A VICTIM OF FAME.

"But if you won't talk to me I don't be able to make anything out of it, and I don't get any money," said she, with a pout.

"I am overwhelmed with regret," I observed drily.

"Now, that tiger skin!" she suggested businessingly. "I'm sure a tale hangs to that."

"Of course a tail hangs to it," I replied irritably. "Most tigers have tails."

"These oriental vases! I suppose one of your ancestors brought them home from——"

"Bought 'em of a Jew in Whitechapel."

"Oh, what a lot of a-cat! He's your great-grandpa's and friend, isn't he? I'm sure he is."

"It's the landlady's, and I kick the boat out whenever I see it."

"Ah, perhaps you suffer from nervous! Must pass day of course. You seem have perfect rest and quiet to——"

"I'm as strong as a horse, thank you."

"And you live quite at home in that lovely room?"

"When I am concerned solitude, madam, I enjoy it." Contending myself with an effort, I add in a firm tone: "I detestedly forbid you to put in a word about me."

"Oh, there'll be nothing you can possibly object to, Mr. Pottinger. There won't indeed. Do any of your family write poetry besides you?"

"Do any of your family bothers you to interviewing?" I rejoined. "If so, I should think you're an orphan."

She laughed gleefully and wrote hard for a minute or two.

"There. I've got that!" she observed cheerfully. "Now, is there anything else that you'd like to tell the public through me?"

I opened the door and stood with my hand on the knob.

"About your books, for instance? How much you get for——"

"No, thank you," said I, with emphasis. "Or your favorite pastime?"

"Good morning," said I, opening the door wide.

"Oh, good morning, Mr. Pottinger! Oh, who's that over the mantelpiece? What a queer face! I'm sure it must be—oh, a secret, is it? Then I mustn't ask, must I? How chemingly interesting, though! I must just refer to it."

"If you do"——

"Well, good morning. Thank you ever so much. I'll be sure to send you a paper."

The above is a full and true record of what passed. The following is an extract from what was published:

"Mr. Pottinger, who he is does not, despite in the opinion of apparentness. At a glance you can tell that you are in the presence of a skilled athlete or sports man, and your son's deep blue eyes flash up with a radiant gleam as he ferocity tosses his pewter-colored pottery. The wall is darken with the skin of a snapsilvered tiger. The Pottingers have always been mighty hunters and Mr. Pottinger himself can handle a rifle as deftly as he can hurl a spear. On the contrary of a luxurious sofa can appear a splendid Persian cat, evidently the companion, friend and pampered pet of the gifted novelist. Over the mantelpiece hangs the portrait of a beautiful girl, and it is easy to see that this exquisite gem is not the least of Mr. Pottinger's treasures. Space forbids us to catalogue the thousand and one delightful objects which adorn this choice retreat. The rare ensemble is fragrant of learned ease and wide culture. Nor is the genius lost on what one of harmony with the surroundings which his matchless taste and unerring diligence in the search for curios have gathered together from the four corners of the earth. Mr. Pottinger's slight figure tells tattoed of a delicate physique and of the sensitive, over nervous temperament always associated with supreme poetic gifts. But the brain of the man impels tireless energy as its fuel necessary. The soul looks out shrewd, passionate, indomitable, through the large eyes, now in strangely keen, now so delicately sympathetic. Sayings full of pensiveness, hints of overbearing pride, with all the sorrows and troubles which afflict the world, mingle and alternate with the most brilliant flashes of wit or the rapier thrusts of the most refined and amusing badinage. Mr. Pottinger's indeed is a personality which must be encountered to be appreciated. For although he may be studied to some degree in his own priceless person, yet the man himself never something above and beyond even the finest of his work—a presence, an influence—in a word, a soul, such as it is enlivening and inspiring to meet amid the grays and drabs of this prosaic age. Never shall we forget the precious hours which Mr. Pottinger so kindly spared to us, and we trust that we have not altogether failed to communicate to our readers something of what we were privileged to enjoy when Mr. Pottinger made us welcome to his home."

This appeared one morning. In the afternoon I strolled according to my custom, down to the club. A circle of men sat round the fire. No sooner had I entered, which I tried to do in an unostentatious manner, than I was greeted in this way:

"Excuse my overcome badinage, Pot Finger, but how's the fruit tomorrow?"

"Blue eyes, off colors bit, old man?"

"Here, come and be inefficably sympathetic. I've come in awful hot water the jubilee."

"I say, Pot, old man, you must have made yourself darned pleasant to the girl. What did you say now?"

"Out with it, Pot. None of your informal rapier thrusts, you know."

"Take care, Tom. He's passionate and indomitable."

"Who's the party over the mantelpiece? Oh, you old thief!"

"Waiter, bring a cat for Mr. Pottinger. He wants a companion and friend."

And then from all of them a low chorus, a subdued chant:

"A presence, an influence—in a word, a soul!"

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I suppose nothing can be done.—Black and White.

DAINTIES THAT WE RELISH.

A Case of "Where Ignorance Is Bliss 'Tis Folly to Be Wise."

A dispatch from Sioux City brings the information that a local firm in that place boasts of making jellies made of 1,100 horses daily and of shipping large quantities labeled "dried beef" for consumption in eastern cities. The dispatch does not say that any prosecution has been instituted. Evidently manufacturers are at liberty to sell jellied beets for apple jam, reduced apple peelings for grape jelly, apricot pickings for peach preserves. Immature herrings now become sardines when preserved in olive oil extracted from cotton seed; turnip plums in the eastern states become French or Spanish olives, according to size and color; Manitoba whitefish are because Russian caviar; a Musical compound figures of De Kuyper's gin—smell, taste, green box and all; another compound of sugar, water, acids and flavoring becomes sparkling champagne cider.

Omnivorous alone can tell what machines we eat, drink and have around us, and we may be thankful that it is not all pickpockets neither. In kind con-

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Tales have [illegible] to fraudulent wares. Patent medicines are made conformable to infinite diversity to the trademark and adulteration acts, but these evidences of sickness and pain are looked upon favorably by manufacturers, and before the morning manufacturers' frown will it be well a space a spade.—Marlboro Free Press.

A Day Sooner in Scotland.

I heard the other day of a novel method of evading the Sunday closing act, which has come into force in Scotland. The world be sinner of the law goes to an inn on Saturday night and books a bedroom. He pays his half crown or whatever it may be and departs. No law compels him to sleep in the bed he has engaged. On the Sabbath morn he returns to take his ease in the inn. He does not come alone, but brings with him other hearty souls to spend the day with him, and they is to a case of "Willie brewed a peck o' maut." In some localities the hotels are crowded to overflowing on Sundays with "bona fide travelers" of this new type and their equally bona fide guests. So difficult is it to make people either by act of parliament.—London Truth.

Two Little Bacon of Days.

The two moons of Mars, Deimos and Phobos, were observed at the observatory at Flagstaff on Sept. 10. Deimos, the outer one, is the smaller, being, it is estimated, about 10 miles in diameter, while its companion is slightly larger, some seven miles in diameter. The entire surface of either of them being not more than the area of some great farm in the far west.

The possibility of seeing such small objects so great a distance is a triumph of modern optics, they being observed at a distance of more than 40,000 miles. A close comparison would be the sight of a two inch ball at a distance equal to that between Boston and New York.—Boston Transcript.

Bonds and Insurance.

For some time past there has been considerable discussion among the officers of European insurance companies regarding the marked increase in suicides, and the question has been raised whether the elimination from insurance policies of the clause dealing with that subject has not tended to encourage self destruction. The leading insurance journal has been collecting the opinions of the principal actuaries. They are unanimous that the idea of benefiting their heirs never enters the minds of those who take a short and shameful road to the undiscovered country.

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS BUDGET.

(Prepared from Recent Telegrams for the DESERET NEWS.)

SWEDEN.

A wood pump factory will be built at Sorsfors, near Sundswall.

The Swedish schooner "Ruth" from Karlshamn was wrecked off Uddjipsen. Captain J. S. Sorenson and two sailors were drowned.

Olot Larsson's farm in the parish of Hammarlunda was burned to the ground and many cattle were roasted to death. The loss is heavy.

Judge C. G. Hammarskiold has been elected a member of the upper house of the Swedish Riksdag from the Stockholm election district.

C. A. Gustafsson, the tailor of Boras, who killed two persons some time ago, has been sentenced, to the penitentiary for the rest of his natural life.

Four people, J. Johansson, of Mellosla, E. A. Peterson, of Hindersen, N. Peterson, of Norrbosla, and O. Sundlund, of Stranbjorp, were drowned off the Boda harbor on Gland.

All rifles for military use in Sweden are manufactured at the factory of Carl Gustaf's Town, Eskilstuna, under government control. Besides these, other rifles are manufactured at Hindarna, especially for sporting purposes. The rifle factories are generally using rolled barrel material by Dessemer and from the Fagersta iron works.

The enormous development of the match industry in Sweden is owing to the rational manner in which it has been carried on, as also to the equality of the manufacture, and that machines have now begun to supersede the time-wasting manual labor. The chemicals necessary have hitherto chiefly been imported, mostly from England, but are now manufactured in Sweden. Aspenwood is used both for matches and boxes, which raw material, to a certain degree, must be imported.

NORWAY.

Hundreds of people are without work in Bergen.

Three hundred and fifty-two newspapers are published in Norway.

An electric railway will be built between Christiania and Holmenkollen.

The colonels H. E. Hoff and C. M. de Steno, have been appointed major-generals in the Norwegian army.

The well-known ship owner, Seend Foyt, one of the most wealthy men of Norway, died at Tonsberg at the age of 80 years.

King Oscar and Crown Prince Gustaf, arrived at Christiana December 11th, and will spend about a week in the Norwegian capital.

DENMARK.

Rev. E. Arnesen, of Laland, died at the age of 82 years.

More butter was exported last summer from Denmark than during any summer before.

Thousands of Danish-Americans are expected to visit their native country during the holidays.

A big whale was seen the other day off Skagen, something that has not happened for years.

The Diet will be asked to grant an appropriation for the building of a new state of-war.

Rev. N. L. Valdegal, the rector of the Russian parish in Copenhagen, died at the age of 67 years.

The Swedish steamer "Rise" was wrecked off the western coast of Jutland. The crew was rescued with great difficulty.

Princess Louise, of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glucksburg, the sister of the king of Denmark, died at the age of 74 years.

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