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And keen, high ridges by fierce winds patrolled,
With evening comes a mighty shadow cold
Across my doorway as the sun sinks low,
And, high above, the loftier summits show
Faint as the twilight tames their outlines bold,
Then from the hights the spirit of repose
Steals earthward, with the peace that long has lain
Secure amid the deep, untrodden snows—
A shadow stream, for which my soul is fain,
That from the towering peak of silence flows,
And pours its balm upon the toiling plain.

—Meredith Nicholson in Century.

Who Was the Winner?

BY EVA WILLIAMS MALONE.

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"A pair of gloves to a box of candy that I can bring your adorable young rector to a proposal before Easter! You all think he's made of alabaster and can't come down to common clay! Never mind, I'll prove to you that he's a man just like the rest. Will you take the wager?"

She was bewitchingly pretty and she knew it; she was a consummate flirt and others knew it, if she did not.

"I'll accept the wager on one condition: the Rev. Alonzo is to propose and to be rejected. It's rather dangerous sport turning these ravishing young divines into one's own especial preserves, Mabelle—" and he gave her a look that might mean cousinly affection and might mean a great deal more.

"Rejected! Of course he's to be rejected, they all are, for a century, at least!" and her merry laugh rang through the room. To look at her, one would have felt that she might well defy Time and Change, and claim Youth and Beauty as a perennial dower. A kiss sealed the compact—quite a cousinly kiss, to be sure; and then the wicked little sinner began to form her "plan of campaign."

The next afternoon the Rev. Alonzo was surprised and delighted to see Mabelle at the Lenten services. Her worldliness (and her beauty) had caused him sundry pangs, and there is no knowing how many of the prayers in times past had been said with the vision of a pair of dancing blue eyes between the young rector and the book. One must naturally grieve at the waywardness of his own sheep, and if the "sheep" be very young and fair, one is but flesh and blood to grieve just a little more ardently, to be sure! So, the Rev. Alonzo put unusual fervor and unction into the services; and that wily sinner with the unspeakable guileless eyes was surprised to find that the game promised to be somewhat less of a "bore" than she had anticipated. She lingered just a little to make quite sure that he was aware of her presence. Then, when she felt rather than saw him coming to greet her, she slipped away. He went home feeling that the services had not been quite what he had hoped for. Just how and where the lack, I doubt if he admitted to himself.

The following day she came late; but lingered to ask him if he would mind dropping in, quite informally, the next forenoon to discuss a little plan of hers about the "Ragged School." Had she invited him to "drop in" and discuss protoplasm he would have felt—with the first sweet thrill of surprise at such a proposal from so bewitching a sinner—that protoplasm was, just then, the most enthralling theme in existence!

But, to discuss the "Ragged School," that [illegible] object of his affections! She had a heart—a gentle, womanly heart! He had suspected it all along, and now he knew that her worldliness, her frivolity were only surface deep. The "Ragged School"! Could any but a saint in embryo be interested in so unsavory a theme?

"My!" she mused, as she went from the church, just a wee thrill lingering in the hand he had clasped, "Why did I say Ragged School? Wasn't there something else that would have served the purpose without committing my dense ignorance to such a test? Ragged School! Is there one other subject that I know or care quite so little about as the Ragged School? I wonder where my good fairy was when she could not put some other excuse for

"At the Lenten service."

an invitation into my stupid head! But I'm in for it now, and I'll drive by the Ragged School and get a few 'dots' for tomorrow. Maybe my boasted 'plan' will materialize between now and then."

Somehow, at the sight of the real thing—the eager pinched faces with their hunger for better things written upon them—a something genuine, warm, womanly stirred in her heart—her giddy selfish heart, that had, hitherto, bowed only at the Moloch of her own consuming vanity. In her gilded, pampered life, she had never seen anything like this. Then she thought: "It is such work as this that fill his life, while I—" and the ignominy of her wager with her cousin dyed her cheek with blushes that outvied the rouge. She entered her carriage self-condemned, humiliated. He saw her drive away and found in her act a full justification of the best thoughts he had given her.

When he came the next day, she had a genuine "plan," and, in its discussion with him, she marveled at her own earnestness; and at the depth and intensity of the man whom she had planned to make her toy as she had made others. When he was gone, she asked herself which was the real world—his or hers?

"I wonder if I am a hypocrite?" she asked herself, "which did I really mean, the wager with Charlie or this? How this true man would despise me if he knew!"

Toward the close of Lent Charlie said rather captiously:

"By the way, dear girl, I don't hear so much about that young rector and his rejection, as I had expected. I'm afraid your charms are beginning to fail? Don't forget the gloves if he doesn't come to time; and remember, it's to be a good round 'No.' You've been most distressingly pious ever since Ash Wednesday, I'm bound to admit. Every time I've called, it seems to me the servant has said:

"'Miss Evelyn has gone to church.'

"'And this Ragged School fad—Don't you think that's piling it on rather heavy, Puss?"

"The Ragged School is all right. Don't you bother about it—or me."

There was just a little touch of

"About the Ragged school—"

something in her tone and bearing that made this distant relative scan her face earnestly. He had always felt that when the time for seriousness between him and Evelyn came, all would be well.

"Look here, Coz," he said, "don't you forget it's to be 'No'; that's a part of the compact, you remember."

"Oh, certainly, we both understand that," she retorted with a return of her accustomed gayety. But he left her with a thorn in his heart.

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Easter morning he received, buried in the redolence of lilies, a pair of gloves from which fell a bit of perfumed paper. He seized it and his hand trembled as he read:

"Dear Old Charlie:

I send the gloves. I hope you won't mind that the play has not turned out just right! He did all that could have been expected; but the leading lady failed at the very last moment and made it 'Yes' instead of 'No!' Be sure and come to see me when I am Mistress of The Manse. EVELYN."

"N. B. I've confessed our villainous plot to Alonza, so you needn't feel the slightest compunction about coming."

But he never went!

Profitable Farming in Alaska.

Gov. Brady of Alaska and other persons familiar with the general features and natural resources of that northern most possession of the United States have frequently asserted that its soil and climate are far more amenable to the processes of a high civilization than is generally supposed, and have predicted that the time would come when Alaska would be the home of a large and prosperous agricultural population. Official confirmation of these views is furnished in a report just made by a special agent of the United States agricultural department, who has had charge of an agricultural experiment station in Alaska. He thinks that the territory will ultimately be as promising a field for agriculture and stock raising as it now is for mining. The results of experiments extending for two years have established beyond a doubt, he says, that such staple products as flax, wheat, oats, rye and barley can be grown with success and profit in almost every part of Alaska. Thus one after another of the old arguments against the purchase of "Seward's folly" are made to give way in the light of the facts.—Leslie's Weekly.

Origin of St. Valentine's Day.

The origin of St. Valentine's day is obscure. Saint Valentine was a priest of Rome, who was martyred in the third century. Douce says that it was the practice in ancient Rome, during a great part of February, to celebrate feasts in honor of Pan and Juno. At these times, amid many ceremonies, the names of young women were put into a box, from which they were drawn by men. The pastors of the early church, striving to eradicate pagan superstitions, often substituted the festival of some Christian saint for that of a heathen deity. In this case they probably chose that of St. Valentine, which occurred at nearly the same time, but though the name of the day became Christian, relics of the old pagan ceremonies still cling to it.—Indianapolis News.

A Highland Scotch Tradition.

There is an old tradition in the highlands of Scotland to the effect that the owner of Balmoral dies when the snow lies on a particular spot of Lochnagar, which is rarely covered even in the severest winters. In fact, according to the local report, the snow has lain there this winter for the first time during the reign of her late majesty. It is not generally known, either, that the custom of stopping the clocks at the moment when a "laird" dies and keeping them so until after the funeral was practiced at Balmoral castle, where the clock in the tower was stopped at the hour of Queen Victoria's death, just as the flag was at once lowered to half mast.

Nearly one-fourth of Mexico's foreign trade was handled through the port of Tampico last year.

The foreign trade in Mexico, both import and export, now amounts to an annual value of $140,000,000.

The Fight with Weeds.

In the battle with weeds the first point is not to let weed seeds be carried onto bare land. For this reason there are fields where bare fallows are never advisable, as, for illustration, a field adjoining a road overrun with weeds. The practice of leaving land thus bare is very often the cause of the same land being subsequently overrun with weeds, which can only be extirpated by years of expensive operations. The land owner frequently imagines that he has no interest in thistles, wild lettuce, and other weeds that line the roadside adjoining his premises. But he has a very decided financial interest in them, for they are the great store house from which his farm is seeded. While he is asleep, the winds are whipping the heads of the ripening weeds and carrying the seeds over his land to find a lodgment wherever there is an unused spot of ground. It will pay to make war on such weeds for the purpose of cutting off the supply of new seeds. If the weeds along the roadside be mowed a number of times during the growing season they will cease to reproduce themselves and in their stead grass will appear. This will be taking possession of the enemy's entrenchments.

We must prevent weed seeds from getting into the manure, as this is one of the ways in which they are kept on the farm. The screenings of the grain, if full of weed seeds should be disposed of in some way that will keep them out of the manure pile, and when the chaff is likewise full of weed seeds it will be found cheaper to burn it than to use it for bedding, by which means it finds its way into the manure. Under an ideal system of manure handling this chaff would go into a compost where the seeds would be destroyed, but we have no such certainty of their destruction at the present time. Therefore we must do the next best thing and prevent the seeds from getting into the manure at all.

Biennial and perennial weeds are, of course, more difficult to destroy than are the annuals, and frequently have to be given special attention. Plowing is the strongest measure that can be used against them, but many of the larger weeds will have to be dealt with individually. We have never seen the farm where hand work did not have to be used to some extent in getting rid of weeds.

Expensive Poison for Potato Bugs.

The Maine Experiment Station, in bulletin 65, takes up the question of poisons for potato beetles. It reports so adversely on "Bug Death," a patent insecticide, that anyone reading the bulletin will certainly not buy the powder named. In part it says:

Whatever value the material has is dependent upon the strong dislike which the bugs show for it, rather than to any insecticidal qualities which it may have. The price as advertised ranges from 15 cents for a single pound to 8 cents in the largest package which the company puts out. At the rate applied in these experiments it would cost $8.00 per acre for the material for each application. Two applications a fortnight apart would be needed to keep the potatoes free from bugs. When applied to vines not covering the ground an application at the rate of 40 pounds per acre was without effect, so it would seem that the second application must be as great as the first. To partly protect would cost for the Bug Death $8.00 per acre, while to thoroughly protect against [illegible] would cost $16.00 for material. The "Perfection Shaker" is a covered tin dish with small holes in the bottom. Applied with this shaker a man would be kept very busy and might develop a lame wrist in the attempt to apply 100 pounds in one day. In Aroostook county there are in the neighborhood of 25,000 acres of potatoes on which the bugs must be killed within a few days' time. In the presidential election of 1896 the county polled 6,472 votes. It would take ten days for these voters to protect the potato plants from bugs applying Bug Death with the Perfection shaker. A farmer growing 20 to 50 acres would find it impossible to get the help necessary to apply Bug Death at the right time.

One pound of Paris green, or other arsenites applied at two different times will do all the work of 200 pounds of Bug Death. The Paris green can be applied with power sprayer at the rate of 20 to 30 acres a day, and a thorough application of Bordeaux mixture can be applied at the same time with only the added cost of materials (about 40 to 45 cents an acre). Reckoning a man's time at 15 cents an hour it would cost at least for materials and labor $18 an acre to apply Bug Death twice. For $2.50 an acre can be treated four times with Bordeaux mixture and a [illegible]able poison.

Shetland Sheep Wool.

The wool of the pure native Shetland sheep is generally compared to merino on account of its fine texture. Like the Shetland pony, the pure Shetland sheep is a small and very active creature, often to be seen moving with the swiftness and agility of a goat or chamois among the cliffs and crags of the shore. For the first few months the lambs live on the hill pastures with their mothers, but toward the close of summer they are taken in from the hill and tethered, usually in pairs on the grass inside the dikes that separate the hill pasture from the crofts. This is done to give them a better chance of standing the winter, but when bad weather really sets in they are shut up in snug and comfortable little folds every night, and regularly fed. In spring they are again allowed to run free on the hill pastures.

The wool of the native sheep is not generally clipped or shorn. On the big farms where cheviot and black-face sheep are kept shearing is, of course, the practice, but the Shetlanders leave the sheep's fleece intact till the wool is ripe, so to speak, and just about to come off itself; then it is rooed or pulled off carefully, so as not to hurt the creatures, and any part of it that does not come off readily is left till later.—Chamber's Journal.

A beefsteak dipped in liquid air becomes as hard as stone, and can be ground into a fine powder.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

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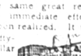

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Dated March 8, A. D. 1901.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.

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