

THE VILLAGE CHURCHARD.

How quiet they sleep in the silent grave, By the sparkling stream and its glided wave, The shining sand and the glittering stone, Hear the song of the streamlet rippling on.

-the luxury is too expensive for me. So I am going to marry a girl who knows something of real life—a true, good, patient, enduring, self-denying, sweet, darling little body, who is not ashamed to earn her living with her needle.

"Preposterous!" exclaimed Lizzie. "You'll cry some other word when you get on the old maid's list, and see your place filled in the home of some man that is a man by a woman who was not ashamed of useful employment when she was a girl. I can tell you what, my dainty little sister, there's a reformer, and men worth having are beginning to choose between us marriage and marriage with girls of plain notions and more useful accomplishments than are possessed by the butterfly who lounge on sofas all day, knitting zephyr or reading novels. So make up your mind for reform or old-maidism. And now, as in all probability you understand that I am quite in earnest about marrying Harriet Parker, I hope you will reconsider your hasty resolution about not speaking to your sister-in-law. The loss, let me tell you, will be all on your own side."

Lizzie was not long in discovering, after Brother Tom actually got married, and commenced house-keeping in two rooms with his cheerful, earnest-minded wife, that her new sister had about her something that insensibly won the love, and had endeavored to get almost extorted the admiration of all who were so fortunate as to make her acquaintance.

"Marriage, they say, makes or mars a man," the brother overheard Lizzie saying, in an undertone, to a lady friend. "But it will not mar the fortunes of Brother Tom. He's got just the wife to keep him along in the world, and one that will grace any position to which they may arise."

The people of Iceland are now celebrating the thousand anniversary of their ancestors' establishment there. In golf was the name of the first settler. He landed in August, 874, with his family and servants, from his own ship at Rejkjavik, near Reykjavik, the present capital of the island. He was accompanied by his brother-in-law, who also brought his family and servants with him. During this thousand years the Icelanders have maintained civilization and culture, and have added something to the literature of the world.

GRACE GREENWOOD'S TROUBLES.—I have all along had a dim, disagreeable impression that for much that I have had done by strangers in Colorado I have paid exceptionally high prices, and I have lately discovered the secret of it. I am popularly supposed to be that fortune-favored dame, the wife of Mr. J. B. Lippincott, the eminent and opulent Philadelphia publisher, and am often charged accordingly. In vain I deny the soft but injurious impeachment. I hear the ills without the solaces of great wealth. This mistake has been the cause of trouble to me for years past, by burdening me with large rolls of manuscript from ambitious and inexperienced young writers, accompanied by touching requests that I would use my influence with my good husband toward speedy publication and handsome remuneration. I half believed an action for damages would stand against J. B. L. But I forbear. Heaven only knows what he has suffered from this same popular fallacy—this fictitious but un-divorable union.—Correspondence, N. Y. Times.

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