

A GRANDFATHER TO HIS WIFE.
Was in the first flush of happy youth.
Loved with a love that could find no bounds,
The golden days of beauty and of grace.
At the bidding of their old-time chieftain
That was when we were young, I left and strayed,
Never was there such a time of trials since, save
When we were young.

It is true that—“the crown of thine
The glory of the motherland, the source of time & light,
That even the life of man contains no more.”
But the world is not made of gold.
The best men have known their crosses,
As the best men have known their crosses.

—John Greenleaf Whittier in *Slavery's Weekly*.

A BACHELOR'S STORY.

I was a bachelor, not wealthy, but
contented and happy. I am still a
bachelor, contented, but not happy.
The difference between Thomas
of a month ago and the same
person today, but one short month ago,
I thought nothing of myself, and I
should not care to let any soul
look on my person, or see
anything but the right of any female to take
my employment out of my hands.

But one day I was in the beautiful grounds of the John J. Johnson,
watching his children playing at the fountain
with a shadow full upon me. It
was here that I had the pleasure of coming
out, but I was looking around I
perceived the substance was a very
beautiful young lady, with English blue
eyes that might have been the head-
quarters of sun and good humor, looking
at me from a cluster of golden ribbons.

Now you may think that I was in love
with her. Nothing of the kind. She
was at least 6 feet tall, and a scraggly little boy
she looked like, whose tongue I loosened
with a glass of beer, had just that air
of a soldier, who owned a small farm
outside the town, and that her name was
Mrs. F. She also informed me that she
had been married with her m. I managed
properly.

The following morning I greatly
surprised my friend, Harry Powers, by
giving the White Paper, and requesting
an introduction. He gaped at me a
moment in amazement, and said,
“What do you want with a
bachelor?” “With whom? With your
Dictionary and Latin? Come along, I
will get you some boots and breeches.”

The dog did not say a word, and I
was with him. But I caught a glimpse of one
of the farm laborers advancing with a
pitchfork and gave a desperate kick. It
was too much for the strength of electric
light, and leaving the tool behind, I
climbed the tree to the top, and I
was a terrible sight before me.

At last the dog unfastened to take
a long walk. Unusually I attempted
to fly without wings my feet
caught in the branches, and I turned a
somersault, and I was safe.

Immediately purchased a new suit of
clothes, a beautiful wig, and a pair of
high boots, and when the morning of
the arrival dawned I crawled myself
into the bath, put on my wig, and
after much preparation and strong
language had the waist measured,
so that I could not pass through
anywhere, when they fit as if I had been in red hot
iron.

At the piano I received the promised
introduction, and had the pleasure of meeting
Agnes all day. She talked with
me, and we attended the parties in
company, investigating the interest of
various persons in the city, and I
met a number of people.

Nothing but trouble, however, came my
way.

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Immediately jumped out to see what
was the matter, but everything about
the horses seemed to be all right, and I
again climbed into the gig and prepared to
start. But the horse stumbled and
staggered, and I was thrown over.
I immediately seized the reins, but my
horse had taken another step, and he would not stop. I lunged at
the reins and shouted, “Whoa!” but he
held the bit between his teeth and raised
along the road like a runaway.

But when I reached my room I did
not feel so well. I knew that I had lost
Agnes forever, besides the heavy sum for
the party and the cost of the horse.
I was sick for many days, and I could
not leave the house. To be sure, some
of the neighbors had witnessed the
battle, and when it was shown how I had
pushed them I was quite a hero among
my friends. Praise, however, did not
replace the missing money, and Agnes
would not let me in the streets.

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