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## LOVE IN A BALLOON.

Some time ago I was starting with Sir George Fisher, with a great number of people there—all kinds of amusements going on—driving, riding, fishing, shooting, everything in fact. Sir George's daughter, Fanny, was often my companion in these expeditions, and, falling in love with me, she determined to take the first opportunity of proposing. So one day when we were out together fishing on the lake I went down on my knees among the weeds, seized her hand, pressed it to my waistcoat, and in burning accents entreated her to become my wife.

"Don't be a fool," she said. "Now drop it, do, and put me a fresh wreath on."

"Oh, Fanny!" I exclaimed, "don't talk about wreaths when marriage is in question! Only say 'Yes' or 'No'!"

"I tell you what it is, now," she replied, angrily, "if you don't drop it I'll pitch you out of the boat!"

Gentlemen, I did not drop it, and I give you my word of honor, with a sudden about the seat me flying into the water; then seizing the scull, with a stroke or two she put several yards between us, and burst into a fit of laughter that fortunately prevented her from going any farther.

I swam up and climbed into the boat. "Jenkins," said I to myself, "revenge, revenge! I disguise my feelings. I laughed—hid my merriment of mirth, and I pointed to the house and changed my clothes."

There was to be a balloon ascent from the lawn, and Fanny had tormented her father into letting her ascend with the aeronaut. I instantly took my plans, hid her aeronaut to plead illness at the moment when the machine should have risen; learned from him the management of the balloon, though I understood that pretty well before, and calmly waited the result.

The day came. The weather was fine. The balloon was inflated. Fanny was in the car. Everything ready when the aeronaut suddenly fainting. He was carried into the house, and Sir George accompanied him. Fanny was in despair.

"Am I to lose my air expedition?" she exclaimed, looking over the side of the car; "some one understands the management of this thing, surely? Nobody? Tom?" she called to him, "you understand it, don't you?"

"Perfectly," I answered.

"Come along then," she cried; "be quick, before papa comes back!"

After a decent show of hesitation I climbed into the car. The balloon was inflated and rapidly sailed heavenward.

"When you want to go up faster you throw out overboard," he replied, smiling at the action of the word.

"Don't be foolish, Tom," she said, trying to appear quite calm and indifferent, but trembling unaccountably.

"Foolish!" I said; "oh, dear, no; but whether I go along the ground or up in the air I like to go the pace, and so do you, Fanny. I know these five cent pieces, and over went another sand bag."

"Why, you're mad, surely," she whispered in utter terror, and tried to reach the bags, but I kept her back.

"Only with love, my dear," I answered, smiling pleasantly, "only with love for you, O, Fanny, I adore you! Say you will be my wife!"

"I gave you an answer the other day, once which I think you would have remembered," she added, laughing a little, notwithstanding her terror.

"I remember it perfectly," I answered, but I intend to have a different reply from that. You see these five cent pieces, I shall ask you five times to be my wife. Every time you refuse I shall throw over a sand bag. Will you promise to give me your hand?"

"Never!" she answered; "I'll go to Ursula first, though I've got a big enough heart here, in all conscience!"

She looked so pretty that I was almost inclined to let her off. But resolution is one of the peculiar characteristics of women, and when I've begun a thing I carry it through, so I threw over another sand bag and whistled the Dead March in "Sail."

"Come, Mr. Jenkins," she said and, to my surprise, she came to the edge of the car, and, with a look of mingled indignation and love, she said to me, "Will you promise to give me your hand?"

"I've answered you already," was the reply.

Over went the sand, and the solemn notes of the Dead March resounded through the car.

"I thought you were a gentleman," said Fanny, rising up in a terrible rage from the bottom of the car, where she had been sitting and looking beautiful in her wrath. "I thought you were a gentleman, but I find I was mistaken. Do you know you are risking your own life as well as mine by your madness?"

I explained that I stored her so much that to die in her company would be perfect bliss, so that I begged she would not consider my feelings at all.

"I command you to begin to descend this instant," she ordered.

After a few minutes' silence I took up another bag and said:

"We are getting rather high; if you do not decide soon we shall have Mercury coming up to tell us that we are trespassing—will you promise me your hand?"

She sat in sulky silence at the bottom of the car. Over went the fourth bag, and I began to think she would beat me after all, for I did not like the idea of going much higher.

"Fanny, they say that marriages are made in heaven—if you do not take care ours will be solemnized there."

I took up the fifth bag.

She held her face in her hands, but did not weep. I nursed the bag in my arms, as if it had been a baby.

"Come, Fanny, give me your promise!" I could hear her hiss. I'm the softest hearted creature breathing, and I would not pain any living thing, and I

## READING EXERCISE.

### Several Hundred Words Frequently Mispronounced.

A Story for the Family Circle—To Be Read with an Unabridged Dictionary at the Elbow—Some Puzzlers.

Battle—Husband.

[Let some member of the family read this story aloud, while with a dictionary, a late edition of either Worcester or Webster, and any other good helper for the study of the language, the others critique and correct or confirm the reader's pronunciation. There are 325 words here which are frequently mispronounced.]

Geoffrey, surnamed Winthrop, sat in the depot at Chicago, waiting for his train and reading The Tribune, when a squadron of street Arabs (incomparable for audacity) lounged from a neighboring alley, uttering hideous cries, accompanied by insolent gestures of bawling exultation, as they tortured a helpless black-and-tan dog.

"You little blackguards!" cried Winthrop, stepping out and confronting them, adding the inquiry, "Whose dog is that?"

"That suspicious Caucasian has the bravado to interfere with our clique," tauntingly shrieked the indisputable little ruffian, exhibiting combativeness.

"What will you take for him?" asked the lenient Geoffrey, ignoring the venal ruffian.

"Twenty-seven cents," piquantly answered the ruffian, grabbing the crouching dog by the nape.

"You can buy licorice and share with the incorporeal creditors of your commendable cruelty," said Winthrop, paying the price and taking the dog from the child. Then catching up his hat and umbrella he hastened to his train. Winthrop satisfied himself that his sleek protégé was not wounded, and then cleaned the cement from the pretty collar, and read these words:

"Licorice. Licensed. No 1880"

Hearing the pronunciation of his name, the doleful canine expressed gratitude and pleasure, and then sank exhausted at his new patron's feet and slept.

Among the other passengers was a magazine contributor writing vagaries in Indian literature, and two physicians, a somber, irrevocable, irrefragable allopath, and a pleasant, agreeable, and sought condolence in high, lamentable trouble from a lethargic and somewhat deaf and errant comrade not yet assimilated. Near three examply brethren (probably sinecurists) sat a group of humorous youths; and a jocos sailor rebuked a young man of loose, boyish conduct.

A mature matron of medium height and her comely daughter soon entered the car, and took seats in front of Winthrop (who recalled having seen them one Tuesday in February, in the park at New York). The young lady had recently made her debut into society at a musical soiree at her aunt's. She had an exquisite bouquet of flowers that exhaled sweet perfume. She said to her parent, "Mamma, shall we ever find my lost Licorice?"

Geoffrey immediately addressed her, saying as he presented his card:

"Pardon my apparent intrusiveness; but prithce, have you lost a pet dog?"

The explanation that he had been stolen was scarcely necessary, for Licorice, just awakening, vehemently expressed his inexplicable joy by buoyantly vibrating between the two, like the ruffian's tail, and the ruffian's tail (for to neither of them would he show partiality), till, succumbing to ennui, he purposed to take a recess, and sat on his haunches, complacently contemplating his friends. It was truly an interesting picture.

They reached their destination ere the sun was beneath the horizon. Often during the summer Winthrop gallantly rowed from the quay with the naive and blithe Beatrice in her jaunty yachting suit; but no coguety shone from the depths of her azure eyes. Little Lisette's ruffian countenance and cozier (and more) face, as they sat, they paid little ways attended them on these occasions, and whenever they rambled through the woodland paths. While the band played strains from Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Bach and others, they promissed the long corridors of the hotel. And one evening, as Beatrice lighted the gas by the estagers her charming bonfire in their suite of rooms, there glinted brilliantly a valuable solitaire diamond on her finger.

Let us look into the future for the sequel to perfect this romance, and around a cheerful hearth we see again Geoffrey and Beatrice, who are paying due homage to their tiny friend Licorice.

No Use.

Merchant Traveller.

A pious young man had stopped at an Indiana hotel for a week, and when he came to his baggage, he found a small box, containing a quantity of the town and also the house.

"Did they ask you to ask a blessing?" inquired an old lady.

"Yes, ma'am, they did."

"And did you do it?"

"No, ma'am, I didn't."

"Because, ma'am, it didn't look to me from the appearance of things that the Lord was anywhere within hearing distance, so I didn't say any use in it."

## BOYS AND HUSBANDS.

The boys of to-day are the men of to-morrow. Mothers, train your boys. There are many women capable of deep and enduring affection. They marry the man they love; they not only honor and respect him, but so combine in him, depend on him, and love him, that they are able to judge and cling to him with devotion.

Also how many of these tender-hearted but brave women discover eventually that their husbands are selfish and mean, or thoughtless and inconsiderate. Their hopes are shattered and their happiness impaired. Some of the weakest ones sink into a state of indifference to their husband's wishes, or sadder still, his comfort, or else into a state of constant irritation and fretfulness. And what wonder is it?

The most affectionate, disinterested wife cannot, in a short time, approve habits that have been growing for years; for "habit is second nature."

How can it be expected that a boy allowed to be impolite to his sisters and disrespectful toward his mother will develop into an unselfish man? Impossible! A boy who demands favors of his mother will also demand of his wife without a thought of thanks for services rendered or kindness conferred.

A boy uncontrolled at home will never learn to control himself, cannot understand amenability to law, and can never comprehend the duty or the pleasure of setting aside self and administering to the happiness of others.

A boy allowed the first and best choice in preference to sisters (even younger ones) will never understand true courtesy. As he advances in years he may cultivate a species of outward, away-getting politeness, but such is not genuine; it does not spring from a noble motive, but from a selfish desire to be "thought well of."