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A TWICE-TOLD TALE

By SADIE OLCOTT

Lieutenant Colonel Beverage, commandant of cadets at the West Point Military academy, had been busy all day with his duties pertaining to the graduation of the first class of the corps of cadets and in the evening strolled up to the West Point hotel.

Colonel Beverage had met so many strangers that he could not remember them all, though being a prominent person at West Point he was himself remembered. A maiden lady who was nearing the close of her fourth decade nodded to him. Not being able to place her, he joined her, with a view to learning who she was without betraying his ignorance. They were soon seated on a corner of the porch, and the colonel opened the conversation.

"There is a far denser crowd than that to be found here in June when I was a cadet. The youngsters don't have the opportunity to spoon here that we had. In those days it was possible to get a girl off here by herself and make no end of love to her."

"I presume, colonel," said the lady, "that you did your share of that sort of thing."

"We all did our duty, I assure you, in keeping up the credit of the academy as entertainers."

"Did you ever make a proposition on this porch?"

"That is a pointed question, but since you ask about what occurred twenty years ago I presume there is nothing indecorous in acknowledging that I did."

"Was the girl attractive, or was it the surroundings rather than her personality that moved you?"

"She was delicious."

"That's a new word to apply to a woman."

"It expresses exactly what she was to me."

"Do you remember on what part of the porch this interesting scene took place?"

"Remember! I shall never forget it was in this very corner."

"Were you accepted?"

"On the contrary, my proposal was received with a merry laugh. 'You cadets,' she said, 'are incorrigible. You're the fourth proposal I have received since I have been here. West Point is the only place in the world, I believe, where a proposal means nothing.'"

"Mine meant a good deal, but its reception took me flat aback. Instead of trying to convince her that I was in earnest I forced a smile and said: 'Your top me by one. You have received four proposals. I have made but three.'"

"Again came that laugh, though now it seemed to me that there was mockery in it. I was quite sure the girl believed that there was something serious in what I had said to her and was enjoying the stab she was giving me. Naturally I endeavored to conceal the fact that I was in earnest by swearing in a heroic manner that I loved her and her only and would never love any other woman. And that was the truth, though I intended she should consider it mere gallantry. I have never married and will never marry."

The lady was silent for a time, seemingly impressed by this ostensible romance. Presently she said:

"May not the girl have received your proposition as she did because of the reputation cadets have for making love to pass the time?"

"Perhaps she did not take me seriously. But I had done all I could do in the matter. I had offered her my love and my hand. She had laughed at me. What else could I do but laugh back?"

"She was very young, I presume."

"Eighteen."

"And you?"

"Twenty-two. It was the year I was graduated."

After a brief silence the lady continued: "It seems to me, colonel, that, considering the reputation cadets have or at least had when you were a cadet, you should not have considered your rejection necessarily as a true expression of this young girl's feelings. You should have tried again."

"I was ordered to the western coast, she remained in the east."

"I see. How many such cases there are in the world! Two hearts meet and mingle. Before there can be a proper understanding between them they are spirited apart, perhaps to the opposite ends of the earth. And even when there is such an understanding it requires no great shock to break it."

"You are assuming that the girl, had she believed in my sincerity, would have reciprocated."

"That she alone knows."

At this point the tale-tale was interrupted by friends of both the colonel and the lady.

"Are you two trying to fancy your selves back in your flitting days?" asked one of the newcomers.

"I have enjoyed a very pleasant chat about old times," replied the colonel.

"If it were when Miss Thurston was eighteen you would surely not escape unscathed. She was considered then the most incorrigible flirt who ever trooped on this piazza."

"Madge Thurston?" exclaimed the colonel.

What followed is not to be described. Those who had brought about the disengagement did not understand the colonel's consternation. He had been telling his love story to the woman who had refused him.

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Home Cookery

Apple Sponge.

Half a cupful of sugar, half a cupful of milk, two eggs, one and a half cupfuls of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, half a teaspoonful of salt, five sliced apples. Beat eggs, add sugar, flour in which baking powder has been sifted and milk. Beat well, add apples, pour into buttered baking dish, bake in moderate oven one hour and serve with sugar and cream.

Cold Meat With Pea Salad.

Slice some cold chicken or lamb in equal sized slices and trim carefully. Place these, overlapping each other, on a chilled platter, and around the meat put crisp white lettuce hearts filled with cold cooked peas mixed with plenty of mayonnaise dressing.

Gooseberry Ketchup.

Cook the gooseberries in a little water until soft. Press through a colander to remove the skins and then through a sieve to remove the seeds. Add two-thirds as much sugar as fruit, and cinnamon and cloves to taste. Cook slowly a half hour and bottle hot.

Making Bouquets

In making bouquets or arranging flowers in vases amateurs often make the mistake of placing all the leaves around the outside and of missing the flowers. This is suitable for a small corsage or buttonhole bouquet, but is not good for other purposes. The leaves and flowers should be mixed so as to present a natural, growing look and not enough flowers should be placed in one vase to give a crowded appearance. The simplest and surest way of securing a graceful, well balanced bouquet is to put the foliage in the vase first, using enough to make the leaves stand up nicely and not enough to crowd the vase. Then the foundation of the stems of the blossoms, making sure that they reach

down into the water. It is easy by this method to make few or many flowers show off to advantage. Even when a bouquet is to be taken away, this will be found the surest method of securing good arrangement.

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PENDLETON NORMAL.

Fred Lockley, of the Portland Journal, was here last Friday, in the interest of the Pendleton Normal bill, and he was so anxious to get something into the Monitor that he wrote it himself, and as whatever Fred writes is always worth printing, here it is:

"Among the measures to be voted upon at the coming election is the question of the establishment of an eastern Oregon state normal, at Pendleton. It will require one-twenty-fifth of a mill, or four cents on each \$1,000 of taxable property, to support this school. At present the students from eastern Oregon are going to neighboring states to secure their education, while comparatively few of the teachers in the small schools of eastern Oregon have had normal school training. Idaho, with half the population of Oregon, spends twice as much each year in training her students to be teachers as does Oregon. Idaho has two Normal schools, Oregon but one. Oregon is one of the few states in the union having but one Normal. All the leading educators of the state are in favor of the establishment of a Normal school in eastern Oregon."

LOCKELLEMETI CLUB.

The Lockellemeti Club, which consists of Dr. Butler, of Independence, and J. B. V. Butler, and George Boothly, of Monmouth, will start this week for their annual outing. The Club first goes to its club-house, on Fall creek, near Alsea, for a few days before the hunt begins. The Club is regularly organized and its rules are rather peculiar. It has a very unique way of tallying the scores for game caught by the members. Each fish, deer, bear, etc., counts so many points and the man having the highest number of points at the close of the day is chief of the one of authority, which says when and where the Club shall hunt, and where to camp, and the man having the highest number of points at the end of the last day of the hunt, is the chief of the Club all year until the next season.—Salem Capital Journal.

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