My Punishment for Prying.

BY JUDGE CLARK.

There was no formal engagement be tween Kate Morlake and me. Though we had known each other a long time, and though I thought sometimes she liked me, and though liking would be a faint word to express my own feelings in the case, and though we had got so far along that I called her Kate, instead of Miss Morlake, and she called me Ned, in place of Mr. Jarman, things seemed to come to a stop there.

More than once, when I looked into her deep blue eyes, so full of truth and tenderness, I felt impelled to make an open declaration of my sentiments, and take whatever answer came with what philosophy I might. But there was, in those same bright eyes, a lurking look of mischief that made me The chances were about even that my impassioned speech would be met with one of Kate's ringing silvery laughs and some such answer as:

"Please don't be silly, Ned." I didn't dare to risk it, and so held

my peace. One day I resolved to play the coward no longer, but to speak out like a man. I was just beginning, and Kate, I fancied, looked as if she was going to listen seriously; but in the middle of the very first word, in bolted a young friend of hers, top full of news and gossip, who without a word of preface, began to unpack her budget.

All was over, I saw, for that time, and I took up my hat to leave.

"I go to-morrow," said Kate, as w parted at the door, "to spend a week with Aunt Hathaway and Cousin Flora Denning. Should you chance that way -they say there's good fishing in the neighborhood--you musn't fail to call.'

That I would chance that way-be the fishing good or bad-was from that moment a settled fact. Indeed, the very next day but one, found me in Aunt Hathaway's parlor, duly introduced to that stately lady and her niece and Kate's cousin, Miss Flora Denning, very lovely girl, about Kate's age, and almost as handsome.

I would have given anything for a few words with Kate alone. I was burning to renew the conversation which had been so untimely interrupted. But it was soon manifest there would be no opportunity. Aunt Hathaway never for a moment left the room. and it was quite clear she didn't intend to, while my visit lasted. Kate went to a side table and wrote a note, which she sealed and directed, and placed in my hand when I rose to go.

"Be kind enough, on your return, to deliver this," she said; "it's an important message to a friend of mine." Then she gave a glance in Aun

Hathaway's direction which plainly intimated that that lady's presence prevented fuller explanation.

I hoped that Kate, according to her custom, would at least see me to the door; but Aunt Hathaway assumed that office, and dismissed me with polite formality.

I was curious to know to whom Kate's "important message" was ad dressed, and as I was to deliver it, might as well look and see.

I took the letter from my pocket It was in a dainty white envelope, such as young ladies use to enclose their enchanting little missives in, and had a decidedly coquettish look. But a glance at the superscription gave me painful start. The name was that of Mordaunt Kenneth, just the last could have wished to see there!

Mordaunt and I were old friends but, of late, he had been far too attentive to Kate Morlake for my comfort. On several of my recent visits to her, I found him there before me, and more than once my coming seemed to be an interruption.

As I turned the letter over, I observ ed that the envelope was open. Kate had either forgotten to moisten the mucilage, or had insecurely closed the fewer than fifty different plant species

calmer moments, would have been ab- plants foreign to Italy. horrent to every instinct of my nature But I was mad with jealousy, and in furiated at the thought that Kate, who whatever might be the state of her own feelings, must have long since surmised the nature of mine, should have made me the bearer of a secret message to my rival. I had but one thought or purpose-it was to know the worst, and learn, once for all, whether the love which I had so fondly hoped either was or might be mine, had been already plighted to another. Without stopping to weigh the im

propriety of an act which I would have been the first to condemn in another, and at whose recollection a blush even now rises, I took out and unfolded the The words it contained were few, but

they sufficed to crusk my heart. They

"Meet me at eight to-mcrrow morning, under the elm at the turn of the road, with a carriage. Everything will be in readiness, and we can drive at once to the village church where the clergyman will be waiting. KATE.

I fairly ground my teeth with rage. I would have torn the tantalizing billet to fragments; but the shamefulness of the act of which I had just been guilty broke upon me. I quickly replaced the note and closed the envelope, and puthastened to deliver it.

I closely scanned Mordaunt Kenneth's face as he read the letter. It beamed with joy. "You have brought me glorious

news!" he cried, wringing my hand warmly. "I can't explain just now. but you shall know all shortly.'

I stammered out I know not what confused reply, and hurried from his presence.

That night I could not sleep. Wild projects haunted me of flying from home and country, rushing on and on, farther and farther, as if the victim of unhappiness could ever leave himself and his misery behind !

Next morning, before the sun had risen, I was in the saddle. I rode without thinking whither. It was not till a lofty elm, at a turn of the road. drew my attention, that I discovered that some mysterious influence had led me to the trysting-place named in the

hateful letter.

accountable spell which was upon me forbade me to go on. A relentless fate seemed determined not to spare me the pain of witnessing my rival's triumph. I stopped amid a cluster of small trees, whence, unobserved, I could see what-

ever might take place beneath the elm. It was not long till Kate Morlake appeared, coming by an almost hidden path leading through a grove of evergreens. It was not without an effort I restrained myself from flying to confront her and tax her with my misery.

The next moment a carriage drove up rapidly, and Mordaunt Kenneth sprang out. Kate turned and waved her handker-

chief, and a third actor appeared on the scene in the person of the pretty cousin I had seen the day before.

No time was spent in greetings, but all three entered the carriage, which was immediately driven off. I know not how long I remained in

the moody revery into which I fell, When aroused at last, the same resistless spell forced me to follow the road taken by the carriage. I rode on heedlessly, till the sound of wheels checked the painful current of my thoughts. The carriage was returning, and I had already been discovered. Retreat was impossible, for I heard my name called, and Kate was signalling me from the

In another moment the carriage stopped, and Mordaunt Kenneth was at my side.

"Congratulate me my dear old fellew !" he cried; "and come and be introduced to my wife. You'll understand now the good news you brought me yesterday !"

My tongue could frame no answer, and Mordaunt looked up surprised. "'Pon my word Ned, you look as

your sweetheart instead of mine! But

come along-it's not polite to keep the bride waiting." It was only one more pang to suffer; so I alighted and followed Mordaunt to the carriage, who in due form, presented me-not to Kate-but to her pretty

I came out of the dumps with a bounce, and was straightway the most hilarious of the party.

cousin, as his wife!

"You see," said Mordaunt, "Aunt Hathaway, whom Flora, here, has always lived with, was rather down upon me, and we had to play off a little ruse, in which our friend Kate was kind enough to lend a hand.

It was not till Kate and I had been several years married, that I ventured to confess that I had opened and read her note; and when I told her how much I had suffered for it, she only said it had served me right.

"Advance" Scientific Miscellany

In experiments with sugar-beets, a German agriculturist has found that the application of phosphoric acid in the spring materially increases the yield of

Various kinds of smoke have recently been examined microscopically, and found to consist of particles having a diameter of about the fifty-thousandth part of an inch.

Prof. Schiibeler's observations show that the long summer days of high latitudes cause flowers, fruits, etc., to gain in intensity of color and aroma, while, from the want of heat, the fruits become deficient in sweetness.

The peculiarities of the Chinese language have presented great difficulties to telegraphists, so that the new instrument, the telephone, is received with peculiar favor by the Chinese Government, which has, it is reported, resolved to establish a system of telephones throughout the country.

The frescoes of Pompeii represent a considerable number of plants. and, taking advantage of the discoveries made during the recent excavations on the occasion of the centenary of the eruption, Dr. Comes has identified no on frescoes. In this manner he has The thought of reading a private shown among other things, that the message intended for another, in my ancient Romans possessed or knew

> Vesta, the largest of the minute planets known as "asteroids," is computed to have a diameter of about three hundred miles; and Echo, the smallest. is probably about ten miles in diameter. Some mathematician has lately furnished the rough but interesting calculation that the Sun is a thousand times the volume of Jupiter; Jupiter, a thousand times that of the Earth; the Earth, a thousand times that of Vesta; and Vesta, a thousand times that of Echothe "baby" of the solar system as at present considered. A vast number of bodies far more minute than Echo 18 doubtless revolving about the Sun, but

these fragm entary masses are so small as to be unseen by astronomers except when they flash as meteors through the Thos. Firth and Son's Extra Axe. upper regions of our atmosphere on their way to the Earth. Much interest has been shown in the experiments of Mr. Muybridge, of San

Francisco, in the instantaneous photography of moving animals, reports of which have been given from time to time. These pictures, taken in different stages of the animals's motion, show various different postures of the limbs and body. Some time ago, Mr. Muybridge devised an instrument for exhibiting these photographs. It is called the zoogyroscope, and a series of posting my horse to his utmost speed, I tures of any animal being placed in it and rapidly rotated, gives the appearance of a miniature moving animal, every motion of any animal showneven to the whisk of its tail-being faithfully reproduced by this ingenious combination of the photographic views. This system of course furnishes a valuable means for the study of animal motion, advantage of which has been taken in various ways. Some late interesting experiments have been made Upper Water Street, Chatham, N. B., with the skeleton of a horse, which was taken apart and supplied with artificial ligaments to the joints. This prepared skeleton was made to assume the various positions of the living horse, as shown by previous photographs, and exposed to the camera while in those positions. The pictures thus secured are placed in the zoogyroscope, where the skeleton is shown in all the movements of the living animal in its various gaits of cantering. pacing, running, trotting and walking, presenting a singular and fascinating

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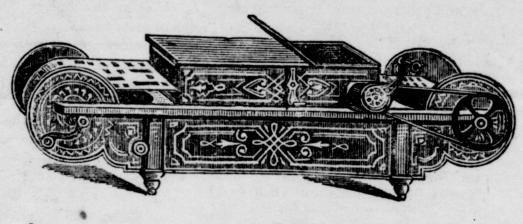
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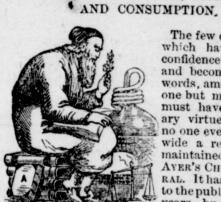
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