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PRISCILLA'S PECULIARITY.

"Odd to hear from him again, after all these years! I wonder what made him write directly he reached Southampton!"

Priscilla Baberly glanced inquiringly from the open letter in her hand to the mirror over her drawing room mantel piece as though her reflection might possibly answer the

The wistful melancholy of her expression was due to an illness which had left her almost totally deaf; though the fact was scarcely noticeable, thanks to the knowledge of lip reading she had acquired, and when this means failed she resorted to the use of an ear trumpet, or an ingeniously constructed fan.

"Oh, dear! If only I hadn't been deaf; men have a horror of deaf old maids! But I needn't let him know just at first-he always spoke distinctly and was clean shaven, which means a great deal to me now. I'm sure I can manage it," she resumed meditatively. "I will set him talk-

ing of his campaigns." She crossed the room and touched the bell.

"Catherine." she said to the maid, "Major-I mean Colonel Ewart will be here presently. Send up hot toast with the tea and extra cream."

A moment after the maid held aside the heavy plush portiere and a tall, military looking man, with a flowing gray beard and mustache, filled up the doorway.

"Good gracious-a beard as well!" Miss Baberly murmured, horror stricken, as she caught up her fan and went to meet him, holding it gracefully to her lips.

"Ah, major-colonel, I mean"-she corrected herself agitatedly-"degood nature to call so soon. How you have altered! I should scarcely have known you."

You haven't changed in the least degree," he said gallantly, shaking her hand between both his. "Why, it seems only yesterday that we said 'good-by' at your sister's garden

His tone was gruff, but hearty, and somewhat above the normal pitch, and she managed to catch a word here and there as she watched his lips anxiously, holding the fan to her

"Yes-er-I have a little garden here," she rejoined hesitatingly. "But come and sit down. I want to hear all about yourself and your campaigns. Of course I learned a great deal from the papers, but it isn't the same as a personal narrative, so you must just tell me from the very beginning." She seated herself opposite him, her eyes still fixed on his face.

"Really, Celia-I may call you the old name, may I not ?-there is nothing to tell, just the usual changes from the hill stations to the plains, and vice versa; then the outbreak, which we quelled after some sharp fighting and losing some of our best fellows, and that's all. You don't suppose," he resumed in a lower tone, "that I've come here, directly I set foot in the old country, to talk about my campaigns?"

She heard the note of interrogation and dropped her eyes rather disconcertedly, murmuring an unintelligible monosyllable.

"I want to talk something far more interesting," he continued softly-"that concerns you as well as myself. You've no idea what pleasure it is to see you again-and to find that you-that you are not married."

"Really?" she exclaimed after a slight pause, cleverly simulated surprise in her tone.

"Yes, it has always been in my thoughts," he rejoined eagerly, his courage rising. "I should have spoken before I went away, but do you remember remarking once that you never intended to marry unless the man who asked you had something more to his credit than a banking account. That was why I exchanged and went abroad. I did think of writing when I was out there, but until these frontier affairs were quite settled I thought it fairer not to ask you to tie yourself to me, as if I'd been hit it might have been a blow to you. Of course that was taking for granted you cared a little for me." And he concluded smiling

rather shamefacedly. "Indeed!" She smiled also, feign-

ing astonishment. "Now, confess, Celia, this is not \$4.50 altogether a surprise to you. Even if it is-you do not find it disagree-

> "Dear me-how strange!" she exclaimed hesitatingly, after a slight pause, still keeping her eyes fixed on his face, while she bit the tip of her fan nervously.

> She broke the silence at last with a little regretful sigh,

"Is that all? It is most interest-

"Ah, Celia," he sighed, "you are just as tantalizing and stand offish as ever-but-I like you all the better for it." And he leaned forward with an admiring glance at the fair face and shapely head, crowned with neat dark brown coils.

"Yes, many people have told me the same," she replied complacently, catching the end of his sentence, and, noting the appreciative glance, she concluded that he alluded to the modern style of hairdressing she had adopted.

"But you needn't be stand-offish with an old-er-admirer," he added quietly and reproachfully. "I-I beg your pardon-what did

you say?" "Oh, nothing, nothing," he responded hastily, fearing he had been too precipitate. "What a charming

room this is!" "Now you must have some tea," she said, after rather an awkward pause, laying down her fan, and moving to the table. "Being an old maid I'm rather fussy, so you must not talk while I'm making it-it distracts my attention," she added with

a forced little laugh. He watched her with growing pleasure as her hands busied with the cups., the lamp rays touching the gold in her hair.

"It's like old times, watching you make tea, Celia. I wish it would be my privilege always."

"I told you not to talk," she said

with playful severity. "But I must. Don't be so tantalizing, dearest. I'm not to touch tea till I've had your answer, till you've promised, in fact-" his voice dropped to an earnest whisper, and he crossed the room to her side, "to be my wife."

She glanced at him bewildered. "Er-er-in fact, of course, scarcey in theory," she said vaguely.

"Celia," he exclaimed, "what on earth do you mean?"

A dead silence followed. She saw I have been asking you, or-' and his by his face that something was wrong, and her agitation increased when he commenced to pace restlighted to see you! It's like your lessly about the room, muttering to though she blushed still deeper she himself in an undertone:

> lived and worked in the hope of one day winning you, but now it seems

She looked up puzzled. "What did you say?" she asked desperately. "I did not quite catch it, but it is your own fault. I told you not to talk while I made tea-two lumps of sugar, isn't it? You see, I've remembered the correct number-and half the cream jug-you were always terribly greedy, colonel! There!" She handed him the cup and caught up her fan. "Now you must begin all over again. I don't think you've the top of the fan.

"Celia," he said slowly, raising his voice till it rang through the room, "this is not a time for joking."

The anger in his tone and his hurt expression frightened and bewildered her; with a gesture of despair she turned away. "If only it hadn't been for the mus-

tache!" she murmured, half audibly. "Mustache!" he exclaimed eagerly, hopefulness staring into his tone. "Is that your only objection? How I wish I had known before I came!

But I'll have it off directly." He was standing beside her again, and now he rested his hand on her shoulder; but she shrank from his touch and turned away, half crying and wringing her hands.

"I thought I could have managed, but I shall have to tell. I can't go on like this," she sobbed.

"Tell me what? That there is someone else?" He turned abruptly away, and

flung himself in the armchair, burying his face in his hands. "Just my luck," he said brokenly.

"But it's hard after all this time, and now when it seemed all plain sailing to hear that-that-I have a rival. But," reproachfully, "you needn't have kept me so long in suspense, Celia."

A moment's silence followed. Then she left her seat and walked to the fireplace and stood looking down at him, toying nervously with her

"I can't hear what you say," she said at last desperately, flinging the fan from her. "I should have told to use my ear trumpet just at first, because I thought you would regret having come. I know men have a horror of deaf old maids."

She laughed hysterically as she produced the trumpet from the little bag at her side and adjusted it.

tinued quickly, "and I thought I dition-plenty of food, but, mird, could manage with my fan. You see, it has this tube in the center, which carries the sound through my lips - and then - I understand lip reading-if it hadn't been that your moustache conceals yours'-

'Is that all?' he interrupted eagerly, starting up and placing his hands on her shoulder. 'There isn't anybody else?'

'Anybody else, where ?' she asked, bewildered.

'I mean any one you care more for Bucharest. He covered this disthan me-whom you intend marry- tance in twenty-five days, and on

rushing into her cheeks; 'but what an odd question.' edly. 'Can't you guess, Celia, what money you intend investing.

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eyes twinkled merrily-"shall I begin all over again?

But it was scarcely necessary, for did not now resist when he took her "Ever since I've been abroad I've hands in his .- Mainly About People.

COUGHING ALL NIGHT

us down, keeping us awake most of and was a child again, the time, and annoying everybody in the house. Lots of people don't begin to cough until they go to bed. It gets to be so that retiring for the night is an empty form, for they can- for him.

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"John Henry," she exclaimed when Public Ownership and Local he returned, 'you're the biggest fool that ever lived. I believe you have softening of the brain. What did you mean by sending me that trash?'

'Trash, my dear!' he expostulated. 'Yes, trash-just sickly, sentimental nonsense.'

'That isn't how you described it when I first wrote it and sent it to you,' he protested. 'You said then it was the dearest, sweetest little letter ever written, and you insist now that I have changed and you

haven't. I thought I would try to'-'Well, you didn't succeed,' she interrupted, and she was mad for two you-I am deaf, but I couldn't bear days. Sometimes it is mighty difficult to please a woman.

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The children jumped on his back, and he gave them a ride about the room, and they ran and got his cane, and as he played horse he went gee haw, whoa, and back at command. When he got up his knees were

dirty, but he brushed off the dirt and the joy remained. Last night a millionaire ducking for apples with the youngsters.

To-day a man of affairs. Last night riding babes on his back

like a pack horse. To-day it is "Drive on, James," and a matched team step out to-

gether. Lucky fellow! He has lots of the rhino, and his soul is as fresh as those youngsters that are playing out in front of my

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What's your hobby, neighbor? Have one, if it's only keeping white

This man forgot he was a millionaire when he ducked in that tub last It's this night coughing that breaks | night, forgot he had cares and corns,

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I know a man whose hobby is the gun, who is happy when he hears the hounds bark and sees the quarry coming to him.

I know a man whose hobby is a book, and away to the quiet corner alone, he lives the characters

There is nothing that lifts like an

What is your hobby? What is the

Self-Government in Russia.

As regards the land, the peasants in Great Russia are better off than those of many other countries, for the little they have belongs to them, their cottages and the ground at the back are their own. From time immemorial the land has been the communal property of the village. There sheep, being a strong narcotic or are no private owners except the squire and the few who have bought or stupor lasting from twenty-four some land from him, and the oldtime custom of supplying every inhabitant of the village with some land is still strictly observed.

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