THE DREAMER.

BY JOHN WICKLIFFE GRAY.

The wind was groaning incessantly. Now and then it grew to a piercing shriek, as it whirled snow under the eaves and in the corners of the big bay window. It laid an icy grasp on the frames and shook them angrily, enviously, because it could not enter and destroy the scene of comfort within.

She was a jewel of a landlady who would keep the fire burning for him so long, Herbert mused. "To keep the chill out," Mrs. Williams had told him once, and his words of thanks did not fully convey his gratitude for her mothering him.

He lighted his redolent briarwood pipe, pulled the big leathern chair before the fender, leaned back in its depths and the luxurious folds of his lounging robe. His feet perched on the fender, for the fifth time since the office closed that afternoon, he pulled out a dainty little blue linen envelope.

He read his own name and address two or three times before he took out the sheets within.

"Round and firm, and—just like Mildred," he mused.

He spread out the sheets on his knee and read:

"Dear Herbert—We are having a glorious time trying to forget the snow and ice up north. The weather is perfect, except for an occasional misty day, and outdoor amusements are the rule with everybody.

"I am glad to know that business will soon permit you to take a vacation. Are you thinking of coming south? I know you must be, though, for there's hardly anywhere else to go, now that everything up there is ice- and snow-bound.

"What do you think of forming our party here at Palm Beach? We will remain here another week, when we have planned an altogether original tour of either Jamaica or San Domingo on bicycles. All of us brought our wheels from home, and these suggested the trip. We have discovered the motorbicycles because two or three machines would be required for the use of us. Two in the crowd are indifferent chauffeurs, and besides we are not certain about the roads down there. Bicycles will go anywhere and we have determined to use them, see the country thoroughly and get a healthy tropical tan.

"Write me if you can come. And if you can be sure to bring your bicycle. It will be jompersonalise to a thoroughly good time.

"Mary begs to be remembered to you. As ever, Mildred Halcomb."

Then:

"P. S.—Don't forget the bicycle."

The warm firelight was having its effect after coming in from the cold outer air. He was drowsy. An overwhelmed yawn showed two fine rows of teeth as he placed the letter on the table.

He and Mildred had been chums since childhood. They always corresponded when one or the other was away. And in the past few months he had come to realize that he could not live without her. There had been no vows, but since as children they had roamed the paths together on their bright, new bicycles, they had been conscious of a mutual exhilaration and joyousness in one another's presence. You, bicycles, and the intimate companionship they bring, seemed strangely interwoven in their lives.

"We'll go wheeling, we'll go wheeling
Down the diagonal roads of life,
Heedless of looking, heeding, heeding,
All the joy that is rife."

He had heard the daggered parody of a popular song somewhere, and the lines continued to repeat themselves in drowsy fashion:

"We'll go wheeling, wheeling, wheeling—"

His pipe fell from nerveless fingers. One foot slipped from the fender.

He and Mildred were resting on the sod beneath a towering palm tree. Not far off several people of their party were laughing and talking together. He saw the surf come rolling in not 20 yards away, dwindling from mighty waves to a smooth, even flow as they reached the higher beach. Beside them were their bicycles. Cries of strange birds were heard, and a bright plumaged fellow flew over their heads and fluttered away inland.

How beautiful Mildred was! She was looking straight into his eyes. And in the big gray orbs he saw her soul shining there. It was shining for him, all for him! He knew it, and that was enough.

"You are mine," he was saying. "All these years I have loved you, and waited for you. And now we must part no more. Your life shall be my life, and mine shall be yours."

Out of the distance he heard the chime of bells. One—two—three—four—five—six—And still it rang.

The sleeper awoke with a start. The clock claimed his attention first, for it was striking 12. He rose quickly, and as he did so a telegraph blank on the table caught his eye.

"Better write it now and send the first thing in the morning," he thought.

Rapidly his pencil traced the words:

"Miss Mildred Halcomb, Hotel ——, Palm Beach, Fla.—Be there Thursday with bicycle. Herbert."

True to His Friends.

An answer to an advertisement for a school assistant "capable of teaching the classics as far as Homer and Virgil" takes one of the best stories in the Dean of Bristol's recent book, "Odds and Ends." "Sir," the answer ran, "with reference to the advertisement in the Times respecting a school assistant, I beg to state that I should be happy to fill that situation, but as most of my friends reside in London, and not knowing how far Homer and Virgil is from town, I beg to state that I should not like to engage to teach the classics farther than Hammersmith or Fulham Green, or at the very utmost distance, farther than Brentford."

A Boy's Story.

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THE MARKETS.

New York, May 3.

CATTLE—Native Steers			
COTTON—Middling			13
FLOUR—Winter Wheat			
WHEAT—No. 2 Red			1 00
CORN—No. 2			61
OATS—No. 2			46
PORK—Mess			
LARD—Western Steam			6 50
ST. LOUIS.			
COTTON—Middling		6	14
BEEVES—Steers	4 00		5 40
Cows and Heifers	2 25		4 50
CALVES—Spring Dressed	4 25		6 00
HOGS—Fair to Choice	4 90		5 30
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	4 25		5 50
FLOUR—Patents	4 50		4 80
Choice Grades	3 90		4 30
WHEAT—No. 2 Red			92
CORN—No. 2 Mixed			49½
OATS—No. 2			38
RYE—No. 2			58
WOOL—Tub Washed			21
Other Grades			18
HAY—Cash Timothy	11 00		11 50
BUTTER—Choice Dairy	14		15
BACON—Breakfast			10½
LARD—Choice			6½
PORK—Standard Mess (new)			12 10
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 75		5 80
HOGS—Fair to Choice	4 90		5 05
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	4 25		5 00
FLOUR—Wheat, Patents	4 10		4 90
Spring Patents	4 25		4 60
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring			93
No. 2 Red	1 00		1 01
CORN—No. 2			48
OATS—No. 2			32½
PORK—Mess	11 95		11 00
LARD	6 40		6 52½
KANSAS CITY.			
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 25		5 75
HOGS—Fair to Choice	4 25		4 95
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 00		1 01
CORN—No. 2	45½		46½
OATS—No. 2			31
NEW ORLEANS.			
FLOUR—High Grade	5 25		5 65
CORN—No. 2			53
OATS—No. 2			38
HAY—Choice	16 00		17 00
PORK—Standard Mess			11 00
BACON—Short Rib Sides			8
COTTON—Middling			14
INDIANAPOLIS.			
WHEAT—No. 2 Red			1 03
CORN—No. 2 Mixed			48¼
OATS—No. 2 Mixed			40½

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