

A Blanket Romance.

An estimable lady living in the near edge of Pueblo county, Col., had occasion to visit the States a few months since and found it convenient to borrow a handsome red blanket of Mr. Ed Redmond, a highly respectable and jolly stock man of our country. At Denver, where the lady stopped one night the hotel was crowded and two other ladies occupied the same room. The night being cold the possessor of the blanket generously offered her room-mates the valuable article for their comfort during the night, but at the same time enjoined them to take good care of it as it was a borrowed one. The ladies gratefully accepted the kind offer, and with a curiosity peculiar to their sex asked who might be the happy owner of the handsome article, and were told that it was Mr. Redmond, a bachelor friend living in Southern Colorado. In the morning, one of the ladies, a handsome young widow, clipped a small piece off one corner of the blanket and put it in her pocket, and returning the blanket with her card said: "Tell Mr. Redmond if he wants the rest of his blanket to come and get it."

Due time the lady returned from her eastern visit and delivered to the owner his property, the card and message. Mr. Redmond, not to be outdone by a banter from a lady, wrote her a note. Other notes followed each way. Their intimacy so romantically begun, ripened into love and marriage, although they had not seen each other till the time the nuptials were celebrated.

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