THE BACHELOR'S SURPRISE.

A chill December evening, with the rain and snow forming a disagreeable sort of conglomeration on the sidewalks, the gas lamps at the corner flickering sullenly through the mist, and the wind taking one viciously as one came round the corner. Not a pleasant evening to assume possession of a new home; but necessity knows no law, and Mr. Barkdale put up his night key into the red brick house in the middle of the block, sincerely hoping that his new landlady would have common sense to light a fire in the grate.

"Is it you, sir?" Mrs. Hannan quoth heavingly. "There's a good fire, and it's all right."

"All right, eh?" said the bachelor, for, jug the blue tip of his footed nose to see whether it had escaped from being frozen off entirely. "Well, I am glad to hear that. Have the trunks come?"

"Oh, yes sir, and the other things."

"What other things?" demanded Mr. Barkdale.

But Mrs. Hannan pursed her lips up. "I wasn't to tell, sir, please."

"Rather an eccentric old lady," thought Mr. Barkdale, pushing past her to the third story front room, which he had solemnly engaged the day before.

It had been rather a dark and dingy little den by the light of the moon; but now softened by the coral shine of a well filled grate, it wore quite another and a brighter aspect.

"Velvet paper on the walls, gilt paneling, red carpet, and a Sleepy-Hollow chair," thought Mr. Barkdale, glancing around. "Not so uncomfortable, after all. When I get my things unpacked, it will seem quite homelike."

He set down his valise in the corner, deliberately opened it, took out a pair of slippers, and invested his tired feet therein. Next he laid off his overcoat.

"Now for a cigar," thought he.

But the brown-layered weed was yet in his hand, when there was a bustle, and a flutter, and a whisper, and a merry noise on the landing outside, and the door flew open as if by magic, to admit half a dozen blooming, laughing girls.

Mr. Barkdale dropped his cigar, and retreated a step or two.

"Don't be alarmed," said the tallest and prettiest of the bevy; "It's only a surprise."

"A very agreeable one, I'm sure," said our friend, recovering in some degree his presence of mind.

"There's no mistake, I hope," said a yellow dressed blonde. "Your name is not Greenfield?"

"No mistake at all, I assure you," said Mr. Barkdale. "Of course it is not Greenfield. Sit down ladies."

And he pushed forward the Sleepy Hollow chair, a camp stool, and two rheumatic reception chairs, which were all the accommodations presented by his apartment.

But instead of accepting the courtesy, the girls all fluttered out again giggling, and in a second, before he could realize the strange condition of affairs, they were back again bearing beliches and a tablecloth, dishes, bouquets, a pyramid of macaroons, piled up plates of sandwiches, a frosted cake, and a mysterious something like unto an ice-cream freezer.

The golden tressed girl clapped her hands.

"You needn't think we are going to do all for you, sir," said she.

"Oh," said Mr. Barkdale, blushfully, "if —— I —— hadn't any such impression."

"It's all a surprise designed for Kate's cousin."

"Is it?" said Mr. Barkdale, more in the dark than ever.

"And how do you suppose we found it all out?" demanded the tall girl with the black eyes and scarlet feather in her hat.

"I haven't the least idea."

"We found your letter to Kate, and we girls read it, and we resolved to take you and her both by surprise. She is to be here in half an hour. Barbara—that is Barbara Morri, in the blue merino dress," with a turn of her long lashes toward the golden haired girl, "pretends that she has moved here, and Kate is coming to spend the evening with her. Won't it be a joke?"

"Stupendous!" said our hero, gradually beginning to comprehend the fact that he was mistaken for some one else.

"What will Katey say when she sees you here?" ejaculated another maid merrily.

"Ah! what, indeed?" said Mr. Barkdale, wondering in what words he could best explain matters.

"Of course we shall all look the other way while you are kissing and hugging her," said Miss Barbara.

"Very considerate of you, I am sure," observed Mr. Barkdale.

"She's the sweetest girl in New York," exclaimed the tall damsel, enthusiastically. "I am one of her dearest friends. We work our sewing machines side by side at Madame Gridard's. Hasn't she ever written to you about Alice Moore?"

"I—I don't just this moment recall that she has."

"Oh, well, it doesn't matter," said Alice, "Just you sit down, and be a good boy, while we fix the tables. Aren't those roses beautiful? My goodness gracious, how astonished Kate will be!"

"She can't be more so than I am," said Mr. Barkdale, sinking into the Sleepy Hollow chair, and passing his handkerchief vaguely across his forehead. "Well, it's a mere matter of fate, I can't see how I am to explain myself; and yet perhaps I ought to explain. Ladies——"

"Hush-sh-sh-sh," cried the pretty girls in a hissing chorus, "Kate's coming; Bessie has brought her. Hush sh-sh! Don't say a word Mr. Greenfield." The golden-haired girl's hand was clapped promptly over his mouth. Alice Moore grasped his arm spasmodically, and the other four danced a sort of betwiching little war-dance about him, while a seventh girl entered—a pretty Madonna-faced little creature like a dove.

"Come and kiss him Kate," cried all the others. "Now don't be ridiculous, for we shan't take any notice. Here he is."

"Kiss who?" cried Kate, standing still and staring all around her. "Girls, what on earth do you mean?"

"You provoking thing!" said Barbara, stamping her little foot. "Do you suppose we are all fools? Why, of course, we know all about him! It's Mr. Greenfield—your cousin, Kate—the young M. D."

Kate looked around in bewilderment.

"Where?"

Why, here!"

"Nothing of the sort," said Kate.

Our hero stood up, feeling himself growing uncomfortably warm and red.

"Ladies," he said, "there is a mistake here. I said at the outset that my name was not Greenfield.

"There!" cried the girls at once.

"There!" echoed Kate defiantly.

"Didn't we tell you?" cried the girls.

"Didn't I tell you?" retorted Kate. "Be kind enough to let us know what your name is, sir."

"Cephas Barkdale," said the wretched victim of a misunderstanding.

"But," said Miss Moore, "you said it was Nott Greenfield."

"Of course I did. It isn't Greenfield, and it never will be unless I have it changed by act of Legislature."

"O-h-h!" cried the girls. "Dear, dear, to be sure! And we thought you were Kate's lover—and his name is N-o double t—Nott Greenfield."

"Do you hold your tongues, you ridiculous things," said Kate, half vexed, half laughing. "What must Mr. Barkdale think of us?"

"I think you are very nice," said he, gallantly.

Miss Barbara in the meantime had taken the slip of paper out of her pocket. She opened it hysterical shriek.

"It's all my fault," she exclaimed. "It was No. 39 instead of 36—and the tail of the horrid figures turned the wrong end upward—that's all. And the cake and the flowers and everything."

"Stop, ladies, if you please," said Barkdale. "I think the surprise has come to the wrong place there is no reason why the right person should not enjoy it. Allow me to give up this room to your use this evening. I will just step across the street and send Mr. Nott Greenfield over."

"But you must return with him," said the girls.

And Barkdale was not allowed to depart until he had promised.

Mr. Nott Greenfield—a good-looking medical student—who had the "sky parlor" directly opposite—came promptly on mention of the name of Kate Kelford, and did the polite thing in introducing Mr. Barkdale; and Barkdale ate of the sandwiches, and enjoyed the cake and cream, and danced Miss Barbara to pin a little pink rosebud in the button-hole of his coat coat, and enjoyed himself prodigiously.

"I'd like to be surprised like this every night in the year!" said he.

"O, you greedy creature!" said Miss Barbara.

"But there was one time I seriously meditated throwing myself out of the window," said he, "when you told me I was to kiss Kate."

"Dear, dear," said Barbara, ironically; "That would have been dreadful, wouldn't it?"

"But the awkwardness of the thing."

"I dare say you never kissed a pretty girl," pouted the blonde.

"I never did," and the bachelor, growing bold; "but I will now, if you say so."

"Let I tell you, say say so," said Barbara coloring as I laughing. "Behave yourself sir!"

Mr. Barkdale went home with the fair Barbara, and they grew to be very great friends, and where's the use trying to conceal how it ended? They were married at the year's end, with six surprisers for bridesmaids, Kate Kelford included. Mr. Nott Greenfield proposes to follow the example as soon as he gets his diploma.

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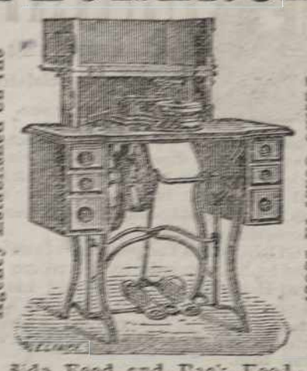

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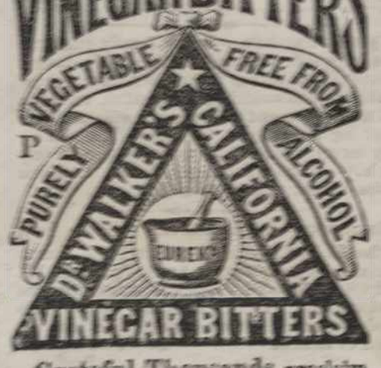

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