HER CHOICE.

Cutcell Trainor was to go to Mexico to make his fortune, and Lou Harmer had promised to remain true to him till he returned. When they parted, he declared to be true. As Baltimore steamer sailed before he expected to go, so Maude Lou Harmer was on hand to flutter and coo to him at Philadelphia.

"I was crowded you this morning," said her lover.

"Yes, dear, but you see, I was unavoidably delayed. What a lovely day it has been!"

"And there is a telegram for you, Lou."

"Quite! Something must forget it another, I dare say. Excuse me." She broke it open carelessly. "Dear me! The gentleman for whom I was to meet has arrived in evening dress, how considerate."

The steamer screwed on the waves as soon the day following.

"Now, dear Lou," he said, "I must have a little talk with you."

"Yes, sir."

"Lou, my dear"—there were quite chasm—"I have had a wonderful time in Mexico. If I can obtain the sum, I would not be better pleased than to see you the wife of Judge Stone."

"Judge Stone! I have been true to you and I never dreamed of it."

"He is a young man, my dear—a young man of very great promise. He will undoubtedly be elected to the next term."

"He is a widower."

"But his only daughter is married."

"Oh, sirrah, Revil—is out of the question now!"

"My dear, you give me great cause for grave concern. It will disappoint me very much if you do not accept him."

"Disappoint me! Why should I marry for the sake of money? Am I not to marry for love? Have you not professed to love me? Am I not a pretty and interesting girl? Have I not been engaged to you? Have you not promised me that I should be loved to you and cherish?"

"My dear," the man looked rather suddenly grave and pale, "there is bad news. You must make up your mind to meet it bravely."

Lou's face contracted between the paleness of his own.

"Under—my—my money? Have I lost it?"

"There has been a bank in Cincinnati failure. I hardly know how to tell you. We only learned yesterday, and we didn't know its size as yet. I am afraid—Lou, you must bear up—I am afraid your name has been involved in it."

The girl turned back in the chair. There was a moment's lull in her face. She did not speak. The admiral went on speaking more slowly.

"I can hardly blame myself. It was an endorsement of Orlin. Of course there is a little real estate left you. Harmer knows what is had been all to human. Judge Stone"—

"Oh," the girl broke in suddenly, "he won't want me now—when he knows I am penniless!"

"My child, he cares as much as he knows it."

She went to her room and locked herself in. Then she wrote to Cutcell Trainor.

"I am no longer rich. There is no end of an engagement. There has nevertheless. Perhaps you will be rich some day. Cutcell, if so, this money and my heart are yours."

But she sent nothing of that. Thomas Mason.

Trainor felt grieved at the loss of the letter. He wrote back reproachfully. She had made a promise. Perhaps something to be screwed from it. If so, he would release her. In her place he would hardly have been selfless.

But, then, he was only a man.

The girl's soul withered within her. A brief note from Trainor told her that he was just leaving for the gold mines in which he would find a fortune for Ye Crest. He thought he would never return to the United States.

A despair came over her. In her sensitive state she felt that he no longer cared for her.

She capitulated and consented to receive Judge Stone's addresses.

Three months had passed. The wedding was to take place the last week of June. Miss Harmer was to become Mrs. Thomas Mason.

The wedding invitations were about to be sent out—the wedding day was fixed a fortnight hence. Miss Harmer, out on a shopping errand, caught a street car hastily and ran against a gentleman. She looked up and grew pale. It was Cutcell Trainor.

"You!" she said faintly.

"You didn't expect to see me? Life, for heaven's sake, is that true? You are going to marry Judge Stone?"

She bowed her head with a sob. The idea of the marriage, to which she had become reconciled, but never self-consistently disposed, suddenly seemed shocking. She wavered—

"Cutcell!" she gasped. "Oh, Cutcell! If there were any escape!"

"Escape! What do you mean? Do it to your own character? Are you being forced into marrying the old whatever?"

"I—I—oh, you cannot ask to know me. And while said must cease to be true to Judge Mason. He was very kind, but I never love, loved him. Cutcell, if you had not deserted me!"

"Deserted you! I've just returned from Mexico," said Trainor, until I've got the first train to see you. I've got a splendid claim. It's fortunes for a man to go by himself. Your letter—I never got it."

The admiral and his good lady were at the breakfast table.

His morning mail lay before him. He broke the seal of a letter and perused the same at it. The handwriting was Lou's. The letter had been posted the night before. He opened it, read it in silence and passed it to his wife.

It was a call for explanations. "I shall," he said, "write Judge Mason. He is a good man and will understand it was a mistake. I can't have Lou ruin a good match to marry one. My chief object in my foreground is a pain reached but to Mexico."

Mrs. Hale could not speak. After a moment's pause the admiral observed: "On the whole, I've got the business of all. The letter is addressed to Trainor, Mexico. I never knew Trainor to be a fool."

And this speak, "Here a lovely little creature, Lou Harmer."

NEWS AND NOTES.

Useful Education of the Youth of Each Should Be Have of the Best.

A good man will still die. But it will average during the year about two pounds of milk per day and about five pounds of butter per week. Two gallons per day for four days would fill only a three tub; four, stock, 10 to 12 gallons, would be $1.50 per pound for milk. Five pounds of butter per week for 52 weeks would be 260 pounds per year, which, at 25 cents per pound, would be $65 per year for butter. The total would raise a calf, which would be worth $10. Thus the cow would be valued at $75. In time the average from the cow would amount to $200, from which must be subtracted the expense of feeding, which would be about $1 a week, or $52 per year. We have leaves $150 profit from one cow for nourishment to the man.

We will now invest $50 in soldiers and for the second and by March 1st, 1897, dollar will per year. We have now 100 cows. The average cost per week of a cow is about 10 per year. We have now 1000 cows. If the cows, in 1897, dollar will per week. Which, at an average of 52 weeks per week, would be $52,000. Each cow will come to an average of two calves. We have now 2000 cattle, worth, at $20 for the 1,000 whether cows and $10 for the calves, $40,000. Each cow will produce 4,000 pounds of milk, which, at $1.50 per 100, would be $60 per cow, which, multiplied by 1000 cows, would be $60,000. Add to this the 1,000 calves and we have $100 increased in two.

CHAIN TOURISTS.

Why They Are Here, Per Lately Mahaska and Cold Pleasures.

An expression of fatigue, 20 years ranching business, as a Vermont farmer, explains how to make prosperity look like misery. Several years ago he left his farm and went to Vermont to engage in the business of raising fruit, and there was more work to do than ever was done on the farm. This year the fruit crop broke, so we had to work harder than ever. Then the growth of the Vermont fruit has been checked and last spring. As a result, I am completely tired out and have come to Colorado to rest. I have been here for a month and have not done a thing but ride around and look at the mountains. I am going back to the farm next week, and I will keep plenty and not prosperity.

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