

A Story of Leap Year.

Sam Smith sat home, on New Year's day, in diabolical. His beard was unshaved, his hair was uncombed, his boots were unlaced, and he was leaning back in a picturesque attitude, with his heels against the mantelpiece, smoking a cigar. Sam thought to himself that it was leap year, and how glorious it would be if the ladies could only be induced to pop the question, in accordance with their ancient privileges. As he sat watching the smoke which gracefully curled, his fancy glowed with the idea. How delightful it would be to have the dear creature kneeling on him, and with tender glances endeavoring to do the agreeable! As he meditated his heart softened, and he began to feel a squeamish, womanish sensibility diffuse itself over his feelings, and thought he would faint with propriety the first time a young lady should squeeze his hand.

'Rap, rap, rap,' sounded at the door. Sam peeped through the Venetian blinds. 'Mercy,' exclaimed he, 'if here isn't Miss Jones, and I all in dishabille, and looking like a fright—goodness gracious! I must go right away, and fix myself up.'

As he left the room Miss Jones entered, and with a composed air intimated that she would wait. Miss Susan Jones was a firm believer in woman's rights, and now that the season was propitious, she determined to take advantage thereof, and to do a little courting on her own hook. It was one of woman's privileges, which had been usurped by the tyrant, man, and she was determined to assert her rights, in spite of the hollow formalities of a false system of society.

Meanwhile, with a palpitating heart, Sam Smith went through a series of personal adornments. The last twist was given to his collar, the last curl to his whiskers, and with white cambric in hand, he descended to the parlor. Miss Jones rushed to receive him, and grasping his hand with fervor, said: 'Dearest, how beautiful you look!' accompanying the words with a glance of undesignated admiration.

'Spare the blushes of a modest young man,' said Sam, applying his cambric to his face, to hide his confusion. 'Nay, my love, why so coy?' said Susan; 'turn not away those lovely eyes, dark as the jet, but sparkling as the diamond. Listen to the vows of fond affection. Here let us rest,' said she, drawing him to a sofa; 'here, with my arm around thee, will I protest my true affection.'

'Leave me, oh, leave me,' murmured Sam; 'think of my youth, my inexperience—spare, oh, spare my palpitating heart.' 'Leave thee,' said Susan, pressing him closer to her; 'never until the story of restless nights, of unquiet days, of aspiration, fond emotions, and undying love, is laid before thee. Know that for years I have nursed for thee a secret passion. Need I tell how each manly beauty moved me? how I worshipped like a sun-flower in the lurid light; of those scarlet tresses; how my fond heart was entrapped in the meshes of those magnificent whiskers; how I was willing to yield up to the government of that 'imperial' thy manners, so modest, so delicate, enchanted me—joy to me—for thy joy was my joy. My heart is thine—take it—take it—but first let me snatch one kiss from those ruby lips.'

The over-wrought feelings of the delicate youth were too strong, and he fainted from excess of joy. Meanwhile the enamored maiden hung fondly over him, and— 'Slowly the eyes of Samuel Smith opened—he gazed wildly round him—then meeting the ardent gaze of his 'lover,' he blushed deeply, and behind his kerchief faintly muttered out: 'Ask my pa!'—[St. Louis Revueille.]

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