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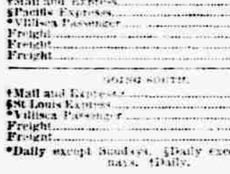

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Bessie Peploe was a younger edition to her mother. They had the same black eyes, rosy cheeks, and wavy hair, and truth compels us to add, the same quick temper.

"I'd never marry old Gray," Bessie told Mrs Peploe, definately, after the manner of a young lady who refused a man before he "axed her," for Mr. Gray had not yet proposed, although every evening he presented himself at the widow's dwelling, and sat by the fireside, in the most comfortable chair in the room.

"We shall see," returned the elder lady, and her bright eyes flashed, for she had set her mind upon the marriage and already regarded Bessie as the mistress of Mr. Gray's comfortable house in the high street of the little town in which they resided.

"Yes, we shall see," muttered Bessie, and putting on her hat, slipped out to have a walk with her admirer, Jack Wilkins, to whom she confided her trouble.

Jack was poor, and for that reason he refrained from offering his hand to pretty Bessie; but when she told him that old Gray was after her he could no longer disguise his feelings, and before they parted the girl he loved had consented to be his wife.

"What will mother say?" thought Bessie with a sigh, as they parted at the gate of Mrs. Peploe's cottage. "That horrid man will be there"

That horrid man was there in an armchair opposite Mrs. Peploe.

He smiled at Bessie as she entered; but Bessie frowned at him in return, and his face fell. That evening the girl was absolutely sullen; she spoke in monosyllables, and ill-temper deprived her face of half its beauty.

"I am afraid her mind is set against it." Mr. Gray told himself, with a sigh "and we might all be so happy, if she could only look at the matter in the proper light; but I suppose it is natural."

And he redoubled his effort to be agreeable—poor little man! for he had an affectionate heart, and his big house was dull and lonely.

But Bessie's face never relaxed its set expression. She hated the man, and meant to let him see it, in defiance to her mother's angry glances. What business had a man old enough to be her father to come courting her?

"You have behaved disgracefully," her mother said, when Mr. Gray had taken his departure. "It is so wicked to trifle with the love of any man."

"I have never trifled with his love," retorted her daughter; "he must know that I hate him. I have never, never attempted to disguise it; now have I, mother!"

"You are a fool," said her mother, bluntly. "Mr. Gray is the best chance you have ever had, or ever will have, and I insist upon your saying yes when he asks you to be his wife."

"Mother," cried Bessie, impulsively, throwing her arms around her mother's waist, hiding her face in her mothers bosom. "Mother, I have already said yes to somebody else—somebody I love dearly."

"What!" gasped Mrs. Peploe, freeing herself from her daughter's embrace. "What!"

"It is true enough," said Bessie, in a faltering voice. "Jack has asked me to marry him, and I have said yes."

"Without consulting me!" exclaimed her mother, angrily, looking at her with a stern, reprochaile face.

"I love him," returned Bessie "He is the only man in the world I could ever care for."

"Stuff and nonsense?" cried Mrs Peploe. "Even if I liked the young man—which I don't—your marrying him would be out of the question. He can't afford to keep you."

"I am not afraid of poverty," said Bessie, bravely; "beside, we are not going to marry in haste. We can wait."

"Poor fool!" and Mrs. Peploe's lips curled. "I know what this waiting means for the woman. She goes on trusting and believing in his promises, and then when her beauty has faded he turns round and marries some one else."

"Even then," said Bessie, "the woman is better off than if she had tied herself to somebody she could not love."

"Oh, yes, you are mad—quite mad," returned Mrs. Peploe; "but thank goodness, you have a mother who won't allow you to make a idiot of yourself. You will marry Mr. Gray, and forget all about that misguided young man who ought to be ashamed of himself.

"What for?" asked Bessie, with resentment.

"For proposing to a girl whom he has no means of keeping in comfort," returned Mrs. Peploe. "You are a pair of lunatics; but, fortunately, I've some sense left, and I won't stand by and see my daughter ruined for life."

And she flounced off to bed without giving Bessie the usual good night's kiss. Poor girl, she missed it sorely, and sobbed herself to sleep, but she meant to be true to Jack all the same. Not even her mother's anger could induce her to give him up and consent to marry old Gray.

She treated the object of her dislike with the greatest coldness on his next visit, and succeed in making him look thoroughly miserable. But he brightened considerably when Mrs. Peploe, to atone for her daughter's rudeness, sought to engage him in conversation. Indeed the grateful little man ventured to give the elder lady's hand a gentle squeeze when he arose to take his departure, and, to his surprise and joy it was warmly returned.

"Now, if Miss Peploe would only get over her objection, how happy and comfortable we should all be," he thought as he trugged home. "Hulloa," coming suddenly face to face with a handsome young fellow in a shabby suit. "How are you, Jack Wilkins?"

"Oh, I am all right, thank you," said Jack, sulkily, and strode on without another word, while little Mr. Gray stood gazing after him with a look of comprehension on his face.

"I suppose she has been telling him all about it," he said to himself with a sigh. "It's natural, I suppose, but it's selfish, too. Yes, it is a little but selfish of them." And, shaking his head, the old gentleman knocked at the door of his house—that large, gloomy house that had never seemed homelike since the death of that sister who had been his right hand

When we think we are going to make people happy, it is hard to find that we are regarded as an enemy, and Mr Gray retired to rest in rather dismal spirits. He arose the next morning with a determination of putting an end to his suspense by offering himself and his home to the object of his attachment; he could bear the suspense no longer.

When he arrived at the widow's cottage that evening Bessie was not at home. She had gone out to tea with some friends, Mrs. Peploe said.

"I'm glad she's not at home, dear Mrs. Peploe," said Mr. Gray, looking very red and nervous. "I am glad she is not at home for it gives me an opportunity of saying something that is near to my heart."

He edged a little nearer to the widow as he spoke, and she smited at him in an encourging way. She was a handsome woman and her smiles revealed the whitest teeth in the world.

"Pray go on, Mr. Gray," she said, "I am all attention."

Mr. Gray coughed, and he looked excessively uncomfortable. He wished that the widow would avert her bright eyes from his face; her steady gaze confused him, and he scarcely knew what he was going to say. He hardly liked to risk popping the question, for a refusal would mean banishment from the cheerful fireside where he had spent so many pleasant hours. But the widow was waiting for him to speak, and he could not back out now; he had gone to far. Poor little man! His heart was beating like a sledge-hammer.

How still the room was. He started as the ashes fell upon the hearth. This awful silence must be broken, or what would the widow think of him? He must say something.

"You must have known my object in coming here so often," he blurted out at last.

"Well, I think I have guessed it," returned Mrs. Peploe, continuing the stitches in the stocking she was knitting.

"I thought you would," observed Mr. Gray, considerably embarrassed by her reply, but relieved at the same time, for it saved him the ordeal of a long explanation. "Well, since you have guessed my secret, can you give me hope?"

The widow was silent for a few moments, and Mr. Gray gazed at her in the deepest anxiety, his heart throbbing with joy and fear. His home would seem more lonely than ever if he returned to it a disappointed man.

"I will be frank with you," she said presently. "As far as I am concerned there is no possible objection to the marriage; but Bessie is so young and foolish that—"

"Ah yes! I thought she would object," said Mr. Gray, rubbing his face with a red silk pocket-handkerchief. "But don't you think you could bring her round? I'd be so kind to her that I'm sure she'd get over her dislike of the idea. Now couldn't you induce her to be more reasonable?"

"I have tried my best," said the widow with a deep sigh. But the girl is wild and headstrong. I seem to have lost all influence over her."

"Then, after all, there is no hope for me," said Mr. Gray, looking terribly crestfallen. "I thought we should be such a happy family—we four."

"We four!" repeated Mrs. Peploe, staring at him as if she thought he had completely taken leave of his senses.

"Yes, we four! why not?" asked Mr. Gray. "I know Jack Wilkins is very fond of Bessie, and I fancied we should all be happy together, if I could only induce you to say yes!"

"Then it is not Bessie you want," said the widow, dropping stiches in her stocking, and blushing like a girl, as the truth flashed through her mind.

"Bessie!" exclaimed Mr. Gray, laughing heartily. "What should I want with a child like that? Didn't you know," here he grew suddenly grave, "that it was you I wanted, Janet."

"We all thought it was Bessie," stammered Mrs. Peploe. "Oh what a fool I have been."

"Don't say that," returned Mr. Gray in a sad tone of voice. "It is I who have been a fool to think you could ever care for me."

The widow made no reply to this, but gave him a glance that spoke volumes In another moment his arm was around her waist, and he had stolen a kiss.

"And you think that Bessie won't object?" he said anxiously.

"I am sure she won't," returned Mrs. People, with a twinge of conscience as she thought of the way in which she had received Bessie's confession of love for Jack Walkins.

"I don't know so much about that," said a merry voice from the doorway, and Mr Gras hastily drew his arm from the widow's waist as Bessie entered the room.

That kiss had opened the young lady's eyes as to the real state of affairs, and she knew in a moment that her mother had been the real object of Mr. Gray's effections. But why had she not seen it before? She was angry with herself for being such an idiet. What in the world would Jack say? Would he be pleased to find that Mr. Gray was an imaginary rival?

Bessie pulled aside the blind and looked out to see Jack, who had escorted her home, standing on the opposite pavement with his eyes fixed on the cottage. Mr. Gray followed her, and, after peering over her shoulder, vanished from the room, while at the same moment her mother called her away from the window.

"Bessie," said Mrs. Peploe, between laughing and crying, "forgive me for all the hard things I said to you."

"I will indeed," returned Bessie, heartily, as she kissed her mother; "but what fools we have been! We must have been as blind as bats not to see it was you he wanted all the time."

Just then the door opened, and Mr. Gray entered, accompanied by Jack Wilkins. The four looked at each other in silence for a few minutes, and then, tickled by the absurdity of the situation, Jack went into convulsions of laughter His mirth was contagious, and all laughed merrily, although Bessie tried to look indignant.

"All's well that ends well," observed Mr. Gray, rubbing his hands, and then he bent forward and audaciously kissed Mrs. Peploe right before the eyes of the young people.

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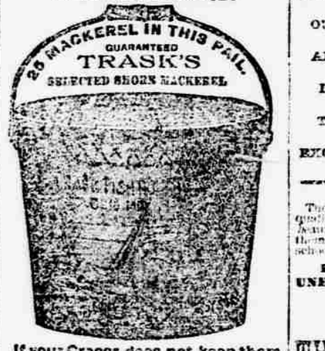

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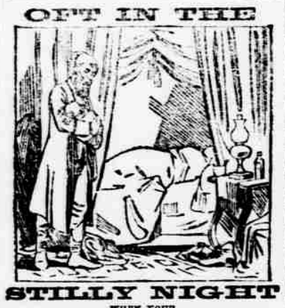

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Gleanings.

This will be a lively month with insects. The curculio attacks the plums soon after the fruit is set. Jarring the trees and catching the fallen insects upon sheets spread upon the ground is the only effective remedy. Plant-lice often appear in great numbers at the ends of the branches of cherry, pear and other fruit trees. If these can be bent down and dipped into strong soap suds, the insects may be killed. If out of reach, syringe them with kerosene emulsion This is so generally useful as an insecticide on plants that we repeat it here: Stir kerosene with half as much milk until no oil is visible; then dilute with twelve times its bulk of water. This will kill almost all insects without injury to the plants. Watch for the currant-worm and as soon as the leaves appear ragged apply white hellebore—a tablespoonful to the pail of water by means of a syringe. Repeat in about a week.

Some persons in cutting their asparagus leave the small shoots that are not large enough for use. This is a bad practice. The better way is to cut all off clean, until the middle of June, in this locality. Then all cutting should cease, and the plants be allowed to make their summer growth. The old practice of planting the roots deeply below the surface and cutting the shoots as soon as they pushed through the ground, with barely a green tip, is exploded. Green and not bleached is the asparagus for flavor. All weeds should be kept down, and the soil stirred enough to be at all times loose and friable on the surface.

On the flush pastures of June the live stock should all be doing well. Work horses need substantial fare, and the less grass the better. Take care that the cows or sheep do not break through into rank clover, for they will eat enough in an hour sometimes to give them bloat or have, a malady often quickly fatal. Keep the pigs in the orchard if possible. They grow well on the clover, pick up the blasted fruit for the grubs it contains, and stir the soil around the trees.

Squash and sweet potato vines having rootlets that grow out from the under sides of the joints, which anchor them and prevent the wind from dislodging them, should be lifted very carefully when growing, as the rootlets not only hold the plants in place but assist, in procuring nourishment, and any damage done in handling retards the vines.

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6. Ferrules to be made of soft wood.
7. The old-time custom of punishing boys by compelling them to sit with the girls shall be immediately restored.
8. A boy holds up his right hand and says, "Please, sir, may I go out?" shall be allowed to go, whether it be necessary or not.
9. The number of boys allowed to go and fetch a pail of water shall be increased from two to four, with proper allowance for time consumed in going and coming.
10. No boy shall be punished for offensive words spoken in debate with another boy.
11. While believing in arbitration on general principles, we insist that two boys who have a grudge to settle shall be allowed to fight it out between themselves. No teacher need apply a whip on account of it.
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