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Reduced to an Absurdity
A Lady's Part In An Affair of Honor
By ISABEL MORTON

One afternoon toward the close of the seventeenth century a young lady was sitting in the garden in the rear of her home in New Orleans when a negro came from the house bearing a silver salver on which lay a sealed note.

"Mlle. Therese, can you tell me where I can find Marse George?" asked the boy.

Instead of replying, the girl took the missive from the salver and looked it over, especially examining the handwriting in which the address was written.

"Who brought it?" she asked.

"A cull'd boy."

"Whose boy?"

"I spec' he belongs to Marse Winston."

Mars' Winston was the intimate friend of Clarence Warfield, and Clarence Warfield had been attentive to the young lady who was inspecting the note. George Carnoux, her twin brother, was so wrapped up in his sister that the idea of her marrying any one was abhorrent to him. He said that he would be perfectly willing she should marry provided the man of her choice was good enough for her, but that man had not yet appeared. Mlle. Carnoux from the opposition her brother had shown to the attentions Warfield had paid her, suspected that her brother had insulted the latter, and this was a challenge. But she could not understand. If such it were, why Louis Winston should not have brought so important a communication himself instead of sending it by a slave.

"I will go and see if I can find him," she said to the servant. "Let the boy wait."

She went into the house and up to her room, taking the note with her. Her brother was not at home, and she had little fear of interruption in what she was about to do. Slitting the paper about the seal—envelopes were not then used—she read the note. It was, as she suspected, a challenge Warfield had sent through Winston, who explained his sending it by a slave because if he called himself Mlle. Carnoux might suspect the object of his visit. Winston said Warfield hoped that Carnoux would withdraw the language he had used that morning, for he considered the affair very unfortunate, and it should be amicably settled.

Mlle. Carnoux knew her brother too well to believe that he would withdraw anything he had said in the face of a challenge. She sat with the letter in her hand for a long while revolving plans in her head for preventing the meeting. She loved Warfield, and her affection for her brother was of that strength that is natural between twins. At last she came to a conclusion. Taking from a cabinet a bundle of her brother's letters, she replied to the note in his name, imitating his handwriting, appointing for the meeting the next morning at 5 o'clock in the wood near the city, where most duels were fought. Then, sealing her note with wax, she called a servant and told him to give it to the boy.

When George Carnoux came in an hour later he found his sister waiting for him expectantly. She told him that word had come from a plantation owned by the Carnoux family that the levee on its border showed signs of breaking and his presence was needed there at once.

Now, Carnoux was not well pleased at this news since he expected a visit from some friend of Warfield's, whom he had insulted that morning. But on asking if any gentleman had called to see him and being assured that there had not he reluctantly mounted a horse and rode away, leaving orders that any one calling was to receive an explanation of his absence and be told that he would return just as soon as he could secure the safety of the plantation.

Mlle. Therese, who had sent her brother away on a fool's errand, knew that he could not go to the plantation and return before the next day was half spent. As soon as he had gone, having eliminated him temporarily from the problem, she gave herself up to thought as to what she should do further. While George was of an excitable disposition and a fiery temper, Therese had the advantage of him in coolness, and she possessed more physical strength. Indeed, though George was by no means effeminate, every one said that Therese should have been the boy instead of her brother. She was a trifle heavier in build and was half an inch taller.

Evening came and she had formed no plan, but at the hour when the cafes were crowded an idea got into her head that accorded rather with the nature of a man than that of a woman. Going to her brother's room, she selected a suit of his clothes and put it on, concealing her feminine figure by donning a large overcoat with a long cape that covered her hips. It was not needed for warmth, but was very efficient as a disguise. Having thus arrayed herself, she watched for an opportunity to escape from the house unobserved, but stumbled on Uncle Jake, an old darky, who started when he saw her.

"Po' de Lo'd, Marse George, I thought yo'd gone to de plantation! Yo' daint yo' own ghost nobow, are yo'?"

Mars' George pushed by the old man, saying that he was in a hurry, leaving him gaping, and, entering upon the street, strolled toward the gayest part of the city.

When morning dawned Clarence Warfield, accompanied by his second, Winston, drove into the wood where the meeting was to take place. No one was there. Winston pulled his watch from his fob and remarked that it was still five minutes of the hour appointed. The two men paced back and forth together, for the morning was chilly. While thus engaged they heard the sound of carriage wheels, and Winston remarked, "Here they come; they're on the minute."

What was their surprise to see three gentlemen alight from the carriage whom they did not know, one with a pair of rapiers in the hollow of his arm, another having a wooden case. The three on seeing Warfield and his second looked equally astonished.

"Gentlemen," said the man with the fobs, "I presume we have both come for a similar purpose, but fortunately there is plenty of room for all."

"We presumed that your carriage contained the other half of our party," said Warfield, looking at his timepiece. "It is a few minutes past our appointed time. We were to meet at 5 o'clock."

"That was our hour."

"Indeed, strange that two affairs should have been arranged for the same hour at the same place."

The last words were scarcely spoken when another carriage drove up and out stepped a third party, unknown to the other two. All three of the different sets looked at one another in amazement.

"There is something singular about all this," said Winston. Then, turning to one of the party who were second on the ground, he asked:

"Would you mind informing me, sir, of the name of the man you are to meet?"

The other handed the inquirer a card bearing the name of George Carnoux. Winston and his principal looked at it in added astonishment.

"And you?" said Winston, turning to the third party, who produced a card bearing the same name as the other.

As soon as Warfield could regain his tongue he asked both parties if they had long known Mr. Carnoux and received a reply that they had met him only the evening before, where both principals admitted that they had been grossly insulted by him.

Warfield and his second looked at each other puzzled. What could it mean? Carnoux was a fiery fellow, but a gentleman who would not be likely to insult any one. Could it be that his courage had failed him and in order to prevent one duel he had taken upon himself two more?

"What kind of a looking person was the man who insulted you?" asked Winston of the others. They described Carnoux "it must be so," said Warfield to his second. Then to the others: "Gentlemen, you may as well return to the city. The man who insulted you did so, doubtless, to escape a meeting with me. I sent him a challenge yesterday afternoon and received a reply directly from him appointing the meeting with me here this morning."

At that juncture more wheels were heard, and another carriage rolled into the wood. All eyes were turned toward it, eager to see who would alight, all suspecting that a new person who had been insulted the night before was coming to receive satisfaction. To the astonishment of all three parties, out stepped a lady—a lady whom Warfield and his second recognized at once as Therese Carnoux.

"What does this mean, you coward?" thundered one of the principals. "Do you come here to shield yourself under a woman's skirts?"

"Please explain, sir," said Therese naughtily.

The man referred to the insult of the evening before.

"George Carnoux is my brother," replied Therese, "and he could not have insulted you, because he went yesterday afternoon to our plantation, fifty miles away."

"There is some trick here," cried the other furiously. Warfield interrupted him.

"You came here to meet this lady's brother. One disrespectful word to her and you will have an opportunity to settle the matter with me."

The three parties glared at one another for a few moments; then both the second and third parties to arrive bolted for their carriages and drove away. They had scarcely gone when a fourth carriage came hurrying on, then stopped, and out jumped George Carnoux. Seeing his sister, he exclaimed reproachfully:

"Therese, what have you done? You have sought to disgrace me."

"Brother, you must make the best of all this. I am engaged to Clarence Warfield and command you to make it all up with him."

"I beg of you to do so," said Warfield, advancing, with outstretched hand. Carnoux hesitated, then took the proffered hand.

"But what does it all mean?" he asked of his sister.

"I received the challenge intended for you, replied to it in your name, sent you off to get you out of the way, went out dressed in your apparel, complicated matters by insulting persons in your name and came here to exonerate you."

"What a mad freak!"

"You returned sooner than I expected."

"I met a man from the plantation who told me that there was no danger from the levee."

"And now, gentlemen," said Therese, "since this affair has been brought to the reduction absurdum come home with me and we will have some breakfast."

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"About 50 per cent of the Japanese women entering America are victims of hookworm," said Dr. Jolivar J. Lloyd of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service. "Only 12 per cent of the male immigrants from Japan have the disease. The greater prevalence of the disease among the Japanese women than the men is because the women go barefooted while working in the rice fields, while the men have been accustomed to wearing shoes. The disease is contracted by the larvae of the hookworm entering the system through some abrasion of the skin, frequently on the feet. It has been estimated that 90 per cent of the Chinese boys who enter this country have the disease."

Application Denied.
Washington, D. C.—The Interstate Commerce Commission denied Monday the application of the Southern Pacific Railway Company for relief from the operation of the long and short haul law governing traffic between Portland, Ore., and San Francisco common points. It was held, however, that the Southern Pacific has justified the exaction of higher rates southbound from Portland to points inland than to San Francisco. The existing rates, subject at intermediate points to the operation of the long and short haul provision, will stand, the necessary adjustment of rates to be made by August 1.

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COUNTY COURT REPORT

Grind of the Jackson County Court Mostly Routine Work for Last Week.

Marriage Licenses—J. French Walker and Laura A. Erb.—Peter Madison and Hattie Gibson.—T. W. Barber and Lucy A. Kent.—Simeon S. Drake and Myrtle E. Willson.—Edwin Gilbert Hodgkiss and Eva Willson.

New Cases—State of Oregon vs. Frank Ceol, assault.—Edith Palmer vs. W. A. Jones and L. M. Clevenger, action to recover personal property.—Jose Neathammer vs. Adame May Jones Sherwood et al., suit to foreclose mortgage.

Probate—Estate J. T. Layton, order to mortgage property.

Commissioners Court—Order appointing William Sears deputy assessor.—County hospital report for May filed and approved.—Order admitting Frederica Herzer, D. R. McGregor, F. Speck, Wilhelm Kinslesen to county hospital.—Order accepting survey on road in sections 10 and 15, township 39, 1 east.—Order accepting bid and letting contract to E. T. Perham for bridge across Bear creek in Medford.—Order that E. Kimball be placed on regular indigent list.

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FEW LIVES LOST.

Eruptions in Alaska Not so Disastrous as Thought.

Seward, Alaska.—The revenue cutter McCulloch has arrived here from Kodiak with the news that conditions there are much improved and that there is no confirmation of the reports of heavy loss of life on the mainland. All the inhabitants of Katmai, a mainland village near the volcano, are safe and have been taken to Agonak. The only fatalities so far as known were those of a woman and a baby who were ill before the eruption and probably would have succumbed in a short time anyway. Heavy rains followed by drought have caked the layer of ashes which covers the land. The natives are killing and salting their stock, as there is no grass left for them. The water is undrinkable.

Canadian Olympic Team Sails.

Montreal.—The athletes, oarsmen and marksmen who are to uphold the honors of Canada in the Olympic contests at Stockholm next month sailed Friday for Liverpool. The team will spend a week or ten days in final practice in England before proceeding to Stockholm.



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