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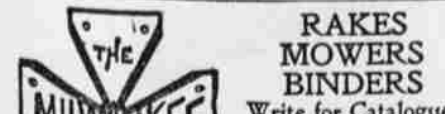
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IN my opinion Kitty Clarke was the prettiest girl in the town of Brandon, and Brandon was famous for its pretty girls. The fact that she was 18 and I was 40 may have intensified her beauty to me, for I can remember now that on one or two occasions I came very nearly marking three or four persons off my list of acquaintances because they had spoken rather slightly of my taste in feminine beauty. As I have stated, I was 40 and Kitty was twenty-two years younger, but what is a little thing like time in the consideration of a matter which lasts for eternity, as love surely does? Not that I was in love with Miss Clarke, but I held her in such lofty esteem that love itself could not have been a very great improvement upon the condition of my feelings. As for her beauty, I must confess that masculine eyes 40 years old are possibly somewhat more susceptible to feminine beauty aged 18 than would be true of the reverse proposition.

I had known Kitty about a year, and being rich, as wealth is computed in towns the size of Brandon, and Kitty being poor, as poverty is computed almost anywhere, I was received with more enthusiasm perhaps than might have otherwise obtained. Even then there were times when I have seen Kitty smile on a nephew of mine, who was my cashier, in a fashion which forced me to wonder if she would have done so had he been 40 and rich, instead of 25 and nearly as poor as she was. But I did not permit trifles of that sort to worry me long, for I felt with the sublime faith of a man in my position that when I was ready to ask Kitty to be mine, Kitty was going to be ready and waiting to answer affirmatively.

There was not another girl in Brandon who wouldn't have been glad of Kitty's opportunities, and why not Kitty?

"Why not, indeed?" I chuckled, well satisfied with myself; and I went about my affairs whistling with much content.

On such occasions my nephew was wont to look up from his desk as I passed along, but he would say nothing.

Next after Kitty my most particular admiration was the widow Price, her aunt, with whom she lived, and in conjunction with whom she taught a small private school, whereby they managed to eke out a fairly comfortable existence in a community where existence came cheaply.

Many is the time I have intimated to aunt Price that some day life would be easier for her, all on account of Kitty, and it was only necessary that she wait a little longer with the same beautiful patience which had characterized her life even when the shadows were heaviest. Then I felt an overwhelming desire to put my arms around her plump and pretty waist and let her rest her tired head on the bosom of her devoted nephew-in-law-to-be, but I always restrained myself, though there were times when there were tears in her eyes, and I have observed that when women weep they weep more satisfactorily if they have a manly bosom to sob their sorrows out upon.

Incidentally I might say that Kitty's chaperon was a dozen or more years older than her charming niece and showed very plainly in every line of her face and graceful curve of her figure where Kitty got her beauty, and this was a comfort to me, for I was fairly possessed of good looks, as had been my father and mother before me, and their brothers and sisters, so that I had an ancestral predisposition to hereditary traits along the beauty lines, as it were.

One evening I called upon Kitty with my mind fully made up that I would propose to her on that occasion, as I had been growing more and more frequent about the Price cottage, and people would soon begin to talk openly, as they had already begun to whisper. Dick, my nephew, was there when I arrived, but as he had been there many times previously and always obediently arose and departed when his uncle came, I gave the matter no thought and cheerily told the boy he might take my trap and go driving with some of his friends, as I would walk home. When the front door closed and shortly thereafter we heard the noise of wheels dying away down the street I thought I saw a look of pain in Kitty's face, but I did not speak of it. That trap would be hers in a few months, and then the dear girl would never have to sit at home for lack of her own vehicle.

For an hour or more I talked to Kitty much as I had done on other evenings, and then I asked her to be my wife.

I waited a moment when I had asked this important question and was surprised that Kitty did not throw herself in my arms, or, at least, with a shy blush, wait for me to take her there.

On the contrary, she began to cry, and asking me to excuse her, she went out of the room.

I do not know that any man who reads this story has ever asked a woman to marry him, and then have her walk out and leave him sitting alone with his thoughts. To him I need not state how I felt; to any other it would be impossible.

Ten minutes or, perhaps, a dozen though it seemed to be a week, had passed and then the door opened and I arose to meet Kitty and receive her affirmation of my suit, the dear, nervous little creature.

But it was not Kitty. "My dear madam," I stammered, as Mrs. Price entered.

"Good-evening, Mr. Filkins," responded Kitty's aunt, coming forward with her hand extended, which I took, for, as I have previously said, I liked the widow Price. "Be seated," she added with a wave of her soft white hand toward the chair I had just left, at the same time seating herself in the chair Kitty had occupied.

I was entirely unbalanced by this procedure, but I obeyed.

"Will you be kind enough to ex—"

I began, when she interrupted me. "It is no more than is due you, Mr. Filkins," she said, "under the very extraordinary circumstances. Indeed



"THEN I ASKED HER TO BE MY WIFE."

Mr. Filkins," she went on, getting more excited every minute, "I don't see what ever possessed a man of your age to talk as you did to a child like Kitty. You are old enough to know better, and I'm sure if I had had any idea you were not to be trusted I am very sure I never would have permitted you to have seen her except in my presence. Why, you are the last man on earth I would have thought would be making love to my niece; and Kitty thought so, too. You are old enough to be her father and ought to be ashamed of yourself, and it was such a painful surprise to Kitty, too."

By this time I saw I had made a mistake, for I do have sense enough to know beans when the bag is open, and I tried to stop Mrs. Price and explain and apologize, but nothing can stop a woman when she once gets a start, and the widow had it.

"Why, Mr. Filkins," she flew along, "Kitty had no more idea of your wanting to marry her than she had of the man in the moon. She never thought of you as a husband, and she always talked to me about you as the loveliest uncle—"

"Stop there, madam," I thundered, rising in such majesty and might that she was forced to silence. "Stop there. It is her uncle I want to be. Will you—"

It was now the widow's turn to be embarrassed, and she broke in on me with wild impetuosity.

"I don't mean that," she exclaimed. "It's Dick, your nephew. Haven't you ever discovered that they are in love with each other? Are you blind or just plain stupid?"

Goodness knows how I ever did get out of it, or the widow, either, though she didn't altogether, for she is now Mrs. Filkins, and Dick and Kitty live just around the corner, as happy as two bees in a honeysuckle—or as their uncle and aunt are.—Detroit Free Press.

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