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AFTER THE BALL.

BY MARY C. PRESTON.

"I was tired and bored last night,
Laura, I'm getting over my liking for
city, and, first thing you know, I'll
be a missionary and have the boredom
of our highly cultivated civilization."
"Good! Good! That's all you
want, Nellie? Take my word, you
would be trying your arts on the first
lucky chief you would meet in your
shand of savages. You want a few
more scalps to dangle at your belt, you
little female Nero. Pray, what was
your last night?"

"The young girls were consoling,
and the faculty light of a winter day shone
through the plate glass windows
and fell softly upon them as they sat
Laura More's boudoir.

"Nellie Lee was a fair, pretty sparkling
girl of twenty; her life had been
nothing but luxury and full-filled desires
she had been given freely of the rose;
she had often been told, with
pleasure to touch her white, girlish brow,
her home was in a distant city, but she
was spending the winter with her
cousin, and in the two months which had
passed since her coming she had
managed to find her chief delight in making
her hearts soften under her sunny
smile; and, keeping her childish care-
lessness, she had often been told, with
pleasure to the evening voice, that
she was heartless and took the hearts
of men laid at her feet as amusing
playthings.

Laura More was not at all like her
cousin relative. Her eyes were dark
and haughty, with a touch of sadness
in them, as if from past sorrow; her
hair was thoughtful; her red lips,
round and sweet, often took a slight
sad droop, as though her life had
been a time when they had quivered
with some mighty pain. No flirt; no
one called her; no heartless butterfly
ruler, but a noble woman, whose every
lover could swear himself her friend.
Nellie's bright face was shadowed
by a very pretty frown as she tapped
her slippers from the fender while
replying to her cousin.

"I mean it," she said crossly. "I
don't mean it, the society of men!"

"I'm glad to like it, but now, as
you say, I'm upon me, I'm tired
of it, simply because I want to
be a missionary, and I'm sure you
will be a missionary, too. It's all a bore, Laura. Dead
Sour, my cousin. I'm weary of
insane speeches and stupid compliments
and tender-hand clasps."

"A sad condition for the belle of last
night to own this morning, Nellie,"
Laura replied with a slow smile. "I
am fully convinced that something has
happened at which you were put out."
"I don't know, Laura, I don't know
of anything, but I give you my word,
I'm weary of it, and I don't object to
being treated as you treat others?"

Nellie gave her fair head an impa-
tient toss.

"I don't know how you will find your
perfections in the East river, and I would not
care," she said.

"Did Elmer Gray fail to lay his
love at our feet a while ago?"

"I suppose it was, quite the thing
to do, but I gave a pretty flower to
Vane Brandon, which I had refused to
Jack; and I think I told somebody,
where Jack could hear, that he and I
were sorts of cousins, and I would like
a dozen more just like him," owned
Nellie.

"Yes," said Laura, bitterly, and you
love him best all the time. It was so
with me, Nellie; I had cold, careless
words for the man who was all the
world to me. I would turn from him
to the most frivolous among my ac-
quaintances and treat him with the
most utter indifference. A favor he
would ask I would grant another in his
very presence after having denied it to
him. I was foolish enough to think
that by seeming indifferent I might be-
tray my heart, and as my heart turned more
strongly toward him, my manner be-
came more cold and haughty, and the
end was that we parted. He has
gone from my life, and the world he has
left is a dreary one. Nellie, be ten-
der to your own heart, more merciful
to your own life than I have been to
mine."

"If--if Jack loved me," Nellie com-
menced, but just then Jack appeared
in the doorway, his handsome face
full of genial light.

"Laura," he said, "I have left an old
friend in the parlor. He can give us
but a few moments, and I know you'll
be glad to see him again."

Nellie was sitting very erect, but her
cheeks were burning. As Laura left
her seat she asked who her guest was.

"Arthur Vaughn," Jack answered;
and Nellie's quick eye noted the hot
wave of color that burned in her
cousin's cheek, as with a few low words,
she left the room; and forgetting her
anger with Jack--who yet lingered--
she asked eagerly:

"Was this Mr. Vaughn a lover of
Laura's, Jack?"

"Yes," Jack replied, sinking into the
chair which Laura had vacated. And
she treated him like--well, about as I
have been treated by the woman I love."

"Has Miss Foster used you badly?"
the girl questioned severely.

"My complaint is against you," Jack
retorted. "What have you to say for
yourself? Do you think that fool of a
Brandon so much more worthy of--"

"But a little hand stole shyly into
his, and the faintest of faint whispers
reached him:

"I'm awfully sorry, Jack," and in-
stantly Jack was interested, and his in-
terest communicated itself to his
companion; and everything, quarrels,
frowns, neglected dances, Laura--was
forgotten, until in the midst of a very
tender speech on Jack's part, Laura
entered the room on the arm of a tall,
fair man, whom Nellie had never seen
before, with a new joy glorifying her
face and shining in her dark eyes.

"The stranger held out his hand, and
Jack, not exactly knowing why he
should, took it in his own.

"I'm the happiest man in the world;

Feats in Telegraphy.

The telegraph service in Wash-
ington, says a correspondent of the Bos-
ton Transcript, is said to have no su-
perior either in Europe or this coun-
try. I had a brief chat with a gentle-
man, who is a recognized authority on
such matters, only a few days since,
and he said: "The fastest sender in
this country is Mr. P. V. DeGraw. A
few years ago a congressional com-
mittee went over to New York and
examined the offices of the Western
Union. The members were taken in
charge by Walter P. Phillips, who is
now general manager of the United
Press association, and who is recognized
as the fastest receiver in the busi-
ness. Mr. Phillips sat down at the
'clicker' and telegraphed to Mr. De
Graw to give an exhibition of his fast
sending, for ten minutes. Chronom-
eters were taken out, and Mr. DeGraw
began. At the expiration of the ten
minutes he had telegraphed 490 words,
an average of 49 words a minute. This
is the best record yet made in this
country. Mr. DeGraw has charge of
the work at the Capitol for the Unit-
ed Press association, and occasionally
goes to the wire and sends so fast that
the receiver has no difficulty in know-
ing who is in Washington that is rat-
tling the sounds with such rapidity.
Some time ago Mr. Phillips made a
bet with an operator in New York
that he could telegraph an editorial
at the rate of forty words a minute,
for ten consecutive minutes. Now
Phillips is recognized as the fastest
receiver in the United States, but on
account of a partial attack of paral-
ysis in the right arm, occasioned from
overwork, he is regarded as a slow
sender. The New York operator took
the bet in a hurry, but Mr. Phillips
accomplished the feat with ease. The
secret leaked out after awhile that Mr.
Phillips had written the editorial, and
the peculiarity of it was that it did
not contain a word of nine letters.--
Mr. James of the Associated Press,
sends the most perfect Morse of any
man in the country, and there are a
number of others who are noted as
telegraphers, but those I have men-
tioned are known all over the Union.

Select Reading.

A Bird's Trick.

In a letter from Northampton, Mass.,
a naturalist tells the New York Sun
the following interesting story: "I
was walking through a sandy bit of
ground near the river, hoping to catch
a duck or two napping in the weeds
under the bank, when up from my feet
jumped a sandpiper, a bird so dreadfully
crippled that it was nothing short
of a miracle that it lived. One wing
utterly refused to perform its