaw, and Mary Neal. Messrs. Saul, T. H. and T. B. Poole, Cotulla, W. L. Pease, C. C. Pease and Atha Thomas, S. Mug Tarver, E. C. Stegman, H. Vasbinder, Chas. Whit Neal, W. E. Campbell, John, George and Edward Butler, Eutler Smith and Joe Pease, E. R. Finck, A. R. Pease and Alpine Eldridge, of Cotulla; Austin Ellis and E. D. Pease, of Millett.

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We have only one year of this century now to do what we will. Already the dawn of the Twentieth Century is breaking on us.

The old year of 1899 is drawing to a close now, and with it the faults and failures of the past twelve months will soon be buried in oblivion.

Efforts are being made to bring the Hon. John N. Garner out of Congress in opposition to K. C. Hager.

Cotulla "remembered the poor" with a substantial collection of Thirty-seven dollars and sixty cents, this Christmas tide, as follows:

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of the coral reefs, an American company had, says The Electrician, about decided to attempt it, as the needs of telegraphic communication had grown must urgent.

ENCINAL.

Encinal has been livelier, socially, this week than she has been for some time. The pleasures have been varied and very delightful.

The Xmas ball given by the young men of Encinal in the School house Monday night was a brilliant affair. A large number was present and dancing hugely enjoyed.

Mrs. J. F. Green of Illinois, and Mrs. Hampton of San Antonio, were arrivals on Sunday's train to spend the holidays.

PUDDIN.

Messrs. Pleas McMains, John Winters and John Wilkins spent a few days in Carrizo Springs recently. They were returning a "hot time."

Our Xmas tree at the Puddin School house was beautifully decorated and contained presents for nearly everybody in this neighborhood.

Miss Irene Gardner, daughter of Mr. Peter Gardner of Bigfoot, is on a visit to her uncle, Thos. Gardner and family.

Mr. Earnest Tredwell and sister, Miss Loula, of Union Valley, came out to visit Mr. S. Elliott and family.

The social entertainment that was given at the home of Mr. Tom Allen last Monday night was a good success. All that attended report a merry time.

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"Well, what in the—," I began in a moment. Polly turned her eyes from the Hindu to me.

"Oh, it's you, is it?" Then her gaze wandered back to the heathen.

"I don't know—some friend, I suppose," said Polly, smiling in a retrospective way that set my jealousy a-raving.

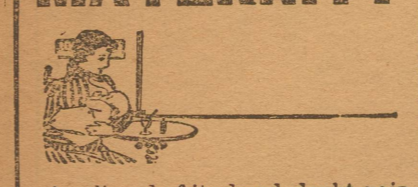
"I shall keep it burning," Polly spoke decidedly and her chin was set.

"I'm not," I declared, meeting her blue eyes squarely enough.

"That—that thing, there!" I pointed weakly at the Hindu.

"I'm not," I repeated. "But he's a fool. Would anybody but a fool buy anything like that in the first place, and would anybody but a fool send it to a lady after he'd bought it."

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Local and Personal.

Heating Stoves at Keck Bros. Old papers for sale at this office. For fresh dates go to S. Cotulla's. A slight norther blew up Wednesday night. W. P. May and wife were in town Wednesday. J. H. Henrichson spent a day in Twohig this week. Atty. Mayfield has been out on a hunt all the week. Go to S. Cotulla's for your fancy candies. Fresh pecans 10 cents per pound at S. Cotulla's. Frank P. Carpenter was an arrival on No. 1 yesterday. Geo. Epperson returned yesterday from San Antonio. Miss Mary Neal returned Sunday morning from Twohig. Listen for wedding and New Year's bells to chime together. Fresh Comb Honey at J. A. Lancrum & Co's.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money. Mrs. D. S. Livingston is visiting friends at Encinal. Mr. L. F. Burris arrived here from Stonewall county Xmas eve to see his parents. Ranger Dubose left Saturday morning to spend a few days with his relatives in Alice. Oranges, Lemons and Bananas, just received at Simon Cotulla's.

The entertainments at the churches on Sunday and Monday nights were excellent. T. J. Alderman and Wm. Clarey were among the Twohigites in town during the week. Misses Carrie Ramsey and Leah Robuck of Twohig attended the ball here last night. A. Armstrong, jr. stopped off here Thursday to see how the boys were enjoying Christmas. Mr. W. H. Mackay of Laredo, representing the Mutual Life Insurance Co., spent the week in the city.

Fresh apples, pecans, peanuts and candy at Stanfields. Mrs. C. H. Mayfield and little daughter, Charlotte, are absent on a visit to relatives in Louisiana. Mr. Robt. Hall returned to New Mexico yesterday morning after a brief visit to his brother, Jno J. Hall.

Mrs. Rodgers arrived here Wednesday from Taylor to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. W. P. May.

Seeded Raisins, Currents, Citron, Walnuts, Pecans, Almonds, Filberts, Apples, and fancy Candy at S. Cotulla's.

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Messrs. E. R. Finck, A. R. Sanders and A. Eldridge came down from Pearsall Tuesday to attend the ball.

Mr. Manuel Salazar returned to Beeville Wednesday, after spending a month here visiting his mother.

Messrs. J. F. Tobin and P. A. Kerr left (on the passenger train) Saturday morning last. Mr. Tobin for Karnes City and Mr. Kerr for Flatonia, where they spent Xmas with relatives.

Mr. N. A. Swink left Wednesday morning for Belton, in company with his sister, Miss Clifton Brooks.

Miss Maggie Gilmer came in from Austin Christmas day to spend the holidays with her mother's family.

Several from here attended the dances at Millett and the Brown ranch Thursday night. All report a joyous time.

All parties desiring wood will please leave orders at W. P. Butler's, which will be filled at \$2.50 per cord, solid wood.

Rangers Old and Brown arrested a Mexican on Sunday's Southbound train, who is wanted at Laredo for horse theft.

Mrs. S. V. Edwards, after spending several days here visiting Mrs. W. H. Johns and family, left Tuesday for home in Laredo.

Misses Clifton Brooks and Emma Thomas returned to Belton Wednesday morning after spending Christmas here with relatives.

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Burnett Robuck and Pink Buckanan were among the visiting young men who took in the ball at the Court house last night.

O. D. Butler, one of Cotulla's swell society young men brought his friend, —well, we'll call him "Charlie" in to see us Wednesday evening.

Mr. J. Arthur Smith left Wednesday evening for Laredo, where he has accepted a good position in connection with the Daily News.

Prof. Gillespie and Robt. Pierce came down from Carrizo Springs Sunday evening and took the Northbound train for Sutherland Springs.

Mrs. O. G. Hugo, in company with Mr. Edgar Hugo, and Misses Smith and Hugo came down from Dilley to attend the ball last night.

Misses Maggie and Lizzie Gilmer returned this morning from Encinal. They were accompanied by Mrs. R. A. Gilmer and little son.

W. B. Stanfield, Center street's Confectionery man, left Christmas day for San Marcos to visit his parents a few days—there are also others, but he will be back tomorrow.

Mr. Geo. Copp received two consignments of baskets by express this week, for the shipment of tomatoes, which will continue to go out until the middle of February.

Mrs. W. L. Hargus received a fine surrey and black horse from San Antonio last Friday; a Christmas present from her husband. It's the swellest outfit in town.

Miss Lula Philippe came down from San Antonio Saturday evening to spend Christmas with her parents. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Sydney Belle Easley.

Misses Lela Kellogg and Frankie Vandervoort, two accomplished young ladies of Carrizo Springs, have been spending the holidays in the city as guests of Miss Vina Roberts.

Jos. Cotulla sold Wednesday to J. P. Moore of Bastrop, 400 yearling steers at \$17.00 per head. These cattle are some that Mr. Cotulla has had on his ranch west of Encinal.

Another big dance is on tapis in the Cibic country for next Tuesday night, this time at the Carpenter ranch. The Mexican String Band from San Antonio that has been playing for the balls here has been engaged. A good many of our young people intend going up.

Don't bring your old iron after January 6th, we will not receive it. KECK BROS.

New Year's Ball, the last of a series of four, to be given at the Court House Monday night promises to be the best attended and swellest event of the holidays.

Capt. J. H. Rogers called at our office one day this week and gave us an order for 1,000 Letter Heads. We also printed for C. H. Mayfield, 500 envelopes; S. J. Jordan, 250 letter heads, 100 contracts and 100 bills of sale.

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Keck Bros. will not receive old iron after January 6th.

After this date I will not open my shop on Sunday mornings. All persons wishing tonsorial work done will please call Saturday evenings, as I will be open until 8 p. m.

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"If any person shall fail or refuse to pay the taxes imposed upon him or his property by law, until the 31st day of January next succeeding the return of the assessment rolls of the county to the Comptroller, a penalty of ten per cent on the entire amount of such taxes shall accrue, which penalty, when collected, shall be paid proportionately to the State and County. And the Collector of Taxes shall, by virtue of his tax rolls, seize and levy upon and sell so much personal property belonging to such person as may be sufficient to pay his taxes, together with the penalty above provided, interest and all costs accruing thereon." Tax-payers are requested to call and settle their taxes before January 31st, 1900.

W. M. BURWELL, Tax Collector.

Come on with your old iron, Keck Bros. will not buy after January 6th.

Ranger A. Y. Old wandered into the RECORD office yesterday evening with a "hang-down, disconsolate looking expression" on his handsome countenance. When pressed by us to tell what was worrying him, he drew a 16 to 1er from his pants and gave it to us saying it had been burning a hole in his pocket the last day or two and that he could find no object of charity more worthy than we to receive it. We accepted, of course, but more to relieve his mind than for the good it would do us.

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The special features in Cotulla this year, as compared to former years have been rather few, but none less enjoyed. The entertainments opened Sunday night the Baptist church with a religious concert in behalf of the Chan's Home. The entertainment was a pronounced success as attested by the attendance, not only in the delivery of the various parts, but in the collection taken. Monday night the Methodist Sunday School children were each presented with bag of candy and fruit at their church, while the Presbyterians rendered an excellent short program the same night to a crowded house. After the entertainments at the churches, a "ten cent tea" was given at Banker L. A. Kerr's residence, the proceeds of which, \$12.65, will be used to repaint the Presbyterian church. Tuesday night a dance was on, at the Court House and the night following saw the young folks at a social gathering at the residence of Mr. Copp. Thursday night the Worker's Institute of the Rio Grande Baptist Association convened at the Baptist church and continued in session throughout the week, closing tomorrow night. Friday night another dance was given at the Court House, tonight a "Phantom Party" is on tapis at the residence of Mr. Philippe. Monday night will witness the close of the holiday fun, it being the last of the series of four holiday balls.

WAKE AND ASLEEP.

"It is said that if a person who is vainly wooing will close his eyes and calmly count imaginary sheep he will sleep. A jumping over fences it will not be long before that peaceful slumber that he craves will be his in days of yore. This little rule may possibly be useful in a few cases. It makes one sleep in the middle of the night. But it keeps you wide awake, as probably will. We know a better remedy to cure insomnia. First, get your brain of worry, care and strain. By the way, the pleasant things that you do in a life. A book of the good author of the Hawaiian is a very kind. Will cause a calm feeling that will smooth the roughest mind. Now, being in good humor with the world and with yourself, So when you call your "troubles" may be laid upon the shelf. Prepare to take the remedy we're putting in our path. When before you go to bed enjoy a cool bath. If there is no ocean handy—as may often be the case—fill a cozy bathtub answers very well in place. And if the bathtub's lacking—then the good, old fashioned way—A sports bath from the washbowl does the business O. K. Of all the pleasant feelings that a mortal can know, there's nothing beats a cooling bath and putting on clean clothes. And though in chilly weather it takes courage to commence, the bliss it gives when over is a glorious recompense. Enjoy now the luxury of feeling sweet and clean. Cooled in mind and body so you're perfectly serene. Slip off your loose pajamas—say your prayers on your knees. And jump right in your little bed as quickly as you please. Then comes that sweet sensation, bringing happiness anew. Of floating into slumberland like little babies do. And, like them, sleeping peacefully until the rising sun. Proclaim another day of joy is born for everyone.

The Bishop's Arrival.

A grand wedding was being solemnized at St. Peter's, Eaton square. On each side of the strip of carpet that extended from the church door to the curb was a crowd of well dressed people watching the guests arrive. In the wake of a procession of equipages of the more aristocratic and well appointed character came a four-wheeled cab, dingy and disreputable beyond belief. "Here! Here!" shouted the policeman in charge, "you can't stop here! We're waiting for the bishop of —" The cabman regarded the policeman with a defiant leer, as he climbed down from his seat and threw a ragged blanket over his skeleton steed. "It's all right, gov'nor," he said. "I've got the old man inside!"—London Spare Moments.

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A CONFIDENTIAL MAN.

THEY were alike, this father and daughter. Lizzie was his youngest, and although she had attained the age of 19 she was still childish in her ways.

The judge placed his hand tenderly on the little curly head. "Where has my little daughter been?"

"Oh, I have been up to the hall talking with the housekeeper, and wandering through the great rooms; and O, papa, she really took me into the beautiful conservatory, and I saw such lovely, flaming passion flowers, and the great, creamy, magnolia blossoms, and, dear me, I can't tell you of all the lovely things."

She was suddenly stopped by seeing a gentleman approaching from the opposite side of the road.

"Mr. Ray, I believe."

"The judge bowed.

"Agent for the St. Leon place?"

"Yes, sir."

"I came to see you in regard to it, and—"

"And you are Mr. St. Leon's confidential clerk, Mr. Hartley? I believe I received a letter-to-day from him informing me that you would arrive this week. Yes, yes; come right up to the house and we will talk over the repairs. Shall we begin them immediately?"

The St. Leon place was a new home for the judge and his little family of two daughters. It was not a great house in itself, but it was a part of the great estate of which young Mr. St. Leon was the owner. None of the family had ever seen this young man, whose pretty, if rather old, little cottage they were to occupy. The judge had arranged for the renting of the place through the mails, and had been assured that after he had moved into the cottage an agent would call and arrange to have such repairs as the new tenants wished made.

"Papa, you don't mean to say you have brought him home—a confidential clerk? You know there are the best rooms to be repaired and cleaned, and our pink dresses to be made against Herbert St. Leon's arrival. Well, I shall see that he is put in the little room over the kitchen. He will never know the difference," and Blanche sank back in a studied attitude on the sofa, wondering if handsome Bert St. Leon would fancy her lovely pink morning dress that she had made for his special benefit.

The door of the dining-room was ajar, and Mr. Hartley, standing before the fire in the little parlor, had heard it all.

"Mr. Confidential Clerk, you are crying," and Lizzie poked the white kitten from her lap and came over to his side. "I am sorry you heard them, but never mind, I'd be your friend."

"Your friendship is dear to me, my little girl."

"I'm not a little girl. I was 18 last week."

"Pardon me, young lady; but can you tell me something of the hall? What sort of a place is it?"

"Lizzie, Lizzie! you are talking far more than is necessary. Go to your French, immediately!"

A month had passed by. Mr. Hartley had exchanged his close apartments over the kitchen for more commodious ones at the village inn, whence he calmly superintended the projected improvements at the hall, and all the gossip exchanged between himself and Lizzie was in the course of her rambles through St. Leon woods.

And now Mr. Hartley sat in the same little parlor where Lizzie had first vowed to be his friend and awaited the appearance of the judge.

"You wish to see me, Mr. Hartley?"

"Yes, sir. I came to ask for the hand of your daughter—your little Lizzie. I love her more than my life, Judge Ray."

"You cannot have her! No, sir! I look for something higher for my daughter than a confidential clerk. If that is all, I bid you good evening."

Next night the judge rode slowly home to dinner, feeling a presentiment of evil.

"Where is Lizzie?" he inquired of Blanche as he entered the cozy dining-room.

"In her room, I suppose, mourning after her dear clerk."

"Well, call her to dinner, child."

Blanche went, but returned immediately, with a pale, frightened face.

"She is not there, papa, but this note lay on the table."

The judge broke the seal and read, with a face that had grown suddenly pale:

"By the time that you read these words, dearest papa, your little Lizzie will be another's. I shall be married to Mr. Hartley. I hope it is not wrong, for, indeed, I do love him very much."

As he folded the note, with stern features a light step crossed the threshold, and Lizzie's arms were around his neck; the confidential clerk standing at the door, with a face where pride and indelible resolution struggled for the mastery.

"Papa, forgive us!"

"I'll see you hanged first!" roared the old gentleman. "Begone, both of you! Beg, starve, but never come to me for assistance!"

"O, papa," pleaded Lizzie, "I want to explain."

"I won't hear you."

"Be it so," said the clerk. "Come, little wife, we have each other left, you know, and they went from the house."

Blanche was just coming out of hysterics, when there came a ring at the bell, and a gentleman bearing a foreign-looking carriage was ushered in.

"Is this Mr. Ray?"

The judge bowed.

"Is Mr. St. Leon here?"

"Mr. St. Leon, sir, is in Paraham, Brazil."

"I think you are mistaken, sir, as I have been informed he is at this moment in his native village."

"Herbert St. Leon at home and not send word to me, his agent? I must go to the hall immediately."

The lights glistened brilliantly from the pane windows of the hall and winked defiance at the blustering storm without as the judge rang the bell at the great front door.

"Mr. St. Leon—has he arrived?"

The servant bowed and ushered him into a room whose superbly arranged furniture struck Mr. Ray with an indefinite idea of luxury.

Lizzie was standing by a tall alabaster case that stood in the bay window, arranging the tropic vines that curled around its standard, and the light from the colored lamps shone down on the curly head so dear to the judge's heart. The confidential clerk stood near.

"I wish to see your master, young man."

"I am at your service, sir."

"You are! Who the mischief cares whether you are or not? I wish to see Mr. St. Leon."

"Herbert St. Leon is my name, sir."

"You? Why, I thought you were the confidential clerk!"

"I never told you I was. You took that for granted. As the confidential clerk, I was granted to see your daughter. As Herbert St. Leon, I could have gained no greater treasure."—N. Y. Daily News.

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