BRIER-BONNAT.

Pretty Marthe Weiss leaned against the stile by the lodge a entire glaring siesta for Capitol here month, whenever the time of Captain Lion of the dragoons was expected like for the chirping Weiss which finished to count a smile.

Marthe's face, flush on the dust cloth of the wedding dragoon, was covered so long maybe Brier Bonnat shambled along the lodge and two settled forever.

When he reached the lodge gate, he dignifiedly sat upon the timber rock and also rubbed the incoming dust and he stood to the disheartening bed beside.

"Hey, Brier," exclaimed Marthe, turn-ing quickly to return to the lodge, "where did you come from?"

"From home, Marthe, and a surprise to see you," actually replied the dragoon.

"I've heard, ye have been courting since you been a soldier."

Marthe laughed merrily and blushed.

"I am a guilty look, Marthe, and I fear when I leave to-day. But ye must not continue these chaps, Marthe. Ye ye know ye are promised to me."

"I am not called to you, Brier. Why, you scare to mad! And when, pray, gave I such a promise?"

"It was not ye, Marthe, as gave the promise. It was yer father told me ye should be mine."

"Look to my father, then, to fulfill the promise!" exclaimed the dragoon. Marthe, darting a glance where the door had been, this turning and walking quickly up the avenue toward the lodge.

Brier Bonnat looked peacefully after her, but he neither called for back nor manifested chagrin.

He dragged his cumbersome cap from his glossy black head and twirled it in his hand, his eyes fixed on the turf reflectively, until Herr Weiss came along homeward from the village.

"What do ye here, Brier?" called out the jolly grandsinger.

"Sit a minute, Herr Weiss," called out Brier, straightening up. "Did ye not tell me I should have Marthe for me side?"

"I did. Why?"

"An hour ago I came up the road from the place to pass an hour with Marthe. As I turned the bend of the road beyond I saw the girl and a soldier" —

"Captain Lion?"

"The same. I stepped just beyond the stile to wait for them to separate. I heard the soldier ask Marthe to be his wife. She gave him her promise, and, Herr Weiss, she said he with a kiss. Now, Herr Weiss, never her Marthe honored me with a kiss."

"Are ye sure this, Brier?"

"With me own eyes."

The sturdy, gray bearded grandsinger strode up the graveled avenue toward his lodge.

Brier shambled off down the road.

It was a strange interview that took place between the father and daughter. The indignant maiden girl pleaded her love for the dragoon.

Her stern father swore she should wed to her mate, and that his wish was that she should wed with Brier Bonnat.

The stone blast flowed in their voices. Their quarrel continued until the stern broken parent, goaded by disobedience and love's delirium, threw open the door and hurled his high spirited child leaps his eight feet.

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"Yes, Lem was the very spot. Do you remember, dear?"

"Ay! I'll were yesterday. Come here, Myrtle. I want to show you something."

A tall, beautiful young woman approached the gray mustached, florid, portly man, upon whose arms leaned the aforesaid, well preserved lady who made the first remark and who was regarding an old, broken down gate with peculiar interest.

"Myrtle," said the gentleman, "it was at this very spot that someone promised to be mine."

He looked into the bright eyes of his daughter as he added:

"Yer lover we sealed our troth with a kiss."

Then he took the face of the concerned looking lady in his gloved hands and said:

"And mother doesn't forget that first kiss, does she?"

The response was not in words.

"Where was you then, pape?" asked the girl.

"A captain, my child."

"And you, mamma?"

"A dragoon's sweetheart, mischievous daughter, Myrtle. This is the first time I have been here since your grandfather drove me from home because I was in love with your father and declared I would marry him or no one."

"Where is grandpa, mamma?"

"Dead, dear, years ago."

"And was the grandmother here?"

"Yes. Tender to the time was our judge."

"Who is the gamekeeper now, mamma?"

"There is none, my child. The estate has been closed years since. Let us walk up under the old trees, and I'll show you where your mother's childhood days were passed."

At the doorway stood an old man.

The lady looked at him cruelly for a moment and then gave a little gasp. The general lifted his cap in response to the salutation of the haggerly looking fellow.

"Yer lordship, my good lord" he stated, his old voice heard by the band.

The general tossed him a piece of money as the party walked away.

The old man heard upon the door frame and mutterings, mutters until they left the avenue by the gate.

The coin lay unheeded at his feet.

Tears stood in the hazy eyes of Brier Bonnat as he huskily whispered:

"Her father promised her to me." —Chicago News.

Raffle Corn in Kansas.

At the Kansas station rod raffle corn and common Indian corn have been grown side by side under the same cultures for six years, and during that time the average yield of raffle corn was 44 bushels per acre and of the common Indian 39 bushels per acre. The raffle corn yielded an average of 4½ tons fodder per acre, the Indian corn 4½ tons. Little difference is found between red and white raffle, either being better than any of either the sweet or mammoth varieties. Great care should be taken to get pure seed and keep it pure. Raffle readily mixes with other varieties under such conditions. Many of the raffle seeds on the market are impure and give unsatisfactory results.

Cheapest Feed.

"I have filled a small silo for several years and could not do without it. It holds 150 tons. It cost me $1.50 per ton to raise the crop and put it in the silo. I raise the common dent corn and the village W. & B. It makes a rich feed. I have shipped milk to Chicago during all the time and have never had any complaint. When I can raise corn and fill a silo for $1 to $1.50 per ton, I think I am getting the cheapest food obtainable." This writer an Illinois farmer to American Agriculturist.

ALL LOVED ONE GIRL.

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