

The New Northwest

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Why? BY HENRY BLUFF.

Two chubby hands with snowy daises filled. I put a baby breast with pulses stilled.

So short a way his little life had led. So much of life seemed stretching on ahead.

"Do you think George has ceased to love you, Nellie?" "I don't exactly mean that, Aunt Mary."

"I don't think it is altogether fancy, Nellie. But I want to get at the whole truth of the matter, and to see if I cannot find out the cause of this change."

"With what, Nellie?" "Oh, all sorts of things; the house, the baby, my dress."

"The little wife blushed deeply, and made no answer. Mrs. Carr, her soft eyes bent lovingly upon her niece, said, very gently, 'Where does George go in the evening, Nellie?'"

"He is at a sister Kate's—a great deal, and Kate says she is very fond of hearing Mrs. Gordon sing."

"Mrs. Gordon. Do you know her?" "She was Jane Wilbur, and is now a widow. Her brother is Kate's husband."

"Yes, yes. But Nellie, you play and sing far better than Jane Wilbur."

"Not now, Aunt Mary. I never practice now." "But George is so very fond of music. I am sure you cannot neglect yours, if you try to make home the most attractive place in the world for your husband."

Again that deep, burning blush. "I don't think the piano has been opened for a year, Aunt Mary."

"Nellie?" "So few married ladies keep up their music. Many are obliged to give up their accomplishments to attend to the details of household duty."

"This is not your excuse, Nellie. Your husband's means allow you a good, competent maid. Maggie is a trained nurse. Do you really find your time taken up by—"

"No, I could practice, but—but—but—well, I scarcely know how I got out of the habit."

"Nellie, will you allow me to tell you a few plain home truths without giving you offence?" "Have you not stood in the place of confessor to me ever since I was a wee totting child? Say what you will."

"How long have you been married, Nellie?" "Three years."

"And you think in that short time you have lost your husband's affection, at least in a measure. I do not think so, but I will let you where I think the trouble lies. George, as you well know, was brought up and educated in a home where refined and elegant ladies presided over every detail. I think, dear, when he met you he saw the same refinements, the same taste and gentle manners, that make his sisters so much beloved in society, and such charming inmates of the home circle."

"Thanks to you, who filled a mother's place to me?" "I was very glad when George told me of his love for you, darling. I believed him to be an honorable, true man, one whose wealth was the least attraction to my Nellie."

"You was right. He was, he is all you thought him."

"He married you, believing he would carry to his future home one who would make it, not merely a place to eat and sleep in, but a home of taste and refined pleasure. He made the house a gem, as I know, he brought into it a lady, and when I sailed for Canada there was in no circle of society a more charming drawing-room than Mrs. George Huntley's. I have your own husband's side."

"I mean to keep my practice up now," Nellie said. "George is getting so big that mamma cannot make him an excuse for laziness any longer."

"So with promises for an evening at Kate's soon, the party separated, George escorting the ladies home. Nellie sat thoughtfully in the deserted parlor, wondering if her husband would soon return, or be detained by Mrs. Gordon's charms till a still later hour."

old George; and then, returning to her room, the little woman proceeded to make her own toilette, recalling her husband's favorite colors, and ordering her own maid to dress her in a cool white muslin, ruffled and trimmed as fashion dictated, with knots of blue ribbon at throat and belt, and confining the luxuriant waving brown hair, transformed the pretty face and figure and brightened Helen into a most attractive hostess. Only ten minutes left for the dining room. Jane was sure to have a neatly arranged table; but a touch here and there removed all the stiffness of Jane's work, while a tall vase of June roses made the dining room fragrant and pleasant.

When George Huntley opened his hall door with his usual wary sigh, his foot had scarcely passed the threshold when a pleasant sense of rest and relief crept over him. The long closed blinds of the open windows admitted the cool evening breeze, softly stirring the lace curtains, and from fragrant flowers stood here and there, and upon the open piano were scattered loose sheets of music.

In this pleasant room a chubby boy in white was running to meet papa, while a smiling wife spoke a few words of welcome. No fretful woman with untidy dress and rough hair, no boy banished to the nursery to-night.

George was a philosopher. He made no comment; but Nellie felt the added tenderness of his kiss, and noted the admiring look in his eyes, and felt that her work was appreciated.

Dinner passed off pleasantly. Encouraged by her success so far, Nellie chattered gaily, and George, with an ingratitude, lingered over the dessert of fresh fruits till long after his usual time for leaving the table.

"You are not going out?" Nellie said, as she saw George advancing ominously towards the door. "I was going to Kate's. Will you not come with me?"

"I would rather have you here." "Then I will stay. You have the first claim, mamma," and he bowed with graceful, though laughing, formality.

"Thanks! I was thinking how long it was since we had a game of backgammon." "I hoped you were going to play for me," with a glance at the piano. "I will. To-night you must remember that I am out of practice, but afterwards I will not claim that indulgence. To-morrow I will resume daily practice."

"I wish you would," was the earnest reply. "It has really grieved me to see that musical talent and cultured years being wasted."

It was cause for regret. Even in that prelude the skillful fingers regained some of their cunning and force, and when at last Nellie said she was tired, both were amazed to find two notes played by her. Three weeks passed away, and then Kate came to spend an evening with her brother, accompanied by the pretty widow, Mrs. Gordon.

Nellie had scarcely admitted to herself why she chose her softest and prettiest muslin for that evening's wear, why was she so very careful in the arrangement of the Pompadour roll her husband declared so becoming to her face, why she selected her prettiest set of jewelry and crisp new ribbons for hair and necktie.

"Pique, or a more ignoble impulse, prompted the dashing widow to exert all her fascinations. She played brilliantly; she sang well; she chattered wit and vivacity; but Nellie met her bravely upon her own ground and conquered her. Her musical attainments far surpassed the widow's, her superficial playing, and her voice was full of depth and feeling."

The evening was nearly over when Kate said, "You have quite deserted us, George. It is three weeks since you have spent an evening at our home."

"Impossible. It cannot be so long." "Nellie turned her head away to hide her glad smile of triumph." "But it is," Kate persisted; "we were counting the days this morning."

"I will come with Nellie some evening next week. Where has the time flown, Nellie?" "There were two evenings at the theater," Nellie said, demurely.

"Yes, and we have been learning some new duets. And I am reading Owen Meredith's last new poem aloud to Nellie, and we are contriving some additions for the conservatory, that take time to calculate and plan. Then Nellie is helping me about some papers I want to get in order, and—"

"Stop! stop! You are pardoned," Kate cried, laughing at her brother's earnest face. "Only, when these pursuits will allow you to spend one evening, pray remember that you have a sister. Nell, Walter was saying last week he wanted to hear you sing that Brindisi he used to admire so much. I am sure you have taken up your music again. We are all so proud of it."

To WASH FLANNELS.—White flannels may be kept soft and free from shrinking, if properly washed. Put enough soap into boiling water to make a strong suds, and then put in the flannels, pressing them under the water with the clothes-stick. When cool, so that you can bear your hands in the suds, rub them carefully, and when clean, pass them through the wringer into another tub of boiling water, into which you have thoroughly stirred a little bluing. If your first suds is strong enough, the flannel will retain sufficient soap for the rinsing water. Shake them up and down in the last water with the clothes-stick till well rinsed, or cool enough for your hands; then pass through the wringer once more, and as quickly as possible hang out in a clear sun or brisk wind, and when two-thirds dry bring in; snap and pull again; fold and roll up hard for a little while, and iron and press till dry. Never wash flannels in cloudy or stormy weather, and always iron as soon after bringing in as you can. If they lie long folded they will shrink.

Gleanings. The Prussian Government will use only American paper for its bank notes hereafter.

The San Francisco Bulletin speaks of John Chinaman as "a crowning domestic disappointment."

Theodore Tilton is buying up and suppressing all the copies of his biography of Mrs. Woodhull which he can find.

Rev. Dr. Storrs says that Henry Ward Beecher has "wasted voice enough to make two thunder storms" by talking very hard.

California contains a larger number of foreigners, proportionally, than any other State in the Union. The census shows 335,303 natives and 300,839 foreign-born.

A poor young man remarks that the only advice he gets from capitalists is to "live within his income," whereas the difficulty he experiences is to live without an income.

A loony brakeman on the New York Central Railroad declares that a phantom train goes over the New York Central Railroad every year, bearing the body of President Lincoln.

A Philadelphia reporter, wishing to make his account of the appearance of the horse-alibi in that city graphic, wrote that a certain stable proprietor "saw one of his horses give unmistakable evidence that he had an attack of the fell destroyer."

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A LOONY BRAKEMAN ON THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD DECLARES THAT A PHANTOM TRAIN GOES OVER THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD EVERY YEAR, BEARING THE BODY OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

A PHILADELPHIA REPORTER, WISHING TO MAKE HIS ACCOUNT OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE HORSE-ALIBI IN THAT CITY GRAPHIC, WROTE THAT A CERTAIN STABLE PROPRIETOR "SAW ONE OF HIS HORSES GIVE UNMISTAKABLE EVIDENCE THAT HE HAD AN ATTACK OF THE FELL DESTROYER."

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