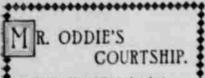
Dead at the climati.

Mounting in triple blammed majesty; Mounting in triple biasoned majorsy;
Gift of the golds all other gifts above,
So fell the golden Greeks of tragesty!
Now, while the trumpets knock upon the gates;
Now, while the crash of brass intoxicates! Dead at the climax! This is victory! His overturned chariot wins the race As Death's voice sweeps the field where mortal

And hourse with blood stained triumph cries, Don't at the climax! While with life slate, Doad at the climan! O suprement fate!
-- Martha Dickinson in Century.



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

By Sheila E. Braine.

I...... Mr. Markham Oddle was a model lodger, an old bachelor and a heart whole man-that is to say, he was al! three until the day, considerably past his fortieth birthday, that a special fate took him in hand and brought him face to face with the younger of two ladies who had recently come to live in one of the houses opposite.

They were evidently mother and daughter. Both were comely, and the last named of the two had one of the aweetest faces it had ever been Mr. Oddie's luck to behold. She happened to drop a small parcel while walking along their mutual road, and he hurried after her with it. The smile with which she received it went straight through Mr. Oddie's somewhat antiquated waistcoat.

All the evening he thought of that smile. When he went to bed, he endeavored, with the aid of three candies, to get an impartial view of that region on the top of his head where the hair ought to have been, but now, alas, was not. That bald spot had not troubled him much up to that time. Now he regarded it with mistrust.

Mr. Oddie had led an amiable, punctual, uneventful existence, going to and returning from the city every week day with regularity and dispatch-the kind of person who is never asked for his season ticket. He was comfortably off and had no one dependent upon him. The few relatives he possessed lived in the shires.

Mr. Oddie had remained a bachelor all these years possibly because nobody had set to work to marry him. It was not that he objected to women. On the contrary, he admired the fair But he had never given his heart to

nocent looking parcel marked an epoch. Life was never the same again die heavily. to the little old bachelor. He had not watched Miss Hexham's gentle face and well developed but graceful figure for ten days before he became convinced that it was not good for a corn dealer to live alone.

"A man wanted 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." Mr. Oddie at this point discovered that Hexham continued: he had forgotten to wind his watch up the night before.

The truth was he was in love and with a young woman with whom be had never exchanged a syllable. He learned her name from his landlady, an austere person, whose mind was set upon a curious form of religion and who did not take much thought about frivolous worldly matters.

Questioned discreetly by her lodger. this worthy but depressing person could tell him little regarding the two ladies who were now the objects of such tender interest to him. They were a Mrs. and Miss Hexham, so she had heard, and Mrs. Hexman was elther deaf or dumb, or it might be fingers to her, and she answered back In the same way.

Mr. Oddie's courtship was a very decorous affair. In Spain, despite his years, he would doubtless have adopted the role of an "iron eater," as the youth who goes courting under his ladylove's balcony is styled.

But in sober, unromantic England the sultor does not eat Iron or serenade the queen of his heart on the guitar. He has to be properly introduced, and the little corn dealer, knowing this respectable custom, would have given anything for an introduction which would have allowed him to call and establish friendly relations.

The months passed, and still be could not get that thin but necessary end of the wedge in. The mother and daughter seemed to have very few friends and never went out, probably on account of Mrs. Hexham's affliction. It was hard upon the daughter, Mr. Oddie thought, but he admired her all the

more for her self sacrifice. Miss Hexham became aware of his devotion, of that Mr. Oddle was conwinced. When they met-and he took care that they did meet pretty oftenhe ventured to raise his bat, and smiles were exchanged. But there the affair halted, to the poor little man's frequent despair. He could get no "for-

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

"I have never been properly introduced, that is why," was Mr. Oddle's been exquisitely brought up, the very plak of propriety."

"Something will have to be done!" eried the poor man desperately on the day that he went to the city without a tie, and an unfeeling acquaintance jeer- the Orkneys to the ring ousel. and at him and inquired if his liver were

out of order. His liver! Perish the

thought! It was his heart. permission to call.

Mr. Oddle took a holiday the day the 350 attaches and to 3,500 actors. bouquet was sent off from Covent Gartook him he was never able to say.

The next day the agony increased. his ladylove. He had not been properly introduced. The phrase became a perfect nightmare to him.

bouquet in the window in all its glory, and, moreover, Miss Hexham was bending over it, inhaling its perfume. young for a man-ahem-in his prime, cently, doncher know? The wonder was that such a treasure had not been snapped up before.

Markham Oddle wrote to Mrs. Hexham. It took him hours and hours to compose the letter, and it was the most don't you have him arrested for obtaindeliciously old fashioned epistle ever ing money under false pretenses?penned in a practical century. Two Chicago News. whole days elapsed before a little note came in reply:

"Mrs Hexham presents her compli-cents to Mr. Markham Odhie and would be pleased to see him if he tell things to other girls who can't."could make it convenient to call this Chicago Record. evening between S and 9 o'clock."

The note was a formal one, but when shown into the sitting room at Holm- will relieve any feeling of exhaustion wood Mrs. Hexham, who was alone, and sharp hunger. received him with a very kindly smile. Her eyes looked as if she had been

"Please take a seat," she said. "It has been very close all day, has it

"Terribly," answered the visitor, "Do you feel the heat much?"

"Yes, I am afraid I do," was the reply, and Mr. Oddle suddenly recollected that his future mother-in-law was was certainly neither.

"My daughter," said Mrs. Hexbam how very, very grateful she is to you for your letter and the flowers. She has gone away for a short time to stay with friends. She-she thought it

Mr. Oddle sat there, unable to utter a word. "She had gone away because she thought it best." That meant that there was no hope for him.

Mrs. Hexham's eyes filled with tears sex, as a whole, quite unreservedly. as she looked at him. "Oh," she cried, familiar with the best thing on milk "I am so sorry-so very sorry! You that can be found anywhere." any one particular woman, and his are such a good, kind hearted man, I dandlady looked upon him as a fixture. am sure. Of course you did not know unsuspectingly asked the budding The returning of that apparently in- or you would not have thought of it." "Thought of what?" asked Mr. Od-

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

Mr. Oddie stared at the speaker in blank amazement. It was fully a minute before he grasped the significance of what she was saying. It was the daughter, not the mother, who was "affilicted," as Mrs. Roper would have at 10 A. M., weekly services every Thursday obrased it. He was silent, and Mrs. at 8 P. M. German school every Saturday phrased it. He was silent, and Mrs.

"My poor girl is very sensitive, and your kindness went to her heart, I can assure you."

Mr. Oddle 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 ordi- Pe nary case, is it? And I am sure you are a good man. Mr. Sedley, the vicar, was talking about you only the other both, for her daughter talked on her day and saying how charitable you were. Agatha has the sweetest disposition, and she is so quick you hardly realize that she is not like other people. Indeed, I think you would be very happy together."

"I think we three would be very happy together," answered Mr. Oddle, emphasizing the "three." He took the widow's hand and kissed it with old fashloned gallantry.

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.

In the afternoon of the same day Mrs. Hexham might have been seen reading a telegram with a beaming H. face. It was not a long one, for it contained only five words, "Love from Agatha and Markham."-Sketch.

Bird Legends.

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 a solemn ceremony was performed by the whole city in order to avert the catastrophe which was believed to be foreshadowed by visits from such uncanny birds. Savages have ever associated disaster with the appearance of an owl,' a raven or a crow, while even the bumble sparrow has excited

In folklore with birds, as with many a paper cannot be run on promises. other animals, not a few of the myths Don't take the paper out of the postas to death or ill fortune are assoclated, and even in these advanced days there are many places where all anguished reflection. "She must have hope of a sick person's recovery would be abandoned if it were known that a crow, a rook or a jackdaw had flown over the house wherein the person lay ill, a similar belief attaching to the appearance of a white pigeon and in

The Vaudeville Theater.

Sometimes the vaudeville theater is He decided at length that, like Heze- an individual and independent enterkiah, he would ask for a sign from prise; more often it belongs to a circuit. heaven. He would send the object of The patronage, expenses and receipts his adoration a bouquet, an anonymous are enormous. One circuit will speak bouquet of the choicest. She would for all. It has a theater in New York, surely guess from whom it came. If one in Philadelphia, one in Boston, and she placed it in the window, be would one in Providence, and they give no write to Mrs. Hexham, explain him- Sunday performances, and yet these self and his intentions and request four theaters entertain over 5,000,000 people every year, give employment to

Four thousand people pass in and out den. To sit still in his office was a of each one of these theaters daily. thing impossible. He went for a long Ten thousand dollars are distributed walk, but where his neat little legs each week in salaries to the actors and \$3,500 to the attaches. Take one theater for example, the house in Boston. There was no sign. Mr. Oddie fell It is open the year round, and it costs plump into the depths of despair and \$7,000 a week to keep it open, while its was convinced that he had offended patrons will average 25,000 every week. On a hollday it will play to from 10,000 to 12,000 people.-From "The Vaudeville Theater," by Edwin Milton But the second day there was the Royle, in Scribner's.

Grounds For Action.

Softleigh-I aw-had me mind wead She was a beautiful woman, not too by a pwofessional mind weader we-

Miss Cutting-Indeed! And what did he charge you?

Softleigh-Foah dellars. Miss Cutting-What an outrage! Why

The Others to Blame. "You can't keep a secret, Marie." "Yes, I can; but I always happen to

A little sugar taken with water, not the agitated little old bachelor was too cold, in case food is not obtainable.

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"Do you know anything good on milk, doctor?" he asked the venerable man of Gal.

The jovial pulpiteer, who knows more of the "sincere milk of the word" than of any other lacteal fluid, answered solemnly;

"Yes, my dear sir, I believe I am "What is it, doctor?" engerly and

rancher. "Cream," ejaculated the preacher as

he hurried round the corner.-San Francisco News Letter.

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