

REAL WORTH.

WHAT MAKES A MAN. A truthful soul, a loving mind, Full of affection for its kind; A spirit firm, erect and free; That never basely bends a knee; That never bears a feather's weight of slavery's chains for small or great; That truly speaks from God within; That never makes a league with sin; That snaps the fetters despot make; And loves the truth for its own sake; That worships God, and him alone; And bows no more than at his throne; And trembles at no tyrant's nod— A soul that fears no one but God— And thus can smile at curse or ban; This is the soul that makes a man.

WHAT MAKES A WOMAN. Not courtly dress, nor queenly air; Not jeweled hand, complexion fair; Not graceful form, nor lofty tread; Not paint, nor curls, nor splendid head, Nor pearls, nor sparkling eyes, Nor voice that tinkles out in glee; Not breath as sweet as eglantine, Not gaudy gems nor fabrics fine; Not all the stores of fashion's mart, Nor yet the blandishments of art, Not one, nor all of these combined, Can make one woman true, refined, 'Tis not the equester that we prize, But that which in the equester lies! The outward charms which please the sight Are naught unless the heart is right.

LANCELOT HARDYNGE'S PRIDE.

Lancelot Hardyng's leading trait was family pride. He traced his lineage back to the Duke of Monmouth's time. It cost him no end of pains to do it; for in the best preserved family histories missing chapters will occur. Now and then a wayward ancestor will wander off and disappear among the lost tribes of common mortals. But, as the zoologist gathers together the scattered bones of an obsolete animal, reproducing the missing ones, and covering the whole with integuments to match, so the skilled genealogist will collect the withered branches of a family tree, filling in the lost twigs, and crowning all with a luxuriance of verdure, the product of his own fertile fancy.

With a world of labor, Lancelot Hardyng brought order out of the chaos in which he found the family annals. By dint of patching up a flaw here, and putting in a link there, the work was at last completed. It was one of years, but one of love; and Lancelot sat down a proud and happy man when he ascertained that the first of his name had been executed over two hundred years ago, in the Duke of Monmouth's time. Whether it was for high treason or other genteel felony, or some vulgar offence against the law, was left in doubt, as was the question whether the hanged Hardyng had followed cracking crows in his grace's service, or the more plebeian occupation of blackening the dual boots. But what mattered it? In pedigree, age is everything.

Lancelot Hardyng was rich as well as proud. The money had been made by his father and grandfather in the soap and candle business. He sincerely wished it had been otherwise, or, at least, that the fact had been of less modern date. He might even have gloried in it had it happened in the Duke of Monmouth's time.

Mr. Hardyng had a nephew, George, adopted by him when left an orphan, whom he intended to make his heir, being himself a bachelor and childless.

George Hardyng was a frank, good-natured youth, who cared more for Mary Wilson's little finger than for the Duke of Monmouth and all the Hardyngs ever hanged. In truth he had taken the liberty to fall in love with Mary, who was poor and pretty, but could boast of no ancestors who had risen to distinction by performing on the gibbet.

How to break the matter to his uncle was a question which sorely puzzled George. He and Dick Grindle, Mary's second cousin, had often in vain laid their heads together to devise ways and means. A match for his nephew with a maiden without name or fortune, they knew was about the last thing Lancelot Hardyng could ever be brought to think of.

"I've got it!" said Dick, one day, after a long discussion of the problem which so long had baffled their efforts. "Out with it, for heaven's sake!" cried George, springing up with all a lover's eagerness.

But Dick shook his head, and bade his friend have patience. Time would disclose all, he said, and in spite of inopportunities, he departed with his secret, leaving George to bear, as best he might, the torture of suspense.

With lofty dignity, that same afternoon, Dick Grindle introduced himself to Mr. Hardyng in the latter's study. Dick looked haughty enough to have a dozen ancestors not only hanged but drawn and quartered.

"I have called on very unpleasant business," he said, with a very stiff bow.

"Pray proceed, sir," returned the other, with one still stiffer.

"Your nephew, sir, has taken the liberty to pay his addresses to a lady relative of mine, without consulting her connections. Now, whatever the young gentleman's deserts may be, our family must be permitted to decline alliance with any not on an equal footing."

"Am I to understand," thundered Mr. Hardyng, purple with rage, "that my nephew is objected to on family grounds?"

"I trust further explanation is not necessary," Dick replied, with a touch of arrogance.

"But I tell you it is necessary," roared the irate Lancelot, advancing and shaking his fist. "My nephew, I trust, has better blood in him than any that ever flowed in the veins of a Gr-r-rindle!"—and he growled the name through his clenched teeth, after a disdainful glance at the visitor's card, which he flung aside in contempt.

"Having discharged my duty," Dick rejoined, with a still more freezing air, "I trust you will endeavor to save us from further annoyance by interposing your authority."

"To prevent my nephew's marriage with your relative?" interrupted Mr. Hardyng, fiercely—"I'll do no such thing! He shall marry her forthwith, in spite of her whole family, and call you to a stern account besides! Be gone, sir!"

Dick obeyed with an alacrity not quite commensurate with his previous dignity. It was not till he got safe round the corner that he dared give vent to the laughter he was well nigh exploding with.

Mr. Hardyng's passion was yet at white heat when his nephew entered. "There has been a puppy here calling himself Grindle!" he cried, as George entered.

The latter was in dismay. Dick, by some indiscretion, he feared, had ruined all.

"He says you have been making love to his sinswoman," Mr. Hardyng continued.

George's heart quaked. He knew now all was lost. His worst fears were realized.

"What do you think?" his uncle went on, growing more and more excited. "He objects to us on the score of family!—to us—whose illustrious ancestor met a glorious death in the Duke of Monmouth's time?"

George could hardly repress a smile in spite of his solicitude.

"There is but one course to pursue," resumed his uncle. "You must marry that woman without a moment's delay, and demand instant satisfaction of her insolent kinsman. You must do this, were she as ugly as Hecate! Here, take this pocket-book—you'll find enough in it to serve your purpose. Call a coach, carry off the lady—by force, if necessary—hasten to the nearest clergyman, get married, then call out this puppy of a Grindle, and don't let me see your face till all is over! Zounds! we must teach these people that the honor of the Hardyngs is not to be trifled with!"

With a bounding heart, George hastened on his mission, and in less than an hour presented himself and his blooming bride before his uncle, with a handsome written apology from the offending Dick, who, in consideration thereof, was pardoned, and summoned by a special messenger to be one of the guests at the wedding dinner.

BILLINGS.—True criticism consists in saying a kind thing of an author whenever you can, and whenever you can't it consists in holding your tongue. Tricks upon travelers are always dangerous. I have known a dead hornet to wake up and sting just once more. Truth can take care of itself, but a lie has got to be watched as careful as a sore thumb. Misery loves company, but it is always jealous. There never was a man yet but what thought his lame back was a good deal lammer than anybody else's. Nature has turned out sun indifferent jobs, but never turned out one so indifferent that art could duplicate it. The sovereign mistake is that things are valued for what they have cost, and not for what they are worth. Ingratitude is wuss than hypoknasy. Mankind have been falling for over 5,000 years, and I don't think they have struck bottom yet. Trying to interest a small audience with a komick lektur iz a great deal like trying to hit the two corner pins on a ten pin alley with a single ball.

A CURIOUS APPLE TREE.—There is growing in Pochuck, Vernon Township, Sussex county, Mass., an apple-tree which bears both sour and sweet apples. Not only this, but sour and sweet apples grow on the same limbs, and some of the apples are both sour and sweet. One can pick an apple and find it intensely sour, then pick another from next to it and find it exceedingly sweet; still another can be picked from the same limb and it will be both sour and sweet—one-half sweet, the other sour. Over a quarter of a century ago one William Babb, now deceased, in experimenting took a bud from an apple tree which bore greenings, and another from a tree which bore sweet apples. Cutting them in half, he placed the sour and sweet halves together, and, budding them to a tree, the above has been the result. Some of the apples are entirely green in color, while others have a yellowish cast.

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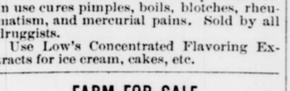
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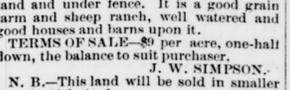
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