

Vin Victoribus. There's many a doleful song been sung, And many a sigh been uttered...

ENNUI HOUSE.

CHAPTER I. An invitation to "Ennui House"—an urgent, peremptory invitation!

The four sisters gathered round the open window in their pretty drawing-room, and looked at each other in dismay.

Nevertheless this was an invitation which must not be disregarded. "How many has Aunt Judy invited?"

"Only one," answered Barbara, with pleasant smile. "Oh, then Geraldine had better go, as she is the youngest."

Pretty Geraldine grew very red, and looked distressed. The circumstance which gave rise to a good deal of gossipy banter among the girls, until Gabrielle, who had been reading the letter over Barbara's shoulder, broke in with—

"It is too bad of you to tease so, Françoise. You need not bother about it; I'll go." "You mind," said Barbara.

At Gabrielle's decided tone Barbara looked up quickly. "Nonsense, Gay! I shall go, of course."

Barbara was accustomed to be an oracle to her sisters. Ever since they had been children she had taken the dear dead mother's place.

of the rector's visit. To-day Gay had altogether forgotten her duty. There she was, high in the fern walk, sitting on a large stone, her head in her hand, a letter in her lap.

I was a letter from Barbara—a long, affectionate gossipy letter, such as girls love. After a lengthy account of the tournament and the dance that followed, Barbara went on to say:

"By the way, do you remember Theodore Marston—Ted Marston, you know—who went away to Australia, suddenly ever so long ago? Well, he has come back, and we met him last night. He sang with Françoise, and after a while he said:

"Your sister Gay is not here, is she? I suppose she is married and in the country, staying with Aunt Judy. She is quite altered; not at all the sort of a girl she was when you were here, when we first called her Gay, you know."

"I don't know," said Mr. Ted, hesitatingly. "I heard—that is, I thought—"

"And when Françoise, who was determined to get at the right of it, asked what he heard, it turned out that he hadn't heard anything. He only imagined that she was married."

Gay read the words over and over again. When Aunt Judy's letter arrived, she had determined at once to give up the evening week's festivities, and having made the sacrifice with a full desire to do her duty, she had come with cheerful but willing heart, to amuse and entertain her somewhat exacting relative.

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wondered, or had he come knowingly, to prove to her how completely and inexorably he had changed? For if he had not changed, would not he have come before?

The sound of the drawing-room bell ringing violently about ten minutes after made her start and become hot all over. In a few minutes she heard steps advancing. She seized the pin cushion and turned it over and over in her fingers.

But it was only the maid with a message from Aunt Judy: "Would Miss Gay please go to the drawing-room?"

The time had come. As soon as the maid had disappeared Gabrielle fled to her room and looked at herself critically in the mirror. She had on a white gown. It was clean and soft-looking, so she would not change it; but quickly arranging her bright curly hair, and fastening a cluster of red roses in her dress, she gave one parting look at her pretty, erect figure, and ran down stairs.

With a heart beating to suffocation she opened the door, closed it behind her, and walked slowly into the middle of the room.

Theodore rose as she entered, and the two stood looking at each other, half the length of the room between them; he tall and slight, strong, his fair face flushed and eager, his keen blue eyes looking questioningly into hers; she erect, steady eyes answering his.

"How do you do?" they said, stiffly, and then Gay retired to the window seat, and Theodore, sitting down again by Aunt Judy, continued the conversation with her.

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that otherwise I would not have said. I will dismiss the subject, if you choose, forever."

"No, Theodore, I do not choose. Having recalled the past, let us give it a fair hearing. You say that I gave you no explanation of that interview with Arthur Lindon. Had you given me any reason to do so?"

"You never said so. For my own part, in my absolute childish ignorance, I never thought any explanation necessary. I trusted implicitly in your friendship. I did not think you could not trust mine. It was Barbara whom Arthur Lindon cared for. It was Barbara of whom we were talking then, for we were good friends enough, and as when I always took his part with Barbara, there is no harm in speaking of it now, perhaps. He is dead."

For some moments both were too agitated to speak. "Gay, my darling," said Theodore at last, in a voice of suppressed emotion, "will you forgive me, have been wrong, but I have suffered for my folly."

The blaze in Gay's earnest eyes had melted into tears. She turned and looked at him reproachfully. "Have I not suffered, too? Oh, Theodore!"

No more words were needed. The next moment she was in Theodore's arms and Theodore's kisses banished all her tears.

"Well, to be sure!" said Aunt Judy, when, telling slowly and unobtrusively afterwards took his part with Barbara, lovers arm-in-arm in the lane. "Well, to be sure!" And I suppose I may walk home alone, eh? This is the meaning of your devotion to your aunt, young man. Well, well! she's a good girl, Gay, and I shall not forget you on your wedding day, dear."

American Women Abroad. Foreigners have long ceased to be surprised at the small army of American women that leave their husbands at home for a year or two, as it were.

One clear woman here who was asked what she was going off to Europe for, and she answered that she was going to play the piano in America. It was the same thing, she said, as the children's tongues that they never have a chance to use after their return, unless they are girls who manage to shine in the diplomatic circles at Washington.

Heroism of an Elk Bull. One day my comrade broke the backbone of an elk bull. He fell, then rose to his fore feet and dragged himself off.

A WATERLOO Real Estate For Sale DAVIS & BUTRICK, 20 South Spring Street, Room 3, UP STAIRS, NEAR THE MADRAS HOTEL.

HOSIERY

A Waterloo because our immense reserve, like an irrepressible Phalanx, is held to check any ambitious imitator who may offer a few dozen pairs at our prices. We reach the solid masses, the masses who need HOSIERY, the masses who buy Hosiery, the masses who appreciate Hosiery.

Hosiery Week at Hale's. This means something, not an unmeaning, time-after-time repeated sentence, false in every particular and written only to fill space. The KNIFE has started its work, cutting, cutting, and as it cuts the seam asunder each particle on the left, each particle on the right is eagerly grasped by those ever waiting for bargains, which only come from Hale's.

97 Dozen, or 1164 Pairs Misses Extra Superfine Lambs' Wool Hose

25 Cents Per Pair, In well-assorted sizes, from 6 to 8 1/2 inclusive; in exceedingly bright colors, combining tints in cardinal and garnet, and other high shades.

This Hose is guaranteed to be all wool, to be full-length or regular made; to be very fine gauge and extra length; reduced for this occasion; worth 45 cents.

HOSIERY WEEK at HALE'S Again we use the KNIFE—42 dozen, or 504 pairs Ladies' Half Regular-made Wool Hose at 15 cents per pair, in a beautiful selection of greys, reds and browns, and not to be equaled anywhere under 30 cents.

HOSIERY WEEK at HALE'S Again we offer another bargain—Children's and Misses' Merino Hose at 10 cents per pair; bright, new goods, and in latest shades, and not to be bought elsewhere under 20 cents. For one week only, ending Saturday, January 22d.

Who can equal these bargains at double the price asked? Misses' full-finished lambs' wool Hose at 25 cents; Ladies' half regular-made wool Hose at 15 cents; Children's and Misses' merino Hose at 10 cents. For one week only at Hale's.

To make it interesting to those not needing Hosiery, as well as for those who do, we will offer for the same period, one week only, 50 dozen Ladies' Superfine Four-thread MERINO VESTS at 25 cents each. This garment is worth 60 cents, is half regular-made and extra length; 50 dozen Ladies' Superfine Four-thread MERINO VESTS at 25 cents each, worth 60 cents. We will reduce for this occasion our 700 LADIES' CLOAKS to \$2.50; our \$10, \$12, \$15 and \$18 line to \$5; our full line of JERSEYS to one-half value; our LADIES' DOLMANS from \$8 and \$10 to \$5, and a few Children's and Misses' Cloaks from \$3.50, \$4, \$5 to \$1.50. A chance for everybody. We have about 150 CORSETS left from our special sale which we will offer at the same prices; C. P. from \$3 to \$1.50; \$1.25 Corsets to 75 cents; Norma and Oriental, same quality as 500 bones, from \$1.75 to \$1; the Yatisi, the only glove-fitting Corset, to \$1. Everything advertised in these columns for this week only at

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TRUSTEE'S SALE. THAT VERY DESIRABLE PROPERTY known as the "Howard" residence, situated on the northeast corner of Main and Fourth streets and immediately opposite the magnificent residence and beautiful grounds of L. W. Hillman, east, and fronting 120 feet on Main street and 135 feet on Fourth street, is now offered for sale.

A Beautiful Home. \$1500. One and a half acres, highly improved; nice house and stable, fruit trees, flowers and shrubbery; in view of the ocean; location; one hour's drive from Los Angeles, P. O. Price, \$1500; terms: \$500 cash, balance to be paid in 10 equal payments of \$150 per month. R. VERBUR, Real Estate Broker.

A Good Rancho for Sale Cheap. SIXTY ACRES CHOICE FARMING LAND near Cerritos Station, with house of six rooms, stables, corral, corrals, etc.; some vines, fruit trees and 10 acres alfalfa; fifty-sixty acres under fence. Price, for a short time only, \$75 per acre, on easy terms. Apply to R. VERBUR, Room 4711m Temple Street.

NOTICE TO SPORTSMEN. BREACH-LOADING SHOTGUNS, Just received from Europe. The finest stock of the best makers in the world, and at prices which we defy competition on the Pacific Coast.

Temple Street Cable Railway Company. Location of principal place of business, Los Angeles, California. Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Directors, held on the 14th day of December, 1886, an assessment of two dollars and fifty cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately to the Secretary of said Company, at his office, 111 Main Street, City of Los Angeles.

Notice to Creditors. Estate of Julia Showers, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned executor of the last will and testament of Julia Showers, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within ninety days after the first publication of this notice to the said executor at his residence, Wilmington, California, county of Santa Clara, at the place for the transaction of the business of said estate.

NOTICE. U. S. LAND OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. November 26, 1886. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE OF TIMBER LAND. Notice is hereby given that, in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 1875, entitled "An Act for the Sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory, John Kobars, whose postoffice address is Los Angeles, Los Angeles county, California, has this day filed in this office his application to purchase the E. 1/4, Sec. 10, T. 11 N., R. 10 E., 11th Meridian, 1/4 section No. 10, in township No. 11 N., Range No. 10 E., 11th Meridian.

DIVIDEND NOTICE. LOS ANGELES SAVINGS BANK—THE Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Savings Bank have declared a dividend at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum on term deposits and three per cent per annum on ordinary deposits for the half year ending December 31, 1886, payable on January 15, 1887, at the office of the bank, 111 Main Street, Los Angeles, California. J. D. BETHUNE, Register.