THE KING IN THULE.

MARGARET'S SONG IN "FAUST." Reigned a monarch once in Thule, Constant even to the grave, Whom his mistress, loving truly, When she died a goblet gave.

Naught on earth so highly prizing, Oft he drained it 'mid his peers, And as oft her image rising Made his fond eyes gush with tears.

So, his last when he was breathing Summed he his possessions up, Freely to his heirs bequeathing Towns and towers-but not her cup.

With his knights and barons loyal To the banquet hall came he, Down there in the castle royal Of his fathers, by the sea.

There the old carouser swallowed One deep draught to brace his blood, Then, with trembling hand, that hallowed Chalice flung upon the flood.

Drooped his old eyes wan and winking, As he marked it in the main, Splashing, shivering, filling, sinking, Never drank he drop again. -T. W. Parsons in the N. Y. Sunday Tribune.

ROSES AND PEARLS.

Susan Wilde was in a deep quandary. Her aunt, Mrs. Gladstone, was working an embroidery pattern at the opposite end of the room. On a stand in front of Susan lay a neckloce of pearls and a simple white

The rose and pearls were each accompanied with a separate note. They had both been presented to her by special messengers within the last half hour.

DEAR SUSAN-Will you wear this rose on your bosom this evening, if there is any room for hope for one who loves you truly and devotedly?

HENRY JOY.

The second read as follows: DEAR MISS WILDE—If you feel that you can ever love me with one-half the ardor and intensity that I do you, please acknowledge the sweet truth by accepting the pearls and wearing them at Mrs. Gladstone's reception this evening.

ARTHUR FLOYD.

And these two missives were the source of the quandary into which Susan Wilde, the acknowledged belle of Springvale, had so naturally and insensibly fallen. Arthur Floyd was of the firm of "Floyd & Son," made me!" dry goods merchants, while Henry Joy was simply a salaried clerk in the establishment of the aforesaid firm. The young and steady minded girl. When I chose men were of about the same age, both in- you, dearest, I did not do it without retellectual, well educated and good looking. flection. In the first place I was fully sen-They had been classmates at the same sible that I loved you the best-that there university, and young Joy owed his present position in the establishment to the in- character than in Arthur's. I have heard, Mrs. Gladstone was still of a marriageable often heard it whispered that he, too, inage, being a trifle over 40, and remarkably dulges in the pernicious habit of gaming. healthy and young looking. Mr. Glad-

leaving her offspring to Mrs. Gladstone's tarnished name.

Her father had left some property, which her mother, through tact and economy, had and the result was, though contrary to my very materially increased, so that at the time of her death Susan was left quite an faculty, as she said, to discover any of heiress, having an unencumbered farm and these bugbears, I accepted the rose in presome four or five thousand dollars at interjointly hit upon the above novel method of ascertaining which of the two might claim marked out." her preference, each promising to abide by the young lady's decision.

Susan had read both of the notes carefully, and was now deeply pondering. little fortune-some ten or twelve thousand They had evidently brought the young in all, if the farm can be disposed of to girl to a protound sense of reflection, and she saw that she must decide between the which will enable you to commence business

only intellect, beauty, and fine physical account of my fears for the money I might powers to plead for him. With almost have lying idle in some savings bank." unlimited means at his command the former could place her in the most exalted position in society, while the latter, with no other resource than his salary, could mingled with the gay company. only expect to support a wife comfortably, not ostentatiously.

"Well," said Mrs. Gladstone after a somewhat lengthy silence, "you seem to be a month, and preparations for the approaunusually reserved on the subject of your ching nuptials were immediately set on morning's correspondence. Can't you see | foot. that your good aunty is dying with curiosity to learn the contents of the notes?"

Susan loked up confusedly. "Will you read them," she asked, "or Mrs. Gladstone's clever management.

"You read them, deary. You see I am busy just now with this embroidery pat-

Susan obeyed, reading aloud what we

have already submitted to the reader. "What am I to do?" she questioned,

with a look of evident annoyance, although it was plain from the blush that accompanied it that she felt not a little flattered. "Why, you silly little innocent," replied to \$50,000, and Harry Joy was begining to be spoken of as one of the "heavy men" rules of propriety to keep two strings to of Springvale. your bow after they have become so importunate. The only thing you have to do is to consider the respective claims of these two daring aspirants, and decide between them. The choice cannot be very difficult,

of course, when you consider their relative positions in a worldly sense."

myself that I am something of a judge of nearly twice the amount of money that means more than ordinary triendship for human nature. To be sure, Arthur Floyd Harry Joy had had to commence business you. You have an instinct that tells you is rich and can lavish pearls, even dia- upon. my knight of the white rose I recognize a natural superiority that wealth alone cannatural superiority that wealth alone cannot confer. My decision, aunty, ought not to be governed wholly by the present situation, for riches, you know, have wings, and aside from that I find in my moor admirer more sincepetry more strength. wings, and aside from that I find in my poor admirer more sincerety, more strength of purpose, and a great deal less vanity and selfishness than may be found wrapped up in him who is represented by pearls."

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"Surely you would not be so insane, my dear, as to resign Arthur Floyd, with his prospective wealth and recognized social standing, for a poor clerk in his employ, with nothing but his good looks to recom-

"I might, aunty. A young girl is sometimes supposed to consult her heart rather than her ambition in these matters; and surely, it I allow my heart to have a voice, it will plead most potently in favor of

Harry. "Well, I have no power to control your decision," responded Mrs. Gladstone, somewhat impatiently. "I can only advise you as I think for the best. You are, of course, your own mistress; but as you make your bed, so must you expect to lie."

There was little more said upon the subject, and that night Susan Wilde wore the white rose instead of the pearls. Arthur knew of his disappointment in season to send in his excuses to Mrs. Gladstone, for Susan had returned his present, with an appropriate declination, early in the afternoon. Indeed, Arthur had privately flattered himself that the preference would be awarded to him, in consideration of his wealth and high social standing; and to be thus set aside for one so greatly his inferior in a wordly point of view, was a source of deep chagrin and mortification to the young

Henry Joy, on the contrary, was in an ecstasy of happiness at sight of the simple white rose so modestly displayed upon the heaving bosom of the fond object of his

"I could not afford such a costly present as Arthur sent you," he said, "and therefore I had scarcely dared to hope. Had I not loved you so wildly, so madly, I should have hardly ventured to make the bold proposition to you that I did."

"I thought it a model of manly delicacy and cleverness," responded Susan, blushing, and permitting him to squeeze her hand in a most demonstrative manner.

"I felt myselt very much in the condition of a drowning man," said Harry, in a tone of happy triumph. "The faint hope I had of winning you from such a rival as Arthur was the straw, figuratively speaking, at which I grasped, and lo! it buoyed me up and I gained the haven of my desires. Oh! Susan, darling, you don't know how happy your sweet promise has

"You know, Harry," said Susan, quietly, "that I have always aimed to be a sensible fluence of his friend Arthur. Both were on very good authority, that he sometimes madly in love with Susan Wilde, the beauti- drank more than was good for him; that ful orphan niece of wealthy and aristocratic he preferred associating with gamblers Mrs. Gladstone, who had come to reside and roughs to sober, honest young men of at Springvale after the death of her husband, his own age-a class whom that set charwho was reputed to be worth his millions. acterized as 'old fashioned'—and I have

"Considering these defects, the intrinsic stone had left his property equally divided worth of your character-for I have been between herself and step son, a sophomore assurred by those who know you that your record is a spotless one-weighs more in Susan was an only child of an elder my humble, womanly estimation that all sister, who had died some years before, the wealth of the world associated with a

I duly considered all these things, as well as my decided preference for you, good aunty's advice, who had not the ference to the pearls.

"Bless you, darling!" cried Harry, deeply est, Neither of the young men had concealed from the other his passion for Susan impressed by the sensible discrimination of Wilde, and reasoning between themselves his promised bride. "If I ever disappoint that she could make but one of the two you in your hopes or expectations regarding happy in a matrimonial sense they had me, it will be because I lack the ability,

"I have the most perfect confidence in your ability, dear Harry; and to show you that I have I shall place every dollar of my on your own account-not so extensive as Arthur Floyd, aside from his personal the Floyd's to begin with, of course; but attractions, had abundant prospective wealth to recommend him, while Henry Joy had not to be cramped in his aspirations on

The next morning Susan informed her aunt, Mrs. Gladstone, that she and Harry Joy were to be married at the expiration of

Everything was in readiness when the time arrived, and a very costly and sensational display was the legitimate result of

Agreeably to the promise given him before marriage, Mrs. Joy surrendered all her property into her husband's hands, and he immediately set up for himself in a limited way in the same line of business as the Floyds.

As Susan had prophesied before their marriage, his business grew, and its growth proved a healthy and profitable one, In five years Susan's \$12,000 had multiplied

But during that five years a great change had come over the fortunes of Arthur

His father had died, leaving him in full control of his extensive business. For a while things seemed to go on as smoothly as ever with Arthur, though prudent people "I know; Arthur is rich and Henry is observed that he was becoming daily more "Yes; and the former is certainly not company of fast men and professional surely you are not one of the girls who greatly inferior to the latter in point of beauty and intelligence. Of course you will discard the rose for the pearls?"

"I am not sure, aunty, dear. I have "I am not sure, been pondering the matter deeply for the last five minutes. I have always prided he had lost \$20,000 at faro in one night—You girls know very quickly when a man

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just received a call from her aunt, Mrs. Gladstone, when the sad news of the suicide "Where should I have been now had I accepted the pearls?" was all that Susan

"Indeed, deary, you were wiser than I after all," confessed Mrs. Gladstone, with

a sigh.—New York News. WOMEN POST OFFICE CLERKS.

Some of Their Troubles in the English Public Service.

Women have proved themselves the equals of male clerks both as regards the Victoria street are doing exactly the same of women workers the greatest progress surprised at the results .- Advt. has been reported except in this one question of civility and attention to business, which affects only the class of Post Office workers who stand behind the counter Every one knows that there is a good deal to put up with. Men are not nowadays all that they should be, even where women are concerned; and occasionally the Post Office girls are obliged to take impudent remarks as well as money in exchange for stamps. Some of them resent being told that they are pretty, and visit their resentment upon unoffending customers, while others again object to an exactly opposite treatment, and are wrathful with men who do not, and

women who cannot, flirt with them. Then, again, we are told by an official, high in the service of the Post Office, that the girls who are uncivil are answerable for not so much to the head office as to the manager in charge of the branch department. He, unfortunately, is in most cases a man, and is often unable to look after the clerks in his charge as sharply as he should. This difficulty could be at once and easily overcome by having women to supervise women. Two or three years ago it was no uncommon circumstance for a woman not to come to the Post Office the day after she had made some mistake. She would weepingly protest that she was not responsible, but if the Post Office authorities thought she was, perhaps she had better go without her salary. Very little is heard of that sort of thing now. The women are improving, and the tendency is to rush off into an exactly opposite extreme. Girls call attention to any breach of the rules made in their disfavor before they have been three days in the office, and assert their rights with a pertinacity which, if maintained on behalf of the women's suffrage movement, would speedily put them

Our representative, who was instructed to interview the girls and women employed in the Post Offices, learned that they were fully aware of their shortcomings. "Four out of five" was one young lady's estimate of the number who deserved the scolding which they had received. Others emphatically and rightly protested against all Post Office women being, as they put it, tarred with the same brush. One young lady tossed her head and said, poutingly, "It's the way the public treat us. They seem to think we're their servants" (!) a sentiment which was approvingly echoed by her colleagues who stood behind her. Our representative has also sought the opinion of high government officials. It was acknowledged that the matter had received attention, and that the girls were adopting a suicidal policy.—English Paper.

CHOOSING A SWEETHEART.

It Seems an Easy Matter, but It Isn't So

Choose your sweetheart carefully, wisely and tenderly, my dear girls, says a writer in the Ladies' Home Journal. Remember he is to be more than even this to you tond of the wine cup and the disreputable some day—he is to be your husband for that this big, good looking fellow has come

life you must learn the great and wonderful virtue of adaptability. You must choose your sweetheart as you do a new gown, so that he will wear well, but you want him for longer than a winter, he must last through the long summer days and through the winter ones, and before you put your hand in his and tell him that you are willing to fight out the battle of life together, think it all over well and remember that you are choosing your sweatheart, not for a day or a year, but for all through life, and, please God, if you love each other enough, for after death.

There is beauty all around us in the vast universe; beauty intended by the great Author of the world to charm man, and give him enjoyments refined and pure, and in keeping with our feelings of tenderness, love and admiration.

Amid all the beauties of nature which the Author of the Universe has so lavishly bestowed, the highest form and style is to be found in the human form. The expression of the soul constitutes this superior beauty. It is seen in the expression of the eye, on the lip, shows on the cheek, on the countenance, in the figure and form, in movement and tone; it is all this that we admire and love, and which contributes to the beauty of our race. Every soul may plant and water and mature in its own soil. We may all be beautiful in manner and spirit though our forms and faces are not the prettiest.

There is, however one essential necessary to preserve, not only beauty of face and expression; beauty in figure and form; beauty and expression of the eye, as well as beauty of disposition; it is your health. No matter how beautiful in manner and spirit we are, if sickness steals on us, our manners and spirits are ruffled and disturbed, and we cannot be to our friends and the world what we should be.

The nervous and overworked father and mother, once so patient, kind and gentle to their children, become fretful, rougher in manner and often boorish.

The sleepless victim, once so ruddy and handsome and full of glee, is full of unrest and disquiet; face looks worn and haggard and eyes sunken.

The Dyspeptic once so uncomplaining, easily pleased and satisfied with food and surroundings, is now in agony and pain complains of his miserable existence and

The Author of so much beauty, gives us commands that we are to keep these bodies amount of work they can do and the ability clean and pure. Poor sufferer, you may with which it is done. In the Post Office | be beautiful in face, in disposition, in man-Savings Bank at the present time the ner and spirit. There is one great rock of women on the top floor of 144A Queen hope to cling to, it is "Pain's Celery Compound." It is the only relief for your ills work as the men below, and they are doing and sufferings. Try its wonderful lifeit with fewer mistakes. All along the line giving powers at once, and you will be

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