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ONLY A FARMER'S DAUGHTER.

By
MRS. FORRESTER.

A week before the theatricals the Prin-
cess Zellkoff, Lady Dora's old-time
friend, arrived at the Court. Lady
Dora was charmed to have her friend
with her again.
Coming every day to rehearse with
Lady Dora, Winifred, with the pale,
beautiful, languid French woman loved
the master of Hazel Court. She watched
them narrowly, not seeming to see
them, and yet painfully conscious of ev-
ery word that passed between them. She
fancied, and perhaps it was not only fan-
cy, that the old tenderness Mr. Hastings
had shown for her was creeping into his
manner to the Princess Zellkoff. He was
always at her side now—when she rode,
when she sang or when she sat apart
from the rest of the company. Sometimes
Winifred, stung with jealousy, would try
the agitation and excitement of the
last few days before the Court ball were
almost too much for Winifred. She had
no sleep at night, she could scarcely be
induced to touch food, and Mrs. Cham-
pion really felt a little anxious at seeing
her so hollow-eyed.

Every one was charmed with the enter-
tainment. It had not been too long. The
tableaux were lovely and as for the play,
"Cross Purposes," it was charming. Not
very much plot in it, perhaps, but so won-
derfully acted. It was so rare to see
gentlemen and ladies play thoroughly
well; and they had all been so handsome,
so graceful.
Miss Champion and Lady Laura may
have suffered some pang of jealousy at
the admiration Miss Eyre excited, but the
Princess Zellkoff was in a torment of
jealous pain. She, the unsuspicious, the
pale, impassible Diana, as she had been
called, was at last in love, and with Mr.
Hastings. She did not know if he cared
for her; nay, when she saw his passion-
ate look at Winifred at the end of the
play, a terrible fear seized her that his
affections were centered on the graceful
English girl. She must love him, too;
there is nobody at home but me, and
there are all going to a picnic, and I should
have been with them but for one of my
bad headaches.

"It is better now, I trust. You do not
look ill."
"No; I am getting quite strong here.
Lady Grace is so good to me, and Win-
fred," she added, looking aside at him
— "I think I never knew any so sweet
and thoughtful."
She noted the slightest quiver of his
lip, but he said nothing—merely bent his
head as though in polite acquiescence.
"Will you not come into the house?"
she asked.

"Not unless you are going," and they
went together into what was called the
awn garden.
"Am I to congratulate you?" she said,
looking up at him suddenly.
"Congratulations, Mrs. Clayton?" he
repeated after her. "On what?"
"I heard you were going to marry the
Princess Zellkoff."
"Then some one has been taking an un-
warrantable liberty with the Princess
Zellkoff's name."
"Not altogether unwarrantable, Mr.
Hastings."

"Surely, yes. I am quite certain that
she never gave the slightest foundation
for such a report."
"Come, confess now that it looks rather
suspicious when a gentleman takes a lady
a cruise in his yacht."
"My dear Mrs. Clayton, what do you
mean?"
"Did not your cousin and the princess
accompany you on your yachting expedi-
tion?"
"Most certainly not. No one went with
me but Le Marchant and Ashburton."
Mrs. Clayton looked rather blank, but
she said nothing. "And, forgive me, I
thought you had been misinformed,"
she said, laughing. "And, forgive me, I
am not engaged to the princess?"
"I am not. I feel greatly vexed that
there should have been even a discussion
about this."
Mrs. Clayton sat down on a garden
bench; she was silent for a moment, and
then, looking up in her companion's face,
said, with some hesitation:

"We are old friends, Errol—are we
not?"
"We are, indeed," he returned, smiling,
with some surprise.
"May I take an old friend's liberty?"
she asked again, with still more hesita-
tion.
"You may do anything that you wish
or please," he answered.
"And you promise not to be offended?"
"I promise sincerely."
"Thank you. Then, Errol, I am going
to say something exceedingly distasteful
to myself and perhaps painful to you, for
which some one else would, I think, never
forgive me. I am bold—am I not?"
"You are original," he said, smiling.
"I like you very sincerely; I love her,"
Mrs. Clayton went on, hastily, "and I
want you both to be happy; therefore I
am about to perform a Quixotic action,
which may be the means of losing me
your friendship and her love. I see you
frown, perhaps you guess of whom I am
speaking."

"I would rather have a certainty than
a surmise," he said, gravely; "tell me, if
you please."
"I speak of Winifred Eyre. My task
is all the more difficult because I do not,
in truth, know, nor can I guess at the
circumstances which have caused your
engagement. Do not be angry with me,
Errol, I must ask you one question—do
you love her?"
"I love her," he said, seeming to force

the words from unwilling lips, "but I am
trying to forget her."
"But, Errol, if you thought she cared
for you, would you still try to forget
her?"
"I cannot answer you," he said, speak-
ing abruptly, after a pause. "Miss Eyre
is not what I thought her. I believed her
to be sweet, and gracious, and womanly;
and I have found her hard, and proud,
and cold!"
"Oh, Errol, you mistake—she is nei-
ther."
"She is to me," he said, sternly.
Mrs. Clayton waited for some moments.
"If I might only tell you," she said, in
great perplexity. "She broke down once
when we were speaking of you. She con-
demned her own false pride bitterly; she
said you must hate her; that she—"

"And Mrs. Clayton stopped suddenly in
her rapid narrative, feeling a terrible
fear that she had committed an unwar-
ranted breach of trust."
A sudden thrill of pleasure came into
Errol's heart, but the expression of his
face remained unchanged.
"Mrs. Clayton," he said, with some pas-
sion, "I asked Miss Eyre twice, nay,
three times, to be my wife. I made my
self her slave because—well, the reason
matters little—because I thought I
pride into the dust for her sake. She
treated me with scorn, and yet I bore it,
for I believed in my heart she loved me.
When I asked her the last time, her re-
sponse was couched in such terms that I
felt the utter impossibility of a thought
of love coming between us again."
"She has forgiven you now from the
depths of her heart. And she suffers.
Errol—suffers; and at night, when she is
alone, she cries bitter tears. I went one
night to her room, and I heard her sob-
bing and weeping her heart would break,
and went away again."

Mr. Hastings felt a sudden choking in
his throat, and turned away. The groom
was just bringing his horse round. He
rose.

"Thank you a thousand times for your
kindness," he said, in a low voice; "I
shall not forget it. Good by," and he
kissed her little white hand in his and
kissed her cheek. Then he rode thoughtfully
away.
For days and days after his conver-
sation with Mrs. Clayton, Mr. Hastings
mused over her words. So many doubts
divided his mind, and kept him from de-
ciding on what course he should pur-
sue. "Could he in truth rely upon her
words?—Was she really love him,
and regret her harshness and pride to-
ward him, or was it a kindly though mis-
taken attempt on Mrs. Clayton's part to
bring them once more together? If he sought
her again, and she gave him the same
answer, his pride would never recover
such a terrible humiliation."

A whole month of restless uneasiness
passed away before he could make up his
mind to visit Endon Vale again. Then
one morning he picked up courage sud-
denly and went.

At first Mrs. Clayton had anticipated
the happiest results from her talk with
Mr. Hastings; but as day after day wore
on, and he did not return, she fell into
despair, and wished with some bitterness
of heart that she had forbore to inter-
fere. One thing was fortunate—she had
not breathed a word to Winifred of what
had passed between them.

(To be continued.)

LIVING IN IDYLIC EASE.

Residents of Pitcairn Island Have Lit-
tle to Do.
One of the most delightful spots on
the habitable globe is Pitcairn Island,
in the South Seas, which is chiefly in-
habited by the descendants of the mutineers
of the English ship Bounty. These people
are entirely isolated from the world,
with the exception that they live suffi-
ciently near one of the great ocean
routes to induce the captains of ves-
sels wishing fresh meat or fruit to
make a slight deflection from their
course, sight the island, land on it with
one of the ship's boats and get their
needed supplies. The island has no good
harbor or roadstead, hence in stormy
weather it is practically unapproach-
able.

According to the official report, the
islanders are under the government of
one of their number, who appears to be
a man of ability and determination,
and are in a contented, though hardly
a progressive, state. The entire com-
munity numbers about 15 members, with
a somewhat disproportionate number of
females. There are no diseases on the
island, and absolutely no medical
means of treating them if they were.
The local authorities have offered med-
ical supplies said that they neither
needed nor cared for them. There ap-
pears to be an abundance of fruit and
vegetables, and a sufficient supply of
goats to furnish the comparatively lit-
tle animal food required in a tropical
region.

The system of control is evidently
largely socialist. From 8 a. m. until
2 p. m. all of the male grown popula-
tion are engaged in public works of
various kinds. After 2 p. m. they are at
liberty to do what they care to for
themselves, or to enjoy their leisure.
They are all devout members of the
Seventh Day Adventist faith, and the
American missionaries of this religious
organization are endeavoring to do
what they can to build up some slight
commerce between Pitcairn Island and
Tahiti, believing that it would be of
advantage to the people of the former
island. These latter appear to be in
certain ways undergoing a species of
degeneration, in consequence, presum-
ably, of too close intermarrying. One
evidence of this is the very early loss
of their upper front teeth, although on
the other hand, it may be said, that
when they are engaged in public work
they appear to have the strength and
endurance needed to do more than
most workmen would in this coun-
try or in Europe. Another defect, due
to extreme isolation, is the corruption of
language. There has been a tendency
among them to adopt what may be
termed a language of their own, made
up of the careless and clipping use of
English words, so that at the present
time it is somewhat difficult for the
younger members of the community to
quickly understand English when they
are addressed in that tongue.

SLIP BY OFFICERS.

All Trace of the Folsom Convict Escapes
Has Been Lost.

Placerville, Cal., Aug. 1.—Although
hundreds of heavily armed men are
now engaged in the search for the 12
surviving prisoners who escaped from the
Folsom penitentiary, the outlaws
remain masters of the situation.
They have succeeded in eluding their
pursuers and the ultimate escape of at
least a portion of the gang seems high-
ly probable.

Since the fatal fight at Pilot Hill, in
which one of the convicts was killed,
the others have not been seen, unless
the story of William Green, a cowboy in
Fresno county today and afterwards
identified them by photographs as a
couple of the outlaws, proves to be
true. Even this affords but a slight
clue, though it is being followed up by
the officers.

The conviction is growing that the
fleeing men are headed for the Sierra
Nevada mountains and are being aided
by ex-convicts who ride along the
route they are taking. The people
throughout this section of the state are
greatly alarmed, notwithstanding the
presence of many peace officers and a
company of militia. Those residing
in isolated localities live in dread of
attack by the fugitives who are believed
to be short of both food and ammu-
nition.

LAST TRIBUTE IS PAID LEO.

Third Great Requiem Mass is Celebrated
at the Vatican.

Rome, Aug. 1.—The last tribute
was paid to the late Pope Leo this
morning with the third great requiem
mass celebrated in the Sistine chapel
of the Vatican, and the function was
no less a monition and imposing than
the two others. While there were per-
haps fewer persons present there was a
greater display of gorgeous uniforms.
Of the 62 cardinals now in Rome, all
attended the mass except Cardinal
Cretol, prefect of the congregation of
the Sacred Rites, who was ill.

The picture presented by the pres-
ence of cardinals in violet robes and
red capes bordered with ermine and es-
corted by noble guards in scarlet uni-
forms and with drawn swords, the
scene being softened by the clouds of
incense and the chapel resounding with
the strains of the incomparable Sistine
choir singing "Libera Me Domine,"
made those present feel as though
lifted into another world.

In the churches of Rome today be-
gan the offering of prayers to the holy
ghost to assist and enlighten the car-
dinals to choose the right man to sit in
the chair of St. Peter. During the
conclave the blessed sacrament will be
exposed in several churches for the
special prayers of the faithful, with
the same object in view.

MEANING OF ITO'S PROMOTION.

Japanese Statesman's Way to the Presi-
dency is Now Clear.

Tokio, Aug. 1.—Although Marquis Ito
has been made president of the privy
council, formerly presided over by Mar-
quis Saionji, the latter loses no rank
by the change. Count Matsuoka and
Marquis Yamagata have been appointed
members of the privy council. The
main point about the elevation of Mar-
quis Ito is that it clears his way to the
premiership. Incidentally it com-
poses the cabinet difficulty and allows
an unbroken front to be presented to
foreign nations. But there is a strong
belief that it also heralds the calling
of the marquis to control the difficult
foreign situation at any time needed.
It is believed that Marquis Ito, who
has the full confidence of the emperor
is in favor of conservative measures to
ward Russia and that he will exhaust
diplomatic means of obtaining a quid
pro quo in Manchuria before resorting
to hostilities. He is regarded as a
"safe man" in a crisis.

The foreign situation grows more
acute. The news that America is us-
ing the Manchurian question as a lever
in the Kielbeck petition matter revived
hope of her assistance against the anti-
Russian party. Russia has been grow-
ing more aggressive in Manchuria and
Corea, while Great Britain and Japan
have been manifesting greater vigor in
counter action.

To Stay With Lepers.

Honolulu, Aug. 1.—A number of
people at the leper settlement on the
island of Molokai, who are not afflicted
with the disease, were recently given
permission to leave their place of vir-
tual confinement. A few availed
themselves of the opportunity to visit
Honolulu, but others have presented
a petition asking permission to remain
on Molokai. The territorial authori-
ties are carefully scrutinizing the re-
cords of the petitioners and will grant
the requests of those who are proven
to be of good character.

To Make Electors Vote.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 1.—The
movement in Canada to make voting
compulsory has at last reached the
stage of parliamentary action. A
special from Ottawa says at the meet-
ing of the elections committee of the
house of commons this morning it was
decided to recommend a law providing
for compulsory voting. Any qualified
elector who fails to vote in any elec-
tion will be deprived of the right to
vote at the next succeeding election.

Condones Russian Aggression.

London, Aug. 1.—The Times this
morning prints a Tokio dispatch which
says that Korea contemplates repurchas-
ing the lands privately acquired by
the Russians at Yonampoh, and after-
ward leasing them to Russian holders,
thus legalizing their tenure, said to
have originated display of Korea's ten-
dency to condone Russian aggression is
commented on in Japan.

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HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

GREAT FRUIT YIELD.

Rogue River Valley Traps Promise Choice
Product.

From the viewpoint of the grain-
raiser dame nature is in a state of
revolt this year in Southern Oregon,
the drought prevailing for the past few
months having woefully reduced the
average in all small grains. It ap-
pears as if nature, indeed, rebelled
at man's persistent perversion of soil
and climate conditions intended to
produce nectar for the gods, to the
baser uses of growing provender for
kine or grain for human kind or
other cattle.

The orchards and alfalfa meadows,
however, are yielding up such stores
of wealth as only those realize who
are familiar with existing conditions.
Apples and pears promise figure
figures again this year, in fact growers
look for record-breaking prices, owing
to partial failure of fruit of ordinary
quality in the east. Of course the
fancy fruit for which this section is
distinguished is not exactly in com-
petition with ordinary barrel stock,
but scarcity of the latter article al-
ways enhances prices all round.
Growers are carefully thinning and
growing the summer spray at pre-
sent, and favoring weather conditions
are giving promise of quality sur-
passing, perhaps, any former year in
the history of the local trade.

FIX PRICE OF PRUNES.

Willamette Valley Growers' Association
Says 2 1/2 Cent Basis.

The Willamette Valley Prune Asso-
ciation held an important meeting at
Salem last week. Delegates were in
attendance from Douglas, Lane, Linn,
Polk, Benton and Clackamas coun-
ties, and from Vancouver, Wash., and
was the most representative gather-
ing of the fruitgrowers of the North-
west ever held in that city. Organi-
zations are already formed in Linn,
Benton, Douglas, Marion and Yamhill
counties, and at Vancouver, Wash.,
and associations will be formed al-
over the state and the northwest
in the near future. The plan under
discussion at the meeting was to have
all the associations in the Northwest
under one secretary, so that it will be
impossible for one organization to un-
dercut another in the market, thus
creating uniform scale of prices for
all fruits on the coast. The plan met
with the approval of all present and
an effort will be made to bring the
condition about.

The price of prunes this year is fixed
on a 2 1/2 cent basis.

Coming Events.

Ninth annual regatta, Astoria, Au-
gust 19-21.
State fair, Salem, September 14-19.
Second Southern Oregon District
fair, Eugene, September 28-October 3.
Summer association of the North-
west Indian agencies, Newport, Au-
gust 17-27.
Lane county teachers' institute, Eu-
gene, August 4-5.
Klamath county fair, Klamath
Falls, October 6-9.
Good roads convention, Jackson-
ville, August 15.
Fruitgrowers' convention, Jackson-
ville, August 15.
Teachers' institute, Tillamook, July
29-31.
Old folks' celebration, La Grande,
August 1.
Hoo Hoo contention, Portland, Au-
gust 1.
Knights of Pythias convention, As-
toria, August 20-21.
Teachers' institute, La Grande, Au-
gust 17-21.

Smiling Fields of Polk County.

Excellent samples of hay and grain
have been brought to Independence
this week. Early oats and spring
wheat have commenced to change col-
or, and the heads of each are well
filled. Some early hops have been
exhibited in town, which are three-
fourths grown. Hay harvest is being
pushed rapidly forward, and there is
a larger acreage in Polk county this
year than has ever been planted be-
fore. The fruit season for cherries
and berries has practically passed,
but the plums, prunes and apples are
just commencing to ripen.

Bricks Made on Coos Bay.

The first lot of brick just burt at
the new kiln in Catching slough was
delivered this week at North Bend
to be used in making the foundation
for the boilers and engines of the
woolen mills and sash and door fac-
tory. This is the initial burn and
somewhat of an experiment, but from
the appearance of this production
Coos Bay will be able to turn out
first-class brick, a much needed in-
dustry, for heretofore this article had
to be imported.

Huckleberries Season Here.

Huckleberries are beginning to ripen
in the foothills of the Blue moun-
tains. Never before was there prom-
ise of such a bountiful crop there as
is now presented. The season has
been an ideal one for their growth.
There were no early frosts, and as a
consequence none were blighted.
Every bush is loaded, and already
parties are being formed to go out
and gather the luscious fruit.

Collecting Mining Data.

George E. Boos, of the United
States Geological Survey, Washing-
ton, D. C., is at Baker City, and will
make a complete report of mining in
Eastern Oregon, showing production,
cost of operation, wages, etc. By act
of congress mineowners are com-
pelled to furnish information under pen-
alty.

Ready for Steel Bridge.

The approaches and center pier for
the Lewis and Clark draw bridge near
Astoria have been completed and are
ready for the steel draw when it ar-
rives from the east. It has been on
the road for several weeks and is
expected within a few days.

JUNE OUTPUT SPLENDID.

Sumpter District Mines Cleaned Up All
of \$350,000.

Estimates based on the production
of ore in the Sumpter mining district
for the past month give much greater
returns than heretofore. The deep
sinking operations carried on in most
of the leading properties have result-
ed in opening up a larger area of min-
ing territory and consequently an in-
creased production has resulted.
According to the estimates that are
at hand from the best sources obtain-
able, the Bonanza is said to have clean-
ed up during June \$50,000; the North
Pole, \$80,000; the Columbia, \$45,
000; Goconda, \$35,000; the Badger,
\$30,000; total, \$240,000. The produc-
tion of the Red Boy is variously esti-
mated to be from \$25,000 to \$50,000, and
therefore should be added to the total
production.

There are many other properties
that are constantly shipping ore
away for treatment at smelters. It is
impossible to get any figures as to the
value of these ores, as no returns are
given from the smelters receiving
them, except to the owners, and the
latter as a rule are opposed to mak-
ing public these figures. It would be
safe in fixing the total at \$350,000 for
the month. This total includes the
cleanup from many claims in the dis-
trict that are not ranking with the
big producers. This also includes the
output of the placers as far as can
be learned.

Oregon King Looking Up.

An Oregon mining mine, which has
been shut down for several years on
account of litigation, is again look-
ing ore. The management is looking
for more miners and preparing to
make heavy shipments. To give a
history of this mine would be to re-
peat that of other properties ac-
quired, discovered, abandoned, relocated
and developed sufficiently to make a
trial shipment, which was found to
give surprising returns. Shipments
followed, which, after deducting
charges for a 60-mile wagon haul to
the then terminus of the Columbia
Southern railway, which was being
extended southward, and freight from
there to the smelter at Toconama, net-
ted over \$105 per ton.

Not Enough Water.

The voters of the proposed Little
Walla Walla river irrigation dis-
trict near Brewster turned down the
proposition to form an irrigation
district by 55 to 45, the vot-
ers living in the upper end of the
district killing the proposition on the
ground that the river does not give
enough water when at low ebb for
those holding riparian rights, where-
as if an irrigation district were formed
including both themselves and
those below them, they would have
to divide what water was with those
below them. A three-fifths vote of
the residents was required to carry
the establishment.

Het Contest for Land.

A contest of more than usual impor-
tance was begun in the Oregon City
Land Office a few days ago. Import-
ant is the contest because an entire
section of heavily timbered land lo-
cated near Corvallis, Benton county,
is involved. It is estimated that the
section contains 16,000,000 feet of
the timber. There are four entry-