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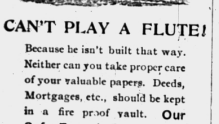

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"Kate," said Levia Winslow, looking half-defiantly at her cousin, "I won't stand papa's opposition to Harry any longer. You know Harry is a perfect gentleman, honorable and industrious, and it is only because he is comparatively poor that papa objects to my marrying him."

"But what can you do, Levia? Your father has determined that you and Harry shall not marry as you seem to be contrary-minded," Kate Winslow said, smiling at her cousin's desperate air. Levia came closer and whispered in Kate's ear:

"We're going to elope! And you must help us—won't you, dear?"

"Don't, darling; don't think of such a thing. Wait and try persuasion with your father. When he finds out that your heart is really set on Harry he surely will relent," pleaded Kate earnestly, for she knew how hot-headed her Kentucky uncle was and feared the result of an elopement.

"Pshaw! Kate, I've tried persuasion and everything else until I'm tired, and I promised Harry last night that you and I would go to Louisville Thursday on the morning train. He and Phil Lee will get on at La Grange and we will go over to Jeffersonville and get that famous squire to marry us. Then Harry and I will begin life together on his little farm and be happy ever afterward," she ended, with a delighted laugh.

Kate argued with her for some time, but finding that her cousin had fully determined upon the elopement she at last gave a reluctant assent to accompany her, hoping that all would be for the best.

Had it not been that she knew that Harry Carroll was all that Levia fondly pictured him, she would never have consented; but she knew that it was only a lack of riches in the suitor which caused Judge Winslow's objection to the match, and she believed that Harry would make her cousin happier than any one whom the judge might choose.

The plan worked smoothly, and Thursday, at noon, two young men, accompanied by two charming pretty girls, stepped off the train at the Louisville & Nashville depot in Louisville. As they did so they noticed a policeman among the crowd, holding a telegram in his hand. When he saw the little group he started toward them.

"It's all up with us, Levia," groaned Harry; "your father has found us out and telegraphed them to stop us."

"WHERE IS LEVIA?"

Levia began to cry, but Kate, speaking very rapidly, said:

"No, it's not all up. Keep quiet and I believe I can manage it. Don't any of you show surprise no matter what I do."

The policeman came up at this moment and, touching his hat politely, said:

"Very sorry to interrupt you, but I am ordered to stop an eloping party and take Miss Levia Winslow into custody until her father arrives to take her home. Now, which of these young ladies is it, for I'm sure this is the party? 'Shirt waist, dark skirt, sailor hat, dark hair and eyes; 19 years old,'" he read from his telegram.

"The description suits either of you ladies," he said, with a twinkle in his eyes, "so you'll have to help me out."

At these words Kate sprang forward, and, throwing her arms around Harry's neck, regardless of spectators, exclaimed: "You shan't take me away from him! How dare you interfere!"

Still clinging to Harry she turned on the officer with flashing eyes and looked so angry that he became impatient:

"Come, Miss Winslow," he said, coolly, "I am authorized to arrest you and must do my duty. Your friends may go free, as they are not included in the order."

Kate fell back and spoke a few words to Harry in a whisper. He in turn whispered to Levia and Kate turned reluctantly to the officer.

"I suppose I can't escape you," she said, laughing ruefully, "but I warn you I will accomplish my object yet." She kissed Harry good-by very affectionately, promising to be true to him forever, bade Levia and Philip good-by, and went to the station house with the officer. The latter was much relieved, for he had expected trouble, as he feared the prospective groom would be armed.

"I don't believe he deserved her, after all," he said to himself. "She's a mighty handsome girl, but he made very little fuss about having her torn away from him."

Two hours later Judge Winslow, red and angry—for he had nursed his wrath ever since a telegram from a friend, who had seen the young men join the girls on the train at La Grange, disclosed the elopement—rushed into the room at the station house to upbraid his undutiful daughter. He found only his niece, Kate, in the room, coolly reading a paper.

"Where is Levia?" he gasped in dismay.

"Well, my dear uncle," said Kate, calmly, "I am not sure, but I think that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carroll are just leaving the city for their country home. At least," looking at her watch, "it is just train time."

"What do you mean, girl?" cried the judge, redder and angrier than ever.

"I mean this, uncle," Kate answered bravely, "that, as the policeman could not tell us apart, I assumed Levia's name and came to the station house as a prisoner and left her and Harry to carry out their plans. Now, uncle, be angry if you want to, but be angry with me, and do not destroy Levia's happiness by uttering words you will some day repent."

The Judge was so astonished at Kate's stratagem that he cooled down a little and she took advantage of this to plead powerfully for the young couple, pointing out the good points in Harry's character, and depicting the love he bore for Levia so skillfully that Judge Winslow finally said:

"You should have been a man, Kate, and studied law, for I think you would have made a success. At least you have made me suspend judgment upon these young culprits, and I will punish Levia only by receiving you into the place she formerly occupied in my heart."

Kate smiled happily as she prepared to return home with her uncle, for she well knew that no human being could ever take the place in his affections which belonged to his only child. And she was correct in her judgment, for her uncle allowed his natural generosity to triumph over his offended pride and received Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carroll kindly when they came the next day to beg for his forgiveness. Kate, who insisted that she was the real culprit, was as freely forgiven on condition that she would take part in no more elopements.

SUCCESS IN FICTION.

The Best Writers Are Those Who Regard it as Their Chief Mission.

Mr. James Bryce, who has achieved fame as an essayist on economic problems and as a political analyist, contemplates devoting his pen to fiction, says a writer in the St. Louis Republic. It is not stated whether his motive is amusement or profit. Perhaps it is a mixture of both. If he achieves popular applause, he will disclose a versatility unsuspected by those who have perused his efforts along the more serious lines of literature. It appears that nearly all literary men at some time in their lives have been attracted toward the task of making novels. The tuneful and witty Dr. Holmes yielded to the temptation, and Lowell was credited with a strong hankering. The erudite and didactic George William Curtis wrote one novel, and showed the possession of a conscientious regard for the reading public by not repeating the offense. Bayard Taylor also invaded the field with much promise of success, but wisely concluded that the novelists' vocation did not fit his talents. There have been several noted writers of English who might have proved shining successes as novelists. Among them might be classed the brilliant and meteoric Macaulay, whose thrilling prose and inspiring verse indicate the possession of those qualities of narration and imagination which are perhaps the most effective weapons in the armory of the novel writer. Yet, Macaulay's luster as a historian was so great that he might have dimmed it by essaying fiction. Froude, who was a master of prose, failed in the domain of novel writing. The general consensus of critics seems to be that, while the novelist's faculty is not altogether denied to men great in other departments of literature, its best rewards come to those who feel it to be their chief mission.

Flood Sufferers in Texas.

The Brazos valley flood is the most damaging overflow that has occurred in this state during the last half century. In width the waters extended upon an average fully ten miles along the entire distance, and in length at least three hundred and fifty miles. They spared nothing in their destructive course. Dwelling houses and barns upon the river bank, horses, mules, cattle, hogs and crops of all kinds have been swept away. The greatest sufferers have been those who till the fields. Only a few of them are owners of land. They are tenters or employees of the farm owners, working either for daily wages or for an interest in the prospective yield. As a rule, they are very poor—entirely dependent upon their labor for support. The crops ten days ago were in splendid condition and gave promise of a most bountiful harvest, equal to the best that has been realized for many years. All that is gone, and these people now have nothing but the scanty clothing in which they escaped from the waters. Fortunately, however, the loss of life has been small. Our people have responded most generously and are laboring earnestly and liberally to relieve the great distress. Citizens of New York and Boston have voluntarily contributed about $22,000 and St. Louis about $2,000, for which we feel grateful.—Joseph D. Sayers, Governor of Texas, in Collier's Weekly.

Diet Versus Medicine.

Medicine is too cheap nowadays, or, at least, we take too much of it. If it costs us more we should take less, trying to find out means of curing little ailments without flying to the chemist. For instance, a little attention to daily diet would save many a dose of castor oil and similar medicines, and do us much more good. A glass of cold water is often of use if taken directly we get up in the morning; while brown bread, particularly the variety known as whole meal, is preferable to white. Oatmeal porridge is splendid, and we ought to see that it is always ready for the breakfast table. Vegetables, except potatoes, should in these cases be freely indulged in, and fruits, especially prunes and apples, while regular exercise in the open air is a necessity if we would save ourselves the taking of purgatives.—Woman's Life.

Formation of Habits.

As the show gathers together, so our habits are formed. No single flake that is added to the pile produces a sensible change; no single action creates, however it may exhibit, a man's character; but as the tempest hurls its avalanche down the mountain, and overwhelms the inhabitant and his habitation, so passion, acting upon the elements of mischief which pernicious habits have brought together by imperceptible accumulation, may overthrow the edifice of truth and virtue.—Bentham.

MORTGAGE SALE.—In pursuance and by virtue of an order and decree of the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland, in chancery, in the state of Michigan, made and dated on the 12th day of April, A. D. 1899, in a certain cause therein pending wherein Gilmela L. Sullivan, administrator of the estate of Margaret E. Sullivan, deceased, complainant, and Cornelius Sullivan, administrator of the estate of Peter L. Sullivan, deceased, Cornelius Sullivan, Henrietta Sullivan, Hettie J. Allen, Harry Sullivan, and unknown heirs of Harry Sullivan, Robert Parks, George P. Morse, William Boyce and Gilbert Hatch are defendants. Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House, in the city of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, and state of Michigan, (said Court House being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said county), on **Monday, the 9th day of October, A. D. 1899,** at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, all that certain piece or parcel of land in township of Troy, Oakland county, Michigan, known and described as follows: Forty acres of land off from the south end of the west half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-two (22) in town two north of range eleven east, Michigan.

Dated at Pontiac, Michigan, this 16th day of August, A. D. 1899.

FRANK L. COVERT,
Circuit Court Commissioner,
Oakland County, Michigan.

JOHN R. PATTERSON,
Solicitor for Complainant.
Aug25-Sept29

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for said county of Oakland, held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 4th day of September, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of BIRD A. TIBBITS, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of William G. Tibbits praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Eugene Brooks or some other suitable person.

It is ordered that Monday, the 9th day of October next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition; and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
[A TRUE COPY.] Judge of Probate.
Sept15-Oct6

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, made on the fifth day of September, 1899, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of MARTHA J. YOUNG, late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, for examination and allowance, on or before the 12th day of March next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court, on Monday, the 12th day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

Dated, September 11, A. D. 1899.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Sept15-Oct13 Judge of Probate

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for said county of Oakland, held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 31st day of August, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of JOSEPH H. ICK, deceased.

On application of Edwin A. Starr, administrator, for the examination and allowance of his final account and settlement of the estate.

It is ordered that Monday, the 2d day of October next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said final account; and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Sept8-Sept29 Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for said county of Oakland, held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 9th day of September, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of JAMES GRAVELY, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Almeron Whitehead, the administrator, praying for license to sell the real estate of said deceased for the purpose of distribution.

It is ordered that Thursday, the 19th day of October next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear at the time and place aforesaid and show cause, if any exists, why said petition should not be granted; and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printing and circulating in said county of Oakland.

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