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And spoil while you can
That temple ungarded,
The heart of a man.
Brief, brief is your triumph—
The day draweth nigh
When ye, too, for pity
All vainly shall cry.

The oak that the tempest
Hath smitten amain,
Though stript of its green leaves,
May bud forth again;
But the lily, once broken,
No care can restore—
It fades like a fair dream,
And gladdens no more.

So man's sturdy spirit,
That false love lays low,
Shall rise when Ambition
His trumpet shall blow;
But the weak heart of woman,
That bleeds with love's wound,
Not Time's healing fingers
Can make again sound.

How She Was Dispossessed.

BY MATTIE MAY.

"Who are those Darringtons that I should extend to them more indulgence than to other tenants? The right kind of people would not care to remain where they cannot pay the rent."

And Arthur Esleigh, the stern-faced, handsome landlord, with flecks of silver in his curly brown hair, and with cynical lines early chiseled about the beautiful firm mouth, turned and looked with severe inquiry at his agent.

"I wish you would see them yourself, Esleigh," the latter remarked in disturbed tones.

Esleigh's quick, eagle-like brown eyes shot a contemptuous glance at the other's troubled countenance.

"Very well," he said after a pause. "I want to see the old house is pulled down. I will take a trip up to the place sometime this afternoon."

The agent's rather youthful features showed a relief and gratitude with which he did not venture to express in words. He simply bowed acknowledgment of the courtesy, and presently withdrew.

Once alone, Esleigh's handsome face became sterner than before.

"Why should I interest myself in these people," he said to himself, "Why should I pity them for their privations and reduced circumstances? If I am hard and cold and pitiless, a woman made me so—a woman, too, whom I had once believed an angel of goodness! If other women suffer from my want of charity, it is her work. By her falsity one woman has taught me to distrust all, to dislike and dislike and despise all."

With impatient steps he moved across his elegantly appointed office.

There, in one corner, hidden behind a rich drapery of the darkest purple velvet, hung a gilt-framed portrait with its face to the wall.

With hasty movements, as if the touch was unpleasant to him, Esleigh fastened back the hanging by its golden tasseled cord, and then righted the picture. It was life-size, and represented a lovely girl feeding her doves, against a background of morning-glories.

The plain white gown, close about the throat and wrists, clad a beauteous young figure. The poise of the uncovered golden head was instinct with dainty pride.

The face was the face of a child-woman, "all fire, spirit and dew."

The large eyes, blue as the morning-glory bells swinging above her, were tender and sweet. The full red lips breathed only truth.

As the lovely painted face looked down upon him with those gladsome lips and laughing eyes, Esleigh drew a long, quivering breath of pain.

"I am what you have made me, fair traitress," he muttered between his set white teeth. "It was you who taught me that woman's sweetest smile may mask a hollow heart—a heart empty of all conscience, all justice, all human sympathy, and yet—and yet—"

He made a movement as if he would rend the exquisite canvas from its frame and trample it beneath his feet.

A thousand times Esleigh had said to himself that he would destroy the picture, that he would no longer keep this vivid memento of a sweet folly, of a dead delight and a living misery.

But something had always restrained the vandal hand.

There was a moment of mental chaos as those enchanting memories warred against his wish and will to forget and be at peace.

"And yet—and yet," he murmured, "such is the madness of my brain, such the weakness of my heart, that I love you still, that I shall still love you, oh, false one, until the grave closes over my folly."

For a moment longer he stood gazing upon the portrait; then suddenly there was a grating of wheels against the curb outside, a sound of steel-shod hoofs pausing on the stones.

The carriage had arrived which was to convey him to the house occupied by his dilatory tenants.

"If I show them no leniency, if I demand my pound of flesh to the uttermost, it will be because you taught me how to be mercenary, you evil star of my life! There are times when woman's tears are my keenest joy, remembering the drops of blood your sordidness wrung from my bosom," he muttered bitterly as he turned the picture back, dropped the purple velvet shrouding it, and so walked away.

Meanwhile the inmates of Esleigh's suburban cottage were dreading the return of his agent.

"If we could only have a fortnight, or even a week, we could pay the rent easily enough. But these agents are so hard with a tenant. If we only knew who the landlord is, we might apply to him," Mrs. Darrington was saying.

She was a pretty, petite blonde, the widow of a year.

"It would be a good idea to apply to the landlord. We could learn his name and address without much difficulty, I suppose," was the thoughtful answer of Mrs. Darrington's younger sister—Julia Richmond.

Miss Richmond was also a blonde, but she was taller, statelier, and far more lovely.

Only a year before the two had been the idols of society; both were wealthy, and the younger was a great heiress.

But in a breath their fortunes had been swept away. In a day almost, they had been precipitated from affluence to penury.

It was the sad old story! Riches taking wing, the desertion of fair-weather friends, and of tenderly reared girls searching for employment, which was difficult to find, and for which they were wholly untrained and unsuited.

And it was the old DENOUEMENT—constant struggle, illness, rent in arrears, and woman's helpless despair.

"I wish, Julia, you would do what I have advised," Mrs. Darrington said pettishly, after a long pause.

Julia turned quickly; her lovely face paled slowly, but she remained silent.

"Arthur Esleigh was so fond of you he would do anything in the world for you," the other continued. "He would be glad to help us if you would only ask him, Julia."

The girl put up one hand, as if to ward away a blow.

"Don't Helen!" she said, brokenly, as she crossed the room to the one poor, little window opening upon the street.

Not to have saved herself from a thousand deaths would she have done this thing, which her sister had so often latterly importuned her to do.

And she did not need be reminded that Arthur Esleigh had been fond of her.

Who should know better than she, who loved him then, who loved him still, whose love for him would end only with life itself?

But it was impossible he could care for her now; it was impossible he could retain the slightest kindly feeling for a girl who had scorned him as cruelly as she had done.

Esleigh was a comparatively poor man that happy summer, five years ago, when they had met and loved.

And, after all those precious days together, despite all her promises, even with his kisses warm on her lips, she had coldly renounced him, and publicly betrothed herself to the wealthier suitor, whom her relatives had chosen for her.

But when her fortune had taken wing, her betrothed had forsaken her with all her butterfly friends.

And the lover she renounced had become rich and honored meanwhile.

How, then, could she do this ignoble thing her sister urged?

"Arthur already has reason enough to despise me," she thought, sorrowfully. "I will never again be persuaded to do what my own heart condemns. And I would undo all the wretched past if I could, Heaven knows!"

As she still stood by the window, she heard a clamor down the street, and saw a number of persons approaching, bearing what seemed to be a lifeless body.

"What is it?" Mrs. Darrington queried from her invalid chair in the coziest corner of the room.

"There has been some accident at the bridge, I think," Julia replied. "Somebody appears to have been hurt, and they are bringing him here."

Almost as she spoke, there was a loud rapping at the door, and the next moment Julia admitted the men with their burden.

"Sure, it's your landlord, or we wouldn't be afther taking the liberty of bringing him into his own house," explaind a kind-featured man among the roughly-dressed group.

"Our landlord," Mrs. Darrington gasped, as she recognized the handsome, stern-faced young gentleman, whom they had already placed upon a couch, and who lay white and still as the dead.

Julia said never a word. But her eyes were wet with tears, and her face was white as his own, when she bent over the seemingly lifeless form of him whom she had once cruelly scorned.

"And he was coming here to dispossess us," Mrs. Darrington panted as the men hurried away after a physician.

"We deserve little leniency from him," Julia returned gravely.

"He has only fainted; I don't think he is hurt badly at all," Mrs. Darrington continued. "If you have a bit of feeling for me, Julia, you will exert every charm you possess to win him back again, now you have a chance."

Julia turned to her sister with a look and gesture which were tragic.

"Helen," she said in a low voice of passionate intensity, "if you ever speak like that again to me, and of him, I shall hate you as long as I live. It was your importunities, your perpetual pleading and urging, which prevailed with me once, when I wronged the noble soul I loved. Let me alone! He is dead; he will never know how bitterly I have repented my wickedness. My darling is dead, and I only wish, I, too, might die."

She was bending over him, wringing her hands piteously, her tears dripping like rain on his white face, when he suddenly opened his eyes and looked straight into her own.

At the look, so stern, so reproachful, she cowered back, and hid her flushing face in both trembling hands.

And then this once scorned lover, a little while before had disdained all women because of her sin, stretched forth his arms and drew her to his heart.

"Come back to me, my beloved, forgiven," he whispered, as he kissed the sweet lips draws down to his own.

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"What did you rush in there so suddenly for?"

"Well, if you must ask, I went in to pull up my stocking. It came unfastened."

"Usual occurrence?"

"Not very frequent," but it will happen sometimes, and it is a most embarassing, not to say uncomfortable plight, for a girl to be in when she is on the street. There are so few places, you see, where she can go and be secure from the prying eyes of men: It's a wonder my accident happened right where it did, for I should have been miserable company for you till I could have repaired the damage, and should have hated you and every man in sight most acutely all the time.

"It's all right to say one might step into a stairway entrance or something. Some man would come upon you as sure as you did. Why, I had the awfulest time one day down in the Rockery building imaginable. I'd been up to an office full of men on some business, and just as I came out into the hall, my garter fastening slipped and there I was. Silk hose has a tendency to contract about as great as a rubber band. Well, I sauntered around that floor for a quarter of an hour looking for some secluded nook, but every time I'd spy a prospective place a door would open and some spying man pop out.

"I was getting desperate when I saw a door slightly ajar, and, glancing in, noticed that the office was empty, I stepped hurriedly inside, closed the door, and, not thinking of the window pulled the stocking taut and fastened it securely. When I had finished I happened to look over my shoulder, and there to my horror, across the area were three good-for-nothing-low-down impudent clerks hanging out their window and laughing like so many gibbering idiots. I could have killed them.

"It's all right for you men," continued the fair victim of the woes of her sex's attire. "If a button breaks, or anything happens to your clothes, you've always a saloon door handy, into which you can dive for repairs and subsequent consolation."

A GOOD WIFE.

A good wife is the greatest earthly blessing.

A wife never makes a greater mistake than when she endeavors to coerce her husband with other weapons than those of love and affection.

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It is the mother who molds the character and destiny of her child as to the exteriors, therefore let calmness, peace, affection and firmness rule her conduct toward her children.

Children are great imitators, whether they have scolding or peaceful mothers, they are generally sure to learn from the examples set before them.

And thus the consequent joy or sorrow is transferred to other families; therefore let mothers take heed to their conduct.

It is not possible to exercise too much judgment and prudence before entering on married life.

Be sure that the affections on both sides are so perfectly intertwined, that the two form, as it were, one mind.

A NATURAL TASTE.

Girls love weddings. Why should they not? It is a curious experience to them.

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Eugene Field is the only writer in the country to speak ill of Barnum.

Octavia Grace Ritche is the first woman of Quebec to take a medical degree.

Gen. Albert Pike once told a citizen of Alexandria that he removed from that city to Washington because the people whistled so much they disturbed his literary labors.

Memorial cards for the late P. T. Barnum, contain simply the name, dates of birth and death, and the inscription: "Thy will be done."

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Dom Pedro, the exiled emperor of Brazil, is sixty-six years old. His face is wrinkled and his once strong constitution is becoming wrecked, but his bright blue eyes are clear and his intellect vigorous.

Startling Facts.

The American people are rapidly becoming a race of nervous wrecks, and the following suggests the best remedy: Alphonso Hempfling, of Butler, Pa., swears that when his son was speechless from St. Vitus dance Dr. Miles' great Restorative Nervine cured him. Mrs. J. R. Miller, of Valparaiso, and J. D. Taylor, of Logansport, Ind., each gained 20 pounds from taking it Mrs. H. A. Gardner, of Vistual, Ind., was cured of 40 to 50 convulsions a day, and much headache, dizziness, backache and nervous prostration by one bottle. Trial bottles, and fine book of marvelous cures, free at Thomas, Lehighton and Biery, Weissport who recommends and guarantees this unequaled remedy.

THE FEAR OF LIGHTNING.

Few of the very many who are terrorized by thunder storms pause to consider how little loss of life is caused by lightning strokes, says the Philadelphia "Times." There are many more people drowned each year than are killed by lightning; there are many more people killed by railway accidents than by lightning, and there are many more people killed by the varied accidents which prevail in even the best regulated communities, than by lightning. None are terrorized by fear of drowning; hundreds of thousands travel daily on railways without fear, and none take thought of the countless forms in which death comes by accident everywhere; but all more or less bow to fear of lightning that is not nearly as destructive of life as other sources of danger which will give them little or no concern. There is danger in the thunder storm, however, and it is alwise to take every reasonable precaution against it. Good lightning rods are always wise, and there is always wisdom in closet doors and windows, and always foolhardly exposure in taking refuge under isolated trees during storms.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

The best broom is of a light green color; it is tougher than the yellow.

If sassafrass bark is sprinkled among dried fruit it will keep out the worms.

Honey should be kept in the dark or it will granulate. The bees, knowing this, work in dark hives.

White dishes can be marked with one's own name on the back with a common pen and ink, and it will not wash off for a long time.

If doughnuts are cut out an hour before they are fried, to allow a little time for rising, they will be much lighter. Try cutting at night and frying in the morning.

Put camphor gum with your new silverware and it will never tarnish as long as the gum is there. Never wash silver in soapsuds, as that gives it a white appearance.

Rubbing a bruise in sweet oil and then in spirits of turpentine, it is said, will usually prevent the unsightly black and blue spots, which not only tell tales but deform.

Late in the season, when turnips, parsnips, carrots, etc., begin to lose their sweetness, they may be greatly improved by adding a teaspoonful or two of sugar to the water they are boiled in.

RAILROADS IN SWITZERLAND.

A great amount of railroad building is going on all over Switzerland, sparing no mountain, no valley, and it is surprising to find that this is most difficult of all countries for railroad engineering should possess relatively more railways than the New England states. In the latter there is one kilometer of railways to every seventeen square kilometers of land; in Switzerland one to every thirteen square kilometers. In other words, the New England states are four and a half times larger than Switzerland, and have three times more railroads, although in Switzerland one-half the country is occupied by the heighest mountain ranges of Europe. The receipts average in the New England states about $3,000 a year per kilometer; in Switzerland, $5,500, which difference is mainly due to summer travel.

THE PEOPLE OF HONDURAS.

The Honduranian, collectively, is hospitable, peaceful and exquisitely courteous; but he is also improvident, lazy and densely ignorant. He buys only the luxuries of life, necessities grow at his door. He lives on tortillas and beans, coffee and bananas. These constitute his daily food, and they cost him practically nothing. He pays no house rent, for if he has not a bit of his own he can take of his neighbor's. Being a hot country, coal and wood are essential, and clothing a freak of fashion, not a requisite. His garments, when he has them, consist of white cotton shirt and trousers, sometimes a hat, shoes never. Even the army of Honduras is barefooted. Labor, what there is of it, earns about 40 cents a day in debased currency, a United States dollar being equal to 12 reals, or $1.50 Honduranian money.

The occupation of the women seems to be principally the making of tortillas, the bread of the tropics. During a month's mule back journey through the land, it seemed to me that all womankind was toiling under the sugar cane roofs, grinding the corn between stones, and shaping the tortillas into their pancake form before placing them on heated stones to bake. The corn for this staff of life is planted twice a year. The ground is broken by a wooden stick answering for a plow, the grain dropped in and left to nature and the rich soil. Agricultural implements of any kind are unknown. The corn is ground just as the Egyptians ground it three thousand years ago. In fact, the traveler of to day finds Honduras just as the traveler of four hundred years ago, before the conquest of Cortez, must have found it. If anything, there has been a gradual retrogression, for all the enterprise of the country is now in the hands of the English speaking people.

THE SILVER DOLLAR "M."

There is a popular idea prevalent that the minute letter "M" to be seen at the base of the head of Liberty on the face of the present issue of the silver dollars stands for "Mint," and is evidence of the coin bearing it. This is a mistake. The "M" stands for Morgan, George T. Morgan, who is the originator of the design. Upon the same side there is another "M," also the initial of the designer. This is to be found in the waving locks of the fair goddess, and is so cleverely concealed in the lines of the design that it can only be seen after a long scrutiny. A prominent official, in speaking of this other initial, said that he had it shown to him scores of times, but could never find it unassisted.