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A LITTLE LOVE OF MINE.

I know a clever little maid,
And sweet, who claims me for her knight,
And I confess I'm half afraid,
She thinks what's best for me is right.

She has a slender, lissom form,
Brown eyes where trust and truth abide,
A cupid's mouth, and rosy lips,
Rose cheeks as where-d'ye-wish to hide.

La reine petite, the little queen,
Soft to forgive as to command,
The daintiest monarch ever seen—
She keeps her subjects well in hand.

When I was a boy, I attended a public school in a New England town not many miles from the Hub.

My disposition was by no means lamblike, nor his temper equal, as his red hair—what there was of it—and red beard bore abundant testimony to the contrary.

His room was next door to mine and had the appearance of a museum. There were numerous books, of course, on all sorts of subjects, ferneries, cabinets of minerals and chloroformed butterflies.

He (sympathetically)—You have a bad cold. She (huskily)—I have. I am so hoarse that if you attempted to kiss me I couldn't even scream!

Extract from the catalogue of a lending library: "In the novels and stories marked with an asterisk, the happy couples get married at the finish."

Miss Pruney—Where did you get the design of your servants' livery? Sash—Oh, my ancestor used it! Miss P.—Indeed! by whom were they employed?

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or was badly "stuck."
The girl was a splendid listener and flattered Mr. Monson's vanity by her attention rather than by words of praise.

At last, unable to bear the strain, he determined to risk all by a test question. A favorable opportunity presented itself one night when everybody had retired and the twain were alone in the parlor.

At this point he seized my hand and squeezed it until it fairly turned blue and said excitedly:
"Then marry me, Miss Lillian. No man can love a woman more than I love you."

"You are laughing at a very serious matter. You trifles with me. Is this the way to treat the proffered love of an honest man?"

"I had barely finished saying that when that worn stool on the poor man's collar, and bracing his hand feet on it made a grab for his hair with its front feet. The nasty thing was comical in all its movements that I laughed right out, making no attempt to conceal my merriment.

"By this time the caterpillar had reached his bald spot and from that elevated perch was looking on the scene with placid enjoyment. He caught my eyes as they were bent toward the intruder, and just then, his excitement having subsided a little and no doubt feeling the nasty thing on top of his head, he caught it in his hand, crushing the poor worm at the same time.

"The next week the professor resigned his position in the school and left the town forever.—Yan Phen Lee in St. Louis Republic.

Where His Heart Was.
"Where you ever shot during the war, colonel?" asked the young woman of the warrior. "Only once. A bullet struck me right here," putting his hand directly over his heart. "Dear me!" she cried. "Why didn't it kill you?"

Has Fun With His Coffee.
"Some folks can't drink coffee unless it's hot," said Mr. Goslington. "And I don't like coffee unless it is freshly made and served hot, but I like to drink it through all its varying phases from hot to pretty nearly cold."

Prospective Mothers.
and those soon to become mothers, should know that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best medicine for the mother and child.

A DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

Captain Jack Crawford's Midnight Adventure With an Apache Indian.
When within a few feet of where I stood, the stalwart savage, his eyes gleaming with hatred, lifted his knife and sprang toward me. I leaped forward to meet him and succeeded in grasping the hand which held the weapon, and with a grip like a vice held to it. He clung with me, and a terrible struggle ensued.

We struck the bottom heavily, and to my astonishment neither of us seemed to be greatly injured. I fell almost underneath him, and in a moment he succeeded in getting me on my back and sat astride of my prostrate form. He had dropped his knife in our fall, and seizing me by the long hair near each ear began to beat my head against the ground in an endeavor to stun me into insensibility.

It was all a hideous dream. In my desperation I had seized her, and we had a terrible struggle, finally falling out of bed upon the floor.—Captain Jack Crawford in Home and Country.

But Somehow the Drummer Couldn't Seem to Make It Work.
"I saw a queer trick in Chicago the other day," said the drummer as he lighted a fresh cigar and pored his nails with his pocketknife.

"Of course two or three of the group wanted to know all about it, and he continued:
"One of you let me have a clean \$1 bill for a moment. Ah, that's a daisy of a bill—just off the press last week. Now, then, I lay the bill face downward on the floor—thus. The chap who did the trick was not a professional juggler, but he did it with neatness and dispatch. I don't say I can do it myself, but I'll try."

"What in the old Harry are you trying to do?" demanded the owner of the bill.
"Why, I'm trying to blow the pieces together," innocently replied the drummer.

"But you can't do it."
"No, I see I can't. The Chicago man did it, but I'm not on to the trick. Here are the four pieces, and I guess you'll have to get a bottle of maulage and a sheet of paper and paste them together. Awfully cute trick, but I can't do it. Wish I could, but I can't."

Surprised Celestials.
The usually calm, expressionless Chinese men who run an up town electric and linen polishing establishment were startled into manufacturing great surprise by a customer who took a notion to test the gainfulness of their apparent immobility. After chatting for several minutes and while all three of the Celestials in place had their eyes turned upon him he suddenly gave a pull at his upper row of false teeth and held them up before the force wide opened eyes of the Mongolians, who instinctively dropped their occupations in their complete astonishment.

After the lapse of a moment one gave a yank at his natural teeth and was followed by the other two in similar endeavor to pull out their incisors, with no result save consternation. It took the white patron of the sawmill laundrymen some little time to recover from his laughter and longer still to explain that "Molecan" men had teeth made to order that could be inserted and removed at will.—Philadelphia Call.

I believe Pilo's Cure for Consumption saved my boy's life last summer.—MRS. ALICE DODD, Le Roy, Mich., Oct. 20, 1894.

LIKE A SIEVE.

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