

An Unanswered Proposal.

Half a century ago a young Englishman, while traveling, met a beautiful girl and promptly fell in love with her. A few days later he returned home, and his first act was to write her a letter. In it he told her that he could not be happy without her, and that if she regarded his proposal favorably he would expect a reply by the next post.

To this letter he received no answer, and so disappointed was he that from that time until his death, which occurred recently, he shut himself up in his house and lived like a hermit. Most of his time was spent in reading, and the day after his funeral the heirs began to search the books in his library, for they thought it quite possible that the eccentric old man might have hidden some bank-notes in them.

They found none, but in a tattered old pamphlet they found another kind of note, the love letter which was written fifty years previously, and which the writer had forgotten to post—Scottish American.

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