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Aunt Cassandra's ... Fan

By... Harriet Whitney Durbin

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Sister Evelyn said she thought it was very inconsiderate of me to fall out with Joe the day before her wedding, seeing we were to be bridesmaid and groomsman, Joe and I.

It was no very serious matter we disagreed about. Indeed, the primal cause thereof is somewhat misty to me now. I can, however, recall that Joe was on his "who but me" behavior for a considerable time, and when I scorchingly demanded who he was anyway he became sarcastically humble and said, "Oh, nobody; only a worm," after which he grew too lofty again and observed that at any rate he was a self-respecting worm and wouldn't be stamped on.

"I wanted every one to be amiable on my wedding day," plainted Evelyn, "and if you and Joe don't stop spitting you'll never be married yourselves."

"Well, then," I said, "the world will have one quarrelsome couple the less." And I began to sing. Yet in my heart I knew that I was giving Evelyn a bluff, for I was already repenting of my snippliness, and my panoply of pride would have gone all to tatters at a soft word from Joe. He didn't seem inclined to speak it, however, and I was determined not to make my eyes red and my nose glossy for Eve's wedding. So I went around with a stiff spine and my teeth tight together.

Evelyn was the first of us girls to fit from the home nest, and naturally we were all a bit exercised over the flight. Father's jokes were supposed to be spontaneous, as usual, but somehow the stitches showed, and mother, like Kathleen Bawn, had "a smile on her lip and a tear in her eye." But it took Aunt Cassandra to turn good and sentimental. I am her namesake, and I am sentimental, too, but I could not possibly sentimentalize about Uncle Jason. Not that I mean to disparage him, for he is gone from earth and was a good man while here, but he did have such a long neck. And from the latest recollection I had of him there was about as much romance in him as in a barn door. Nevertheless, Evelyn's preparations reminded Aunt Cassandra of the day before her own wedding, and when I wandered into her room seeking diversion I found her holding pensively communion with the souvenirs in her middle bureau drawer.

That drawer, with its quaint contents, was an object of immense interest to me. It brought up slices of a



"OH, JOE, JOE!" I GURLED AS HE CAUGHT ME UP TIGHT.

past before my entrance into the world. There were in its depths many odds and ends of the pomps and vanities with which Aunt Cassandra had adorned herself in her youthful days. There was a pair of balloon-like undersleeves, fine and soft, with narrow embroidered hands, all faintly yellow and scented with some old flower fragrance like musk rose leaves. There was a string of coral beads. There was a curious, flat, black head bracelet, an old lace bertha, and there was a sacred little black case with a snap fastening in which were two photographs, one of Uncle Jason and one of Aunt Cassandra, taken soon after their marriage. They were of that old-fashioned style in which you see nothing at first but a square of shiny glass which you have to tip about this way and that before you can distinguish the photograph.

There were other objects of interest in that drawer, but chief of all to me was a yellowish white fan of satin and ivory.

"I'm going to will you that some day," auntie said, seeing my wistful gaze.

"I wish you would," I replied, "and in the meantime I wish you would lend it to me for the present occasion. It will go so beautifully with that old yellow lace mamma gave me."

"Take it," auntie said pensively. "And now run away, like a good little girl. I am wandering in the past today."

I saw nothing of my recent Joe until the next day. He came early and made himself useful telephoning for things. I saw him a few minutes. He left auntie's fan lying on the back parlor table, and when I ran down for it there was Mr. Joe idly twiddling the fan in his fingers.

"I am sorry I have to trouble you for my fan, Mr. Harley," I said sedately.

He handed it over with a most stately bow, and I fled in confusion. When I had got my bridesmaid torgery on I whirled open the marvelous bit of

carved ivory and old satin, and as I did so my eye alighted on two lines faintly penciled on the soft, creamy satin:

Dear Cass—Will you forgive me—may? For I'm your ever faithful J.

Ah, J., best beloved J.! It only needed that scrap of apology to send the penitent tears rolling out of my eyes. Down I flew, pellmell, and landed in J.'s arms at the foot of the stairs.

"Oh, Joe, Joe!" I gurgled as he caught me up so tight the end of his necktie nearly went down my throat. "I've been so hateful. Of course we'll forgive each other and be friends once-in-a-while, won't we?" Here I crushed the white carnation he wore in his buttonhole, but he did not mind—just kissed me quite recklessly until a door in the hall opened and father's head stuck out.

"I hear geese," he announced, whereupon one of the geese flew upstairs.

All that I can tell about Evelyn's wedding is that it was the sweetest wedding that ever happened, except one which followed on its heels shortly after.

When I returned Aunt Cassandra's fan I gave her two extra hugs. "It's a magic fan," I said and kissed it.

"It is a magic fan," she assented, "and if it helped you make up your tiff with Joseph it's the second time it's been a peacemaker. Oh, dear, how well I remember my first quarrel with your Uncle Jason before we were married!"

Auntie had a dreamy, far in the past expression on her good little face, and I knew she was reveling in her old romance. I shall always maintain that Uncle Jason was an exemplary man, but could any one for a moment compare him to Joe? Why, who but Joe would ever think of mending a misunderstanding by means of a beautiful couplet on a fan? Connect Uncle Jason with anything like that bit of sentiment! I was waxing indignant at the idea when Aunt Cassandra spoke again:

"Do you see those two lines about in the center of the fan, Cassie, in pencil? Well, Jason and I had not spoken for nearly a week, though we were anxious to make up our quarrel. One evening at a party I left my fan—this one—lying upon a table. I saw Jason fooling with it, but I didn't notice what he was doing. After awhile, when I got possession of it again, I saw those lines: 'Dear Cass, will you forgive me—may? Why, what's the matter, Cassie? You look as if you were going to explode.'"

For a moment I thought I was; then I almost shrieked; then I almost wept, but what I did do finally was to tumble back on the bed and laugh. And therein I considered that I showed wisdom, for after all, were not Joe and I just as firmly reinked by Uncle Jason's muse as we could have been by Joe's?

"Tut a bit tight headed, that's all," I said as I got up and kissed auntie. "Uncle Jason was a real poet and a dear besides."

"Do you remember that \$5 you borrowed of me last June?"

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