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"I'm very, very sorry," said the young woman. "I wouldn't have had it happen for anything. If I had had the least suspicion that you entertained any other feelings for me than those of a friend—a chum—"

"I know," said the young man who had just been refused. "But don't let yourself feel too bad about it. I wouldn't like to think that I had unwittingly caused you pain."

"Now you are getting sarcastic, as usual," said the young woman. "But really—"

"I assure you that I'm not," said the young man, innocently. "Believe me—"

"You are, or you wouldn't say 'believe me,'" persisted the young woman. "I merely meant to say that it's nothing more than I ought to have expected," said the young man, heaving a tragic sigh. "Still I shall try to bear it."

"It will cost you quite an effort, I suppose."

"Now you are cruel," said the young man. "And what is more, unjust."

"Unjust?"

"Certainly. You don't do yourself justice. Those transcendent charms—"

"I'm going if you are going to talk like that," said the young woman with an air of dignity, rising from her chair.

"Please sit down. I just want to square myself before I go. Besides, you aren't the one to make the exit. I'm the person to whom that poor privilege is coming. It's my part to bid you farewell and to leave you bathed in tears."

"You won't have that privilege then, I can tell you that."

"Why this asperity? Honest, Mabel, I don't know what to make of this. I say that I think that I ought to go out first. It isn't much, but it is something. If I could look back in after years and think of what a noble and mournful figure I made—"

"You do—I don't mean noble."

"It would be a melancholy consolation, at least. You know that I'm not going to have very much to console me now and it's unkind to try to rob me of a little thing like that."

"Do you mean 'very much' or 'very many'?"

"Er—excuse me. I don't quite catch your drift."

"I mean how many do you think it will take to console you?"

"How many what?"

The young woman did her best to curl her lip.

"If you mean how many other girls I can answer you with a certainty born of experience. Only one. That is, of course, if any can. I am trying to take this philosophically because I've been turned down very often before."

"I don't believe it."

"Thank you. That's the first kind thing you have said to me for several minutes. It is an insult, of course, but it might bear a flattering construction. Now, telling me that you were sorry for me and that you hadn't the least idea that I had any other feeling than—"

"I don't believe you have any feeling at all of any sort."

"That is not flattering because I have been doing my level best to make you see that I did have some other feeling."

"You always have talked in just that way. You always talk as if you didn't really mean anything." The young woman applied her handkerchief to her eyes.

"As if I didn't mean—do you suppose I didn't mean what I said to you a minute or two ago? Do you mean that? Here, look at me."

"I—I don't believe that you did very much—not very deeply."

"And—Mabel, I meant it more—more than you thought, I guess. Shall I say it over again?"

"You may if you mean it as much as that," said the young woman.—Chicago Daily News.

Topics of the Times

New York City spends \$521,000 a year for library purposes.

New York City has one theater for every 52,000 inhabitants.

An English windmill at Reigate Heath has been turned into a church.

An average of 342 Hebrew immigrants arrive in New York City each day.

There are 20,212 automobiles owned within fifty miles of New York City Hall.

A tax is now levied on all railway tickets sold in Japan, varying from 1 cent to 50 cents, according to distance.

An Austrian engineer named Pola has invented an apparatus which by means of sudden suction and pressure dispels the fog in front of ships.

The Barbados pigs are kept as pets by many of the natives, who teach them amusing tricks and permit them to run all over their houses.

Chief Pleasant Porter, of the Creeks, declares that the act of Congress handing over Indian territory to Oklahoma was the death knell of his race. He predicts that in 100 years there will not be an Indian in the United States.

The Duke of Orleans has announced to his friends at Copenhagen that he intends to start a new expedition next spring in the ship Belgica to penetrate as far as possible along the northeast coast of Greenland. The purpose is to join the Danish expedition, under Mylius Erichsen, which left last June to explore the same coast.

Many pictures by Velasquez may still be resting unrecognized in South America, according to an art critic. The rough people, says he, who furnished the silver ingots, would yearn for presentments of the old country life and so early essays at its portrayal by Velasquez may still be slumbering in remote haciendas under the shadow of the Andes.

Women in China have the privilege of fighting in the wars. In the rebellion of 1850 women did as much fighting as men. At Nankin, in 1853, 500,000 women from various parts of the country were formed into brigades of 13,000 each, under female officers. Of these soldiers 10,000 were picked women, drilled and garrisoned in the city.—Indian Patriot.

A German investigator, Weichardt, has promulgated the theory that fatigue is the direct result of a poison manufactured by the system and developed by hard work, and requiring rest to drive it out. Weichardt experimented with the muscle juice of guinea pigs which he had previously fatigued, and his examination proved that this juice acted as a veritable poison similar to some of the well known toxins. By inoculating other animals he produced symptoms of fatigue and large doses produced death.

The island of Zanzibar has been under British protection since Nov. 4, 1890. It is the great storehouse and distributing center for trade of the

whole east African coast, although with the development of the resources of the mainland and increased shipping facilities of the several mainland ports its relative commercial importance is not so great as in former years.

Two Pottawatomie County farmers have raised 117 and 120 bushels of corn per acre respectively, the latter being the average yield of a field of 25 acres. In both of these cases the corn was grown on alfalfa ground. The 25 acres which produced 120 bushels an acre was in alfalfa nine years, and this is the second crop of corn grown since the breaking of the alfalfa sod.—Topeka Capital.

For the projected telegraph line from Algeria to the Niger River the telegraph posts in the Sahara will be metallic and placed at distances of sixty yards, the wires being high enough to allow the passage of a man on camelback. At intervals along the 600 miles of the Algerian section six small garrisoned stations will be established. At a central redoubt, surrounded by outer fences, provisions will be stored for three months round a cistern.

A skull, considered by a member of the British Archaeological Association to be ancient British, and a pre-Roman burial urn have just been dug up in Kent street, Southwark. It was buried at a considerable depth. Other finds at the same spot during the present excavations include coins of Nero, Tiberius and Vespasian, and, nearer the surface, "abbey money" and coins and tokens of the Stuart and commonwealth period.

"From my pile of autographs I take one of a statesman, well known, and lay it side by side with the autographs of a great author and a great ecclesiastic," writes a British publicist. "All three are very small, exquisitely neat, very little slanted, absolutely legible. Well as I knew the three writers I doubt if I could tell which wrote which. They were Cardinal Manning, Mr. Froude and Lord Rosebery. Will the experts tell me if, in this case, similarity of writing bodied forth similarity of gifts or qualities?"

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 The lake, whose waters bright and blue
 The bathers did entice—
 A merry, laughing, shouting crew—
 Is fringed with brittle ice.
 The north wind whistles through the reeds,
 Where undisturbed the mallard feeds.
 The trees their russet leaves have shed,
 Where once the hammock swayed,
 But from their shelter now are fled
 The spooning man and maid;
 The country's lost its wonted charm,
 There's nothing doing on the farm.

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