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THE COLONEL'S SECRET

Her Will Reached the Cheerless Soldier That Was Her Head and Soul.
A cold Kentucky colonel was the father of a lovely daughter who became a young man, in all respects unobjectionable. All the girls and mothers in the county sympathized with the lovers, and the gentle princess promised the happy man, in the line of marrying that had been heard of for a long time. But the colonel was an obstinate man.

The more he heard of the courtship, the more he swore that he would have no such puppy for a son-in-law, and the young man got into such a state that he was afraid to see his betrothed except surreptitiously, and both were afraid to open the subject to the colonel.

Happily, when the path of true lovers does not run smooth, owing to the opposition of a cruel parent, the misery of the situation heightens the delight, and so the sweet-love, happy couple went on day by day as thousands have done before.

The stolen interview and the surreptitious note, the agony and fear and the continued suspense made the hours glow with romance. But, anon, the colonel learned through one of the groups that he was likely to be a father-in-law without his consent.

He stalked up and down the hall muttering and growling something to the effect that this was the first time in his life that he had ever been opposed, and by Jupiter and all the other gods it was the last! Then he sent for his friend, the major, and the two worthies discussed whether the presumptuous rascal should be hushwhipped, shot on sight or politely slaughtered according to the code.

The last method was determined on, and a challenge delivered to the enemy, with an explanation of the condemnation that accorded the chivalrous term, "as a lady's honor was concerned, sir."

But a woman's quick wit, always sharper under the inspiration of love and romance, suggested a rising act of tragedy. Teat smiles and tears the maiden laughed her lover to obey her whims, saying: "You know dear, how obstinate papa is, the only way I can get anything is to pretend not to want it, and it was just so with mamma when she lived. Now, do you understand?"

In the meantime the colonel and the major prepared to make worms' meat of the poor lover.

The proposed fatal poisoning failed, and the gentlemen were promptly on the ground, and the ceremony were about to proceed as usual, when the lover's friend approached the blood-thirsty colonel with great formality and said: "Colonel, my friend, I have done you a wrong which he proposes to repair without loss of life, which would only make the matter worse for the young lady. It is true that he has declined to marry her, and—"

"Has declined to?"—But the monstrosity of the thing choked the colonel out of utterance.

"Yes, and he desires to offer an apology and—"

"Apology?" shouted the colonel. "Hanging apology! Refuse to marry a gentleman's daughter! By all the infernal gods, we'll see about that! Major, get me a pincushion, sir, and a church, and all that sort of thing mighty quick. There'll be a wedding, sir, or a funeral in less than half an hour. Not a word, gentlemen. I don't like a puppy for a son-in-law, but my honor shall be vindicated."

Of course the colonel had his way, but if he ever lived into the hoax he would turn a blood vessel or fall dead of apoplexy.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Of Some Values.
Nobody ever knew that R. L. Stuart was a millionaire. He never brought a coin at auction. But when Mrs. R. L. Stuart removed from Twentieth street she found in a closet of her husband's a small box heavy with English and American money, marked with unfamiliar devices and symbols. Mrs. Stuart, having never heard a word from Mr. Stuart about them, inferred that they were not very valuable, and sent them, almost apologetically, to the auction room. The amount of the sale was \$7,000.—New York Times.

Get the Red Army from the Wall.
Where shall we set the bed? Away from the wall, and so arranged that we may go all around it without moving for health and convenience in making. Physicians tell us that it is very unhealthy to sleep near the wall, on account of dampness for one thing, and another thing more serious is that one's breath is thrown back to be inhaled again. An instance is related where a severe recurring headache was cured permanently by simply moving the bed from near the wall into the middle of the room.—Good Housekeeping.

The Fugitive.
Freddie is driven from the German pulpit, a padre or priest. This story was originally German, and the name was probably given it because of being very easily adapted to what is known as the "water dog." They are without doubt the most intelligent of all animals.—Detroit Free Press.

LOVE LOST IN ENCORE

He Was Willing to be the Almost Anything, but Not the Girl.
"She was a nice girl," remarked J. Clarence Hyde yesterday, "but she was too blushing to suit me."

"Her opportunity of knowledge on this point led to our parting, and I'm going home tonight to look up her pictures and letters, with the intention of returning the same. It came about in this way: Gwendolyn—I call her thus—she began to like me, and she made play for me on the second floor into an infant cry."

"The slight affection which she formerly professed to entertain for me," Clarence continued, "was the result of a collection of strange, and often foolish, ideas which she had formed, and when we were together her side of the conversation was generally composed of remarks of a sentimental nature."

"One afternoon, I said to her, 'I found her in tears. As I had been purposely paying attention to her young sister in the hope of bringing Gwendolyn to terms by running her company, I regretted to find that she was weeping at my neglect.'"

"Gwendolyn, I said tearfully, taking her hand, 'but as the trouble told me all.'"

"'Clarence,' she added, 'the music of your voice is destroying my sanity.'"

"The situation was a very distressing one. And the plan that she had formed, 'she continued, 'was to be killed by a snake.'"

"I am not a snake, I stated it. Up to that awful day a peacock, a parrot or a dog had never touched my lips, but as the snake had been killed, I determined to make it."

"Gwendolyn, I said, 'provide the wherewithal, and I will smoke the naughty smoke into an early grave.'"

"We examined the plant and found it covered with minute parasites, which she brought me her father's pipe, and a paper bag was pulled over the scientific instrument, a large snake, and for the next half hour I pulled off the skin of the snake through this orifice."

"My sufferings were too awful to narrate, and at each moment of that terrible vapor I felt that the next would strike me a prostrate corpse at Gwendolyn's feet."

"Finally we removed the bag and found that the parasites had gone up the throat, I rose, pale and trembling, expecting an outbreak of feverish thoughts."

"I don't know you could be so useful," she murmured. "Do come around tomorrow and smoke the parasites."

"She is still waiting. This is the first time I have been out of my room since."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

How She Was Not Rich.
There are some who hangle and beat me down on a quarter of a dollar who would make no money about five dollars or ten dollars or twenty dollars. I want to mind one of my customers who is worth several millions—some say he is worth ten millions.

Not long ago he requested me to make a certain purchase for him and told me he could not go higher than a certain figure. I made the purchase and it was just twenty-five cents more than he had authorized me to pay. I told him that I could not get the article a penny less. I told the customer about it and he made what we call on the street a kick. He swore he would not pay the extra cent.

Finally I told him, just to appease him, that the extra quarter was my commission—of course he knew I charged a commission—but he was obstinate. He stuck on the quarter, and said if I lost the quarter he couldn't help it. Well, I lost the quarter. Then he told me, by way of comforting me, that that was the way he got rich—by saving on the quarters.—Interview in Chicago Tribune.

Some Facts About Kid Gloves.
Of course the women think that kid gloves are made out of the tanned skin of kids. Manufacturers have their secrets, and three or four hundred years ago they used to use animal gloves; yet those who know say that if all the animals which contribute to the skin could be exterminated it would be the most remarkable miracle ever exhibited, and few known animals would be missing. Even the water has been searched and an attempt made to use codfish. Cat skins from Buenos Ayres, sheepskins from the Cape of Good Hope, cat skins from California antelope skins from the Rocky mountains and Mocha sheepskins from the Red sea are perhaps the staples; but moose, mink, ermine, kangaroo, peacocks, water bugs, and many others have their identity when they touch the glove.—Exchange.

One on the Stomach.
First Little Boy—What you laugh in so about?
Second Little Boy—I had to stay in after school. He, he, he!
"What is there to laugh about in that?"
"Why, the teacher she had to stay in too. How, how, ho!"—Good News.

The Passenger Agents of the Vanderbilt line declare they notice an appreciable rising of falling off in the travel on these roads according to the appearance and condition of the weather. The roads are frequented or otherwise. The rate is highest when the general traveler is big spenders, and lowest when the traveler is a miser. He does not allow it is his profession that do it.

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