All's Well That Ends Well..

Colonel Kemp sat at breakfast on fine September morning in the diningroom of his country house, situated in a beautiful Berkshire glade not fa from Windsor. Vis-a-vis to the old gentleman was his daughter and only child, Victoria, a blooming, brown-eyed creamy-cheeked young lady, of abou three-and-twenty.

The Colonel, who was a widower, ha gained considerable renown during the war in the Punjaub. He had earned a great deal of prize-money and numerous medals and crosses, and, having, beside his pension, much private property, partly derived from his deceased wife, he was enabled to keep up both a country and town house and to live in good

His daughter Victoria owed her name to her father's extreme lovalty to his sovereign. She was the "apple of his eye," and well did she deserve his

warmest affection. The post had just come in ; and the Colonel, while he twirled his egg spoon irritably between his fingers, was conning one of his letters with a perplexed

"What on earth does it mean?" he muttered, "I can't make head or tail to

Victoria held her peace, knowing perfectly well that by doing so she would soon be enlightened.

"Here's a letter," continued the Colonel-"a letter from Sunderabadno, Calcutta-from my old friend Chevilstone, containing a very extraordinary proposition-most extraordinary, my dear-most extraordinary !" Here the Colonel hemmed, adjusted

his eye-glass, and glared fiercely at the "Well, papa, dear, what is it?"

And the Colonel read : "CALCUTTA, August 1, 1867. years have elapsed since we fought side by side in the Punjaub, I feel satisfied that you retain sufficient regard for your old comrade to do him a real kindness. My eldest son is ordered by the surgeon of our regiment-your own old corps, you know-to recruit his health by a two years' visit to England. I am rich enough to give him every indul gence, and he will be in England almost left India, he knows nothing of our English ways. I have directed him to you. Be to him as a father, and oblige

'PHILIP CHEVELSTONE." of the epistle.

your friend and companion in arms.

will have a ward." by some overgrown, overspoilt brat."

Chevilstone cannot have young sons!" "How do I know that ?" retorted the seraph. Colonel. "Many a man makes a fool of himself in his old age."

"But surely, papa, if Mr. Chevilstone was one of your old companionsin-arms, he must be about your own then he looked embarrassed. age; and it is not likely-"

"No, it is not likely," snapped the Colonel. "But a good many things happen that are not likely, Vic. The letter doesn't say a word about the fellow's age or anything."

"It is certainly vague," assented Vic- he stammered out:

"Vague! It's a perfect riddle! what Kemp not to sing any more." are we to do here with a great growing love to all the servant maids?"

an accomplished young man, or"--here she laughed-"a very little boy." The Colonel smiled grimly.

"I'll write to say I won't have him!" he exclaimed. "Why am I to be turned into a guardian to an Indian hobbledehoy against my will!"

almost as soon as this letter which has ing. announced his arrival.

quite nonplussed.

"So you see you must submit with a good grace, papa. And now," she continued, rising, "since you have finished breakiast, I will leave you to read your paper and go and make preparations for this young Indian, who may be expected any hour."

"Very well, dear"-and the Colonel groaned inwardly as he took up his Times-"since there's no help for it." The Colonel commenced to read his newspaper, while his daughter, hastened to hold a conference with the house-

while Colonel Kemp was lingering over ter from Mr. Chevilstone, sr. Yet the a cup of coffee and Victoria singing to veteran could not but notice that when him a series of Scotch ballads, in which the old soldier delighted, "Mr. Sydney Chevilstone" was announced. The there was some secret behind all this that Colonel rose hastily from his seat, with an air of doubt and curiosity, Victoria. followed her father's example, stopped short in the middle of "Auld Robin Gray," and rose involuntarily. But, as their guest, with pleasant smile and extended hand advanced toward the master of the house, it required all the good-breeding and self-possession of the

treme surprise. The new-comer was neither an over. each was conscious of the truth. boy," as surmised by father daughter. He was a tall, handsome and particularly dignified man of about eight-and-twenty; Sydney Chevilstone, in fact, was so striking in appearance that he would have attracted attention

anywhere. The visitor was as was to be expect. ed from his never having resided out of India exceedingly dark-so dark, indeed, that his complexion would have a European but for the great intelliwhiteness of the teeth, which sent off the dusky hue of his complexion to advantage. His jet-black hair was short, silky and curly, and a small, well. trimmed mustache shaded his upper

"A guardian to that stately animal? Pooh!" muttered the Colonel to himself. But he bade him welcome with all the self-possession he could at the moment muster, and introduced him to his daughter.

see a boy of certainly not more than 16. for once entirely lost her presence mind and colored deeply as she returned young Chevilstone's graceful bow .-She felt that she was positively awkward, that her demeanor was more that of a village girl than of a well-bred young lady. She was angry with herself accordingly and the consciousness of her gaucherie did not assist her to appear less gauche. Sydney Chevil-

"You were singing, Miss Kemp. Pray do not let me disturb vou.' "But,' put in the Colonel, "have you dined. Mr. Chevilstone?" "Oh, yes-before I left town!"

stone came to her relief.

"But your traps." "Oh, your butler is seeing to them They are being taken to my room !" "His room!" thought the Colonel. "Confound his impudence!" He said

aloud. "At least you will let us offer you a cup of coffee ?"-and he rang the bell and ordered a fresh supply of cake. "With much pleasure," said the visitor, "on condition that I do not dis-

"Oh, my daughter was only singing to me a Scotch ballad! I have a foolish partiality for Scotch airs.'

"Ah! so have I! Miss Kemp was singing 'Auld Robin Gray,' I think. caught the air as I came up the stairs: and he looked with interest at the

young lady. "Go on then, Vic, since Mr. Chevil-

early a stage of acquaintance, very like being "trotted out for inspection." But she felt to be occupied anyhow was preferable to sitting unemployed under the searching gaze of the new comer's large dark eyes; and with some nervousness-a thing very unusual with Vic "What is it? Just listen, Vic." toria-she resumed her seat at the piano and recommenced the touching and beautiful ballad. Was it wonder-"My DEAR KEMP: Though many ful that, interpreted by such an exquis-

ite contralto voice as that of Victoria Kemp, the sad story should go straight to Sydney Chevilstone's heart? Never had the young man in his Anglo-Indian experience had the opportunity of lis-

So it was not surprising that Sydney Chevilstone was quite taken by storm; as soon as this letter. Never having and when, at the conclusion of her ballad, Victoria ventured to glance furtively at him, she was astonished and gratified to perceive that the tears had Victoria laughed during the reading he was incapable of uttering a single It is quite a sight to see the last rays of G. A. BLAIR. "Well, papa," she said, "you have sighed as he stroked Psyche's long silky per beeches."

"Ah," said he, "that's something ers, but the very name of anything "Brat, papa? Why, surely Mr. Scotch warms my heart. Kiss your old father, Vic darling. You sing like a

Victoria bent over her father.

"Shall I sing another, papa dear?" "Oh no-I-that is-pray excuse me!" burst in Sydney impulsively, and

him in surprise. "You were going to say something?"

The young man looked more and more confused. After a few moments

lad who'll eat like a horse and make lighted. "There's a compliment for "Oh, papa, it will not be so bad as do-that, after that, nothing will do. that! Young Mr. Chevilstone may be He prefers to retain the impression of 'Auld Robin.' Isn't it so Mr. Chevil-

"Yes, I confess it is," returned their visitor, looking at Victoria in a fashion that made her feel strangely agitated and cast down her eyes involuntarily.

"But you can't write, papa dear, self angrily; yet she felt pleased and there is no time. Remember, Mr. gratified, as much by the tribute to her-Chevilstone says his son will be here self as by the compliment to her sing-

"Was there ever such a charming "That's true!" muttered the Colonel, woman!" thought Chevilstone.

At 8 o'clock on the same evening, onel's too hasty interpretation of the letthe subject was alluded to, there was a sly smile on the young man's lips, as if

veteran and his daughter to prevent Kemp were "over head and ears" in love would have shown the Colonel had he their uttering an exclamation of ex- with each other; and though no explana- consulted it. tion had yet taken place between them,

grown "hobbledehoy" nor a "very little For a day in mid-October the Colonel

onel and his daughter. ed with the success of the undertaking. old comrade in arms. been almost disagreeable to the eye of Never were there such champagne and gence in his dark eyes and the dazzling and mistress of the ceremonies as the Col. not seen each other for some years, they

> matter of course, the younger members of ria, trying to appear angry. the party had paired off and were talking

all sorts of nonsense in couples. Victoria Kemp and Sydney Chevilstone | what I have said," she added with a charmwalking in one of the beautiful glades of | ing smile.

Victoria, who had been prepared to from their companions, but they did not Of course my father and I thought that appear to be aware of the fact, or, if they if I announced myself as a man I should were, it did not cost them any uneasiness. not be received at the Beeches as a per-They were laughingly discussing the mysterious letter of Mr. Chevilstone, Sr., which had introduced his son to the household of the Kemps, and Victoria maintained that any one, after perusing it, would

> inflicted on them. Chevilstone smiled, and asked what had been her own opinion.

"Well, I confess," said Victoria, smiling, "that I fancied we were to receive a little fellow, aged, perhaps, some 12 years. So persuaded was I of it that I told the house-keeper to get ready a little room which has never been used since the death of my brother, and which contains a cot" -here she glanced merrily at his six foot figure-"that you could not by any possibility have used."

"Oh, oh!" cried her amused listener. 'Then how was it I found such a charm. ng domicile awaiting me ?"

"Why, we always keep a spare room ready for any chance arrival; and of course the butler when he had seen you, had sense enough to conduct you to the right apartment!'

"Ah, just so! And your father?" "Oh, papa's idea was that we were to be troubled with a great hobbledehoy, who would eat enormously and-and'-

"Well, Miss Kemp, 'and'-" Victoria colored, and looked a little "It was only some of papa's nonsense,

and, unless you insist -"I insist," said he, mischievously, look. ing full into her eyes. "Well then, papa thought you might make love to the maids.'

ment and then laughed aloud. "I am honored, I am sure! But listen called her by her Christian name, and, though, with instinctive sublety,

knew perfectly well what was coming, and not too well what her reply would be, all her woman's modesty rushed to her aid and she said as if she had only then become aware of the fact.

"What a distance we have strayed from our party, Mr. Chevilstone! Had we not better return ?" "Not yet, I think," he answered, in a

"Past five! We really must return to see the sun set over Woodlands; it is a lovely estate, and almost adjoins papa's. the sun on that magnificent range of cop-

blood dyed her cheek and brow. "Ob, yes, of course I do-anybody would! Its owner died only a year ago, and papa knew him well. We often visited there. It is a most lovely place.'

"You do not know its present owner "No; he has not yet taken possession. All we know is that he is a gentlemen who has lived much abroad. I dare say we shall become acquainted with him

" No doubt he is some crusty old nabob with a worn out liver, who lives on curries and mulligatawny soup, and who throws the dishes at the heads of his black ser-

vants. "No doubt he is." "But then, one must be civil to next-

door neighbors, you know.' "Ob, of course ! Good breeding enjoins that. But I do not fancy the new owner of Woodlands will be such an ogre as you imagine.'

"Why not?" acquaintance "You ?"-and Victoria looked up at

him with unfeigned surprise. "What is there so extraordinary in that?" asked he, laughing.

ands, then ?"

that she could not utter a word.

"A plot!" exclaimed the young lady ; but she did not withdraw her hands. "Yes; but before I tell you about it, I neither of us children, we are neither of

It was a straightforward wooing indeed! No protestations—not a single unneccessary word! How different from the general run of lovers! But Victoria understood the straightforward, manly nature of Sydney Chevilstone : and admired his character, and she loved him. So she simply answered -

her passionately. Victoria, after a brief interval.

"Yes, dearest; the medical adviser who recommended me to pass two years

mined to quit the army. While my father For a more exquisite day than it turned and myself were making inquiries about out for this their last picnic for the sea. my property, it oozed out that the owner son, it would have been impossible to of the adjoining estate, the Beeches, was wish. The whole of the party were charm. no other than Colonel Kemp, my father's

onel and his daughter. So declared every. had occasionally corresponded; and so, The eating part of the business was Colonel Kemp had an only child-a daughhappily concluded; the Colonel and one ter-he proposed a very pretty little or two of the older men were defying the scheme. It was neither more nor less

"It was, I own." "And I have a great mind to retract

manent inmate, but that if we so worded

"Yes, yes ; you know that, once our guest, we should not be so rude as to turn have supposed that a little boy or at any "That's just it. And now will you forrate a great growing lad. was about to be

the letter as to leave it in doubt-"

give me, Victoria ?" "For what ?" unworthy of a gentlman.'

She looked up at him, her brown eyes full of a tender light. "It was not a right thing to do," she said; "but I am the gainer by it, and so I forgive you, Sydney." The young man took his pardon from

"But," added Victoria, "I don't know what papa will say to all this." But, after having heard the story of his "ward" the Colonel came to the conclusion that "all's well that ends well."

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turb Miss Kemp.

stone permits it," said the Colonel.

Victoria hesitated. It seemed, at so tening to so pure and beautiful a voice.

actually gathered in his eyes, and that word of thanks. Even the old Colonel often wished you had a son; now you brown ears. "A pretty thing," grumbled the like music! I don't know whether it's Colonel, "to be plagued in my old age out of my regard for the old Highland-

The Colonel and Victoria turned to

"Well, I was going to ask Miss "Ah !" exclaimed the old soldier, deyou, Vic. Mr. Chevilstone thinks as I

"How absurd I am !" she said to her-

A month or six weeks had elapsed, and Sydney Chevilstone had become thoroughly domiciled at the Beeches, Colonel Kemp's seat. Already was the young Anglo-Indian on such friendly and affectionate terms with his host that they had many a laugh over the ambiguous wording of the letter written by the former's father. Indeed, the young man habitually called the Colonel "guardian," and the old soldier's "ward" had to undergo much badinage from the visitors to the Beeches, the fact, of course, being that there was no real guardianship in the question. The whole mistake had arisen from the Col-

he-the Colonel-was not a sharer in. It But about the plot, Sydney?" asked was not long, however, before the owner of the Beeches was enlightened on this As to Victoria Kemp and Sydney Chevilstone, both being young, good-looking, intellectual, accomplished and of similar tastes, what possible termination save one could there be to such an acquaintance- in Europe was no other than myself. I ship? Sydney Chevilstone and Victoria was surgeon to the-th, as an army list

and Victoria had planned their last picnic But, you see this was it. The late owner of the year, and by permission of the of Woodland, who, as you know, had ranger it was to take place in Windsor neither kith nor kin, was my god-father, Great Park. The picnic was to be small and at his death he bequeathed the estate and select and to consist of only fifteen or and a large sum of money in funds to my. sixteen very intimate friends of the Col- self. Of course, upon this, I was deter-

such lobster salads, or such genial master rheumatism by lying at full length on the than to join the two estates."

Sydney Chevilstone frowned for a mo-

very tender but firm tone that she felt However, she made one more effort to escape hearing the very words she wished to hear; so she looked at her watch and

The young man smiled a curious smile. "You admire Woodlands, then, Vic-Again "Victoria!" This time the hot

some day.' "I dare say you will."

"Possibly I have the honor of his

"You do know the new owner of Wood-"He stands before you." Victoria Kemp's surprise was so great "Listen, Victoria, dearest," said the young man, taking both her hands. "You

wish to ask you one question. We are us, I think, likely to express our feelings in many words. You must have seen that I love you, Victoria, will you be my

He put his arm around her and kissed "Oh, yes! Well, then, the letter was concocted expressly to deceive yourself

"To think we should have been de-"Yes, you fell into the trap easily.

"Well, though my father and yours had when my match-making sire heard that grass smoking their cigars, while as a "It was very impertinent" said Victo-

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