

CLIMAX.

Dead at the climax! Music, color, love, mounting in triple-blended majesty...

MR. ODDIE'S COURTSHIP.

He Was a Model Bachelor, but His Lovemaking Was Far From Conventional.

By Sheila E. Braine.

Mr. Markham Oddie was a model lodger, an old bachelor and a heart whole man—that is to say, he was all three until the day, considerably past his fortieth birthday...

They were evidently mother and daughter. Both were comely, and the last named of the two had one of the sweetest faces it had ever been Mr. Oddie's luck to behold.

All the evening he thought of that smile. When he went to bed, he endeavored, with the aid of three candles, to get an impartial view of that region on the top of his head...

Mr. Oddie had led an amiable, punctual, uneventful existence, going to and returning from the city every week day with regularity and dispatch...

The returning of that apparently innocent looking parcel marked an epoch. Life was never the same again to the little old bachelor.

"A man wanting softening influences about him"—here he hurled a piece of fried ham to the cat—"he needed a gentle hand to guide and restrain him."

The truth was he was in love and with a young woman with whom he had never exchanged a syllable.

Mr. Oddie pulled himself together and rose to his feet. At this moment there was something almost noble about his rather tubby little figure.

"Madam," he said firmly, "your daughter is an angel, and I love her. Will you have the goodness to give me her address—that is, if you will sanction my asking her to do me the honor to be my wife?"

"It seems rather unconventional," she said, "but it is not exactly an ordinary case, is it? And I am sure you are a good man."

Owls never have been popular birds, and Pliny tells us that on two occasions a large owl having made its appearance in the streets of Rome...

Once, when he attempted to speak, Miss Hexham turned the color of a red rose and promptly hurried away.

"Something will have to be done," cried the poor man desperately on the day that he went to the city without a tie...

out of order. His liver! Perish the thought! It was his heart.

He decided at length that, like Hecate, he would ask for a sign from heaven. He would send the object of his adoration a bouquet, an anonymous bouquet of the choicest.

Mr. Oddie took a holiday the day the bouquet was sent off from Covent Garden. To sit still in his office was a thing impossible.

But the second day there was the bouquet in the window in all its glory, and, moreover, Miss Hexham was bending over it, inhaling its perfume.

Markham Oddie wrote to Mrs. Hexham. It took him hours and hours to compose the letter, and it was the most deliciously old-fashioned epistle ever penned in a practical century.

"Mrs. Hexham presents her compliments to Mr. Markham Oddie and would be pleased to see him if he could make it convenient to call this evening between 8 and 9 o'clock."

"Please take a seat," she said. "It has been very close all day, has it not?"

"My daughter," said Mrs. Hexham after a pause, "desired me to tell you how very, very grateful she is to you for your letter and the flowers."

Mr. Oddie sat there, unable to utter a word. "She had gone away because she thought it best."

"Of marrying my poor Agatha. You did not know that she is deaf and dumb?"

Mr. Oddie stared at the speaker in blank amazement. It was fully a minute before he grasped the significance of what she was saying.

"I think we three would be very happy together," answered Mr. Oddie, emphasizing the "three."

It is unnecessary to mention at what unearthly hour Mr. Oddie required his breakfast the next morning or to state that he hardly ate a mouthful of it.

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The Vaudeville Theater.

Sometimes the vaudeville theater is an individual and independent enterprise; more often it belongs to a circuit.

Four thousand people pass in and out of each one of these theaters daily. Ten thousand dollars are distributed each week in salaries to the actors and \$3,500 to the attaches.

Softleigh—I aw—had me mind wead by a professional mind weader wecently, doncher know?

Softleigh—Fosh dollars. Miss Cutting—What an outrage! Why don't you have him arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses?

After spending more than a quarter of a century in active business life in the city a certain merchant purchased a ranch which he considers to be admirably adapted for dairy farming.

The jovial pulpiteer, who knows many of the "sincere milk of the word" than of any other lactical fluid, answered solemnly:

"Yes, my dear sir, I believe I am familiar with the best thing on milk that can be found anywhere."

"What is it, doctor?" eagerly and unsuspectingly asked the budding rancher.

"Cream," ejaculated the preacher as he hurried round the corner.—San Francisco News Letter.

Sunday Services.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN IMMANUEL CHURCH—Corner Eighth and J. Q. Adams streets; Rev. Ernest J. W. Mack, pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Rev. H. Ober, pastor. Morning service at 10:45 Sunday School at 10:30.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. A. J. Montgomery, pastor. On Sunday mass at 8 and 10:30 a. m.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH—Corner of Eighth and Madison streets. Rev. S. Copley pastor. Services every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Rev. P. K. Hammond, Rector. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Eleventh streets—Rev. E. S. Bolinger, pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. J. H. Hayden, pastor. Preaching services every Sunday at 10:30 and 7:30 p. m.

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Lodges.

A. O. U. W. meets every Saturday evening in the A. O. U. W. Temple—Geo. R. Calif, secretary.

Rebekahs—Willamette Rebekah Lodge No. 2 meets second and fourth Friday of each month at I. O. O. F. Temple—Matta Godly, secretary.

Circuit Riders—Wacheno Tribe No. 13, Imp. O. R. M., meets Saturday evening 7:30, at Red Men's Hall—N. M. Moody, C. of R.; Chas. W. Kelly, Sachem.

Order of Pendo meets every Monday night at Redmen's hall. Head Counselor, S. S. Scripture; Mrs. May Taylor secretary.

United Artisans meet every Thursday evening of each month at the Willamette Hall. The social meeting of this order is second Thursday of each month.

Willamette Falls Camp No. 148, W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Fridays in the Willamette Hall—C. C. Sol. S. Walker and clerk G. Olds.

Lone Pine Lodge, No. 53, A. F. & A. M., Logan, Or., meets on the second Saturday in each month from the 1st of May to 1st of November at 2 p. m.

Catholic Knights of America St. John's Branch No. 647, meets every Tuesday of the month.

Truistat Tent, K. O. T. M., meets in Red Men's Hall, on second and fourth Wednesdays—G. H. Hyatt, record keeper.

Meade Post No. 2, G. A. R., meets first Monday evening in each month at Willamette Hall—J. B. Williams, Com.

Lawton Command No. 1, of Oregon Union Veterans Union meets second Saturday 1 p. m. in Redmen's hall and fourth Saturday at 7 p. m. in T. F. Cowling's office.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

At Bed Time. I take a pleasant herb drink, the next morning I feel bright and my complexion is better.

Portland and Seaside Special. Beginning Saturday June 30th and every Saturday thereafter the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Co. will run Portland and Seaside special to leave Portland at 2:30 p. m.

The Latest Yarn. A Pittsburg drummer tells this new yarn: "I always carry a bottle of Kemp's Balsam in my grip."

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