

Ruined Rhapsody.

"All the world's in love with me..."



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When Florence declared that she had...

"What in the world one could do to pass the time, for the life of me, I can see..."

"No comforts, no luxuries, no balls, no tennis, no golf—nothing that I can see excepting mosquitoes and bugs..."

"And so to the woods went Florence with Papa. He demurred a bit at first at the idea of dragging a girl..."

"Nor was he disappointed. She took pot luck such as the rough hotel offered without a murmur. He taught her to hunt with him, but she declined to go with him on his fishing and hunting expeditions..."

"So day after day he went out with a guide or some chance companion and the girl was left to her own devices. At the start her father had brought her a guide in the person of Jasper..."

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BOY OVERLOOKED A POINT

Had Selected a Turtle Not Sufficiently Magnetic. Speaking of the turtles that were recently found in Jersey, bearing dates of fifty and sixty years ago...

Nothing short of the George Washington era would do. So, taking out the remaining ten days of the W. 1776, on the reptile's shell. The cutting, of course, looked very modern, but this was easily remedied by rubbing it in mud and polishing it on the grass.

This done to the satisfaction of the boy, rushed to the jolly-faced farmington. "Look, Mr. Deacon. I just found a turtle more than 100 years old with George Washington's initials on the shell!"

"There has," said Dr. Deacon, holding out his hand for the turtle. "Yes, sir," returned the youngster with a very straight face. The good old farmer glanced at the reptile just one second, and then burst out into a merry laugh.

"Willie, this darned fool," said he, "that turtle isn't half grown."—Philadelphia Record.

STILL HAD \$3 COMING. Creditor Rejoiced Too Soon Over Liquidation. The late Rev. Benjamin Eastwood of Pawtucket, R. I., for many years pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd in this city, died last week of an incident, which occurred in his parish.

Tom Faraday, tinsmith, had loaned him \$500 of his neighbor's \$5, and Tom had fallen into dissolute habits which so curtailed his income and impaired his credit that Tom's prospect of recovering the money seemed doubtful.

One morning, however, Tom dunned his debtor with unusual severity and later in the day Tom came to him and said that he was ready to pay back his telephone, a crude affair of his own construction, connecting his shop and house, and signaled his wife.

"Jane, are you there?" called he. "Ay, John, but ye'll wake the babe when ye'r thumping; what ist' ye want, John?"

"Ye know Tim Marica, Jane, that's owed me \$5 a long time; 'e paid me!" "Th neighbor Tim, did ye say; did he owe ye, John?"

"Ay, John, a long time, but e's paid up now." "Well, I'm glad ye've got yer money, John, and I'm glad yer know yer best, too, for yer borrowin' \$500 of me this mornin'."

A Lounging Room. On the first floor of many houses there is an unnecessary little room, called through courtesy a den, a library or a reading room, which is not a room at all, it is without purpose, and I have never yet been able to understand why an architect should add such a superfluous room to a house.

Jasper. The purports of the dandies of the ball room and the dandies of the opera became contemptible to her, and the hollowness of their lives loathsome.

So for Jasper Courard, Florence was the first lady from the outer world he had ever seen and his wonder knew no bounds. All the women he had ever seen were in blue and red and yellow and pink, and the few wives of the lumbermen and settlers—all old and of a very different sort from the dainty bit of Dresden China which had floated his way.

Now, what do you think happened? Of course, my romantic young woman, a reader who should be a mother, fell in love with her. And my romantic young woman readers are right. That is exactly what happened. He fell in love with her, and she with all the sunshine in the world seemed absorbed in that one little bundle of femininity and all the rest of the world.

One day just before the Delamonts were about to start home the woodsman, Jasper, who had been with the commander a view of his rough cabin, and here he told her of a love. "I don't reckon you kin love a live rough like the woods," he said. "And I don't reckon you could live happy up here in the woods—if you go you'd make me the happiest man in the woods, but I wouldn't tell you of it, I want you always to know that up here in the woods in a rough little cabin there's a heart that beats for you all the time. I don't know much of the world and I don't reckon I ever could do much out yonder, but if ever there is anything I kin do to make you happier, let me know, an' I'll do it if it can be done."

All at once all the world faded away from Florence save only the woods and the lake and the little cabin and the straight, quivering figure before her. And she knew that the world was less than she had thought. "And if I should stay?" she whispered. "If you should stay?" he repeated, looking at her in bewilderment. Then catching the significance of her flushed cheeks and her drooping eyes, he pushed back his hat and looked at her with a stare...

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"Hello, hello, boy! And so you are married, eh? Smith—That's what the parson told me. Gray—And of course, you are happy?"

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