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THE OTHER SIDE THE STREET.

But few of us there are who quiet contentedly abide. But very few of us that are fully satisfied; it seems to us that others get the prizes we have won. We're waiting in the shadow while they're searching in the sun. The fields are fairer over there than where our paths are laid. And quite against our wishes fortune craves us in arrays. The dull, repetitive faces we are very sure to meet. The pretty ones are always on the other side the street. The charities that heal and soothe and bless about us lie. But all their gracious tenderness is lost upon the eye. We do not see the gifts which fortune brings to us, alas! With envy we are looking at the things our neighbor has. We banish our ingratitude, for each and every life. We'll bring the path of years with richest blessings rife. We'll gather up the subsidies that are strewn about our feet; The pretty sights aren't always on the other side the street.

—Chicago Evening Post.

MISS TRIMPY'S WILL.

How It Exposed Their Avariciousness and Hypocrisy.

IT WAS often said of Miss Thyra Trimpy that she was "a queer sort of a woman," or that she was "so odd." Her neighbors who had known her for years sometimes said that they could not make Thyra Trimpy out.

She had once been poor, but a distant relative had died, and, to her great surprise, had left Miss Trimpy twenty-five thousand dollars. She had invested this money so wisely, and managed her income so carefully, that her fortune had more than doubled by the time Miss Trimpy was forty-five years of age.

She was still Miss Trimpy when that time came, and she often declared her intention of remaining Miss Trimpy as long as she lived. This declaration gave perfect satisfaction to her relatives living in Eldersville, the little town in which Miss Trimpy had been born, and in which she still lived in a little, old-fashioned home left her by her parents.

She had made few changes in her manner of living when her fortune came to her. She had, in her own words, "made herself comfortable," and that, she said, was all she desired in this world. She had had the old house repaired, and made some needed repairs, and she had purchased a long desired, "flowered, red Brussels," for her little parlor, but three or four hundred dollars would have paid for all the changes she made, and she still dressed as plainly and soberly as a Quakeress, spending less than one hundred dollars a year for her clothes.

Her simple, inexpensive style of living also afforded her relatives no little satisfaction. These relatives were numerous. In fact, Miss Trimpy did not realize how numerous they really were, until her fortune came to her. Previous to that time, most of them had held themselves aloof from the lady who was now "dear Cousin Thyra," and "dear aunt" to them. Some of them became so extremely solicitous about their dear relative that they expressed a willingness to leave their own homes, and take up their permanent abode with "dear Cousin Thyra," that they might "take care of her."

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"Going abroad!" exclaimed all of the first and second and fourth and other cousins in concert, with the nephews and the nieces removed by only three or four degrees.

"Oh! auntie!" cried Miss Arabella Trimpy, a daughter of Miss Trimpy's half-brother's cousin, "you surely won't think of going abroad alone!"

To go abroad had for years been the crowding desire of Miss Arabella's heart.

"Of course, I shall go alone. Why not?" asked Miss Trimpy.

"My son Horace would be so glad to go with you, and relieve you of all care

of the deck, smiling grimly as she watched the wild flutterings of her handkerchiefs on the wharf.

"Pack of hypocrites, that they are," she said, derisively. "There isn't a one of 'em that wouldn't be willing to see me at the bottom of the ocean, if they thought they'd get my money when I'm gone. Mary Jane Dixon as good as asked me out and out if I had made my will, and that wily Fred Sharpe hinted around about how he had just drawn up wills for half a dozen persons who were going abroad, and he thought it was such a prudent thing for them to do. "Wonder if they think I can't read 'em like a book. I'd just like to know what they are thinking and saying at this moment."

Miss Thyra spent six happy, quiet months abroad. She had always been a great reader of history, and found a nice delight in visiting the places of which she had often read. She traveled in a quiet, inexpensive manner from place to place. No one would have supposed that the common-looking little elderly woman, in the perfectly plain gray dress and cheap bonnet, had several thousand dollars in a great belt around her waist. "I'm going to carry plenty of money with me," she had said to herself; "there's no telling what might happen, and I want a plenty in case I should lie sick and need doctors and nurses and all that."

She was not very strong, and her trip had been taken partly on the advice of her physician. She felt and looked ten years younger, when one morning, late in October, she found herself again on board the steamer bound for home, in the vigor and happiness of renewed health and strength.

When the shores of Old England had been lost to view, Miss Trimpy sat alone on the ship's deck, making plans for work and usefulness when she reached home. Poor Miss Trimpy! Five days later she buckled a life preserver around her, and clung for support to a post in the cabin as the boat rolled and rocked and creaked in one of the most terrific storms it had ever faced. Miss Trimpy's white lips were dumb and trembled as she heard the shrieks and prayers of women and children around her, and looked into the pale faces of strong men.

A few days later, the papers of both continents were filled with long and harrowing reports of the sinking of the Sea Belle in mid-ocean with all on board. The captain and one sailor were picked up next day, clinging to a floating log, more dead than alive.

The relatives of Miss Thyra Trimpy received the news with singularly dry eyes.

"Now, we'll know what's in that will she made the day before she sailed and left with old Lawyer Grimm," said second Cousin Mary Jane Dixon. "She was mum as the Sphinx when I asked her if she'd made a will. But I found out all the same, and if I'm not down for a cool ten thousand, I'm greatly mistaken."

"I'm sure she has remembered me with something handsome," said third Cousin Stephen, "and I've earned it, too, toadying to the old nuisance as I have for the last ten years."

The relatives of Miss Trimpy curbed their impatience for two weeks. Then they assembled in a body and marched to Lawyer Grimm's office, asking that he will read to them.

"Well," said the old lawyer, who was as grim as his name, "you must know that the will can not be probated until there is further proof of Miss Trimpy's death. However, I am willing to read the will to you, that you may know what to expect," and he read it.

It was a brief, concisely-expressed and unbreakable document. To the twenty relatives living in Eldersville and all present in Lawyer Grimm's office when the will was read she gave as bequest the one dollar each, with the suggestion that they each purchase a copy of the New Testament and read therein every thing pertaining to deceit and hypocrisy. All the remainder of her entire estate was left to the town of Eldersville for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a free public library.

"I'd talk about hypocrisy if I was here!" screamed Mary Jane Dixon. "If I content the old 'nub'g' will," cried Elizabeth Ann Lane, who was only a fourth cousin.

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ARAB CHARACTERISTICS.

As a Race the Dwellers in the Desert Are Ignorant and Childish.

The Arabs are, as a race, very ignorant and childish. None of them know how old they are, nor can they tell how long ago it may have been since any event in their history occurred, unless their chance to remember the number of harvests between then and now. As we rode slowly on I enjoyed some stories about them, gathered from the wide experience of my friend, A Bedouin, who lived with him in Gaza for a time, came one morning, radiant of countenance.

"What has happened?" "Oh, my wife has a son!" "By night, however, his happiness had turned into sadness. "What has happened?" "Ah, the boy has turned out to be a girl!" His wife's mother had been so frightened lest he should divorce her daughter for having a girl, that she had pretended it was a son. In another case a husband anxious to be the father of a son, solemnly vowed that he would divorce his wife if she had a girl. Unfortunately, she had twin daughters. The poor fellow, however, really loved his wife, and racked his brains to get out of his oath. At last he solved the difficulty. "I said I would divorce her if she had a daughter, but not if she had two," and so he kept her. How forcibly such incidents remind one of the words of Jeremiah—"Cursed be the man who thought his tidings to be false, saying, 'A man-child is born unto thee; making him very glad; or those of our Lord—'A woman hath sorrow, but as soon as she is delivered of the child she remembereth the sorrow no more, for joy that a man is born into the world."

Indeed, so proud is a husband of a son, that he is henceforth known as "the father of Mahomet," or what ever be the name given to the child. We may from this imagine the earnestness with which Abraham and Sarah longed for an heir to their great possessions, and how great the trial of the patriarch's faith must have been when he was asked to offer as a sacrifice, with his own hand, the child at last given to him.—The Holy Land and the Bible.

SHOEMAKERS' DRUGS.

Quaker Articles Used in a Well-Registered Shoe Factory.

Few people outside of the trade are aware of, or appreciate the number of different articles that are required in a well-regulated shoe factory. The ordinary man would see as though leather, thread, nails and wax would fill all the requirements, but the manufacturer who pays the bills could tell a different story. The finishing room alone requires almost a laboratory to prepare and combine as many as fifty different drugs and chemicals to meet the demand for various shades, tannins and finishes. The treading and bottoming departments also require many articles not popularly associated with the manufacture of shoes. Some of the things used would never be thought of in connection with a shoe, as, for instance, cream of tartar, which is generally associated in the public mind with the kitchen and the cook, though the resulting bicarbonate of soda is an important part of the shoe. Lead is used in the form of common lager beer, would find its way into the shoe as well as into the shoemaker. But so it is, and it makes a desirable solvent with some bottom stains.

GENTLENESS OF MANNER.

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