

Our Halloween.

"Can't we have some kind of a good time on Halloween—do something to remember this one particular night, for we shall never all be together again—something on the soul-harrowing, blood-sweeping order, such as befits the night?"

We were a merry party of school-girls, most of whom were already beginning to aspire to the dignity of young-ladyhood; but just where the dignity came in I fail to remember, for a madder, merrier set never waked the echoes in that old school building of M— or made the staid towns-people hold up their hands in horror at their wild pranks.

The time was close at hand when our band would be broken up, and so we wanted a remembrance of this last Halloween. Plan after plan was brought up, discussed, and rejected. We were about giving up, as no two seemed to agree, when Belle Brown arose in her majesty (and she was a regal-looking girl) and said: "I'll tell you, girls, let's come up to our house, and we'll try having a supper. You know you are bound to see your future husbands if you give them something to eat. Not a hot supper, you know, but a real nice, cold one; and if the spirits of our future spouses don't appear and devour everything, we can eat the supper ourselves and manage to have a little fun anyhow."

Now, Belle's father was a widower, and she his precious only child; consequently, she ruled the house, the good and most fond father giving up to her wildest schemes with a gentle sigh of resignation that was touching to behold, especially, when we all knew Belle got her love for fun and her great ingenuity for getting into and out of scrapes from that same father.

Now, the rest of us made up our minds frequently to have certain doings and gatherings at home, but the making up of our minds and getting the heads of the house to make up theirs in the same direction were two entirely different things. So most of our plans for what we called a regular "train," were very apt to come to an untimely death. But when Belle arose in her might and grasped her scepter, we knew the thing was bound to go, whatever it might be. How we did envy that girl her unbounded power over her father and that old dead house-keeper, who couldn't hear us if we pulled the whole house down about her ears! I don't think we meant anything very bad by it, but I don't believe there ever was a girl so malicious, whose affliction was the subject of so much secret rejoicing and congratulation. You see, most of us were apt to be brought up rather suddenly in our mad career by the persuasive remark of one high in household honors: "I will not have it. This noise must be stopped. It's enough to wake the Seven Sleepers." Few of us had much sympathy for the above-mentioned Seven Sleepers, and would a little rather have waked them than not. If sleep and death are so near akin, I think we were wakening them in good old Irish style.

Belle, as mistress of ceremonies and hostess, arranged the plan for our frolic. It was to be kept a profound secret from all but the initiated. We were to assemble at her house, as much as we could in the early part of the evening in story-telling and games, and whatever else the gentleman who lives in a place which shall be nameless could find for "idle hands to do." A table was to be set with a plate for every girl present. Our future husbands were expected, if they behaved as all well-bred spirits were said to, on that night, to enter as the clock struck twelve, and seat themselves, each one at the plate of that particular girl who was to represent all of hope, joy, truth, beauty, and all the other virtues of his special edification the rest of his natural life. If any were to die unmarried, that seat would be left a miserable blank.

I remember that we spent some time discussing whether we should give our names on the plates representative of names. Some thought the spirits couldn't amount to much if they couldn't find their right places without such distinct pointing out. It was decided, after much talking, to use the names, as one of the girls said, "to prevent all mistakes and future heart-aches."

The eventful evening came, and a merry party we were. We tried all the projects we could think of, even to lobbing for apples in a basin of water. As it grew later we grew quieter. It was a dismal night; the wind howled and moaned as though all the spirits of the air were abroad. The old trees around the house tossed their branches in the wild air, and moaned with loud complaining. One by one we went temptingly set forth with our good dainties. We looked at it with longing eyes, and it had certainly been arranged more to the substantial tastes of us mortals than the airy sort of fare that we are taught to believe specters prefer. I should think the poor, cold, starved things would be glad of any excuse to get a good solid meal.

The house sat rather high, with a long terraced walk to the front gate. It was an old-fashioned brick, with a wide hall running through the center, and on one side large rooms on each side. On one side was the family sitting-room, with the dining-room directly back. Here we held our court.

As the time wore on, our talk grew strongly tinged with the supernatural. All the ghost stories we had ever heard or read (and what school-girl has not a store of them) were aired, to the shivering delight of the greater number, although some of the braver ones did "pooh-pooh" them, and say, "stuffed and nonsense." We knew they only did it to appear brave. And Oh, goodness! how the courage was slowly but surely oozing out at our finger ends!

The household were all wrapped in the slumbers of the just. As the night wore on, everything grew so still, all sounds of life seemed to have ceased. Nothing to be heard but the sighing and sobbing of the wind through the trees around the house, and occasionally a louder shriek that sent little shivers of fear creeping over us. But we only buddled the closer together, feeling there was comfort in numbers, and nearness. We began to grow exceedingly nervous and very quiet, for the "witching hour" was almost gone.

Directly the old clock in the hall pealed out, twelve strokes falling with a clear ring that shook the still air. I think we all held our breath till the last faint echo died, when one of the girls convulsively grasped my hand, saying, "What's that? Listen."

And we did listen. I know that no more strained, solemn silence was ever kept. Sharp upon the midnight air came the steady tramp, tramp of footsteps. Through the gate, up the walk, and slowly around the house they went. Another time steadily around, and yet another. The rhythmic circle of three then complete, and as we listened with blanched faces and dilated eyes, the steps came upon the front porch, the hall door flew open with a crash, and tramp came the feet toward the dining-room. The door was flung wide open,

and, "angels and ministers of grace deuced us!" may I never gaze on such a hideous band again! Two or three of the girls had quietly gone off in a gentle little faint in one corner. If the rest of Judge Haddock of Iowa City, a graduate of the Law Department of the State University, a woman of estimable private character, rare mental ability and culture, and a thorough law scholar.

Mrs. Emma Haddock has just been admitted to practice in the United States Circuit and District Courts in Iowa, the first case of the kind in any state in the Union. She is the wife of Judge Haddock of Iowa City, a graduate of the Law Department of the State University, a woman of estimable private character, rare mental ability and culture, and a thorough law scholar.

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STOP MY PAPER.

What a shock hungry, careworn printers and publishers receive, as, with startled eyes, they gaze upon the message for the first time! Starvation, disgrace, destruction and a pauper's life are the lot of those who neglect to stop their paper. Many a man, who is a pauper, would fain be a gentleman, if only he had the means to do so. He would fain be a gentleman, if only he had the means to do so. He would fain be a gentleman, if only he had the means to do so.

Upon second thought, they try to console themselves by an accurate calculation of the extent of the damage resulting from the loss of this subscriber. For a weekly, there are fifty-two numbers in a year, and two quires of paper will cost about fifty cents. The poor man's spirits begin to revive, and a moral courage is braced up to meet this pecuniary disaster. He takes a look at his somewhat dilapidated hat, and vows he will wear that another year rather than yield up his independence to the "stop-my-paper" man, and he will be ashamed of its seedy appearance, as he contemplates the head of a man who will be content with a very low diet rather than submit to be a slave to the dictation of men with wrong-headed prejudices or erroneous principles.

In the meantime, this irate individual's surprise increases more and more as he discovers that the paper "still lives," notwithstanding the withdrawal of his support; and, upon more mature reflection, it is often comes to the conclusion that the editor was not so much in the wrong, after all, as he at first supposed.

Often, however, this erasure from his subscription book proves a financial gain, as an examination of the ledger often discloses that against his name stands charged several years of unpaid subscriptions, or that he is on the free list. The latter class, like free lunatics and delinquent boarders, are generally the greatest fault-finders.—Churchman.

THE SISTERS SMITH.—The Providence Journal says: Miss Julia E. Smith, one of the Glasgow sisters, who have been famous through their resistance to taxation without representation, and who have been compared to Deafoe for the simple and racy English of their published writings, is about to publish a translation of the Bible, made by herself and sister, twice from the Greek, twice from the Hebrew, and once from the Latin. This she did for her own pleasure and instruction, but she now feels impelled to prove that if she cannot be trusted to elect her own representatives, and must yield to what she believes an unjust imposition of taxes, she can do what no man has ever done. As she does not expect to be reimbursed for her outlay by the sale of her translation, she takes a certain pleasure in the knowledge that such an investment of her bank stock will deprive the town of Glasgow of the taxes which are levied upon it as upon the land of the sisters.

The Smiths are evidently as plucky as the original John, who did not succumb even when Powhatan lifted his club for a telling blow. Perhaps the Centennial Committee could not find a better illustration of fidelity to principle and of labor under difficulties to place in the woman's department at the Philadelphia Exhibition, than these aged women with their protests and their Bible.

The old post office of New York has been dismantled. Old tables, desks, pigeon-holes, racks, curials, gas-fitters, pails, spittoons, and almost every thing that can be imagined, were collected together and sold at auction a few days ago. One might suppose these things would bring a large sum, as there was an immense number of them. But the whole amount of the sale was only about one thousand dollars. It is not yet known what will be done with the deserted building. It is said by some that the United States will sell some of the site; others say that the Chamber of Commerce will purchase the property for the purpose of erecting a building for their use.

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