

A BALLAD OF YOUTH.

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Are budding and blooming here and there,  
And the clean cool wind, it laughs and pushes  
Over my forehead and through my hair.

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AS IT A DREAM?

I am about to write the story of the one great mystery of my life. I have told the story to many people, but, with one exception, they all looked very incredulous.

I cannot tell when the knowledge that I loved Ediena Wyldmere was first revealed to me. We were children together, and as we grew older we seemed like brother and sister.

At nineteen Ediena was as fair and pure as the most spotless thing under the sun. I almost worshipped her then, but I was still young and no thoughts of marriage had entered my head.

I will not deny that I soon grew jealous of many of those fawning and flattering suitors, and of Cyril Staythorne in particular. Most beautiful young ladies are naturally a trifle inclined to be flirtatious, and Ediena Wyldmere was no exception.

I was poor, a carpenter's son, and this fact alone in the eyes of her parents disqualified me as a son in law. Our Saviour was a carpenter's son, but this fact had not caused the calling to be deemed more lofty than it was nineteen years ago.

I shall never forget the feeling of rage and despair that seized me as one day I saw Ediena pass, seated in Cyril Staythorne's handsome carriage, with Staythorne himself by her side. I cannot describe our next meeting. How much I was to blame for what followed I now know, but I then thought that I had just cause for what I did. Hot words were uttered, and for the first time we parted in anger.

The next day I left the quiet New England town, where twenty-one years of my life had been spent. A passenger train bore me away out into the world. I was going anywhere, that I might get away from the hateful spot with the one from whom I thought fate had separated me forever.

I sought and obtained employment in a great city, the crowded streets and hurrying rush of which seemed very strange and unnatural to me. I tried to forget my old home and Ediena, but I soon found it impossible to do so. Strive as I might to tear her image from my bosom, her fair, sweet face was almost always before me. Sternly I fought against the power that seemed to be drawing me back to her. Many a night did I awaken and sit bolt upright in the darkness of my little room, with her plaintive cry sounding in my ear: "Oh, Jasper, come back to me!"

It always seemed very real but I reasoned myself into thinking that it was all imagination. I now know that many times she uttered that very cry.

One day an accident happened to me. I was passing along beneath the spot where repairs were being made on a building when a falling board struck me senseless. I was picked up and carried to a hospital, but when I recovered consciousness I did not seem deranged. I could remember events and people, but I could not recall the name of a single person whom I knew.

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Women and Superstition.

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We find that even in this glorious land of freedom, liberty and education, there exists superstition in various forms. It is with regret and pain that we assert, that women are as a rule, more superstitious than men. There are reasons why this is so; but no reason can be given why it should continue to remain so.

It is for this reason—that false reasoning which partakes of the superstitious, that many women go on through life suffering greatly but silently from some ailment or disease, and vainly trying to cure themselves with some of the old-fashioned remedies used by grandmothers, and long ago declared by medical authorities to be useless and often dangerous.

"It is undeniable fact," says a well known lady writer on habits of women and household economy, "that thousands of women in Canada are continually in a state of mental excitement and worry from household cares; some who are devotees of fashion, and society leaders, are exercising brains and nerves to such a degree, that they bring illness upon themselves in various forms: sometimes insomnia and irritability; sometimes nervous excitement and hysteria, and thus their existence is made miserable to themselves and all around them." We know that many of these women resort to such drugs as opium, chloral and cocaine for relief, others following superstition will use old-fashioned drugs and pills.

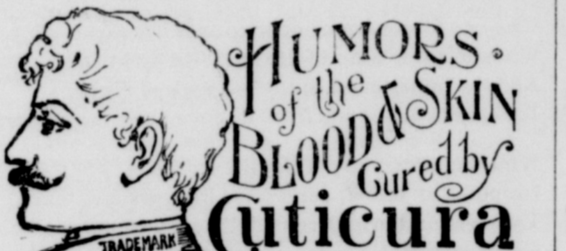
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Excusable Profanity.

Managing Editor—William, go into the next room and seen who is swearing. Such language cannot be used in this office. William—Please, sir, it's Mr. Jones. He filled his fountain pen with mucilage by mistake, sir.—Ex.



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