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mh 1—dt20A

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(Signed.) A. FREEMAN.

**Ship Masters, Read!**

NEW ORLEANS, Feb'y 21st, 1851.

I take pleasure in giving my testimony in favor of the MUSTANG LINIMENT. I have used it in a great many cases with satisfaction. I would particularly recommend it to the notice of MASTERS OF VESSELS, of all kinds, as surpassing ALL OTHER external applications within my knowledge for Pains, Bruises, Cuts, Burns, Sores and Rheumatism, &c. &c. LEWIS WARDEN,
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## THE DAILY DISPATCH.

### REALLY! INDEED! IMPOSSIBLE!

During a prolonged summer sojourn with kind friends resident in a quiet country town, we became quite interested in the tactics of the neighbors, and acquainted with their social condition.

"I think we have almost exhausted our visiting round," said our hostess, Mrs. Smith, one morning, as she replenished her card-case, "with the exception of *Really, Indeed*, and *Impossible*, to whom we must introduce you. You look puzzled! but I mean the three Misses Bonderlay, who are usually distinguished by these interjectional names. We will forthwith send them an invitation to tea this evening, and they shall be their own etymologists."

At the appointed hour, three ladies were ushered into the drawing-room, bearing so startling a resemblance to each other in person, manner, and costume, that we at once decided they must be *trins*. Not so, however; there was a year or two's difference in age between them, which rendered the strong resemblance more remarkable. They were tall, well formed, plump ladies, of middle or uncertain age; with round, unmeaning faces, flaxen locks, and pale-blue eyes. There was not a perceptible thread or pucker different in their dresses, which must have fitted all indiscriminately; the flaxen curls were arranged in precisely the same waves round each mealy countenance; and the neat caps, with bright-green ribbons, doubtless had the same exact quantity of tulle and gauze in their fashioning. Each sister owned a delicate work-basket—trinal baskets also; and in each receptacle reposed a similar square of worsted-work, the same to the last stitch. We heard the visitors named as Miss Bonderlay, Miss Paulina Bonderlay, and Miss Constantia Bonderlay; but that was of no use, since they were not ticketed, and our blunders became embarrassing and ludicrous. We addressed Miss Bonderlay as Miss Paulina, when the senior lady drew up with dignified composure, and pointing to a sister, said: '*I* am Miss Bonderlay: *that* lady is Miss Paulina Bonderlay.'—And so on with the other two, who explained that they were juniors, as they waved a lily hand towards their eldest sister, indicative of her supremacy. But as the evening advanced we learned to distinguish them by a peculiarity of expression, which had gained for these amiable maidens, the somewhat singular cognomens of Really! Indeed! and Impossible! for their conversation, if conversation it could be called, consisted almost wholly of these interjections, pronounced in an unvarying, monotonous voice, while no shadow of emotion was perceptible on the cloudless expanse of their unwrinkled physiognomies.

When they were addressed in the usual conversational appeal which demands a reply of some kind, Miss Bonderlay, sipping her tea or bending over her work, softly ejaculated:—"Really!" If you turned to Miss Paulina for some more tangible announcement of her opinion, she responded, in precisely the same tone: "Indeed!" And when, as a last resource you looked towards Miss Constantia; the word "Impossible!" and that word alone, fell in honeyed accents from her ruby lips. By this means they were easily distinguished; and their most intimate friends often failed to recognise which was which when apart, and sometimes even when they were together, until the talismanic syllables gave to each her individuality. The peculiarity gave rise to a little good-humored ridicule; but for our part, we thought it quite wonderful how well they played their part in conversation with so small a stock of words. There is much pliability of meaning, however, in an interjection; and in company, where there are always several persons who are anxious to be heard, it is a positive virtue. In Miss Constantia's intonation of her favorite "Impossible!" it seemed to me that there mingled a dash of sadness, a kind of musical and melancholy cadence, which was followed by an unconscious absence of mind, evidencing the fact, that her thoughts were what is vulgarly termed "wool gathering."—On mentioning this impression to Mrs. Smith, she complimented us on our keen observation, since, in truth, a tinge of the romantic did attach to the history of the fair Constantia; and she then sketched the following outline, leaving all details to be filled up by the imagination of the auditor:

The Misses Bonderlay, it seems, had attained the age of womanhood, when, by the decease of their surviving parent, a man of high moral rectitude, but a stern disciplinarian, they were left in possession of a comfortable independence, fully equal to their moderate wants. They had been governed with such an iron rule, and treated as such absolute automata from their childhood, that when the hand of death released them from the despotic sway, its effects still continued apparent in the constraint which habit had rendered second nature. They continued to reside in their native town, only removing to a smaller house, and pursued undeviatingly the routine they had always been accustomed to—a routine which might well bear comparison, in its monotony and apathy, with that of monastic seclusion. Rumor, with her thousand tongues, had never singled out these vestal ladies as objects of matrimonial schemes; no suitors darkened their doors or disturbed their peace; they made no enemies, and, perhaps, no very enthusiastic friends. They listened to the gossip retailed by their neighbors, as in politeness bound, but the imperturbable "Really!" "Indeed!" and "Impossible!" gave no encouragement to gossip; they never asked questions, never propagated reports, but listened and ejaculated, and ejaculated and listened, giving and receiving no offence. It never was positively ascertained whether the Misses Bonderlay conversed among themselves; but popular opinion maintained that they did not, assigning the ill-natured reason, that they had nothing to say. Being neither oral enquirers nor readers, what could they have to talk about? Still, popular opinion is often wrong, and perhaps it was so in this instance. At any rate, if they did not exchange confidential sentiments, quarrels were avoided; and smoothly the three fair sisters sailed down the troublous stream of time.

It was a great and stirring event in their tranquil lives, when a maternal uncle, as if to vindicate the fidelity of old romance, did actually return from India to his native land with a large fortune. Mr. Elliston, a childless widower, took up his abode at a watering place, and sent for his eldest niece, Miss Bonderlay. She promptly obeyed the summons, and of course it was generally reported, with some coloring, that the bulk of the nabob's fortune would be hers if she "played her cards well." But she did not play her cards well, as the event turned out; for the old splenetic Indian tired very soon of the monotonous "Really!"—the sole response of his wonderful narratives of tiger-hunting and Eastern marvels in general. At length, Mr. Elliston bluntly gave his visitor to understand that he wished to see Miss Paulina; and poor, crestfallen Miss Bonderlay returned home, and Miss Paulina departed in her turn to fill the vacant place at the nabob's board.—She remained a considerable time longer than her eldest sister had done; and it was surmised that "Indeed!" had proved more agreeable than "Really!" But, alas! for human foresight and conjecture, the second Miss Bonderlay re-appeared in her native town for the purpose of despatching the third relief in the person of Miss Constantia. "The young one will have a human tongue," muttered the choleric Indian: "I want a companion, not a parrot." The poor gentleman never imagined that there could be three parrots in one family; and he naturally concluded, that his choice had fallen on the right niece at last.

When he found out his mistake—and we need hardly say that he was not long about that—his chagrin and consternation may be imagined. Indeed, had it not been for the presence of a certain Major George, there is no doubt that when he heard the sweet "Impossible!" of Miss Constantia, he would instantly have consigned her to the banishment and oblivion of her sisters. But Major George's quiet influence restrained the threatened ebullition of wrath; though when his best stories and jokes after dinner were received with a gentle "impossible!" which neant either "really," or "indeed," or anything else it might pass for, Uncle Elliston struck the table violently with his clenched hand, exclaiming in a passion: "Impossible! madam—impossible? Do you mean to give me the lie? I tell you the anecdote I have just related is perfectly possible, and moreover, perfectly true. What do you mean by impossible? I hate impossibles.—Nothing is impossible? Do you mean to insult me, madam—heigh?"

"Impossible, dear uncle—impossible!" meekly ejaculated the gentle fair, affrighted at such an unusual display of excitement; and it was fortunate that Major George called off her uncle's attention from poor Miss Constantia's unconscious delinquency.

Major George was an Indian crony of Uncle Elliston's; considerably younger, however, than the latter, and, as the spinsters remarked sententiously, only sallow enough to be interesting, and only old enough to be sedate! His purse was amply filled and Major George was on the look-out for a wife; but being most painfully shy and sensitive, it seemed rather a doubtful case if he would succeed in his aspirings. With the nabob, Major George was an immense favorite; but except that they had hunted tigers together, there seemed no adequate reason for so strong a preference—the taciturnity of the one being as remarkable as the communicativeness of the other. Mr. Elliston called George a "good fellow," and slapped his shoulder approvingly; and introduced him to Miss Constantia with sly and peculiar *empressement*. Major George's visit was prolonged, and Miss Constantia's visit was prolonged far beyond the period allotted to her sisters; and Uncle Elliston gradually ceased to rave at "Impossible!" But a terrible climax approached, and how it came about no one ever knew: Major George set off for Paris early one fine morning, and Miss Constantia appeared at the breakfast table with eyes red and swollen with weeping. The nabob insisted on knowing what was the matter, and why his favorite had taken flight so unceremoniously.

"You don't mean to say you've refused him, Niece Con?" cried her uncle, "for I know he meant to make you an offer of his hand and heart."

"O no, uncle, no!—impossible!" sobbed the weeping lady.

"Oh! deuce your *impossibles*, Con Bonderlay. Tell me if the lad asked you to marry him, and what your answer was?"

She hesitated—looked up—looked down—looked startled; and then murmured, as if examining for the first time the word, as it slipped musically from between her lips, "Impossible!"

"Well, Niece Con, I think you've said *impossible* once too often in your life, if this is to be upshot. Come now, be candid, and don't be a fool! Did you intend to refuse Major George?"

"Impossible!" was the reply; which, habitual as it was, burst forth this time in a passion of tears and blushes.

Mr. Elliston always affirmed that he saw at a glance how the matter stood; that, in short, Major George had "made a fool of himself." The lady had not intended to reject him; but the Major, from his shy, shamefaced nature, on hearing Miss Constantia's fatal "impossible!" in reply to his love-suit, had flown from the scene of disappointment without an attempt at explanation. Acting on such a supposition (for mere supposition it remained, neither the lady nor gentleman making the slightest confession,) Mr. Elliston addressed his niece with more gentleness, a dash of pity mingling in his tone: "Niece Constantia, I shall write to Major George, and bring him back again; but mind you don't say 'impossible' a second time!"

However, Mr. Elliston indulged in the fault of procrastination, which in him often led to results he did not anticipate: he rarely remembered that excellent maxim, which advises us never to postpone till to-morrow what can be performed to-day. To-morrow came, indeed; but with it also came an attack of gout, which incapacitated him from exertion for weeks: and scarcely was he convalescent, when a letter was put into his hands announcing the marriage of Major George with a very pretty and charming lady. Mr. Elliston handed the missive to his niece; she perused it in silence; but her uncle told Mrs. Smith in strict confidence, that he felt amost sure a tear fell on the paper. Be that as it might, shortly afterwards, when Mr. Elliston signified his intention of inviting Maj. George, Maj. George's young bride, and the young bride's elder sister to pay him a visit, Miss Constantia expressed a desire to return home. Her uncle acquiesced with rather too much alacrity for conventional *politesse*, exclaiming as he did so: "I only hope Niece Con, that George's wife won't be a 'Dear me!' or a 'Well, I never!' but a hearty, comfortable, chattering woman with a will and way of her own!"

Nor were Mr. Elliston's hopes in this instance doomed to disappointment; for Mrs. Major George had not only an actual tongue, but a way and will of her own so decided, that ere the expiration of their visit, she succeeded in bringing about a union between the nabob and her elder sister. Some folks affirmed, that Mr. Elliston came speedily to endure the flat contradictions of his wife with the humility of a broken spirit, and to speak with tender regret of his meek and inoffensive nieces. They, quiet souls, heard of their uncle the nabob's marriage without surprise, and without expressing emotion of any kind, beyond the "Really!" "Indeed!" "Impossible!" appertaining to each as her distinguishing characteristic or mark, of identity. When we first met the Misses Bonderlay, with their trinal baskets and squares of worsted-work, they were preparing a beautiful hearth rug as a present to their uncle's wife, to be formed of these identical squares, with numerous others of a similar construction, and surrounded by a corresponding handsome border. Since that period, we have been favored with exquisite specimens of their united industry; for the greatest pleasure of their lives consists in bestowing such-like gifts of handiwork on their friends and acquaintance.

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