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A BASKET OF FLOWERS

BY LOTTIE BROWN.

It was a bitter night. The wind blew a hurricane, and brought the snow and sleet up in showers against the plate glass windows that lighted the cozy drawing-room in a grand house. It even penetrated through the heavy folds of damask, and sent a shiver over the robust frame of the old man, who basked in his elegantly upholstered arm-chair before the rosy sea coal fire.

He shrugged his shoulders, rubbed his soft hands briskly together, and said, half aloud:

"Ugh! what a night! It turns my blood to ice, even in this warm room. What must it be out in the street?"

There came a sharp ring at the door just then, and he turned to know who was the intruder.

A servant entered, bearing a square parcel in her hand, which she quietly deposited on the table, saying, "for you, sir," and then left the old man alone.

"For me! Well who on earth has opened their hearts wide enough to find a place for me?" said Adam Hartford, as he took up the package and untied it.

A square white box met his gaze, and with caution which had all his life been one of the chief regulators of his being, he lifted the cover and peered in.

"Well! Well!"

A perfect bed of fragrant flowers, with the clip of the hot house yet fresh upon their green stemps, lay nestling in an elegant basket.

Old Adam took it up daintily. What a wealth of tube roses, hyacinthe, camelias, buds, soft creamy star flowers and lilies, lay there side by side! Why, in all his wealth, he had nothing so fair or perfect as one of these buds.

I wonder who sent them? Somebody that knows nothing of the value of money I'll be bound. These trifles are almost worth their weight in gold, at this season."

He could not suppress that thought. It was one that was ever the first in his mind and had been, ever since he had earned his first five dollars. He had, in early life, denied himself every luxury, and nearly every comfort, in the world, until he had gained enough to enable himself their indulgence, without seeing behind them the dreadful wolf named Poverty. Now that he had grown immensely rich, he filled his house with pictures and fine pieces of statuary, because other folks did and because they looked well. He carpeted his floors with soft carpet because they were comfortable; put great downy chairs in every corner, because they rested him; and eat the very best food to be obtained, because his appetite was poor, and he could not eat anything else.

But buying flowers, giving a penny to anybody in the wide world, doing anything but for his own comfort and ease, was something that never occurred to him.

Adam Hartford had spent his whole life in the accumulation of wealth, and now that he had grown old, all he had to do was to take care of h mself. But he could not help touching with very tender fingers, the delicate leaves of the flower, and thinking that his elegant house had never seen anything half so beautiful.

"Now who sent them? Ha! ha! ha! You don't suppose that I have made a conquest?" and he made the room ring with his hearty voice. "Adam, are you getting handsome? Must be, or no lady (and surely it must be a lady who sent these) would ever think of sending you a basket of flowers. Hallo! What is this?"

The tidy servant opened once more the door of the drawing-room, and this time she had a great bundle in her strong arms—a bundle of patched and faded calico—a pair of ragged shoes, where the blue, pinched toes peeped plainly through, and a pale, child-face, with a great tangle of its golden hair falling back from the little colored handkerchief which served for a hood.

"Mr. Hartford! If you please, sir, I found this child just now at the door. I heard a voice, like somebody trying to reach the bell, and when I opened the door, this poor thing fell right in across the step. I'm afraid she's dead."

The broad smile on Adam's face faded, and setting aside the basket of glowing flowers, he came forward and looked into the child's face.

"Dead! No, I think not, Katy. Lay her here on the sofa, and bring a little wine and some warm flannels. She has fainted."

And for the first time in his life he opened his heart. Better let me say the flowers opened it a little way, and this poor helpless child came before he had time to close it. At any rate he sat quietly down and took the frigid hand in his own, and rubbed it smartly, and when the wine came he took the spoon and forced a little of the liquid between her closed teeth. In ten minutes she was wide awake, her blue eyes taking in the warm fire, the rich, bright hued furnishing of the room, and even that mysterious basket of flowers on the table. She looked at Adam Hartford next, and then at Katy.

"Where is my mother?"

"Your mother? How do we know? We found you on our door step," said the old man.

"Oh, yes!" she looked very thoughtful for a moment. "My mamma is sick, in a cold room, and I was afraid she'd die. She fell asleep, and I happened to think of the man who owns our block. I heard the folks down stairs say that he was awful rich; and do you know that I thought I'd find him, and tell him that mamma was dying because we didn't have any wood or anything to eat. I found out the street where he lived, and I think this is it. I was trying to read the names on the doors, and—"

"What is his name?"

"Adam Hartford."

The old man looked at the wan face, the clear, truthful eyes, the sweet child mouth, there was not a shade of deception there, so he turned to Katy and said:

"Leave us alone."

"What do you want of Adam Hartford?"

"I told you my mamma was sick, you know?"

"Yes, but he won't care."

The great tears flashed into the blue eyes.

"Oh, don't you think he will? What will I do without mamma?"

"Where is your father?"

"Dead!"

The old, old story, that began with the fall, to end—ah when? Not yet; not until pride and selfishness get out together, smothered by the fire of charity and love!

"What would you do if Adam Hartford should wrap you up in warm shawls, and send you home with wood, food, lights, medicine and money to your sick mother?"

"Bless him! And mamma and I would pray for him all the days of our lives!"

Adam touched the bell, and when Katy answered it, he said:

"Bring a shawl, if you can find one, and then pack a basket with provisions.—Tell Thomas to run around the corner for a coach—it's too stormy to take our horses out—and then put up a basket of kindling wood. I want you to go home with this child, and make her comfortable. If you are afraid to go alone, take Thomas along. Don't look at me so, child, I am Adam Hartford."

Would you believe me, the blessing on her lips was drowned in a flood of tears, and all she could do was to lay her wan cheek on the old man's hand and sob.

"There, there! never mind. Here is five dollars. That will last until to-morrow, and then I'll come myself. Dear me, it's a dreadful night out."

Adam kept his word and made his visit, and down in a poor little room, in one of his own houses, he found the mother of the little girl. A fair, daintily made woman she was, with eyes full of beauty in spite of her sorrow, and a voice as soft, a manner as refined, as any he ever knew; and he came home as lonely as though he had nothing in the world, and never expected to have anything more.

The basket of hot-house flowers, as fresh and perfect as when he first saw them, sat on the table, and he went and passed his hand over them.

You're a queer set! If I hadn't seen you, I shouldn't be so soft. Let me see! I'm only fifty years old—I can't be in my dotage, and I'm not crazy. No I am going to get married, and I shall marry that poor woman, with her beautiful face, and patient manner, if she will have me. Wouldn't you?

The flowers did not have time to reply for Katy entered just then, and brought with her a sweet young lady, with sparkling eyes and very red cheeks, who said with a laugh;

"Oh Mr. Hartford! have you really got those unfortunate flowers? How stupid of John to bring them to the wrong house.

"Why bless me, Miss Kittie, did you send them to me?"

"Why no; you see Mr. Percy next door—"

"Fred you mean?"

"Well, Fred" with a blush. "He was injured a week ago while out driving, and he is lonely—and I sent the basket to—to—to help—that is—"

"Oh, yes; I understand! Fred is a very nice sort of a fellow. But, Kittie, I can't give up these flowers. Somehow they fell on my heart last night, and did me more good than a round dozen of sermons. You won't believe me, but I am quite changed in heart. I cannot part with them. I must see the end of them. But I'll send Thomas, and get you another basket, and I would advise you to take it yourself. John might make another mistake, and really, if he should not, I think it will do Fred more good to have you carry them."

Miss Kittie waited until Thomas came with another basket, and then acted as Adam advised.

Before the long winter nights ended—before the snow left the streets, and want left the doors of the poor—there was that soft, sweet, womanly face, on the other side of Adam's hearth-stone; and he often held in his arms that same child who was brought in unto him half dead from the cold street.

And through the loving hands of these two, so strangely given unto him, the rich man's heart went out and fed the hungry, clothed the naked and lifted up the broken-hearted, and filled his own life with a happiness made up of their blessings and prayers.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of David R. Nunn, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

At Richmond, on the 14th day of May, 1872.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please to take notice hereby, that a petition has been, to wit: on the 14th day of May, 1872, filed in said District Court by of David R. Nunn, of Louisa county, in said district, who has been heretofore duly declared bankrupt under the act of Congress entitled "An act to establish a more uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the UnitedStates," approved March 2d, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof, from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 1st day of June, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M., before W. W. Forbes, one of the registers of said court in bankruptcy, at his office in Richmond, in said district, is the time and place assigned for the hearing of the same; when and where you may attend and show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.

You are also hereby notified, that the second and third meetings of the creditors of the said bankrupt will be held at the same time and place.

W. W. FORBES,
Register in Bankruptcy for the
my 16—Th2w 3d Cong'l Dist. of Va.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of R. D. Baskerville, bankrupt—in bankruptcy

At Richmond, on the 14th day of May, 1872.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please to take notice hereby, that a petition has been, to wit: on the 14th day of May, 1872, filed in said District Court by R. D. Baskerville, of Mecklenburg co., Va., in said district, who has been heretofore duly declared bankrupt under the act of Congress entitled "An act to establish a more uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2d, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof, from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 1st day of June, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M., before W. W. Forbes, one of the registers of said court in bankruptcy, at his office in Richmond, Va., in said district, is the time and place assigned for the hearing of the same; when and where you may attend and show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.

You are also hereby notified, that the second and third meetings of the creditors of said bankrupt will be held at the same time and place.

W. W. FORBES,
Register in Bankruptcy for the
my 16—Th2w 3d Cong'l Dist. of Va.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of R. M. Quarles, Receiver, &c., vs. L. Harvey & Co., bankrupts—in bankruptcy.

Eastern District of Virginia, ss:

Notice is hereby given that a final meeting of the creditors of the said L. Harvey & Co., bankrupts, for the purpose of declaring a dividend, will be held at Richmond, at the office of W. W. Forbes, register in bankruptcy, in said district, on Saturday, the 3d day of June, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M., in accordance with the provisions of the 27th and 28th sections of the bankruptcy act of March 2d, 1867.

Dated at Richmond, this 20th day of May, 1872.

J. AMBLER SMITH,
my 21—T2w Assignee.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of Geo. W. Dillard, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

At Richmond, Va, this 1st day of May, 1872.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please take notice, that a petition has been presented to the Hon. John C. Underwood, judge of the said District Court, in Bankruptcy, by Jas. M. Matthews, assignee of the estate of said bankrupt, to sell the real estate belonging to said bankrupt, free from all liens and encumbrances thereon.

This is to give notice to all persons interested, that in terms of said petition an order has been issued by the Judge aforesaid, for all persons who may be interested in said estate, to appear before Register W. W. Forbes, at his office, at Richmond, on the 15th day of May, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M., and show cause, if any they have, why such an order should not be granted.

JAS. M. MATTHEWS,
my 9—Th2w Assignee.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of Wm. B. Haynes, Jr., of Charles City County, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

Eastern District of Virginia, ss:

Notice is hereby given that the second and third meetings of the creditors of the said Wm. B. Haynes, Jr., bankrupt, for the purpose of declaring a dividend, will be held at Richmond, at the office of W. W. Forbes, Register in bankruptcy in said district, on Wednesday the 12th day of June, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M., in accordance with the provisions of the 27th and 28th sections of the bankruptcy act of March 2d, 1867.

Dated at Richmond, this 23d day of May, 1872.

GEO. L. CHRISTAN,
my 27—M3w Assignee.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of Milton D. Butler, bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

To Whom it May Concern—The undersigned, Wm. B. Shands, of Southampton co., Va., hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of M. B. Butler, of Southampton co., in said district, who was, on the 29th day of Feb., 1872, adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said District.

Dated April 8th, 1872.

WM. B. SHANDS,
ap 11—Th3w* Assignee.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.—Tuesday, May 28th, 1872.

John Johns Jr., Assignee of William O. Dogged, a bankrupt, vs. John T. Butler, Trustee, and Boudar and Pizzini—In Equity.

It is ordered that the sale of the property made and reported by John Johns, Jr., and Alexander H. Sands, Commissioner in this cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless exception be taken thereto within thirty days from this date.

Teste:

M. F. PLEASANTS,
my 28—T3w Clerk

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of W. C. Marrow, Sr., bankrupt—in bankruptcy.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned, Geo. M. Peek, of Hampton, Elizabeth city co., Va., hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of W. C. Marrow, Sr., of Warwick county, in said district, who was, on the 31st day of May, 1871, adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said District.

Dated April 26th, 1872.

G. M. PEEK,
ap 26—F3w* Assignee.

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DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Eastern District of Virginia—in bankruptcy.

In the matter of R. E. Armstrong vs, R. H. Anderson, bankrupt—in bankruptcy

A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of R. H. Anderson, of the county of Henrico, State of Virginia, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on the petition of his creditors; and the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a court of bankruptcy, to be holden at the office of the Register, in Richmond, Va., before W. W. Forbes, Esq., Register, on the 22d day of May, A. D. 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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