

# THE LION AND THE MOUSE.

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"Not for his sake, for yours," he answered frankly.

Shirley hung her head. In her moment of triumph she was sorry for all the hard things she had said to the man. She held out her hand to him.

"Forgive me," she said gently. "It was for my father. I had no faith. I thought your heart was of stone."

Impulsively Ryder drew her to him. He clasped her two hands in his, and, looking down at her kindly, he said awkwardly:

"So it was; so it was! You accomplished the miracle. It's the first time I've acted on pure sentiment. Let me tell you something. Good sentiment is bad business, and good business is bad sentiment. That's why a rich man is generally supposed to have such a hard time getting into the kingdom of heaven." He laughed and went on: "I've given \$10,000,000 apiece to three universities. Do you think I'm fool enough to suppose I can buy my way? But that's another matter. I'm going to Washington on behalf of your father because I want you to marry my son. Yes, I want you in the family, close to us. I want your respect, my girl. I want your love. I want to earn it. I know I can't buy it. There's a weak spot in every man's armor, and this is mine. I always want what I can't get, and I can't get your love unless I earn it."

Shirley remained pensive. Her thoughts were out on Long Island at Massapequa. She was thinking of their joy when they heard the news—her father, her mother and Stott. She was thinking of the future, bright and glorious with promise again now that the dark clouds were passing away. She thought of Jefferson, and a soft light came into her eyes as she foresaw a happy wifehood shared with him.

"Why so sober?" demanded Ryder. "You've gained your point. Your father is to be restored to you. You'll marry the man you love."

"I'm so happy!" murmured Shirley. "I don't deserve it. I had no faith."

Ryder released her and took out his watch. "I leave in fifteen minutes for Washington," he said. "Will you trust me to go alone?"

"I trust you gladly," she answered, smiling at him. "I shall always be grateful to you for letting me convert you."

"You won me over last night," he rejoined, "when you put up that fight for your father. I made up my mind that a girl so loyal to her father would be loyal to her husband. You think," he went on, "that I do not love my son. You are mistaken. I do love him, and I want him to be happy. I am capable of more affection than people think. It is Wall street," he added bitterly, "that has crushed all sentiment out of me."

Shirley laughed nervously, almost hysterically.

"I want to laugh, and I feel like crying!" she cried. "What will Jefferson say? How happy he will be!"

"How are you going to tell him?" inquired Ryder uneasily.

"I shall tell him that his dear, good father has relented, and"—

"No, my dear," he interrupted, "you will say nothing of the sort. I draw the line at the dear, good father act. I don't want him to think that it comes from me at all."

"But," said Shirley, puzzled, "I shall have to tell him that you"—

"What?" exclaimed Ryder. "Acknowledgment to my son that I was wrong, that I've seen the error of my ways and wish to repent? Excuse me," he added grimly. "It's got to come from him. He must see the error of his ways."

"But the error of his way," laughed the girl, "was falling in love with me. I can never prove to him that that was wrong."

The financier refused to be convinced. He shook his head and said stubbornly:

"Well, he must be put in the wrong somehow or other. Why, my dear child," he went on, "that boy has been waiting all his life for an opportunity to say to me, 'Father, I know I was in the right, and I knew you were wrong.' Can't you see," he asked, "what a false position it places me in? Just picture his triumph!"

"He'll be too happy to triumph," objected Shirley.

"Feeling a little abashed at his attitude," he said:

"I suppose you think I'm very obstinate. Then as she made no reply he added, 'I wish I didn't care what you thought.'"

prompted her to save my father and take your son and myself to your heart. Why are you ashamed to let him see it? Are you afraid he will love you? Are you afraid I shall love you? Open your heart wide to us. Let us love you."

Ryder, completely vanquished, opened his arms, and Shirley sprang forward and embraced him as she would have embraced her own father. A solitary tear coursed down the financier's cheek. In thirty years he had not felt or been touched by the emotion of human affection.

The door suddenly opened, and Jefferson entered. He started on seeing Shirley in his father's arms.

"Jeff, my boy," said the financier, releasing Shirley and putting her hand in his son's, "I've done something you couldn't do. I've convinced Miss Green—I mean Miss Rossmore—that we are not so bad after all."

Jefferson, beaming, grasped his father's hand.

"Father!" he exclaimed.

"That's what I say—father!" echoed Shirley.

They both embraced the financier until overcome with emotion, Ryder endeavored to free himself and made his escape from the room, crying:

"Goodby, children! I'm off for Washington!"

THE END.

## MOOSE IN CAPTIVITY.

Not Difficult to Domesticate, but Hard to Keep Alive.

"The reason so few moose are seen in captivity in the parks and circuses of the country is not because they are naturally too wild to be domesticated, but because they usually do not live long in captivity," said a St. Paul man. "My father was for many years a settler in northern Minnesota, and at different times in his experience he had three moose on his homestead which recognized him as their master."

"All the animals were captured when they were very young, and in each instance it took them only a few days to become apparently attached to father and his small farm. For two or three weeks he would keep them fenced in and then would allow them to roam around at will. They would be gone for two or three hours, or perhaps half a day at a time, but always came back all right. By allowing them the run of the premises this way they met practically the same conditions as if they were wild in the forest, and therefore were always in good health, but the moment any of them were shipped to the city a change was noticeable."

"Two of the animals were sold to city park associations at different times, and in each instance the moose finally died. They seemed willing enough to remain in the parks, but conditions were not such as they were used to, and from the first it was to be seen that they were falling in health. A moose can stand all sorts of hardships in the woods, but when he is in captivity lack of exercise or lack of proper food or lack of something else puts him on the down grade, and as a rule he passes in his checks in a few weeks or a few months at the outside."

"One of the animals my father owned was a handsome bull, and he was trained to harness. The animal could pull a good sized load and travel through the woods with a sleigh behind him at a very lively clip. This third moose was one day shot by a hunter near the house. So all three animals met with an untimely fate, which goes to prove, I suppose, that man should not monkey with the plans of nature."—Duluth Herald.

## Ideas of the Soul.

The old Egyptians thought the soul was a bird with a human face and human hands, which, on the death of him in whom it dwelt on earth, flew to the gods, its kin. Drawings and sculptured figures show this little winged soul, sometimes represented as perched by the sarcophagus, touching the mummy, in a last farewell before it rose in heavenward flight.

Among the Greeks the soul was thought of as a tiny human figure. In Roman days the butterfly was taken as its symbol. In mediaeval pictures and relics we see it leaving the mouth of the dead, either as a child or as a tiny naked man—as, for example, in shows in the Campo Santo of Pisa in Oragna's fresco of the "Triumph of Death."

An northern legend we learn from folklore the soul may be taken left the body as a mouse, or a snake. It was on the former superstition that the story of the bishop of Hatto was based and also, as some say, that of the "Red Piper of Hamelin."

As formulated in Pagan speaking, "There is like beauty," said an Archaic poetess, "we had a trial I attended once where a man named Johnson was on the stand. Johnson was for the defense, and the way he was setting things straight was a con-

tion. "Mose," said the attorney for the prosecution when he took Johnson to hand, "I want you to stop prevaricating. Don't you know you are under oath?" "Stop what?" asked the witness. "Stop prevaricating." "The witness drew himself up with great dignity. 'Well,' he said, 'I'd like to know how a man can help prevaricating when he's lost two front teeth!'"

## The Ethics of Trade.

The Bird Dealer—It's a bloomin' shine, Jim, swindlin' a pore, 'ard-workin' cove like this.

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