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MARBLE HILL, MISSOURI.
May no one strew tacks in the path of the happy couple who were married in an automobile.

On raising the lid off the Panama report no tempter worth mentioning has been disclosed.

Young couples who are married in automobiles are always exposed to the danger of an early falling out.

Portland has a new cabinet, but Portland is too orderly to have any need to expect to attract public attention.

The woman who has posed as the late Jay Gould's widow continues to do so frequently, and the mourners are few.

Reginald Vanderbilt paid \$500 for a box at the Chicago horse show. He could have got a pretty good horse for that.

As a discourager of the boll weevil the Guatemalaan art is acknowledged to be one of the worst failures of the season.

Old-fashioned marriages were made in heaven. A marriage ceremony recently was performed over the telephone. Hello!

It appears that most of the nations are willing to have another Hague peace conference if it is possible not to interfere in their affairs.

A Chicago park visitor gave a monkey several drinks of whisky. The monkey should resist this foul attempt to make a man of him.

Now that Boston has set the seal of critical approval on "Parasfal," the late Dr. Wagner has indeed good reason to feel spiritually encouraged.

Some scientist will happen along presently to tell us that the Japanese are so healthy because the bias as a form of salutation is unknown in Japan.

The women at the St. Paul party who allowed their hostess's husband to examine their stockings in search for missing money were not blue stockings.

The governor of Guam announces that his people need school books. Owing to the mildness of the climate they will continue to get along without trousers.

Emperor William says art is partly a devious road that leads far away from the true ideal of beauty. He must have been looking over some horse show posters.

A scientist of Sicily announces that breathing acid dust will cure consumption. Why didn't he discover a cure that would be within reach of the patient of moderate means?

In accordance with his previously expressed wish, no women were allowed at the funeral of Col. Boyd at Norristown. We wonder if any women regrets that he is dead.

A wild rumor has gained credence to the effect that Oom Paul Kruger buried a lot of gold somewhere in Africa before his banishment. No doubt the Boers will here for it.

Jealousy caused a Nyaek, N. Y., boy 2 1/2 years of age to murder a little girl. Still some people don't believe there is anything in the claim that a man is old and worn out at 35.

A man tells us that no great success is ever achieved in this world by kicking. If he will accompany us to the football field in a few weeks we will compel him to change his tune.

Bandit Raibull has caused it to be known that he would like to capture another foreigner. He will hardly have a chance. The brevity of Raibull's fame shows that it doesn't pay.

Our grandfathers used to claim that if whisky were a poison it was a very slow one. But nowadays when the chief ingredient of whisky appears to be wood alcohol the action is somewhat accelerated.

Jacques Marie Joseph Maurice des Roislers de Balaine took out naturalization papers in New York the other day. He'd better not let it out if he expects to keep up with the procession over here.

The clergymen of the country have been asked to preach on the subject of peace, and many of them are complying. The sermons may not stop the war, but they ought to have a good effect on the choirs.

Just as it is well that all men don't want the same woman for a wife, so it is fortunate that the man who is crazy about baseball doesn't take the same vital interest in football. Too otherwise the work of the world never would be done.

The London Times reports that there is "a serious overproduction of Scotch whisky, with a consequent depression of prices." This does not, however, prevent the general sale of counterfeit Scotch whisky at the usual prices over here.

In announcing that a Toronto girl has received a proposal of marriage from a Bedouin she met in her travels, a dispatch to that city says: "Needless to say that, though the offer was accompanied by a beautiful oriental girl, it will not be accepted."

The Pennsylvania railroad, capital stock \$100,000,000, had a man arrested for eating a soda cracker that sets off an acid. We hope the loss of the cracker will not cause the company to pass a dividend.

Kings die and the world goes on, the same as when a peasant dies. Nobody amounts to very much, as far as the world's business is concerned. A man who raises himself much above the world has a fine conceit in himself, to be sure, but the worm will feed on him in the end.

The people of this country send more than fifty million money orders last year, more than two million of which went abroad. Among the nations that are the beneficiaries of the benevolent and beaming Uncle Sam.

JOHN BURR

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CHAPTER XXXI.—Continued.

Both accepted the invitation. For some moments after Mr. Hawkins had left no word was spoken between John Burr and James Blake. Each was busy with his thoughts, but John broke the silence.

"When is Miss Carden expected to return?" he asked, quietly.

"I'll try to find out to-night," said Blake, looking at his partner intently in the eyes. "My head has been so full of stocks that I've thought of nothing else. But I'll look all about it, John, before I meet you and Hawkins at dinner. Perhaps Jessie—or rather, Miss Carden—is back now. Who knows? This is your lucky day, old fellow, and all kinds of things may happen before midnight. Wouldn't it be great if I went up to the Bishop house and found her there? Of course I wouldn't say a word to spoil the surprise you have planned. Well, I must be going. Hope I'll have good news for you when I see you later."

Early in the evening Blake rang the bell of the Bishop mansion, and was greeted by General Carden.

"It is a pleasure, General Carden, to tender you this check, which represents your share of the profits. Don't say a word of thanks to me, for I do not deserve any credit. Is Miss Carden at home, and may I see her for a moment?"

"She will be delighted to see you, I will call her."

The general disappeared, and James Blake lay back in his chair, with his eyes fixed on the portrait of Jessie Carden.

He heard the faint rustle of a garment and turned to see Jessie Carden as she entered the room. A tender light glowed in her brown eyes, but there was something wistful in the smile, a blending of happiness, restraint and pity. The eyes dropped for a moment as they met his frank gaze, but her voice was clear and sweet as she offered her hand and said:

"You have made this the happiest day of our lives, Mr. Blake, I—"

"Not another word," interrupted James Blake. "You must not thank me. Please don't, Jessie. It's the only favor I ask."

"Why not?"

"The parted lips and questioning eyes were eloquent with surprise. "Because I don't want you to," he said, releasing the little hand.

His heart beat fast as he gazed into her face, but in that moment he gained the head victory, and only the trembling pain of wounded passion remained.

"Less than a day had passed since he had resolved to surrender all hope for the love of Jessie Carden. Why had he done so? James Blake could not answer that question. He had not calmly weighed his chances of success against those of failure.

Like a flash it dawned upon him that he could not—that he must not—be disloyal to John Burr. He did not reason it out—it was told to him in that voiceless, wordless language which has no name or key.

"You must not imagine," he said, "that your father is under the slightest obligations to me. On the contrary, our firm is indebted to him. The stock which he held was the key to the situation. Without it we could have done nothing. We have simply been able to verify the general's confidence in his value, and he is the one to be congratulated on the outcome."

"I don't believe a word you say," replied Jessie Carden, laughing. "I'm not so stupid about these Wall street affairs as you imagine. It had not been for you, Mr. Morris, would have defrauded pap out of all his property."

"Speaking of Morris reminds me of something which has often puzzled me," said Blake, changing the subject. "I have seen your portrait. The first time I ever met Arthur Morris I saw your portrait in his library room. It has always puzzled me. Some time I'll tell you why."

"My portrait in Mr. Morris' room?" repeated Jessie, the color mounting to her cheeks. "Surely you are jesting, Mr. Blake."

"It was probably a copy, though he told me it was the original," replied Blake. "He said you had it painted for him in Berlin, and that you presented it to him. The first time I came here I saw this one and thought it a remarkable coincidence."

"There is no mystery about it," said Jessie, her eyes flashing with anger. "Mr. Morris saw fit to take advantage of my bankruptcy, which gave him possession of our Boston residence. This portrait hung on its walls, and he doubtless had a copy made from it. This is consistent with other acts from which we have suffered at his hands."

"The portiers parted, and Edith Hancock entered the room. Her eyes rested first on Blake and then on Jessie.

"Pardon this intrusion," she said. "I am looking for a book and did not expect to find any one here. You are to be congratulated, Mr. Blake, doubly congratulated."

"There was a tremor in the voice, but a proud flash of the lovely eyes as Edith bowed slightly, and brushing the portiers aside, left the room.

"Don't go, Edith!" cried Jessie. "There was no response, and Jessie was too wise to follow her fair cousin. For some moments no words were spoken.

"I am going to tell you the story of that portrait," said Jessie, the color touched her cheeks and a light, such as Blake had never seen, was in her eyes. "Do you remember what

Blake took a wallet from his inner pocket and handed Morris a bill. "And a match," ordered Morris, advancing a step nearer.

(To be continued.)

HE TALKED TOO MUCH.

Promoter's Comparison of Himself With "The Good..."

He is of light step, carries a cane impressively, dresses in faultless taste and lives at the Waldorf-Astoria.

All is not gold that glitters. He is having considerable difficulty in organizing an outdoor club, which is designed to provide racing, polo, golf and other sports for the ultra fashionable.

"What I need," said he, "is a well-written prospectus. The boys must be dazzled a little."

He made his remark to an impetuous writer, who was duly impressed, however, and turned to George Gould, Alfred Vanderbilt and Clarence Mackay.

"Just sit at my table here in these rooms," continued the promoter. "Write out anything that comes in your mind. Let it be descriptive. No mere facts. No empty conceits anybody. Be gorgeous. Anything you would like to have in the way of refreshments or dinner you can get by ringing for it. So, I will leave you to your inspirations."

And the writer, who had retired, and the promoter, who had absorbed in his literary labors, but only five minutes passed.

Gasping and excited, the promoter shot into the room again. He quickly surveyed the apartment and drew a big breath of relief. No empty conceits or significant dinner service were there to appeal to him with a vision of expenses.

"What is the matter?" asked the writer.

The promoter mopped his brow. "I am too blue," he said.

"Too blue, entirely?" New York Telegraph.

Judge Believes in Early Rising.

David J. Brewer, justice of the United States supreme court, went to Kansas and entered upon the practice of law at 22. He is now 67 and hale and hearty. "For many years," he recently said, "I have been getting up at 4 o'clock in the morning. Lately, however, the hour has been 5 o'clock, for I find I enjoy taking more sleep. My retiring habit, which is usually about 10 o'clock, I began early rising when I lived in Kansas. As a young judge I was ambitious, and at night I found myself dreaming over the cases I had tried during the preceding day. I did not rest until 12, 12:20, 12:30, 12:40, 12:50, 1, 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 1:40, 1:50, 2, 2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:40, 2:50, 3, 3:10, 3:20, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 4, 4:10, 4:20, 4:30, 4:40, 4:50, 5, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:40, 5:50, 6, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 6:40, 6:50, 7, 7:10, 7:20, 7:30, 7:40, 7:50, 8, 8:10, 8:20, 8:30, 8:40, 8:50, 9, 9:10, 9:20, 9:30, 9:40, 9:50, 10, 10:10, 10:20, 10:30, 10:40, 10:50, 11, 11:10, 11:20, 11:30, 11:40, 11:50, 12, 12:10, 12:20, 12:30, 12:40, 12:50, 1, 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 1:40, 1:50, 2, 2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:40, 2:50, 3, 3:10, 3:20, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 4, 4:10, 4:20, 4:30, 4:40, 4:50, 5, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:40, 5:50, 6, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 6:40, 6:50, 7, 7:10, 7:20, 7:30, 7:40, 7:50, 8, 8:10, 8:20, 8:30, 8:40, 8:50, 9, 9:10, 9:20, 9:30, 9:40, 9:50, 10, 10:10, 10:20, 10:30, 10:40, 10:50, 11, 11:10, 11:20, 11:30, 11:40, 11:50, 12, 12:10, 12:20, 12:30, 12:40, 12:50, 1, 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 1:40, 1:50, 2, 2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:40, 2:50, 3, 3:10, 3:20, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 4, 4:10, 4:20, 4:30, 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