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AN ABRUPT COURTSHIP.

How an English Methodist Preacher Won and Was Accepted.

A good story is told of an English minister who lived about 70 years ago...

AN OPAL.

A rose of fire shut in a veil of snow. An April gleam at dawn misted sky.

By my shy love, beneath her kerchief white. Holdeth the gleam of the east in her eye.

OUR FIRST CASE.

We were sitting in our little room looking at each other. A week or two ago we had set up independently.

"Do you think that?" said the dominie, for he had a very perceptible lip. "Then I'll go and see her."

"No, thank you. I'll then explain my bithness. I'm the new Methodist preacher. I'm unmarried. My friends think I'd better marry. They recommend you for a wife. Have you any objections?"

"Well, Mr. Smith, it is a very serious matter. I should not like to get out of the way of Providence."

"I perfectly understand you, Mith P. We will be married this day week. I will call at third hour. Pleath be ready, ma'am."

"He called on that day week at that hour. She was ready. They were married and lived happily several years."

Many Geologists Contend That the Garden of Eden Was in the Arctic Regions. In an interesting and highly instructive article...

PERSONAL GOSSIP. John Roberts has been the champion of English billiards for over 25 years.

Joseph Nesbitt, once a mining king worth \$1,000,000, died the other day in a Chicago lodging house.

"I'm rather fond of spiders. Are you?" "On the whole," I answered, "I prefer my bedroom free of them."

"Let us now go and make the acquaintance of our patient," I suggested. Our gentle knock was not answered, so we went in unbidden.

"Two of you!" burst out a sharp, thin voice, startling us. "Two! I don't want two. One's quite enough. I'm not going to pay two to do the work for one."

"It's rather late in the day to be doing business," said Kathleen. He turned and stared at her.

"I was simply astonished at the change Kathleen had wrought in the sickroom. The only thing which seemed the same was our patient, and he looked cleaner."

"You aren't going to wash me!" he cried. "The other one has just done it." "No, no, it's all right. I won't wash you again tonight."

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out, but the feeble flicker of the lamp up stairs guided me, and I stumbled on, not daring to take a breath till I found myself once more in the sickroom.

"Well, how did you get on? What sort of a night had you?" Kathleen was like a breeze. Her voice swept off the vapors of the night.

"I must—I must. I've a great sum of money in the house that ought to be banked. And James hasn't got in all the rents. He's a fool at it. Send him up to me at once."

"I looked at Kathleen in despair. It was always like that. Sometimes he cried and sobbed, sometimes he railed against the justice of life."

"A Wonder in Minute Writing. A recent writer on the subject of wood lengths of light, in describing the apparatus used for taking measurements of such lengths, mentions the 'Nobert test plates.'"

"Quite a number of tropical nuts have recently been introduced into cultivation in this country. Already on the east coast of Florida are growing 250,000 cocconut trees, 43,000 being in one plantation."

"The Romance Ended. Mrs. de Fashion (average society lady) making her round of calls owing to average society friends—Is Mrs. Wiggin Van Mortland at home?"

"Large tracts of sand wastes are being reclaimed along the Welsh coast. Series of parallel fences are put up seawards, closely interwoven between and furze, and spaces between these posts are filled with earth and rock scrapings."

"Old Bullion—It galls me to think that my money goes into your spend-thrift hands when I die."

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There was no need for us to stay. Mr. Hartland insisted on looking at his rentbook to see whether James had collected all the rents. I brought it to him, and he gazed about with his hands to feel it.

"I can't quite see," he moaned. "My eyes—they aren't so good as they used to be. Read it to me, you nurse. What are you here for, wasting my money, if you can't read it to me?"

"The Preservation of Foods. The great advance in the preservation of foods is perhaps most clearly shown in a recent article in a French magazine. The article discusses the preserving of provisions from the military standpoint."

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HE WENT TO A BALL.

OVERCOME BY THE HOSPITALITY OF YOUNG LOUISVILLE MEN.

The Dance Was at a Female Seminary, and It Was Full of Surprises—The Stranger Declared He Would Never Attend Another "Swell" Dance in Kentucky.

"Speaking of practical jokes," said a drummer at one of the hotels the other night, "I was the victim of one of the most embarrassing I have heard of for a long time."

"When we arrived at the place, the dance had already begun. We left the carriage in care of a negro man and entered the ballroom. Of course I felt very strange at first among so many strangers, but my companions seemed to feel quite at home and insisted that I should meet some of the young women at once."

"After receiving an introduction to her I sat down and started a conversation. Soon she was talking at an astonishingly rapid rate. I became rather interested in the girl, but was very much surprised to learn that she was the twentieth daughter of a wealthy farmer."

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MR. BRYCE ON ARMENIA.

The English Statesman Discusses What He Done With The Turks.

Why does not such a government to pieces, according to the law of nations which happily provides that corruption and weakness bring dissolution in their train?

"If, then, it is going to last some time longer, can nothing at all be done, if not to reform it, yet to abate its evil? Experience has shown that there is only one way of reforming an oriental government, and that is by putting in leading strings by either superceding the chief officials and putting Europeans in their place or else by giving them European adjutants who shall virtually direct them."

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