

THE MAIDEN'S LAST FAREWELL.

IN THE DAY OF CREMATION.

Then the night wore on and we knew the worst, That the end of it all was nigh: Three doctors they had from the city first— And what could one do but die?

A BIT OF ROMANCE.

The lives of the pioneers in the remote mining districts of California were generally devoid of romance or excitement, save that witnessed at the gaming tables, and to relieve the monotony of mountain life they frequently passed a few months in "Frisco" (San Francisco), or sojourned for a season with the Webfeet, otherwise known as Oregonians.

Near the time of starting they were joined by a young man named Alfred Boise, whose parents resided in Oregon. He had recently been suffering from indisposition and was cautioned not to undertake the trip which was sufficiently arduous even for the most vigorous; but his anxiety overcame his prudence and he set out with the others.

Bradbury remained a few weeks with his relatives, but the spirit of unrest possessed him, and he soon turned his face southward, urging as an excuse that his business at Indian Town demanded his presence. His business, however, was not so pressing but that he turned aside to halt awhile at the ranche of his friends, the Boises.

gether to the neighboring village and to other points about the valley.

One day they were slowly riding toward home, and Bradbury was urging his snit, and pleading for an answer to end his suspense. They were nearly a mile from the ranche, near which grew two large live-oak trees, standing very near each other. Said Adaliza:

"If you will pass those twin live oaks before I do, I will go with you to California some day."

Bradbury prided himself upon his horsemanship, and accepted the challenge with a wave of the hand and a laconic, "I'm your man!" dashed spurs into his steed and sped like an antelope over the plain. The girl was taken by surprise at his sudden movement, but gave her horse the word, and he too "stretched neck and stretched nerve till the hollow earth rang."

Bradbury's sudden movement had given him the advantage by a few rods, but he soon realized that it would be no easy matter to maintain it. The girl was urging her horse by whip and voice, and having been the winner in many a hotly contested race, he bent to his work in true race-horse style, "reaching long, breathing loud like a creviced wind blows."

Little more than one half the distance was passed, when Bradbury became aware that his competitor was pressing hard upon his flank, and he knew that his weight was beginning to tell on the noble beast, which seemed to realize the value of the stakes for which he ran. For a quarter of a mile he held his own; Miss Boise, however, coming once or twice very near, but not maintaining her position at Bradbury's side. The goal was almost reached and he was confident of victory. But he had not counted on his opponent's skill as a race rider. She had restrained her horse for the final dash and now came on with a burst of speed that placed her fairly at Bradbury's side and seemed sure to give her the victory. Indeed, the victory seemed already hers, for with long and steady leaps her horse was sweeping past at the moment they were to pass the goal. At this period, however, the fore-feet of Bradbury's horse went down in the burrow of a gopher, he stumbled upon his knees, the girth parted and Bradbury went over the horse's head and into the air like a rocket, landing beyond the goal and a yard or two ahead of his fair competitor.

Striking upon the mellow earth he performed a series of evolutions, but regained his feet with no injury save a pretty severe shock from the abrupt manner of dismounting. He had sufficient presence of mind to exclaim with his first breath: "I believe you're mine!" while Adaliza, reining in her steed with a steady hand, sprang lightly to the ground, and in a moment was at his side anxiously inquiring if he were hurt. His horse regained his feet and stood near with a sheepish expression, as though he were the veriest culprit on earth.

Bradbury found himself able to walk, and before he and his companion reached the house she had promised that when Christmas should come again she would become his wife, and go with him to his mountain home. And so it was settled that at that time he should come for her. With this understanding he again clasped hands in parting, and set out for his home in the Siskiyou. He found his partners eagerly awaiting his return, and all were soon busy with pick, shovel and hydraulic.

As autumn approached and the water in the creek became too low for mining purposes, Bradbury set about erecting a housesomewhat more pretentious than the limited quarters occupied by himself and partners.

A pleasant site near the town was selected, and though the house was far from being an elegant or imposing structure, it was neat and comfortable and far superior to a majority of the homes of pioneers.

Not long after he left Boise's, a young drover from Southern Oregon called at the ranche, and stopping for a day or two became quite enamored of the fair Adaliza. His attentions were not received with favor, but he persisted, and at the first opportunity proposed.

The girl frankly told him that she was affianced, and that her lover was in California. Of this he was already aware, but had feigned ignorance. He laughed at the idea of her trusting to a miner from the mountains, saying they were like the sailors, and made love for pastime.

After some time, becoming wearied with his importunities, she told him that if Bradbury did not return by the

appointed time, she would talk with him, but until that time she would have nothing more to say to him on the subject. He then took his departure, not, however, until he had made an arrangement with a friend, who lived near by, to notify him promptly if Bradbury did not return by the twenty-fifth of December.

While engaged in building his house, Bradbury received an injury from a falling timber which disabled him for some weeks, and occasioned some delay in his departure, so that Christmas was already past when he set out. Crossing the mountains, he stopped one night at Jacksonville, and then pushed forward as rapidly as possible, for his forced delay had occasioned him no little anxiety. On the second day after leaving Jacksonville he fell in with a traveler, riding like himself on horseback, and in the same direction. This stranger gave his name as Harkman, and after a few hours became communicative. He said that he had become tired of leading a single life, and was going down to the Umpqua to change his condition. Bradbury appeared to take but little notice of his remarks, but contrived to keep him talking until he learned that the young lady whom he was going to see had been engaged to "a chap from California," but as he, the Californian, had not appeared at the appointed time, Harkman expected to step in and win the prize with scarcely an effort. They continued to travel in company, and when they came in sight of Boise's ranch, Harkman remarked with much assurance:

"There is the home of the future Mrs. Harkman!" Bradbury said nothing, and pretended that he was journeying on to Portland or Salem. Harkman, however, invited him to call on his fair Dulcinea, and touching his horse's rein, they rode together to the house. Adaliza was at the door in a moment, and as Bradbury sprang lightly from the saddle she came to his arms as only Oregon girls can and do come to the arms of their lovers. Harkman looked on with surprise, but at length found words to exclaim:

"Enchanted! what a grouse (Oregonian for simpton) I was not to know it!" He turned his horse's head in the direction whence he came, and no grass could even sprout beneath his horse's feet until he was out of sight.

On New-Year's Day there was a wedding at Boise's ranch, and a few weeks later a horseback journey down to the Willamette, and when the early spring had come, and the skies were clear, a longer ride through the flower-sprinkled valleys of Oregon, and over the fir and pine clad Siskiyou to the neat cabin at Indian Town.

My friends in that distant mining town tell me that the voices of beautiful happy children may be daily heard around this unassuming home, but whether they are web-footed, I have never inquired.—Portland Transcript.

ANECDOTE OF WASHINGTON.

When the American troops were quartered at Newbury, at the close of Revolutionary war, and the soldiers were stirred up to rebellion against the Government, by the famous anonymous letters, which it has since been ascertained were written by Gen. Armstrong, then a major in the army, Gen. Washington convened the officers for the purpose of addressing them on this subject, and calming the tumult which was beginning to rage in their bosoms.

He held a paper in his hand on which the remarks he intended to make were written—and then it was, that finding himself unable to read without assistance—as he was drawing his spectacles from his pocket, that unpremeditated expression broke from him—one of the most pathetic that ever fell from human lips—"Fellow citizens," said he, "you perceive I have not only grown gray but blind in your service." The effect of this remark was electrical. No bosom—no eye was proof against it.

SEA-BIRDS.

Passengers on ocean steamers find considerable amusement in watching "Mother Carey's chickens." The birds invariably follow in the wake of the vessels for the refuse that is thrown overboard, and often, in their greediness, come very near the screw. They have been known to follow steamers for hundreds of miles, resting occasionally on the top of the water, or at night on the mast-head. Sometimes passengers attempt to shoot them, but no one has ever been known to hit the awkward-looking but graceful birds. Sailors consider them ominous, and are opposed to the shooting. They have a peculiar cry, and beautiful wings which many a young lady passenger has wished she had in her hat.

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THROUGH all the ages of study and investigation which have marked the path of scientific discovery, one especially alluring object has tempted the inquiries and speculations of philosophers. It is what the wizards and witches of olden time, the jugglers of India, soothsayers of Arabia, Magi of Egypt, necromancers of Turkey and the Orient, and alchemists of civilized Europe have sought, but sought in vain—a vegetable non-poisonous Elixir, which, by cleansing the blood, removing from the system all impurities, strengthening the nerves, the muscles, and the brain, and vitalizing every fiber of the system should bid defiance to the corroding hand of disease.

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