

LOVE IN THE MAREM.

THE BULBUL AND THE ROSE.

Night had fallen upon the city of Cairo, and the shadows projected from the tall houses into the narrow streets, looked like solid masses of black stone, so clear and brilliant was the moonlight.

It was on such nights, and through similar streets and avenues, that the good Haroun el Reschid was wont to take his rambles with his Vizier, Giassir, in search of strange adventure.

About midnight might have been seen a man, apparently young and vigorous, wedding his way through the outskirts of Boulak, choosing the most obscure streets, as though to avoid observation, until he reached the high stone wall of the palace of the Princess Nezzie Khanum, which faced on the Nile.

Concealed under the shadow of the wall, he carefully groped along in the obscurity—occasionally disturbing some prowling or slumbering wild dog, which snarling fiercely and menacing the intruder with its sharp white teeth, suddenly and reluctantly retreated before his steps.

At length the man stopped and tapped three times at a particular spot on the wall. Immediately a small gate, invisible before, swung within noiselessly, opened by an unseen hand; and, as he stepped into the garden, the door closed as swiftly and noiselessly as it had opened—undistinguishable as before from the wall.

"Salaam Aleikoum? You are waited for," she said, in Arabic. "The Sitta has long been expecting your arrival. Come quickly; for you know she likes not to be kept waiting, and if her impatience rises to wrath, it is a consuming fire."

The untimely visitor returned her salutation, but followed her footsteps in silence through the solitude of the garden; to which the black shadows of the trees gave a gloomy and sinister aspect that reflected the shadows in his own soul.

It was the private boudoir of the mistress of the harem; and the latticed window, overlooked the rushing torrent of the Nile, was open, giving glimpses of the waters which boiled and bubbled below as they raced hoarsely past, glittering like gems in the bright moonlight.

He turned away from a moment, however, and, seating himself on one of the silken divans, was soon sunk in so deep a reverie that he did not hear the rustling sound that announced a woman's presence, and started when a soft hand was laid caressingly on his brow and a soft voice inquired:

"Is my young Antar dreaming, or asleep, my Bulbul?" she asked, and the young man started up, made a profound and respectful salutation as he answered.

"The night is always dark for me, until the evening star comes to light it with her presence. But one thought can fill the soul of any mortal happy enough to be admitted here; and that is of her I see before me."

"Well, suog, my Bulbul," said the lady, unsmiling as she spoke, and disclosing the imperious beauty and bold bright eye of Nezzie Khanum herself.

"A rose, indeed! a full blown rose, whose perfume and whose loveliness intoxicates the senses and the soul! The song of the bulbul must ever be addressed to thee, O light of mine eyes and bloom of my heart!"

utterly to disappear with the veil that had concealed her face—she threw herself on the divan beside her lover, and lavished upon him all those terms of endearment, of which the Eastern tongue is so profuse. She removed the fez cap that he wore, and toyed with the short clustering curls of his hair; and repeating her head upon his breast, looked up into his face with a soft glow on her features and a tenderness in her eye, that transformed her into another woman from the eagle-eyed and imperious Nezzie Khanum of every day.

"The morning hour approaches, and I must tear myself away from Paradise before dawn; and the bulbul has not yet been told why the rose summoned him to her bower so urgently on this, most favored of all the days of his life."

As he spoke, the face of the princess, so radiant and loving until now, suddenly changed its expression. The smile faded, and the light of love from her eyes, and the soft glow of gratified passion was succeeded by the red flush of anger. She half withdrew her form from the embracing arm of her lover, and removed her hand from his brow, where it had rested caressingly. Then a cold, cruel expression crept over her countenance, and gleamed out of her glittering eyes.

"There was a time when the bulbul needed no messenger to summon him to the bower of the rose! When the garden where she dispensed her perfume was haunted by his presence; and when his wings could not bear him swiftly enough back to her, from wanderings. But now it is different. The bulbul must be lured back; and no sooner has he been snared, than his wings flutter impatiently to fly again.

"Why is the star of my night so suddenly overclouded?" he asked, with real or feigned anxiety. "Why is her light drawn from her worshipper? What sin has her servant committed, that the ire of the Great Lady should visit him? He is innocent of intending offence—ignorant of having given any—surely why should the Khanum speak as though to one who had provoked her displeasure? If his visits have not of late been frequent, it is because he feared to intrude without invitation; for it needed but the intimation that he would be welcome, and behold him at the feet of her, who has honored him with her favor!"

"Thou hast the tongue as well as the sleek skin of the serpent," answered the princess, half relenting, half-offended. "But thou knowest I possess the serpent's charm, and can handle thee with impunity. Thou hast not spoken truly to me; thou hast acted falsely and treacherously, too. And to the pale, scentless Ingleez thy lips have charmed thy love's lays, in place of the full blown rose! Lie to me, for I will know how the shameless face of that unvalued woman hath been seen with thine on the *Kabekich*, day after day! To the scorn and shame of womanhood, she hath cast love looks on thy dainty face in the sight of all men; even to the mockery of the donkey-boys of the streets. Further do I know, how the shameless Ingleez, in defiance of all modesty and decency, hath pressed a whole day in thy house!"

"I have made a confession of my fault, and implored thy forgiveness. Give it to me, by the memory of our past love, which will renew itself, warmer and fresher after this storm, and then let me go, for the day already begins to dawn in the East?"

"That day thou shalt never behold!" fiercely answered the princess. "Slave! dog! Ghaour! thy blood be on thine own head! An hour hence, and thou shalt feed the fishes of the Nile, and thy vile name and vile treachery be washed away from my memory, as the waves of the sea shall wash from my palace-door by those rapid waters."

"Over the face of Askaros—for it was he to whom the princess spoke—there had, in spite of his self-control, passed many changes, as the furious woman went on. Apprehension, indignation, rage, shame and disgust rapidly chased each other over his expressive features; and when the princess ceased, from sheer exhaustion, overpowered by the passion that raged within and tore her like so many devils, he raised his crest haughtily.

"No trace of humility or of reverence in his face or voice now, but with steadfast light in his eye, and resolve written on his dilated nostrils, he stood like some wounded lion brought to bay, and confronted the proud princess with a pride equal to her own.

"Lady," he said, for the first time since he spoke words of scorn and insult to me, which no man might utter and live. Those words I might forget and forgive, possibly pardon, for I know they spring from a jealousy fierce as it is unfounded. But you have coupled my name with that of another, which has no connection with either of us—the name of one, the purity of whose life and thoughts neither of us can imitate, scarcely comprehend—ones as widely apart from us and ours, as though she were one of the hours of your youth. Insults speak I your suspicions are unfounded; for I am nothing to this Ingleez woman, nor she to me. And furthermore, if that will not content you, when I, in my mad folly, dared to

unleashed; and the magnetic contagion of evil had been communicated from her leprous soul, to the hitherto untainted heart of the young man, stained already by her with sin, and now on the verge of being blackened by irremediable crime.

From the predestinated victim he suddenly rose over her as the doomsman—the avenger. And, with the lightning-like rapidity with which thought can travel in moments of immediate peril and impending death, the long catalogue of her crimes rose like accusing angels before the mental vision of the wicked woman, whose life had been a long defiance to the laws of God and man—a warfare against humanity.

"Dog of Ghaour! and son of a line of dogs!" she screamed. "Rightly have I been punished for stooping to defile myself with the society and presence of a wretched Copt, lecher, and basest of the mongrel spawn of Nile, which my great father trampled under his victorious foot, and used as men use other rubbish, to aid in building the empire which his line rule to-day! Was it not enough that my condescension should be abused and my kindness betrayed, but that thou shouldst dare compare to my disparagement, thy Infidel paramour from the barbarous lands of the West, here to my very face, and in my own palace? Daily shalt thou insult and taunt me, a woman, it is true, but a woman of the blood of Mehemet Ali! and never did man or woman do him wrong, and live to boast it! Never again will thy pale faced mistress, with her hair of withered straw, look on that girlish face of thine, or kiss those dainty lips. The Nile, from which thou rescued her but yesterday, shall sport with thy graceful form, and be the tomb to thy life. I had meant like thee, whose doom must be the fall from the Narrow Bridge of Al Sirat into perpetual fire, needs no time for prayers, as a Mussulman might."

"Will you swear it? Will you—but folly! What oaths are not worthless to you? What in earth, or heaven, do you hold sacred? Will you hold out your arm and let me scratch it, to prove the truth of what you say?"

"I will not shed one drop of your blood," he said, "I am satisfied there is now no other poison running riot in my veins, save what my unholy love for you has left there. No; the dagger was not prepared with your usual forethought. Had it been otherwise, two corpses instead of one would have been found in this chamber? which has doubtless heard the death groan of many men better and braver than I. For now I know that Cairene gossip lied not, when it told those tales of Nezzie Khanum, that I disbelieved until now. Princess, farewell! for never will I look upon each other's faces in this world again."

"I was so confident," replied the Khanum, whose audacity rose as the immediate danger receded, "you seem to forget that egress from this palace is not so easy without my permission. As well might a lost soul cross the Bridge of Al Sirat over the fiery gulf, as any straggling step pass in safety through this palace, or those gardens, to the outer world. You may slay its mistress—a daring act for a brave man, opposed to an unarmed woman—but you cannot escape, and you shall not pass by my free will, or orders!"

"Trouble not yourself for my safety, O charming hostess!" answered the young man calmly—cutting a strip of linen from his sleeve, and binding his bleeding arm as he spoke; "I know my password and need no password from you. Nor fear I any pearl from your armed mercenary to have sent me in safety, at least unmolested by you or yours. Repeat your past life and strive to amend it, that the rude lesson I had to give you may not be lost. Neither in love, nor in hate shall you look upon the face of Askaros again—who now shakes from his feet the dust of this palace of abominations, and bids it and you farewell for ever!"

As he ceased, and the astonished woman stood spellbound and bewildered by his words and meaning, he vaulted lightly on the framework of the open lattice, stood for a second, and then plunged headlong into the raging and rushing flood that howled beneath!

Recovering from her stupor of astonishment at the suddenness of his disappearance, the princess rushed to the window, and by the uncertain light of the early dawn, peered with mingled curiosity and anxiety on the flood, into which the daring youth had so rashly precipitated himself. She strained her vision to discover ought beside the turbid surface of the stream, whose current swept down rapidly, with a hoarse murmur, some few floating pieces of drift-wood; but she did not see anything resembling a human head or a human form, within the range of her vision.

Wearied by the useless search, and chilled by the raw morning air, with a shudder she turned from the window and closed the lattice, as though to shut out the memory as well as the sight that was passing below. A softened sentiment, almost of pity, blended with her exultation at her own escape from peril, and the destruction of her old lover and new foe, who had thus executed her vengeance on himself, and spared her a new crime.

"Poor boy!" she muttered, "he was very young to end so soon; and so handsome, too," she added, regretfully, "while the men seem to me to grow uglier and more stupid every day. Was he mad, to take that leap? No living lover of mine took it before—though many have passed through it without their knowledge or consent!"

"But he will keep my secret now, that is consolation; though I do feel a foolish softness about his fate, I never felt for another's. But Allah made this world for the living, not for the dead; so 'tis useless to think; and, doubtless it was his kismet to die. Ingleez can never atone for a man's death. For I am nothing to look a wretch for want of sleep; so now for a pipe of hashish, a good sleep, to commence a new experience and look

for a new lover to-morrow!" Then yawning again and wearily stretching her graceful limbs, the Egyptian princess glided to her own private chamber, to forget in the fumes of hashish—and the death-like slumber it would summon—the agitations of the last few hours; to forget the tragic fate of the youth she had first tempted and seduced, made a plaything of, and finally hunted to his doom.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Newfoundland is the port on the American coast that stretches out farthest toward the shores of Europe; the distance between St. John's, the capital, and Valencia, in Ireland, is but a little over 1,600 miles, or four and a half days steaming. Were there a railroad across the island, from St. John's to St. George's Bay, and a steam ferry thence to the Bay of Chaleur, where a branch of the Intercolonial Railway is to be constructed, passengers and mails would reach that point in five and a half days from Valencia, and be in New York in sixteen or twenty hours more; thus securing the shortest sea route, and avoiding the fogs, rocks and storms of the American coast, on which all the perils of an Atlantic voyage are to be encountered.

The total value of the fish taken in this way from the seas around Newfoundland is \$12,000,000 per annum. Although these fisheries have been carried on for more than 800 years, there is no falling off in the supply, and the great cod colonies appear to have suffered no diminution by the immense drafts that are annually taken from them. In multiplying its species the cod is the most prolific of all animals; a single cod roe—has been found to contain 8,000,000 eggs.

WYOMING ITEMS.—The last Wyoming jury-women were all challenged. What does that mean? The *Sentinel* thinks Laramie will double her population in the next six months. The Laramie *Sentinel* says an Indian killed near that place was not wasted. After the boys got a scalp apiece of him, they sent what was left down to Fort Steele to the surgeon, who will use it to good purpose in studying and demonstrating comparative anatomy.

A man named Keif was garrotted and robbed of \$500 at North Platte, by three men whose real names are unknown. Two of them were caught and hung by the citizens. The other escaped, but was afterwards seen on the prairie dead. The women of Wyoming now take the courting business into their own hands, footing all the expense of marriage.

The Wyoming police magistrate is severe in her judgments. If a man is up for drunkenness, he is given full extent of the law, and no amount of pleading or promises will soften the judicial heart. Then, if a weak sister is caught there is an end of her sinning, for she is locked up hard and fast, and kept in duration until she is ready to immigrate to other lands, where no female judges are. She is a Jewess.

PROGRESS OF THE RAILROAD.—We learn that a large number of hands are now employed on the railroad grade this side of Aurora. The line of the road goes directly through Aurora. The stage stable has been moved to give room for the track; the store is being moved also, and the line of road has been changed on French Prairie so as to go near the road, and makes through the timber instead of going through the prairie farms of Judge Grim and others. The arrival of large quantities of iron at San Francisco intended for this road, give an assurance that the iron horse will soon be carrying over French Prairie and towards Salem.

Hahnemann, the founder of the Homoeopathic school, was one day consulted by a wealthy English lord. The doctor listened patiently to the statement which the patient made him. He then took a small vial, opened it, and held it under the lord's nose. "Smell! Well you are good! The lord asked, in surprise, "How much do I owe you?" "Thousand francs," was the reply. The lord immediately pulled out a bank-note and held it under the doctor's nose. "Smell! Well, you are paid!"

CAMP MEETING.—The Cumberland Presbyterians will hold a camp meeting on the Abiqua, near the residence of Sam Allen, Esq., about two miles and a half from Silverton, to commence on Friday, the first day of July. There will be number of clergymen of that denomination there, and as ample preparation has been made for campers, and pasturage good, a large attendance is expected.

A remarkable instance of constancy culminated in the recent marriage, at Galesburg, of Samuel Greely and Mrs. Anna Hurr, aged respectively 83 and 81. Their engagement had endured for 65 years, during all of which time she remained true to him and he to Hurr.

A New Orleans policeman named Bibb dressed his wife in his uniform and placed her on his beat while he indulged his bibulous propensities elsewhere.

An exceedingly paternal man, living in Dennis Lake, Florida, aged 87 is the father of 60 children, the youngest of whom is nine months old.

Rocky Mountain coal is taking the place of all other at Omaha. Elko is troubled with "snowflakes," a little black gnat whose bite is venomous as mosquitoes. Lumber-men are being arrested in Minnesota for cutting wood on government lands. A spring in Traverse county (Minn.), petrifies all vegetable matter with which the water comes in contact. A Scandinavian was killed in the vicinity of Long Lake by a tree falling on him. He had just sent money to the old country to bring his family over. Mr. Dalryple, the great farmer of Minnesota, is said to have made \$150,000 clear gain in three years farming. Gen. Von Moltke, the great Prussian soldier, is nearly blind. Queen Victoria is opposed to woman suffrage. Wm. M. Everts has been paid by the Government \$57,545 lawyer's fees during the past six years. Charles O'Connor has been elected President of the New York Law Institute. Richard Tattersall, head of the well known London firm of Tattersall, is dead. A letter from Rome says Harriet Hosmer has become rich by her artistic career. The New York *Mail* says Mr. Graham received \$10,000 for his services in defending McFarland. A Halifax woman has been arrested on her husband's charge of "leading a desolate life." A girl at a party was asked what made her face so red. She replied "them horrid chaps." The most pleasant reflection some young ladies have is in the mirror. A masked ball has been defined as a merciful institution for plain women. "You don't look a-miss," as the lady said to her beau when he got her bonnet on. The Queen of Madagascar wants to marry an American clergyman who is young and tender. A Burlington, Iowa, lady has advanced so far in woman's rights as to go to the barber's shop regularly to be shaved. No citizen of Japan can leave that country without giving bonds that he will return at the time specified. A Boston medical journal relates the history of a woman about forty years of age, who was much affected with sleeplessness, resulting from nervous prostration. She passed a whole week without more than an hour's sleep each night. Opium and various other drugs were administered, without producing any effect. Fifteen grains of hydrate of chloral were given every night for a week, and the patient slept each time seven hours, calmly, and without any disagreeable after effects.

Hon. S. S. Fisher, Commissioner of Patents, says that though over a third of the applications for patents are rejected, nearly as many patents are issued in the United States as in the whole of Europe. He also states that only about one tenth of all patented inventions prove valuable to their projectors or the public. A servant living in the country was directed to get the mail. After her get the mail? "Faith, mam, I did not; for you forgot to tell me whether it was Indian meal or corn meal you wanted."

Miss Susie Netter, a very smart "girl of the period," having arrived at the mature age of thirteen years and six months, eloped from a good home in Rush county, Indiana, last week, and was married to a worthless fellow named Richards.

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NEW TO-DAY.

Notice. THE CO-PARTNERSHIP of the undersigned doing business in Albany, Luzerne county, Oregon, under the firm name of O. P. Tompkins & Co., is dissolved by mutual consent, to take effect from the 5th instant. W. H. McFarland has purchased the entire stock of merchandise, and the notes and accounts due to him. He will continue the business under the firm name of W. H. McFarland & Co. Either party will sign in liquidation. O. P. TOMPKINS, W. H. McFARLAND. Albany, May 9, 1870-4330

STOCK HOLDERS' ELECTION.

NOTICE. The stockholders in the Willamette Valley Locomotive Mountain Wagon Road Company will hold their annual election for a Board of Seven Directors, at the Court House in Albany, Oregon, on the second Tuesday, the 12th day of July, 1870, at 1 o'clock P. M. JASON WHEELER, Pres. JAMES ECKERS, Sec. Albany, June 17, 1870-4713

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