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THE ANT AND THE ELEPHANT.

In the jungle, jungle, jungle. Where the animals commingle, Came an Elephant, whose single Aim was dignified repose. Till an Ant, in accents painful, Hailed the Elephant disdainful, "Sir, excuse my coming, 'tis plain, But you're standing on my toes!"

But the tower of brute creation, At this base insinuation (Undisturbed his contemplation), Only blinked and flopped his ear; Quoth the Ant, in mighty dudgeon: "Ouch! you hurt! lift up your budgeon From my foot, you hulking gudgeon— Are you deaf, or don't you hear?"

Said the Elephant, benighted: "Tut, tut, child! don't get excited— By and by I'll be de-lighted To remove this groundwork fat; All these demonstrations are de- Make me positively frantic." Then he placed one toe gigantic On the Ant—and squashed him flat.

Here's a moral! I would tender Unto you, small Retail spender— When a Trust steps on your slender Little tootsie, don't you squeal; Better offer no resistance, Or the Trust at such insistence Will discover your existence And remove you—with his heel. —Wallace Irwin, in New York Globe.

A Cup of Coffee
 BY HERO STRONG

"TEN minutes for refreshments!" sang out the conductor, with a grandiloquent air, as if he were conscious of enunciating a very highly important truth, when he knew, and everyone else knew, that he was telling a downright falsehood, for the ten minutes promised would dwindle into five, and then the warning bell would be struck, and lunchless passengers would boil their throats with scalding tea and coffee, and rush for their seats with the comfortable impression that they had drunk it, and saved their money, even if they had got their throats scalded.

George Rossmore knew very well that there would not be half time enough to eat anything in a Christian manner, for he had traveled a great deal in his life; but his head ached, and he was out of sorts generally, and a cup of coffee was all important.

So he left his comfortable seat, rushed into the refreshment room, called for his beverage, and did his best to put himself outside of it when it came. But it was absolutely boiling, and in his frantic efforts to cool it, by pouring it into a saucer, his elbow was joggled by somebody on one side of him, and he spilled the scalding contents of his cup on the lovely silk dress of a lady on the other side.

Rossmore was not a lady's man; he detested women generally. He had been jilted in his youth by a golden-haired little wretch of a flirt, and he had given the sex a good deal of sea-room ever since.

But he must, of course, apologize for ruining her dress, and he turned to do so. The lady turned also, gave



THE LADY SEIZED ROSSMORE'S ARM AND HURRIED HIM TO THE CAR.

one look into the handsome face, so full of concern and so far above hers—for she was a little thing, and Rossmore was a six-foot giant—and then with a scream of delight she flung her arms around him, pulled his face down to hers and gave him a series of kisses which fairly knocked all ideas of everything out of his brain.

"Ding! ding! ding! ding!" went the confounded bell, and the lady seized Rossmore's arm and hurried him to the car.

"We shall lose the train, Willie," she said, tugging at his hand, "and that would be so unfortunate. Help me up, do. Where's your manners? I declare! you act like a pig!" And before Rossmore knew how it had been accomplished, he found himself sitting very close to a most ravishing French hat, with lavender ribbons; and peeping out from beneath it, a perilously bewitching face, with blue eyes and lips like a rifted pomegranate. And she had kissed him!

After all, it wasn't so dreadfully unpleasant to think of as it might have been.

"We didn't expect you on this train," said the fair girl, pulling at the button of her glove. "Dear me, how I detest that kind of a button!—and I was going on before you. Florence will be delighted to see you! Tell me, please, are you going to propose to Florence?"

She crept up very close to him as she asked the question, and laid her little hand confidentially on his arm.

"I—I don't know," said Rossmore. "That is, I don't feel acquainted with her."

The fair unknown laughed, such a

lively and enchanting laugh as she had.

"You don't? Well, that is good! How long does it take to get acquainted with her? You've only known her 15 years to my certain knowledge. Dear me, you have ruined my dress! The whole awful went over it, I should say. And I drank mine boiling. I knew it would set me up like a cup of coffee."

By this time Rossmore had got breath, and began to realize that things must not go on as they had begun. He cleared his throat, but he had a fearful time doing it; and his companion grew very much concerned for him.

"My Willie," said she, "whatever ails you? You must have taken cold, or else you've got the catarrh! You make a worse noise than old Grandfather Hillard!"

"There has been a mistake," said Rossmore. "It was all owing to that infernally hot cup of coffee! Beg your pardon for using the long word, but I shouldn't have spilled it if it hadn't been so hot—"

"Oh! never mind! a dress isn't worth fretting about. I forgive you."

"Yes, but my name is not Willie!"

"Not Willie? What is it, I wonder?"

She had crept up close to him again, and was flicking the cinders off his coat-collar.

"My name is George Rossmore!" he said, slowly.

She turned around and looked at him intently, and as she gazed, the color went out of her peach-blossom face, and left her white as marble.

"There! there!" cried Rossmore, frightened within an inch of his life, and fully believing she was going to collapse and die then and there. "Don't take it so hard! It was a mistake—a most natural one, I expect, else you never would have made it! I—that is, you—dear me! how was it? and what was it?"

His evident distress was too ludicrous. The girl laughed again, and all the color came back to her face. But she had moved quite away from Rossmore, and somehow or other it didn't seem half so nice as it did before.

"I mistook you for my brother, William Danforth," she said, with dignity. "He was coming to Sister Annie's wedding, and he and Florence Lane are to be groomsmen and bridesmaids. You are just Willie's size, and his exact counterpart! I must ask you to excuse me for annoying you so much, and—I will find another seat."

But Rossmore begged so hard for her to sit still, and impressed it upon her that if she did get up he should be certain she was angry with him, that she consented to sit still.

Of course, you are expecting that there was a collision, or that the cars ran off the track, or the engine burst its boiler, but nothing of the kind occurred. There is no shadow of a tragedy in this story, neither is there any moral. At least, I don't know of any, and the individual who discovers one will be a dehl sharper than I am.

Rossmore found out that his companion's name was Laura; and in spite of the fact that he detested women, he made himself very agreeable to this one. So much so that he was invited to Sister Annie's wedding, and they all concluded to double the number of groomsmen and bridesmaids—so as to allow Laura and George to participate.

For it turned out that Sister Annie's betrothed and Rossmore were classmates and had always been the best of friends.

Three months thereafter, Laura became George Rossmore's wife—and it was all through the agency of a cup of coffee.

But I would not advise young men to scald themselves at railroad refreshment saloons, and ruin ladies' dresses, under the mistaken impression that they will secure lovely wives by so doing, for the old saying is true in most cases:

"There's many a slip Twixt the cup and the up."

—N. Y. Weekly.

Sterilized Vegetables.

Some New York capitalists and a Pittsfield (Mass.) man, says the Springfield Republican, are experimenting in sterilizing vegetables for market. The discovery was made lately that hot-air sterilization will preserve vegetables indefinitely without injuring their structural parts. Corn, peas, string beans, lima beans and other garden produce treated by the new process will take on a withered form much like cured hay, but when put in cold water will resume their shape and retain their former brittleness and garden flavor. Cabbage, potatoes, turnips, beets, celery and other produce granulated, treated by sterilization, have the same freshness and taste as when gathered in gardens by their reproduction in water, after months of preservation after sterilization. Eggs can be sterilized, but of course do not take their form as when broken from the shell, but are valuable for cooking purposes. The men interested in this discovery say that sterilization of vegetables reduces their bulk, makes the charges for handling and transportation but a small item, and that the value of the discovery lies in being able to serve fresh vegetables at places a long distance from truck farms and gardens at any time of the year.

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