

A BACK BAY TALE.

The Biglows and the Browns were wealthy Bostonians, living side by side on a fashionable street in the Back Bay.

Mr. Brown, who was a brewer and possessed of a tremendous fortune, had found when his only daughter, Bella, had become a young lady that they must move.

Bella hated Grace Biglow, and she could not help it. They had both attended the same fashionable school, and, as it happened, the previous June both girls had gone over to Harvard "class day."

When he heard that Grace had gone out to Roxbury to do housework, he said: "She is a brave, little girl, and I love her more than ever!"

The evening of the party came, and Bella was very happy, as she stood with her mother in the large drawing room against a background of beautiful potted plants and stately ferns, gorgeously dressed and radiant with her mother's diamonds.

At last tea was ready, and Jack Hollister sat down with Grace and her aunt and enjoyed the best cooked supper he had had for a long time.

When Jack said, "I love you all the better, my darling, now you are poor," she smiled and answered him thus: "Ah, you, too, have heard that ridiculous story, which I am sure originated with Bella Brown."

DISPATCHING.

"It's about 11 years now since I handled trains by wire, and I would not go back to it for \$100 a day. You have really no idea of how it works on a man."

"When I was appointed night dispatcher on the road, I thought I was the biggest man in Missouri. I took to smoking 15 cigars and wearing \$8 hats. I had a well developed case of swollen head and it would do it all over me."

"A double header left the foot of the mountain about midnight, holding an order giving it the right to Summit. About 35 minutes ahead of it was a fast freight. The latter had an engine numbered 427, and the double train had engines 349 and 327."

"I felt absolutely certain that some of those men would be killed. Had both trains been single the drivers might possibly see each other's headlights in time to jump, but I was sure the men on the second engine of the double header would go into the wreck all over and die as sure as fate."

"Suddenly both relays opened with a snap. The chief looked at me with a perfectly indescribable expression and went to the switchboard without a word. We both knew without telling what it meant."

"The 30 or 40 minutes that elapsed after the wire failed until we got the official report of the accident seem to me now as misty as a dream. I worked away at the first mechanically, guided only by the force of habit and using the circuits as they were made up by the chief."

"It seems the engineer had seen the headlights and jumped, and the men on the first engine of the double header, after giving a sharp whistle for brakes, shrieked to the following crew to jump and kept on shrieking after they struck the ground and until the engine passed them."

THE SUBSTITUTE.

"Has Ketchum come down yet?" "No. Worse again today. Can't one of the girls take his place for a few days?"

Just then the outer door opened, and Mr. Sharp's eyes. A young woman came in, not in a gray flannel suit, but in a dress of the latest fashion, and with a hat of the latest fashion.

"You, sir, I believe I can, and father worries about it so much that it worries my recovery. Please let me try." Mr. Sharp felt the sharp points of the answer he was about to make.

"Well, sir," said Miss Mary, diving into her bag with businesslike promptness as he dropped into his office chair. "We'll dispose of bills paid and receipts first."

"I should say it would. A half column ad. for six months. I don't mind saying, Miss Ketchum, that you've done well, very well. Have a—his hand going mechanically toward his cigar case."

"He darted out and made some communication to the office boy, who at once disappeared, a clatter and a rush of heels on the stairway following the disappearance."

"Miss Mary was tying a veil over her blushing cheeks when the office boy came back, panting with his haste."

"It is rather a pity that fashion has frowned upon colors in cloths and dollies used for the 5 o'clock tea table. This informal service seemed quite the proper outlet for gay and decorative effects."

"The moderate use of these will unquestionably return. Meanwhile the table linens show beautiful designs of flower ghosts in colorless weaves."

AN OBJECT LESSON.

Nearly 100 persons are at work in Eugene packing green fruit for shipment east. Most of these people are women, boys and girls who could not find remunerative employment in an other avenue of labor.

This industry has been built up in a few years and is only in its infancy, considering the capabilities of our soil and climate for producing certain varieties of fruit that cannot be excelled, and have an unlimited market.

The Junction Times comes to the front as an apologist for Dr Chapman, and says he did not resign on account of poor health. On that point, it is simply a question of veracity between Chapman and Mr Moorhead.

Salem Statesman, August 12: Contracts for hop pickers are a ready bet to begin between the 1st and the 15th of September. The price offered for picking—30 cents a box—is better than last year, and better accommodations are also promised.

BOY VERSUS TIME.

It Was a Severe Test, but the Youngster Won the Battle. You can nearly always bet your money on a boy. Boys know some things better than even the angels.

Two, four, six minutes passed, and still he made no sign. Then the attorneys commenced to worry him. "Isn't time about up?" asked one of them.

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"It's nothing," and the kindly face blushed almost into youthfulness. "There was a very attractive young man with whom I had grown up. We had been thrown together a great deal, and before he started abroad to pursue his studies as an artist he came to spend the evening with me and take leave."

"Oh, the herald brutes!" "Thank you, dear. Now you can share the curiosity I have indulged so many years. If he had spoken, what would he have said?"

GOLD PRODUCTION.

The reported rich discoveries of gold in the Yukon country makes a review of gold productions interesting.

The greatest product of California in any one year was that of 1853. It was estimated at \$65,000,000. The output of 1850 was estimated at \$50,000,000, and it never fell below that figure until 1861. The great discovery of gold in Australia came later than that of California but the product soon became even greater.

ADVERTISED ABROAD, NOT AT HOME.

The Junction Times has just come for complaint when it scores the regents for not advertising in the Lane county papers, yet patronize all other papers of the state.

Our attention has been called to this lack of business policy on the part of the regents many times in the past. Hardly a week passes during the summer and fall months that the GUARD does not receive letters asking for copies of the paper having announcement of the University program for the next school year.

It is a small matter, so far as the Eugene papers are concerned, but considering the publicity given to University news by our home papers and the information they would disseminate abroad, it would certainly be correct business policy for the regents to advertise in them.

DR CHAPMAN.

We have no desire to add one particle to the humiliation that falls on Dr Chapman's lot. Yet it is well that the public should not be misled and deceived in the least as to the causes that were responsible for his resignation.

Dr Chapman was incompetent and entirely unfitted to fulfill the duties that devolve on the high and honorable position. Arrogant and dictatorial by nature he lost the respect of students and the esteem and confidence of his co-workers; that is the very few who did not worship at his shrine in abject slavery for fear of losing the loaves and fishes in shape of salaries provided by the state.

The University of Oregon is well rid of him and none too soon. The Board of Regents should try no more experiments, but exercise care in securing a man for president who can show undoubted recommendations as to executive capacity and ability. The University cannot afford another mistake of that kind.