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LOVE AND I.

Love and I were friends of old:—
I was then a true believer
In the tales for frolic told
By this little gay deceiver.
Easy 'tis to trace the birth
Of the bond that grew between us:—
I was but a child of earth,
Love could call his mother Venus.

Years and years have gathered fast—
Life has lost her sunniness,
Each deception of the past
Seems a nigh-forgotten story.
Still, in dreams of what is o'er
Memory takes a retribution—
Though the partnership of yore
Long has been in dissolution.

Recipe for an Appetite.

My lad, who sits at breakfast
With forehead in a frown,
Because the chop is underdone
And the fritter overbrown,

Just leave your dainty mincing,
And take to mend your fare,
A slice of golden sunshine,
And a cup of morning air.

And when you have eat and drunken,
If you want a little fun,
Throw off your jacket of broadcloth
And take an up-hill run.

And what with one and the other,
You will be so strong and gay,
That work will be only a pleasure
Through all the rest of the day.

And when it is time for supper,
Your bread and milk will be
As sweet as a comb of honey.
Will you try my recipe?

A SUDDEN CURE.

A melancholy woman lay
In sickness on her bed,
And in a faint and broken voice,
To her sad husband said:

Dear David, when my earthly form
Has turned to lifeless clay,
O wait an' weep a little while,
Now throw yourself away,

I know a woman, kind an' true,
On whom you may depend.
Oh! marry Aramilla Jones—
She is my dearest friend."

Yes, Hannah, I have wanted long,
To speak o' this before;
For Aramilla Jones an' I
Have talk'd the matter o'er."

"Then you an' Aramilla Jones
Have been too smart and sly;
I tell you, David Wilkinson,
I'm not a-goin' to die!"

Her dark eyes flashed; her strength returned;
She left her bed of pain;
A week had scarcely passed away
When she was well again.

Select Story.

Robin Hood and Another Hood

(Continued.)

A very bad miserable dream that night, and the next day found himself very shy of any stranger that seemed to bestow upon him an attentive glance. The Sunday was drearily long, and all his books had grown suddenly flat and uninteresting. He was glad when Monday came, bringing with its studies, and he could be with the others again—though indeed they had not much comfort to give him, and seemed ill at ease themselves. They looked interrogation points at each other, and were answered by a despondent shake of the head.

Once, during the morning, there was a heavy rap at the school-room door, and five of the pupils started and turned a shade paler at the sound. They scanned the teacher's face closely on his return, but could read nothing unusual in its expression.

"I tell you it's very nice to talk about bold outlaws' and merry men,' said that, but if Robin Hood and his band felt anything the way we do, there wasn't much fun in such a life, that's all," said Charlie, when they were alone together for a few minutes.

At recess Ray searched the long line of hooks where the girls hung their wrappings, and was so thorough in his examination that a school-mate called out curiously:

"Hello, Ray! Don't think your cap is among the girls' things, do you? Why, you've got it on your head, old fellow! What are you looking for?"

Ray laughed uneasily in answer, but he had assured himself that the blue hood did not come to their school. That evening he fairly trembled when his father looked up and announced:

"They have found a clue to those robbers!"

But it proved to be only a mail robbery that was spoken of, and not that dreadful affair in the dense wood, he breathed freely again. Day after day he kept an anxious look-out for that blue hood, and was thereby led into so many chases and experiments, that his sister Nell persistently declared "Ray acted as if he were possessed, and stared at all the girls he met until they must think him the rudest boy in the world."

In fact, it was a week of tribulation, and when Saturday came again the little party were no wiser than they had been at first, and the heavy burden was still upon their hands and hearts.

"We must get rid of the thing somehow. Let's put an advertisement in the paper or something," said Dick, desperately. "Maybe they'd see it, and would give us a chance to get it to them."

That suggestion promised a hope of relief, and was eagerly adopted, but carrying it into effect was a matter of no little difficulty, and five heads—black, auburn, brown, flaxen and gold,—were huddled together over the important sheet of foolscap, in a combined effort to tell just enough without telling too much. There were a great many erasures, corrections and rewritings, but at last this was considered satisfactory:

"If the boy and girl who lost a value in the woods, which was accidental, will give their address, and ask no questions, or tell where they want it sent, it will be returned."

Then as no one dared venture to carry it to the printing-office, the notice was enclosed in an envelope, together with all the available funds of the band to pay for

its insertion in the paper, and sent by mail.

It was duly published in the *Evening Star*, and, though the type-setter had made it read "wool" for "woods," the boys were quite sure that those for whom it was intended would understand, and they waited in hope. But the days went slowly by, and nothing came of it; and they were still burdened with their miserable secret, that seemed to have grown more weighty and guilty from its long concealment. At last Bob made a daring proposition.

"Follows, let's go to a lawyer. They don't tell things that's told them, 'cause it's their business to get folks clear, anyhow. We could tell him about it sort of careful like, you know, and he'd tell us what to do."

The others held their breath for a moment, then began to consider the question, and ended by adopting it; because something must be done, and there really seemed nothing else to do.

Ray and Dick were appointed a committee to wait upon Squire Chester, and seek his advice as prudently as possible. With such an undertaking before them they could not endure delay, and they set out at once, while Bob, Neal and Charlie sought a retired fence-corner to await his return.

Down the street, where swung a dirty sign that had once been blue and gold the two boys halted for an instant, then, with beating hearts ascended the stairs to an office that held a good deal of dust, a great many books, and a general air of learning. Fortunately, the gentleman, they wished to see was alone. He looked up from his papers and over his spectacles, and said briskly,

"Well, boys?"

"We've come—that is—it's a little law business, sir," said Ray, gravely.

"Indeed!" The lawyer looked at them through his spectacles, this time. "Be seated then."

"We wanted to know," proceeded Ray, sitting uncomfortably on the edge of his chair, "whether if anybody did anything that was against the law, but did it just if fun, and didn't mean to, really, if it would be just the same?"

"We mean if some fellows were playing outlaw in the woods, and thought they'd surprise another fellow they knew by putting leaves over their faces, and jumping out at him" explained Dick, "and when they did it wasn't him at all, but somebody that took 'em for real robbers, and just run and left their somethings they were carrying."

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