..A Breach of Confidence..

[Original.]

Why her father and mother didn't give her the name of Mephistophelia instead of Jaqueline I can't imagine. They certainly would have done so had they known how she was to turn out. As it is, nobody ever calls her anything but Jack, and in speaking of her to those who have never seen or known her one necessarily conveys the idea that she is a boy—not only a boy, but a boy of the worst kind.

The way she has treated me and her sister certainly deserves a hundred lashes, and I would like to be the fellow to lay them on. I have always been taught to consider one who would betray a confidence as worse than a thief. Jack betrayed our confidence in the most unblushing manner. It all happened only yesterday, and perhaps I'm not in a condition to look upon her act with charity. I hope I'll never come into a frame of mind to excuse her abominable treachery.

It was this way: Mr. Merryman wanted his daughter—his eldest daughter, Harriet—to marry some big gun. He had no objection to me other than that I was neither president, member of the cabinet nor one of the justices of the United States supreme court. Harriet had tried to get his consent to marry me, but he always put her off by saying, "What do you want to marry a man for who couldn't even set a small rivulet afire, let alone a river?" Then Harriet would expatiate on my good sense, good heart and a good many other things that big guns don't generally possess, especially the good heart, for they are usually diabolically selfish. But her father only laughed at her.

How we ever came to take Jack into our confidence when we came to an agreement to elope I don't know. Harriet thought she couldn't make her preparations without Jack's knowing of them, but I rather put it down to the fact that she must tell some one. At any rate, she told her. Jack clapped her hands, and her eyes glistened with glee. An elopement! How romantic! Just too lovely for anything! She'd help us all she could, and, as for keeping the secret, it would be buried away down in her guileless heart.

We didn't need anything especially elaborate—no rope ladder, fast team, and all that. We concluded just to board a train, go up the road some thirty miles to where a former family dominie, Mr. Strickland, lived and get him to marry us. We would go in the morning, take the afternoon train back and be forgiven in time for dinner. Of course I engaged the parson for a specified day and hour. Jack was intensely interested in it all and made us give her every detail, promising to prepare her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merryman, for what was to come, so that it wouldn't be so much of a shock.

Harriet met me in the open square near the station. She was trembling all over, but I reassured her. To avoid observation we went to where the foremost car would stand on the track when the train came in. We got away on time and had the satisfaction to be in a car that was nearly empty. The train stopped at the next station on the road a mile beyond. There the door opened, and I heard a familiar girl's voice say: "Come in here. There's lots of room in this car."

I turned with a rubadub heart to see—whom do you suppose? Jack beckoning to her father and mother, who were mounting to the car platform. There they all three bustled into the car we were in, Jack exclaiming:

"Goodness gracious, if there isn't Hat! And, I declare, Ben too! Where in the world are you two going?"

The astonishment of the father and mother was very much overdone. It didn't deceive either of us. I glanced at Jack and avoided meeting the eyes of the parents. Mr. Merryman seemed overjoyed that our parties should have met on what he called an improvised excursion. He asked me where we were going, and it was no use to lie, for my ticket would give me away. So I told him, and he was delighted that we were all going to the same place.

Of the two halves of the party one was jubilant, the other mad and mortified. We were obliged to spend an hour and a half in this way before reaching our destination. There we all got out, and Jack proposed a stroll. She walked with her father, while her mother walked with us. The little villain led the way to the parsonage, stopped before the door and proposed a call on the parson. Without waiting for consent, she rang the bell, and we all went in. The parson was expecting us, but since I had told him we would be alone he was a trifle surprised.

"This would be a good time for you and Hat to get spliced," said Jack to me.

The dominie got his book and waited for us to take position. What could we do? I didn't know what Mr. Merryman was going to do, but since he made no move I took Harriet before the clergyman, and we were married. Mr. and Mrs. Merryman came up, gave me a hand and embraced their daughter. Harriet didn't know whether to burst into tears at having had her confidence so abused or to rejoice that she did not have to go back and ask her parents' forgiveness.

When Mr. Merryman put a check for $10,000 in her hand, joy triumphed.

We took the afternoon train back, reaching home in time for a hasty meal, after which our most intimate friends came pouring in for a wedding reception. They had been invited previously.

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PORTLAND MARKETS

Wholesale Price List as Reported Daily.

WHOLESALE PRICES.

PORTLAND, Oct. 1.—With the exception of wheat which was steady and unchanged yesterday locally in spite of the lower prices prevailing in the East and in Europe, the cereal markets were decidedly strong. Both oats and barley were quoted higher and manufactured products scored a sharp advance.

A fair volume of business reported under way in the wheat market with farmers ready sellers and buyers generally taking the lots offered within the market range.

The following are quotations ruling in Portland as reported by jobbers in the various lines:

Grain, Flour, Feed.

Wheat—Club, 85c; Valley, 84c; bluestem, 88c; red, 84c.

Flour—Hard wheat patent, $4.80; straight, $4.25; graham, $4.25@4.75; rye, $5; whole wheat flour, $4.50@5 Valley flour, $4.40; Dakota, $6.25@6.50; Eastern rye, $6.50; Pillsbury, $7; Corvallis, $4.05.

Cereal foods—Rolled oats, cream, 90-lb. sacks, $7; lower grade, $5.50@6.50; oatmeal, steel-cut, 45 lb. sacks, $8 bbl.; 9 lb. sacks, $4.25 per bale; oatmeal, (ground), 45 lb. sacks, $7.50 per bbl.; 9 lb. sacks, $4 per bale; split peas, $4.25 per 100 lb. sacks; 25 lb. boxes, $1.25; pearl barley, $4 per 100 lbs; 25 lb. boxes, $1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10 lb. sacks, $2.30 per bbl.

Oats—Producers' prices: White, $26; gray, $25@26.

Corn—Whole, $28.50; cracked, $29.50 per ton.

Barley—Producers' prices, Brewing $22.50; feed, $21.50; rolled, $23.50.

Rye—$1.25@1.30 per cwt.

Rye—$1.55 per cwt.

Buckwheat—$36 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, $16@18; Eastern Oregon, $21@23; clover, $8.50; cheat, $10; alfalfa, $13; grain hay, $7@8; chop, $15; bran, $17; shorts, $19.50.

Grain bags, foreign and domestic, 9c @9 1-2c.

Vegetables.

Cabbage—Per pound, 1½ cents; cauliflower, 75@90c per dozen; parsley, 25c per doz., hot house lettuce and head, 20c; spinach, per box, $125; artichokes, 75c @$1 doz.; okra, 30c lb.; tomatoes, 25@ 40c; Summer Squash, 15@25c doz.; wax beans, 4c lb.; Oregon rhubarb, 3½c lb.; cucumbers, 25@50c doz.; egg-plant, $1.25 @$1.75 crate; asparagus, $1@1.50 box; green corn, $1.25@1.50 sack; peas, 3c pound.

Potatoes—New 50c@$1.25 per cwt.

Onions—$1.75@2.00 per 100 lbs.

Turnips, per sack, $2; carrots, $2.00 sack; beets, $1.75; horseradish, 8@9c per lb.

Domestic fruits—Apples, common, 75c @$1.25 box.

Produce.

Butter—Country creamery, 32@35c; city creamery, 35c; store, 19@20c; butter fat, 33½c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 27c@28c.

Cheese—Young America, 18c; Oregon full cream flats, 17c.

Poultry—Old roosters, 5@9c lb; hens, 12@12½c lb; spring, 12@12½c; dressed stock, 1@1½c higher than live; ducks, old, 8@9c; young, 12½@13c; turkeys, 12@13c; dressed, 15@17c; geese, live, 8@9c; dressed, 10@11c; pigeons, $1 and $1.25 per dozen; squabs, $1.75@2 per doz.

Honey—Dark, 10½@11c; amber, 12@ 13c; fancy white, 14@15c.

Fresh Meats and Fish.

Fresh Meats—Veal, medium, 75 to 100 lbs., 8@8½c; 100 to 150 lbs, 6c; 150 to 200 lbs., 5½@6c; 200 lbs. and over, 41-2@5c; pork, 8@81-2c; heavies, 7@8c; beef, bulls, 3½@4c; cows, 5½ @6 c; steers, 6@ 6 1-2c; mutton, medium sizee, 8@9c; large and coarse, 4@6c; Spring lambs, dressed, 9@10c.

Oysters—Shoalwater Bay, per gallon, $2.25; per sack, $4.50; Toke Point, $1.60 per 100; Olympias, 120 lbs., $6; Olympias, per gallon, $2.25.

Fish—Halibut, 7c; black cod, 8c; black bass, per lb., 20c; striped bass, 13c; herring, 5 1-2c; flounders, 6c; catfish, 11c; shrimp, 10c; perch, 6c; sturgeon, 12 1-2c; sea trout 18c; tom cod, 7c; Chinook salmon, 11½c; steelheads, fresh, 10c; shad 4c lb; shad roe, 15c lb; roe shad, 4c.

Clams—Hardshell, per box, $2.40; razor clams, $2 per box.

Fruits.

Tropical Fruits—Bananas, 5@5½c lb.; lemons, $6@7 crate; oranges, $4.50 grapefruit, $5.00 crate; limes, 75c @$1.25 per 100; tangerines, $2 per box; cherries, 6@15c per lb; blackberries, $1.25 @$1.50 crate; peaches, 40c@90c box; plums, $1.50@1.85 box; pears, $1.50 per box.

Dried fruits—Apples, evaporated, 8-1-2@9c lb.; apricots, 20c; peaches, 13-1-2c; pears, 13 1-2c; prunes, Italian, 4½@5c; French, 3½@4c; figs, California blacks, 5 3-4c; California whites, 6c; Smyrna, 8c; plums, pitted, 6c.

Groceries, Provisions, Etc.

Sugar—sack basis—D. G., $5.87 1-2; Star, $5.77 1-2; Pacific Coast, $5.77 1-2; Golden C, $5.27 1-2; extra C, $5.27 1-2; powdered, $5.97 1-2; cube, $5.97 1-2; beet, $5.77 1-2; fruit sugar, $5.87 1-2; boxes, 50c cwt. advance over sack basis (less 1-4c if paid for in 15 days.)

Beans—Small white, 3 3-4 c; large white, 3 1-4c; pink, 3 1-2c; bayou, 3 3-4 c; Limas, 6 3-8c; Mexican eds, 4 1-2c.

Coffee—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, fancy, 26@28c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 15-1-2@17c; Costa Rica, good, 12@15c; Arbuckle, $16.50 cwt.; Lion, 15 3-4c per lb; Columbia coffee 14c; Salvador, 11 1-2 @14 1-2c.

Nuts—Walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, 17@ 18c; No. 1, hard shell, 15@16c; almonds, 19@22c; filberts, 17c; Brazils, 20c; pecans, 23c; hickory, 8c; Virginia peanuts, 8 1-2c; Jumbo Virginia peanuts, 10c; Japanese peanuts, 7½c; chestnuts, Italian, 10 c; Ohio, 20c; cocoanuts, dozen, 85@90c; pinenuts, 17 1-2 c;

Raisins—Loose Muscatels, 3-crown, 10c; 2-crown, 9 1-2c; bleached seedless Sultanas, 10@13 1-2c; unbleached seedless Sultanas, 8 1-2c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 lbs., $2.25; 2-crown, $2.10.

Spices—Cloves, 19 1-2c lb.; chilies, 18 1-2c pound.

Sage and Tapioca—Scarce, 6 3-4c lb.

Figs—White, lb., 6@7c; black, 6@7c.

Provisions—Hams large, 16 cents; small, 16 1-2c; picnic, 12c; boiled, 25c; boiled picnic, 21c; breakfast bacon, fancy, 22c; English, 16 1-2c; dry salted short clears 12@14c; backs, 12@13c.

Lard—Kettle rendered, tierces, 12 1-2 c; Tubs, 12 3-4c; 50s, 12 3-4c; 20s, 12-1-2c; 10s, 13 14c; 5s, 13 3-8c. Standard pure: Tierces 1 1-4c less; compound tierces, 8 3-4c; leaf, 13c.

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The French ship Laennac, Captain Guriec, has arrived from Swansea, by way of Hobart, with a cargo of coal.

The barque Northland arrived in the harbor last night.

The French bark Turgot, 72 days from Newcastle, N. S. W., with a cargo of coal, arrived in port Monday evening. The long passage was occasioned by the foul condition of the vessel's bottom.

The steamer Breakwater left out yesterday for Coos Bay with freight and passengers.

The steamer Aurelia arrived in yesterday morning from San Francisco to load lumber.

The schooner Oliver J. Olsen with a cargo of lumber from the Hume mill for Guayamas, Mexico, was towed to sea yesterday.

The little gasoline launch Violet built a short time ago for P. Ducich of Pillar Rock has cleared for Seattle and she will leave in a few days to be used in operating a purse seine on the Sound during the fall fishing season.

PERS.....

Thos. Kindred, department manager of Tull & Gibbs, of Portland, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

Thomas Lynch, representative of the Oregon Tradesman, of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

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