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ROMANCE OF MOUNT DESERT.

BY F. W. LORING.

I.

[CONTINUED.]

Fitzgerald Perkins, who entered the room of Ady Levincourt, was very handsome, and a thoroughly refined and gentlemanly fellow. His hair was brown, his mustache, which was pleasing and symmetrical in shape, was a light hay color. His character was high, and his trousers were not only faultless, but had a certain air of cultured manliness about them that won the hearts of all who knew him. Nature had been very liberal in her gifts, as if to atone for his slightly absurd name, though, as he was of the Perkinses of A——, and not of the Perkinses of B——, this name, without the Fitzgerald which preceded it, would not have been an annoyance.

"There are Perkinses and there are other Perkinses," Ady Levincourt was in the habit of saying. "Fitz, as you will perceive by his manner, gentlemen, does not belong to the other Perkinses."

Aleck Jameson and Fitzgerald Perkins being seated, Ady Levincourt opened conversation.

"I know what you fellows are going to say—you've received letters from girls in Glendale Seminary. Don't get conceited over it, for every blackguard in Harvard has got one."

"Have you got one, Ady?" asked Aleck Jameson.

"That is quite good for a repartee," said the imperturbable Levincourt. "In its varied forms, that repartee has always been a favorite of mine. But, to tell the truth, I have received a card with 'Please reply' in the corner, and the name of the gay young female who sent it is Alice Lennox."

"The name on mine," said Aleck, "is Susan; but the handwriting being simply devilish, I have not yet deciphered the rest."

"The best of it is," said Ady, "that I have met an Alice Lennox, who must be my correspondent, though I was never introduced."

"What sort of a girl was she, Ady?" asked Fitzgerald Perkins.

"Pleasing," said Ady, conclusively. "She wasn't one of your swanlike beauties; but, then, I like a duck much better than a swan, you see. The duck is a much more companionable bird."

"What shall you do about your note, Ady?" asked Aleck.

"I shall write her a very gushing answer," said Ady, "and continue the correspondence until examinations come dangerously near."

"I was going to write to mine," said Aleck Jameson, "but Fitz advised me not to."

"No, I don't," said Fitz; "but I say that a girl who exposes herself to the comments of fellows in this way is unworthy my respect, and I want nothing to do with a woman whom I cannot respect."

"The knightly Perkins," said Ady, as if quoting, "did, then, give utterance to sentiments of an exalted character regarding woman, holding him base and no true knight who should gainsay his words. But, alas, in the veins of all men flows not the blood of the Perkinses, so that the Sieur Alexander de Jameson and the Sieur Philippe de Levincourt—"

"Oh, do stop that bosh!" said Fitzgerald. "I don't advise, I only act for myself. You fellows can do as you like."

"Thanks for the gracious permission," said Ady. "What is the name of your female?"

"I shall not tell any one that," said Fitzgerald.

Then it was that a demoniac idea entered the brain of Ady Levincourt. He was observed by his friends to chuckle disconnectedly several times during the evening, and, as they were leaving his room, Fitzgerald remarked.

"You are plotting some mischief, you little wretch, and I believe it's about those infernal letters. I wish they had never come."

And, the moment they had left the room, Ady Levincourt went to his writing-desk and began a letter to Miss Alice Lennox. And this letter, which, as a piece of verbose nonsense, could not easily have been equalled by any other fellow in Harvard, he signed with the name of Fitzgerald Perkins.

"The girl that wrote to him won't get an answer," he said to himself, while getting into bed; "while, at the same time, he will be supposed to have written to another girl, who will be insulted at not hearing from me. I rather guess there will be a row among the petticoats at Glendale Seminary."

And, what a final chuckle worth the prospect of affairs, Philip Auchindrane Levincourt went to sleep.

II.

Allow me to introduce to the reader Mrs. Higgins, of Mount Desert. Whether it is Mrs. Joel Higgins, or Mrs. Hiram Higgins, or Mrs. Bildad Higgins, I do not mean to state. There are between thirty and forty Mrs. Higginses upon the island of Mount Desert, and I do not mean to incur a libel suit by telling the reader which one I am now introducing. However, as all of them write poetry, and receive guests during the summer, my description will do for any one of the number.

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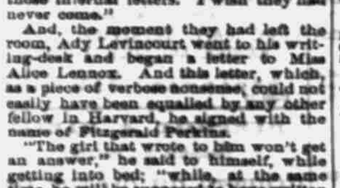

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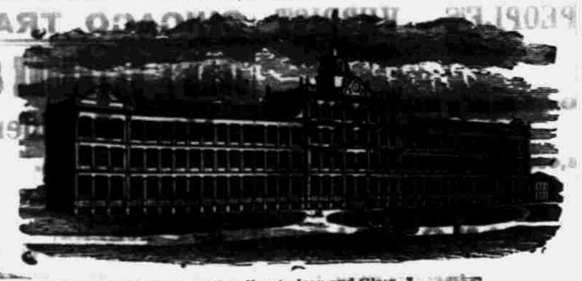

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