

**A Crown of Love**

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The reigning sovereign of Atruria, Prince Carl, had a son, Oluf. A neighboring principality—Essengen—had lost its rulers in the male line, none remaining except the Princess Clothilde and her younger sister Minna. Clothilde, who occupied the throne, being a very feminine woman, was averse to the duties of sovereignty. She would have abdicated in favor of her sister, but Minna had no more desire to rule than Clothilde. Indeed, the people of Essengen were a turbulent lot who required the strong hand of a man to govern them and made no secret of their contempt for a sovereign queen.

There was every reason why the two contiguous principalities should be joined under one head. Negotiations to that effect were entered upon between Prince Carl on the one side and the nobles of Essengen on the other. It was proposed that Prince Oluf should marry the Princess Clothilde, the two to be prince and princess of the united principalities. After many demands and concessions a compact was made, and nothing remained but the consent of the two parties, most especially concerned—Prince Oluf and Princess Clothilde. Prince Oluf visited the princess, and, as luck would have it, she fell desperately in love with him.

One of the points claimed by the princess's subjects was that she should be sovereign equally with the prince, her husband, for at the time of the nuptials Prince Carl was to abdicate in favor of his son. There was so much feeling among the people of Essengen that in order to satisfy them one of Clothilde's ministers suggested that she wear the iron crown of the sovereign on her head at all public functions. The crown being heavy, a light one was made, and the princess wore it nearly all the while.

Great preparations were made for the wedding, which was to take place at the capital of Essengen, after which the bridal couple were to take up their residence in Atruria. The princess was so deeply in love with Oluf that she desired his presence most of the time in Essengen. This was not pleasing to the Princess Minna, who had conceived a great dislike for the prince. Indeed, she gave out to those about her that she would be glad when the couple were married, since then they would remove to Atruria and she would no longer be troubled with the presence of a very disagreeable man.

Shortly before the nuptials were to take place the Princess Clothilde fell ill. There was at the time so much feeling on the part of her people as to her united sovereignty with the prince, who was to be her husband, that, although she was an invalid, her ministers insisted on her still wearing the iron crown. On one occasion when she had left it off a citizen of influence who opposed the union of the principalities was admitted to see her and as soon as he had left the palace attempted to foment a revolution on the ground that the princess had left off the crown.

Princess Clothilde grew worse and died, but a few days before the appointed marriage. Prince Carl, his son, Prince Oluf, the Atrurians and many Essengens were bitterly disappointed that the prospective union of the two countries had thus fallen through. Prince Oluf, however, who had taken as much liking to Princess Minna as she had taken dislike to him—indeed, it was said that had she been sovereign she would have been his choice—proposed that all that had been arranged should be carried out, Minna to become his wife instead of Clothilde.

The proposition was acceded to by the union party of Essengen, but all expected that Minna even far reasons of state would not marry a man she so cordially disliked. However, the council went to her in a body, represented to her the importance of the union of the two countries and proposed that she become the wife of the man who was to have married her sister.

She flatly refused. Then commenced a struggle on the part of the unionists of Essengen, Prince Carl and especially Prince Oluf to induce her to change her mind. Prince Oluf, who had been in love with her instead of her sister from the start, was wild with disappointment. He wooed her with delicacy, but did not succeed in changing her antipathy for him. But what he could not bring about was in part effected by the princess's ministers. Finally on their representation that it was her duty to sacrifice herself for her people's good she consented to the marriage.

As soon as the fact was given out to the people the prime minister advised the princess to wear the iron crown. And now a strange thing happened. Prince Oluf was advised that the princess desired to see him. He entered gloomily from the fact of a dislike on the part of the woman he loved that he had not been able to conquer. What was his surprise when the princess put her arms lovingly around his neck and

her head dropped on his shoulder. She married not only for reasons of state, but for love. Recently experiments in Paris by scientists have established the fact that a metal circlet worn on the head of a person suffering from hysteria if afterward placed on the head of another person will produce the same effect as in the first instance. May we infer that in this instance it produced the same love?

**MEMORIES OF MARK TWAIN.**

Two Letters the Humorist Wrote to Henry Watterson.

"Mark Twain—An Intimate Memory," is the title of Henry Watterson's article about his cousin as it appears in the American Magazine. Mr. Watterson recites the following incident as being typical of Mark Twain's whimsical point of view: "His mind turned over to the droll. Once in London I was living with my family at 103 Mount Street. Between 103 and 102 there was the parochial workhouse—quite a long and imposing building. One evening, upon coming in from an outing, I found a letter he had written on the sitting room table and left with his card. He spoke of the shock he had received upon finding that next to 102—presumably 103—was the workhouse. He had loved me, but had always feared that I would end by disgracing the family—being hanged, or something—but the 'work' that was beyond him; he had not thought it would come to that. And so on through pages of horseplay, his relief on ascertaining the truth and learning his mistake, his regret at not finding me at home, closing with a dinner invitation. Once at Geneva, in Switzerland, I received a long, overflowing letter, full of buoyant oddities, written from London. Two or three hours later came a telegram: 'Burn letter. Blot it from your memory. Susie is dead.'"

Susie was Mrs. Clemens.

Quaint Remedies. Among the members of the Greek church in Macedonia the following recipes are regarded as highly useful: To pacify one's enemies write the psalm "Known In Judea," dissolve it in water and give your enemy to drink thereof, and he will be pacified. For a startled and frightened man take three dry chestnuts and sow thistle and three glasses of old wine and let him drink thereof early and late. Write also "In the beginning was the word" and let him carry it.

**Market Quotations.**

SUGAR—Cash Price—Sugar, \$6.75; beet sugar \$6.55.

VEGETABLES—New dry onions, 5c; fresh peas 10c; rhubarb 3c; head lettuce 10c; radishes, 3 bunches for 10c; green onions, 3 bunches for 10c; tomatoes 15c lb; new potatoes, 10 for 25c; cabbage 6c lb; green corn, 25c doz. String beans 10c lb.

FRUIT—Oranges, 50c per dozen; lemons, 45c per dozen; bananas, 40c per doz.; cherries, 25 to 35c per gal.; red raspberries, 2 boxes for 25c; blackberries, 2 boxes for 25c; water-melons 3c lb.; cantalopes, 10 and 15c lb.; peaches, 10c lb.; plums, 10c lb.

MEATS—Hogs, live weight, well finished, \$9 cwt; cows, 3 1-2 to 4c; veal 4 to 4 1-2c; mutton, 3 1-2 to 4c; chickens 13c.

Portland Markets

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