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SAM'S PHILOSOPHY.

He and Kate Married Because They Found Themselves so Old and Poor.

Half a dozen men were discussing the problem of marriage in the cafe of the Southern society one evening.

"These young New Yorkers make me very weary," said a Kentucky colonel. "I mean these young fellows who, though in receipt of good incomes, spend all their money in tomfoolery, and then say they can't afford to marry."

"I agree with you, colonel," said a Maryland gentleman from Princess Anne county. "If a man wants to marry he never reckons the cost. I am reminded of a story of our two old house servants. They had both been in our family for years. When the emancipation proclamation was signed we told them that they were free. We sympathized with the north during the war, you know.

"We could scarcely drive them away with a club, however. They had been born and reared on the place. Sam had lost his wife. He was eighty years of age. Old Kate was our 'mammy.' She was sixty or seventy. Her husband was killed duck shooting a dozen years before the war. It was a great blow to the old people when we told them they would have to go. They did not want to leave us and hustle for themselves, but we could ill afford to keep them at that time. It was particularly hard for the old 'mammy.' She thought we children all belonged to her.

"Finally we compromised the matter and let old Kate have the use of one of the cabins and work on the place. Sam went to live in a little shanty in the town a mile or two away. Kate did washing and Sam did washing too, whenever he could get a job—whitewashing I mean.

"We were astonished one day at hearing that these old creatures, each with one foot in the grave, had married. My father sent me to Sam to learn if the report was true. I found him whitewashing the wooden fence around his shanty.

"Sam," I said, "what in the world have you and old Kate been up to, marrying at your age? What did you do it for?"

"'Why, Massa Will,' he replied, 'yo' see it war this way. Ole Kate an' I were a talkin' an' I say to ole Kate, "Kate, we po' fool niggers. I's done live 'bout's long's I ker to."

"'An Kate,' she say, "I dunno 'bout dat, Sam, but guess yo' is tellin' de truff."

"'So Kate, she say as how she's ole too, an' can't grow much ol'er, an' how she po' an' can't be no poo'er. An' so we 'clude to get married, kase we can't be no ol'er, no' poo'er when we's married, den when Kate is juss Kate an' Sam's juss Sam.'

"And so those two old darkies were married," said the Princess Anne man, "because they were old and could not live much longer, and because they were poor and could not be any poorer, whether they were single or married."—New York Herald.

You Don't Tire of Them.

There are people of whom one never tires, no matter how often one sees them nor how intimate the associations may be. There is about them that air of perpetual charm and variety that makes them delightful companions. They are sure to be good tempered. There is never any fear of finding them in a pet, nor a prey to some ill humor wholly unreasonable and unexplainable.

They are pleased when you are pleased and interested in what you have to say. They are so sympathetic that your ills and troubles become their own, and your friends become so dear to them that not for the world would they do anything to rob you of them. Sometimes with these bright, sweet natures you find the added charm of originality, and when you come across such a one treasure it and preserve it as one of the pearls of your life, for seldom indeed are talent, originality and good nature found combined in one mortal frame. A nature that is so richly endowed is threefold talented. It has the talent of magnetism, the talent of keeping good natured and the priceless talent of originality, which, as Rudyard Kipling says, is not the discovery of anything new, but is rather a new way of looking at old things. And that makes it all the more delightful.—New York World.

The First Woman.

By the way, speaking of Eve, why is not her name, in its English and Bible form, bestowed upon more little girls? Eva is common enough; it is simply the Latin form of the name. No doubt parents often bestow it in this form without thinking that they are naming a daughter for the naughty mother of all mankind, whose "mortal taste" for green fruit brought death into the world and all our woe. But this is an age of rehabilitation, and Eve has been pretty thoroughly rehabilitated in character herself. A great many really good women are not so sure but they would have done just the same as she did under the same circumstances. But whether or not Eve has been vindicated or needs vindication she had a very pretty name. Bestowed upon girl or woman, and without any final a—just plain Eve—no name could be more charming.—Boston Transcript.

Burglars' Weapons.

Over 100 tools and processes, which are marvels of ingenuity and scientific knowledge, have been invented by safe burglars. A recent burglar's outfit captured by the police consisted of a little giant knob breaker, a diamond drill and a high explosive of the nature of dynamite, but put up in the form of a powder. It would open the strongest bank safe in a half hour, and without noise enough to disturb people in the next house, while the entire outfit could be carried in the pockets of an ordinary coat.—Rochester Democrat.

A Word of Warning.

If you have any hereditary proneness to consumption take care not to sleep, when you go to health resorts, say, in Cannes or Mentone, in rooms from which consumptive patients have just cleared out. The congress of doctors which met recently has pronounced that disease infectious, but not from, perhaps, the breath. Danger lies in the sufferer from it spitting about, and, when the saliva dries, the microbes in it being inhaled in the shape of dust. Consumptive persons should have rooms to themselves, make use of spittoons, and they and all their surroundings should be kept with Dutch cleanliness and often disinfected. Cows are also to be mistrusted. An oft milked cow is sure to go into a decline, and her milk and the meat her body furnishes when she is handed over to the butcher are equally dangerous. The goat is proof against pulmonary consumption, and is warmly recommended by the congress as a nurse to delicate children who ill stomach boiled milk.—London Truth.

STORIES OF BARRETT.

OPINIONS OF THE DEAD ACTOR'S NEIGHBORS IN WALPOLE.

Where He Used to Recuperate and Where He Found His Charming Wife—How He Was Regarded by His Simple Friends Near His Country Home.

Away up in the hills of Norfolk county, nestled among the woods, about a mile and a half from the town of Walpole, there stands what is now known as the Cobb Farm, but at one time this was the home of the lamented tragedian, Lawrence Barrett, and as such it is known for miles around.

The old settlers delight in pointing it out to visitors. These same people also love to speak of the good old times when Mr. Barrett came home.

They all speak of the tragedian as "Mr." Barrett.

In an interview with one aged resident of the locality much of the late actor's career was learned.

"Why, yes; every one in these parts remembers the young actor, and also his charming wife. It used to be quite a time when he returned after a long tour, and it was along the shady lanes and in pretty nooks in the woods that he sought rest and quiet for his overworked brain.

"But I tell you it did not take him long to recuperate. He would have hardly been here a week before he would be wandering off into the woods, book in hand, to study. Come, and I will show you one of his favorite spots where I have known Mr. Barrett to stay for hours, rehearsing his part, with nothing but the birds and squirrels for his auditors, so far as he knew. But many is the time that a few of us neighbors have stolen down to within earshot of the actor and listened to his words. It was a great treat for us all."

BARRETT IN LOVE.

In answer to the inquiry as to how Mr. Barrett came to reside among them the old gentleman gave quite a chuckle, and with his face wreathed in smiles, said:

"Why, bless your heart, he fell in love with one of our pretty girls. I say one, because we have always had many in this district. She was a Mary Mayer, who lived with her uncle, John M. Mayer, who then resided at the old homestead.

"You see, Mary was a bright, intelligent girl, who had been given an excellent education by her father, Philip Mayer. He kept a confectioner's store on Tremont street, Boston, and although Mary lived out here with her uncle she frequently visited her parents, and there became acquainted with Mr. Barrett. They formed a friendship, which soon ripened into love, and marriage was the result.

"After their marriage they made the farm their home. It was here their charming daughters were reared and educated, and I tell you 'papa's' home coming every summer was quite a time for the people of the North End. We had grand times, and no one appeared to enjoy them more than did the young and at that time rising actor.

"He lived among us many years, and every one in those days had a kind word for Mr. Barrett; he was respected by all who came in contact with him. He was generous to a fault, and many are the people who have lived throughout the year on the bounty he bestowed during his short sojourn in the summer months. I remember that during one of his visits he offered to erect a house for a worthy man and his family and pay the whole bill.

"It was his many acts of charity that made him beloved by the people up here. We had stirring times in those days. Mr. Barrett and his friends used to make things lively, and his genial, generous disposition was in a measure infectious, and had a tendency to make every one pleasant.

HIS GENEROSITY.

"Yes, I have nothing but the most pleasant recollection of Mr. Barrett and his amiable wife when they lived in these parts.

"He did for others what few men nowadays would do with more money than ever he possessed. For years he supported his mother, his widowed sister and family and many people who had no claim whatever upon him. He always gave largely to any charity, and at times going short to do so. I remember his sister, Miss Barrett, coming to live at the farm, but she soon followed in the footsteps of her brother and married Mr. Tisdale, one of our townsmen. For the newly wedded pair he purchased a $5,000 house in Walpole.

"As the summer months began to wane Mr. Barrett used to study very hard, and you could meet him in the road at all times talking to himself. It was at these times that Mr. Barrett used to cause his friends much anxiety, as this hard study was too much for his overtaxed brain, and he several times wandered away. On one occasion he was caught just boarding a train at Dedham for Boston, having walked the whole seven miles with but little of his ordinary wearing apparel on. But he always came around all right after a short rest.

"It was just pie for us country fellows to get Mr. Barrett to tell us some of his experiences while on 'the road,' as these theater people call it. We used to sit on that wall, and Mr. Barrett would hand out the cigars, and after we were all lit up reel off some fine stories that would be well worth printing if I could only remember them.

"I could tell you lots of good deeds performed by Mr. Barrett, but as most of the people are still alive it would hardly be fair. He was a most affectionate husband, a loving father and a most estimable gentleman, and nothing but regrets were expressed when he decided to leave us for Cohasset; but what was Walpole's loss was Cohasset's gain."—Boston Globe.

Shade Trees.

The shade trees about our dwellings have done much to make our wives and daughters pale, feeble and neuralgic. Trees ought never to stand near enough to our dwellings to cast a shade upon them, and if the blinds were removed and nothing but a curtain within left to lessen on the hottest days the intensity of the heat, it would add greatly to the tone of our nerves and our general vigor. The piazzas which project over the lower story always make that less healthy than the upper story, especially for sleeping purposes. I am sure I have cured a great many cases of rheumatism by advising patients to leave bedrooms shaded by trees or piazzas, and sleep in a room and bed which were constantly dried and purified by the direct rays of the sun.—St. Louis Magazine.

HUNTING THE KANGAROO.

The Grotesque Flight of a Herd Upsets the Gravity of a Hunter.

The rest of the herd immediately made off in our direction, but instead of scattering pellmell as other wild animals would have done under like circumstances, these queer denizens of a queer country fell into line and departed in regular Indian file, the big old doe leading the way, and the smallest diminutive pickaninnies bringing up the rear. The doe covered the ground with tremendous leisurely hops, holding her fore paws before her in a mincing way that was very comical.

The smaller animals, each an exact though diminutive counterpart of the leader, followed in gradually diminishing perspective, every little beggar hopping just a little more rapidly than the one before him, until the fast flying legs of the last puny fellow at the end of the line were blurred like the spokes of a wheel in rapid motion.

The effect of this extraordinary procession was to my unaccustomed eyes so altogether ludicrous and absurd that I nearly lost my shot in an uncontrollable burst of laughter. As it was I might just as well have had my laugh out to the end, for although I let the old doe have both barrels full in the flank as she passed me at twenty yards' distance she never even faltered in her course, and had quite disappeared in the scrub, with all her numerous progeny at her heels, before I had time to replace the empty cartridges.

The No. 3 shot in all probability had little more effect upon her tough hide than so many grains of sand. Nevertheless, it might perhaps have brought her down if I had aimed at the head, for one pellet penetrating the brain through the eye would have been sufficient. But the motion was so eccentric and perplexing that this would have been a very risky shot, and I preferred the chance of stunning her by a direct double charge full in the body to the almost absolute certainty of missing her altogether by attempting the more difficult shot.—Birge Harrison in Scribner's.

Why American Women Walk.

"No other women in the world can compare with American women," said a man who has been living abroad for several years, "in walking. The American woman walks by preference. She seems to scorn a carriage. And how she walks! Her head is held up, her shoulders are thrown back and her step is firm and elastic. Is it any wonder that she has a fine color and that her lips are fresh and her eye clear? In other countries women ride because they do not feel safe when they are in the street. Here they know that they have every man at their command if they need him.

You find women in line after line thronging the streets where they go to do their shopping, or in Fifth or Madison avenue, when they are returning home. They may not know what a blessing their independence is to them, but their own beauty and the health and vigor of their children in after years are in a great measure due to this love of walking. Save in England, perhaps, I have seen nothing like it, and in England the women do not walk as they do here. They are more deliberate and grave. The quickness and strength and fire are missing. They seem more like machines. They walk for the sake of tradition, it seems to an American, but here our women walk because they like to walk."—New York Tribune.

Tea Drinking.

The custom of tea drinking is as old as the Chinese empire, and as early as 780 A. D. a duty was levied on the tea that grew wild on the Chinese mountains. But it is within two centuries that its use was adopted by the English, when the East Tea company imported it and it was sold at $25 a pound. Its use was confined to the royal household. In the reign of Henry VII a refreshment consisting of tea and cakes was called a voide.

On the occasion of the marriage dinner of Katharine of Arragon and Arthur, prince of Wales, the court chronicler wrote: "The evening refreshment called voide was brought in by fourscore earls, barons and knights, walking two and two. Ipocras and comfits were offered. One noble servitor presented the golden spice plate, a second the cups, while a third of lower rank filled the cups from a golden ewer."

Since then what Washington Irving calls the "motherly teapot" has become a power in the world.—Detroit Free Press.

Freedom.

A touching story was told of Tamberlik, the tenor singer. Passing through Madrid one bright spring morning, he visited the bird market and bought every bird in it. He ordered the cages to be carried into the Plaza and opened. The sunny air was filled with a fluttering host, and from hundreds of tiny throats burst songs of delight. Tamberlik looked after them with tears of pleasure in his eyes, crying, "Go, and be free, my brothers!"

A similar story is told of a kindly old Virginian, who used to celebrate the Fourth of July by buying up all the caged squirrels, rabbits and birds in the neighborhood, and then setting them free, that they, too, might rejoice in the day of independence. The creatures to whom he gave happiness are long since dead, but the children who saw his kindly act have carried its influence through their lives.—Youth's Companion.

The Evil Eye.

The Corsicans are not the only people in the world who believe in the evil eye, for the Turk is so affected by it that he thinks it extends its influences to whatever animals belong to him. Strings of coral are sold on the streets and said to be a preventive against the evil. It is very curious to see the donkeys, crowds of which are found in the streets, with strings of coral twisted in their tails.

When he gets in a violent rage the very worst thing that a Turkish gentleman can threaten his donkey with is the taking away of the jewels which protect him from the evil eye, for in this way he will give him over to all kinds of cruelty and the possession of the demon. In the markets bits of coral are laid among the purple grapes or green vegetables with the hope that good luck will come to them and they will bring a higher price.—New York Sun.

Inconsistency.

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Editor—Well?

Poet—And yet you decline my verses simply because you say they are poor.—Puck.

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