THE VICTIM OF A SCHEME.

How One of Franklin's Young Men Lost the Only Girl he Ever Love.

About two weeks before last Christmas a popular young Englishman came all the way from England to see his best girl who, by the way, has long been a resident of Franklin, and the result of his visit has just leaked out. Ever since the merry Christmas chimes filled the air with deep-toned melody this popular young gent has been wandering aimlessly about the streets while off duty, wearing upon his face a look so sad, so excruciatingly painful that it attracts unusual attention. When asked by his friends what causes his despondency, he sadly shakes his head and replies, "nothing," and resumes his funeral gait. Some say he is laboring under great hidden sorrows and others avow that the canker worm of remorse for some concealed crime is gnawing at his heart, but Dr. Buel thinks he is only bilious and a dose of medicine will bring him around all right. The truth of the matter is this:

Our young friend was desperately in love with this Franklin girl and for a Christmas present he determined to give her an elegant plush cloak. Christmas eve he went to A. A. Rust's store, told the polite and genial proprietor what he proposed to do and asked to be shown something in the desired line. A selection was soon made, placed in a box and neatly tied up; and after asking the proprietor to lay it aside for a short time the young Englishman left the store to dress for his visit. The clerk in the store had been an eager listener to the conversation and after the young man had gone out the sleeping devil of mischief in the clerk's polluted heart roused up and led him to the commission of a trick so damnnable that it would cause the fiends who roam the dark Plutonian shores to blush with shame. Producing a box similar to the one in which the cloak had been placed, he filled it with old newspapers and on the top of them laid a pair of red flannel drawers of the feminine gender. Then he tied the package up neatly, wrote the young man's name on it and went to supper. We would give the clerk's name, but the heart of his victim is yearning for gore and we fear something serious would be the result.

The genial little Englishman presently came in, picked up his bundle and with a light, joyous step wended his way to the house of his inamorata whistling "If Ever I Cease to Love." He was affectionately welcomed and after a few minutes' conversation said:

"I have brought my darling a Christmas gift and I hope it to her freighted with a love as pure as ever welled up within the heart of man. In making a selection I had my chosen one's comfort ever before my eyes, and I think you will agree with me that what I have brought you will not only shelter your fair form from the storms and frost, but will also attract marked attention every time you exhibit it upon the street. Men and women who may see it fitted to your beautiful figure will turn and gaze after you as you promenade the street, impelled by a power which they cannot resist. They will not only admire its neat fit, which will show every curve of your beautiful rounded form, but the handsome color, as the garment bends and waves with the motion of such a lovely body, will be to the masses a fascinating sight. How my heart beat with pleasure while selecting the present, when I thought how charming you would look with it on. I have a few verses which I composed for this occasion, and I hope you will preserve them also as a momento of this joyous event:

MY DARLING'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Here at my darling's feet I lay
A tribute of my love—
A love as bright as summer day,
Or shining sun above.

And when within the handsome gift
Her fair form she doth slide,
I pray her thoughts may eager drift
To when she'll be my bride.

It is no jewel rare I bring
From Afrika's distant mine—
It will not to the finger cling,
But to the form divine.

And oh! I pray that you may wear
It many, many years,
And that its bosom fair may ne'er
Be stained by falling tears.

Encased in this no wintry blast
Can chill my darling's form;
The winds may howl in fury past,
And still she will be warm.

When buttoned tightly, Honey dear,
The frost will seek in vain
My loved one's form to get a tear,
And sting with cruel pain.

Accept it from your Summerset,
Who brings the gift to thee,
And every time the chance you get,
I pray you think of me.

A tribute of affection's zeal,
I place it in your arms—
How justly proud it ought to feel
To hide such royal charms.

"And now, my darling, I have but one request to make, and that is that my hands may be the first to place the garment upon your fair form. Let me put it on you and button it about you with a lover's blessing. Arise, my beloved, and let us see how it fits."

He had been undoing the package and as the maiden arose to her feet with a proud and lovely smile he removed the lid. Thinking the red flannel was placed over the cloak to protect it, he caught it up and it unfolded and hung before her in all its double-barreled grandeur. With a piercing scream she sank to the floor in a swoon; and with every hair on end and his blood frozen with horror, the miserable man fled out into the darkness—out under the cold and silent stars—and he now oftimes wanders up and down the street with a bowed head and aching heart, mentally praying that death may soon come and blot from memory the experience of that wretched moment.

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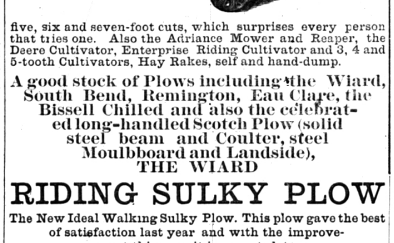

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