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The Lover's Stratagem.

BY J. R. MUSICK.

The young school teacher, Marthena
Gooding, was pretty. Everybody said
so—which I take to be pretty conclusive
evidence of the fact. I mean in the
village of Charleston in the State of
New Hampshire. Naturally enough
she had many admirers among the young
men, but a dry goods clerk named Os-
car Tarleton, and a farmer named Rol-
and Jackson, were specially attentive.
Tarleton was bolder among the fair sex,
and having a good tongue was appar-
ently making such alarming progress that
his rival felt obliged to resort to stratagem,
to which he was encouraged by learn-
ing indirectly, that his own position in
the young lady's regards was probably
higher than he had hoped.

A "protracted meeting" was being
held a few miles from the village, to
which the clerk had engaged the com-
pany of Miss Gooding, and they were
going on horseback. Upon being made
aware of these arrangements, Jackson
went at once to see the keeper of the
only livery stable in the place, and as he
was a personal friend, succeeded in ob-
taining his aid in the proposed stratagem.
By the plan agreed upon, when Oscar
Tarleton came to hire the horses, he was
to be cut off from any choice, the only
animal to be placed at his disposal being
a fine, large, black horse called "Siroc,"
belonging to Jackson, and to be brought
by his owner to the stable for the use
of the young lady. For the young
gentleman, was to be selected a good-
looking but deceptive sorrel, with which
the livery stable man had been lately
cheated.

On the way home from Church Mr.
Tarleton was in the midst of a declara-
tion of love, when the clatter of hoofs
around a bend in the road was heard,
and the next instant young Jackson
appeared meeting the couple, with his
horse on a swift run. As he dashed
by them, he whistled to his own horse,
on which the lady was riding, and the
trained animal, obeying the signal,
wheeled instantly and followed his mas-
ter at full speed, in spite of his rider's
frantic pulling on the rein. Tarleton
turned his horse and started after the

flying couple, but the poor-creature was
no match for the other horses, and was
soon distanced.

The young farmer never looked back,
and seemed unaware of the fact that
the fair school mistress was his unwill-
ing pursuer.

Marthena exhausted her strength
pulling at the rein. Her face for a
while was scarlet red, and then she
burst into a laugh, whose rippling mu-
sic was lost amid the clatter of hoofs.
Siroc kept within a few rods of the
young farmer, who after making a cir-
cuit, entered another road leading to
the village, with the charmed beast still
at his heels. When they were several
miles from the place where they had
first met, Roland pretended to discover
that he was followed, and instantly rein-
ing in his horse, said innocently:

"Why, Miss Gooding, I did not
dream I was pursued; however, I will
surrender."

"Sir, you have captured me," said
Marthena, with a laugh. "I believe
you are a wizard, and have charmed my
horse."

"A wrong accusation, Miss Gooding;
but as Mr. Tarleton has left you, can I
have the pleasure of escorting you
home?"

"I suppose so; since this crazy beast
will not leave you."

As they rode quietly on toward the
village they became merry over their
little adventure. At length Roland told
Marthena of his love, and asked her to
become his wife. With a smile and a
blush she answered with the monosylla-
ble, "yes."

That evening as the sun was setting,
our hero, with one arm around his gal-
lant steed's neck, said gratefully:

"Noble Siroc; well have you served
your master!"

NARROW GAUGE RAILROADS.—Colo-
rado has the credit of putting the nar-
row gauge railroad theory into practice,
and proving by actual experiment, on
quite an extended scale, the feasibility
of the system. A late number of the
Denver News has the following state-
ment of the business of the Denver and
Rio Grande railroad, the most impor-
tant representative of the narrow gauge
line. The News says:

The business of the Denver and Rio
Grande railway last week amounted to
\$3,252 89. In the seven weeks, dur-
ing which the road has been in opera-
tion, it has averaged almost this amount;
for its aggregate earnings now amount
to upwards of \$20,000. About one half
of this amount is passenger and one-
half freight business. With their pres-
ent supply of freight cars the company
are not able to do the business offered;
and when additional rolling stock—now
being manufactured is placed upon the
road, it's almost certain that their freight
business will be doubled. At present
they are not able to transport any lum-
ber, heavy timber, or other freight of
this description, which, were they pre-
pared to handle it, would constitute
one of their largest and most profitable
items of traffic.

WHAT WESTERN PEOPLE READ.—
The report of the Western News Com-
pany of Chicago, for the last year, furn-
ishes a good criterion from which to
judge of the kind of literature most in
favor with western readers. It was as
follows: *Ledger*, 25,000 copies; *New
York Weekly*, 16,000 *Saturday Night*,
14,000; *Harper's Weekly*, 5,500;
Chimney Corner, 5,000; *Western
World*, 3,500; *Fire-side Companion*,
3,500; *Harper's Bazar*, 3,000; *Day's
Dotings*, 3,000; *Frank Leslie's News-
paper*, 2,500; *Police News*, 2,500; *Ap-
pleton's Journal*, 2,400; *Waverly Maga-
zine*, 2,300; *Sporting Times*, 1,800;
Heath and Howe, 1,000; *Spirit of the
Times*, 500; *Nation*, 200; *New York
Citizen*, 75; *Harper's Monthly*, 7,000;
Godey, 4,000; *Atlantic*, 2,000; *Peter-
son*, 2,000; *Our Young Folks*, 1,500;
Galaxy, 700; *Our Boys and Girls*, 500;
Overland, 250; *Lippincott*, 200.

Men are more and more disposed to
consult choice, ease, comfort, pleasure
in all things, in their religion as in
every other department of life. What is
painful or toilsome is dispensed with.
It is an age of labor-saving processes,
and the tendency is carried up from
material things to religion. We be-
lieve this is the chief reason why the
Bible is now read so much less than
it was formerly, even by Christian peo-
ple.

One thing is clear to me, that no in-
dulgence of passion destroys the spiri-
tual nature so much as respectable sel-
fishness.—George McDonald.

An Iowa girl has contracted to cut
and clear 320 acres of timber-land this
Winter.

SETTLING ON PUBLIC LANDS.

GENERAL ANSWERS TO MANY SPECIAL
INQUIRES.

[From the Cincinnati Times.]

1. The large portion of the unim-
proved-uncultivated soil of the United
States, including nearly all of that of
the States of Nebraska, Nevada and
Oregon, as also of all the Territories, is
still the property of the Federal Union,
and is known as the public domain.

2. While much of the domain is
sterile, rocky mountainous, and thus
unfit for cultivation, a large proportion
is fertile and excellent, including thou-
sands of square miles which, being tree-
less and being very thinly grassed, have
been accounted desert, but which proved
quite productive when reclaimed by ir-
rigation.

3. As a general rule, any part of
this domain not already granted to or
occupied by private owners is open to
settlement by any one. He who
"squats" on a tract to which he has no
title, is regarded as holding it by pre-
emption. He is of course liable to be,
but seldom is, dispossessed by a *bona
fide* purchaser.

4. The Government proffers a quar-
ter section (160 acres) to any one who
sets upon a tract to which no adverse
title or claim exists, erects a habitation,
and lives on it for five years. He has to
pay for the papers and legal formalities;
requiring about \$20 in all. This is
called making a homestead.

5. Congress has from time to time
made extensive grants of land to States
and companies in aid of the construc-
tion of railroads through the public do-
main. These grants are usually of al-
ternate sections, (or square miles), for a
certain distance on either side of the
projected railroad.

6. The alternate sections reserved
by the Government are doubled in
price; and he who settles on these and
proceeds to acquire a home under the
homestead act is allowed but eighty in-
stead of the usual one hundred and
sixty acres.

7. The general price of the public
lands is \$1 25 per acre, or \$200 for
160 acres. The alternate sections re-
served by the government along the
lines of railroads are held at double
price, or \$2 50 per acre.

8. The railroad companies generally
charge more for their alternate sections,
but as the Government's land is held at
\$2 50 per acre, and eighty acres of it
may be acquired by settlement for less
than \$20, the Government sections are
likely to have the preference.

9. It is decidedly advisable that
those who have means should buy their
lands, either of the Government or of
the railroads. It precludes all contro-
versy as to the due performance of the
homestead requirements, gives an in-
stant and perfect title, and enables the
owner to sell and convey, go and come
lease or rent, without peril of creating
an adverse title or invalidating his own.

10. No one can legally locate,
whether with cash or scrip, a quarter
section actually in the possession, by
occupancy and residence, of a settler,
though he has not paid and does not
mean to pay for it. But this principle
does not apply to the alternate sections
granted to railroads, which do not recog-
nize pre-emptions.

11. A quarter section of public land
is not necessarily a regular quarter
of some designated section, but may be
made up of two eighths or four fortieths
forming one compact body, though these
were parts of different quarter sections,
technically considered.

Such is the substance of the laws and
regulations governing the acquisition of
public lands by individuals, as we un-
derstand them. We trust this compila-
tion answers most of the questions ad-
dressed to us whereto we are unable to
give special replies.

SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY.—At
Newberry, England, a German recently
made a wager of \$5,000 that at eight
o'clock on a particular evening he would
sit down to dinner in a well worn,
well made suit of clothes, the wool of
which formed the fleece on sheep's back
at five o'clock the same morning. Two
sheep were shorn, the wool was washed,
carded, scoured, spun, and woven;
the cloth was scoured, fulled, tented,
raised, sheared, dyed and dressed;
the garments were made. At a quarter
past six he sat down to a dinner in a
complete damps-colored suit, thus win-
ning his wager, with one hour and three-
quarters to spare.

There is a young girl in Virginia who
wears bullets in the form of a Maltese
cross, which were extracted from the
bodies of her father and brother, who
were killed in the siege of Richmond.

AVISITOR'S OPINION OF OREGON.

[From the Oregonian of February 1st, 1872.]

Last summer the author of the fol-
lowing letter, Mr. J. A. Donaldson, of
St. Joseph, Missouri, made a tour of
Oregon. He came to this State at the
solicitation of Senator Corbett, and was
strongly impressed with its present ad-
vantages and future possibilities. It
will be seen that he is writing a series
of articles on our State:

St. Joseph, Michigan, Jan. 1, 1872.

Wm. Davidson, Esq.—Dear sir:—
Herewith please find copies of the
Country Gentleman, containing my
correspondence concerning your State.

I am also writing articles for Tilton's
Journal of Horticulture, which will
give you the details of my observation
on the fruits of Oregon, and will send
the numbers to you as issued. Being
a monthly, it will require some time to
publish all of my letters on the subject.
Knowing the adaptation of the climate
and soil of your State to the production
of all kinds of fruit, I feel a duty to
call the attention of those desiring to
engage in that business, as well as oth-
ers, to its superior advantages. At no
very future day it will become an im-
portant branch of industry, and a source
of great wealth to individuals and the
State.

Thanking you kindly for attentions
received, I am, yours very respectfully,
J. A. DONALDSON.

The above letter, with copies of the
Country Gentleman containing the ar-
ticles alluded to have been placed in our
hands by Mr. Davidson. We make an
extract or two from the articles:

"Portland is quite a small city,
claiming only ten thousand inhabitants,
but it has more of those features that
distinguish a city from a village than
are generally met with in towns of its
size. It has wholesale houses that would
be no discredit to cities with ten times
its population.

"To one who has passed a score of
years in contending with bugs, it is a
gratifying sight to see plum trees in
dooryards, without care. Laded with
choice fruit, perfectly free from the
Curculionid *trache* worm. The planter
of fruit trees here does not need to in-
quire as to the productiveness of varieties,
for all kinds bear well enough; in fact
productiveness is about the worst evil
the fruit growers have to contend with.
Trees bear so young and so heavily that
they are injured very materially. We
saw a Fall pippin, a variety that has the
reputation of being a shy bearer—10
years planted, overlaid with fruit.
Pear trees, too, bear young and abund-
antly. It is evident that the man who
wrote, 'He who plants pears, plants for
his heirs,' did not live in Oregon."

Mr. Donaldson was much impressed
with Oregon's advantages as a fruit
growing country. He is himself an
intelligent fruit-grower of large ex-
perience, and his articles on Oregon's
capabilities in this direction, to be pub-
lished in *Tilton's Journal of Horti-
culture*, will be worth a great deal to
our State.

READ THIS, BOYS.—A gentleman
advertised for a boy to assist him in his
office, and nearly fifty applicants pre-
sented themselves to him. Out of the
whole number, he in a short time se-
lected one and dismissed the rest.
"I should like to know," said a
friend, "on what ground you selected
that boy, who had not a single recom-
mendation?"

"You are mistaken," said the gentle-
man, "he had a great many. He en-
tered noiselessly and closed the door
after him, showing that he was careful.
He gave up his seat instantly to that
lame old man, showing that he was
kind and thoughtful. He took off his
cap when he came in, and answered
my questions promptly and respectfully,
showing he was polite and gentlemanly.
He picked up the book which I had
purposely laid upon the floor and re-
placed it upon the table, while all the
rest stepped over it or shoved it aside,
and he waited quietly for his turn, in-
stead of pushing and crowding, showing
that he was honest and orderly. When
I talked with him I noticed that his
clothes were carefully brushed, his hair
in nice order, and his teeth as white as
milk; and when he wrote his name I
noticed his finger-nails were clean in-
stead of being tipped with jet, like
that handsome little fellow's in the blue
jacket. Don't you call those things
letters of recommendation? I do, and
would give more for what I can tell
about a boy by using my eyes ten min-
utes than all the letters he can bring
me."

A census of the city of Rome has just
been completed. The population is 250-
000.

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