

SPEAKING THE SHIPS.

Entrusted dweller by the haven side, I save the great ships come, when a day, Then at their eager sails, their anchor weigh And give themselves to racking wind and tide.

A FRIENDLY RUSE.

Mr. Garraway stood up as young Mrs. Bradshaw rose from her seat at the dinner table. It had been rather a quiet dinner, and he had had to do nearly all the talking.

"You may be sure of that," said young Mrs. Bradshaw confidently. "Ernest must put up with the consequences. And you will see to the drawing up of the deed?"

"I want to ask you something, Garraway. Do you ever have people coming to you to draw up deeds of separation?"

"Well, would you mind being of some use to me—and to Ellen?"

"What I should call it," said Garraway, rising and speaking with some asperity, "would be a little disagreement between two excellent young people who ought to know better."

"Nevertheless, my dear Garraway—the young husband's lips quivered—'nevertheless we have agreed to part.'"

"You see," said Bradshaw, "perfectly jolly over it."

"There was a sudden stop and a crash on the piano, as though the player could keep it up no longer."

an old friend, to give you a little advice? I should advise you to make up this difference of opinion with Ernest. I'm told—of course I'm only a bachelor—but I'm told that all young couples have their quarrels to begin with, and they do say—here again I speak, of course, as a mere bachelor—that the making up is always the most delightful part of it."

"Mr. Garraway, I thought you would argue in that way, and it is very good of you, but my mind was made up before I came here, and nothing that you can say will alter it. A woman must judge for herself in these matters."

"Quite so. I think that to a certain extent you are right, and if it is useless to say anything after your present resolution, why?"

"You may be sure of that," said young Mrs. Bradshaw confidently. "Ernest must put up with the consequences. And you will see to the drawing up of the deed?"

"It shall be put in hand at once."

"I should like to leave London this day week if possible."

"I dare say," said Mr. Garraway, with great amiability, "that that can be managed."

"There is only the question of a housekeeper. Somebody must be there to look after the servants."

"It is there I think I can be of some assistance to Ernest," Mr. Garraway spoke with general assurance. "It so happens that a client of mine is looking for precisely a situation of this kind."

"How extremely fortunate!"

"She is a good manager, she's a widow, and she has had charge of a house similar to yours."

"That's capital. As I say, I shouldn't like the house to go to rack and ruin. When could this old lady come, do you think?"

"This—who?"

"This old lady. The widow. When could she come?"

"Oh, but"—Mr. Garraway smiled pleasantly—"you are laboring under a slight mistake, Mrs. Bradshaw. The lady is not old."

"Oh! She is not young, I suppose?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, she is rather young. By the bye, I ought to have her portrait here somewhere."

"It had cost Mr. Garraway a shilling, this cabinet portrait, in a shop in the Strand that morning. The shopman couldn't tell him who it was, didn't know her from Adam, he said, but she was an exceedingly pretty girl in demure black, and the wily Mr. Garraway was content."

"Surely, surely, Mr. Garraway," gasped young Mrs. Bradshaw as she gazed at the portrait, "this is not the kind of person for a housekeeper."

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Garraway airily. "She'll do all right. Bradshaw would like her very much. I'm sure, after she had been in the house a week or two, I'm told she is a capital manager."

"The bunch of scented narcissus at the lady's bedside was bobbing up and down as she continued to look at the photograph."

"You see, the great thing is to get some one who would make poor Bradshaw comfortable and not compel him to be always at the club."

"She put the photograph down on the table."

"This lady," said young Mrs. Bradshaw definitely, "shall never come into my house."

"No," agreed Mr. Garraway sweetly. "Of course it would be in Ernest's house. I am sure that on my recommendation—"

"Do you mean to say, Mr. Garraway, that you would recommend a person like this for such a position?" Mrs. Bradshaw had risen from her chair and spoke indignantly.

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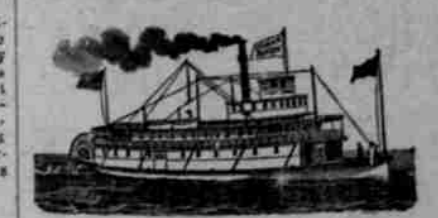
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