

A LOST WIFE

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(CONTINUED).

"So she ought to be," answered Bella, nodding her head with decision. "You have behaved very well to her; and she was a silly old woman to hide her sister away from Mark for years, as if he was a common blackguard! She did a great deal of mischief to everybody; and if you had run away with her Ellinor's husband, married or unmarried, she would have only had herself to thank for it!"

"Don't be immoral, Bella!" I said, sternly and reprovingly. "And don't you be a prude, Freda!" laughed back Bella, who, as of old, always loved to have the last word.

It may be easily imagined that Captain Thistleby did not keep very long away from our little feminine household. He very soon made an opportunity of running down for a few days to see us, and we found that "running down" process was constantly repeating itself. I need not say that we were very happy together; and though our number was that fatal one of three, which is supposed to be so inimical to love or to friendship, I cannot say that we ever found Bella much in the way of our enjoyment.

One day we all three made an expedition to that little bay where Mark and I had gone on that eventful occasion when he had left me, like Andromeda, clinging to the cliff alone. No such fatal incident happened on this occasion; all went well, and Mark, stimulated by past recollections, became very sentimental and somewhat indecorously affectionate on the way back. But although he openly accused Bella of being de trop, I cannot say that either her presence or that of the boatman who rowed us back appeared to cause him any undue amount of shyness or reticence.

And so the happy weeks and months sped by, and, in the pleasant daily society of my friend, brightened by my lover's frequent visits, the year of waiting, which we had set before us as the proper thing to submit to, passed quickly away.

Summer faded into winter, and winter at length brightened once more into summer; and when the anniversary of poor Ellinor's death had come and gone, Mark and I settled our wedding day, and were married quietly, and without any festivities, at the little church at Seaciff.

By his own special desire, George Curtis came down on purpose to give me away; and Miss Barbara Fairfax, in slight mourning, would not consent to be absent on the occasion.

I had no bridesmaids, and no white satin or Brussels lace. There was neither wedding-breakfast nor wedding-cake; nor were there any other guests save those two elderly people and Bella; neither was Aunt Selina and her peach-colored silk gown invited to assist at the ceremony.

But there was at our wedding which is lacking to many where all the above adjuncts are present in profusion; for there were two people who loved each other with all their

hearts, and who, whatever the sorrows of this troublesome world may bring to them, will still know how to be happy so long as it pleases God to spare them to each other.

THE END.

A Map Made of Wood.

A map of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, showing all political divisions and the principal water courses, made entirely in marquetry of forty-three kinds of the various woods indigenous to the two territories, is a standing attraction on the floor of the lower house of the Oklahoma Legislature. It is the handiwork of S. O. Moreland, of Shawnee, a stonemason with no technical knowledge of cabinet work, and in the making occupied the spare time of nine months. In size it is about 3 by 4 feet. The border, representing the white paper upon which maps are printed, is cottonwood, the most widely and evenly distributed of western trees. It is framed in black walnut, with heavily turned pilasters at the ends, and is under glass. The various bits of wood composing it are sawed to show the grain to the best advantage, highly polished and shaped to conform exactly to the territorial subdivisions shown on the latest published maps.

Farmers Should Keep Accounts.

Every farmer should know just what every horse, cow, hog, sheep, hen, duck, goose, turkey, tree, vine, field and garden on his farm costs him and nets him. He can know this only through the keeping of accounts.

The metropolitan police of London look after 8,200 miles of roads and streets.

THE SOMALILAND MESS.

Uninviting Task of Winding It Up Has Been Given to Gen. Egerton.

Major-General Sir Charles Comyn Egerton, K.C.B., D.S.O., who has been given the uninviting task of winding up the Somaliland mess, is fifty-five years of age, and is a member of an old Cheshire family, the Grey-Egertons, of Egerton and Oulton, of which Sir Philip Grey-Egerton is the head. Born in 1848, General Egerton joined the 31st Foot as an ensign in 1867. In 1871 he exchanged into the Bengal Staff Corps and he saw his first active service during the Afghan War of 1880. He took part in the famous march to Kandahar and in the battle of September 1st, being mentioned in despatches. Eight years afterwards he began a long experience of frontier skirmishing in the Hazara expedition of 1888, in which he was again mentioned. In 1891 he did good work in the second Hazara expedition, and in two campaigns against the Miranzai, in which he received a severe wound and won the D. S. O. Three years later he commanded a column in the operations against the Waziri. In 1896 he was selected for the difficult duty of commandant of the Indian contingent at Suakin, during Kitchener's expedition, which ended in the occupation of the Dongola province. During the Tirah campaign of 1897-8 he commanded the 1st Brigade of the Tochi Field Force, and in April, 1899, was appointed to a first-class command in the Punjab. In 1901, when the Masud Waziri began to give trouble, General Egerton was sent to deal with them, which he did in very thorough manner by marching four converging columns into their country. He is regarded as one of the most brilliant officers in the Indian army.

A Novel Kite Competition.

An interesting competition is to be carried out under the auspices of the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain, to ascertain the maximum height to which it is possible to fly kites. The trials will take place on the Sussex Downs. The contest is of an international character, so as to obtain considerable data relative to the utility of kites for meteorological operations, and the best type of kites with which to attain high altitudes. There is no stipulation regarding the size of the kites, but only single kites must be employed, and a height of 3,000 feet is fixed as the minimum. The duration of flight must be one hour. Each kite will carry a weight of two pounds to represent scientific instruments. Several enthusiastic kite flyers have decided to participate in the contest. Various materials in the manufacture of the kites will be employ-

ed. Most of them will be made of canvas, but one will be flown constructed of aluminum. This is a decided novelty, but it is anticipated that it will work satisfactorily. The string is steel wire wound upon a big reel, and weighing fifteen pounds to the mile, so that at an elevation of 15,840 feet the kite will have to support a weight of 45 pounds. There will also be an exhibition flight by Mr. Patrick Alexander of almost every kind of kite used by man, inclusive of the Japanese and Chinese. In the event of there being insufficient wind to lift the kites from a stationary position, it is proposed to employ motor cars to give them a flying start, in precisely the same manner in which a boy runs, dragging his kite behind him in order to obtain sufficient atmospheric resistance to cause the kite to rise.

It Would Look Cozy.

The minister of a little Scotch village was at the bedside of a Scotch-

A Change of Name.

Boothby—What are you thinking about, Ethel?

Miss Warrington—About our wedding. I wanted to ask a favor of you. Boothby—Anything, dearest.

Miss Warrington—Well, I don't want to change my name to Mrs. Henry Boothby. I want you to change yours to Mr. Ethel Warrington.

Thinner Than.

Barber—Hair's very thin, sir. Customer—It was thinner than that thirty years ago.

"Indeed, sir, you surprise me! Why, you don't look more than thirty now, sir."

"Thirty yesterday."

Favorable Indication.

"Miss Charmington says she is very fond of animals," remarked Bliggins' sister.

"Perhaps there's hopes for me, then," said Bliggins. "She called me a brute the other day."

Too Rusty.

Lady (after singing a few rusty notes) — Don't you think my voice should be brought out?

Manager—No; pushed back.

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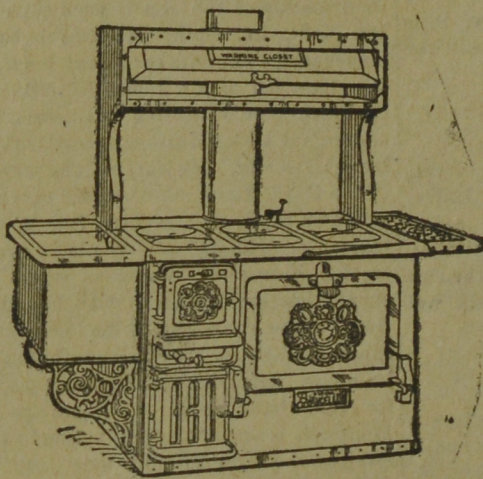
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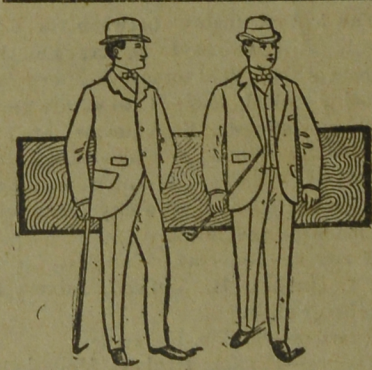
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