DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART.

There's many a trouble
Would break like a bubble,
And into the waters of Lethe depart,
Did we not rehearse it,
And tenderly nurse it,
And give it permanent place in the heart.

There's many a sorrow
Would vanish to-morrow,
Were we but willing to furnish the wings;
So sadly intruding,
And quietly brooding,
It hatches out all sorts of horrible things.

How welcome the seeming
Of looks that are beaming,
Whether one's wealthy or whether one's poor;
Eyes bright as a berry,
Cheeks red as a cherry,
The groan and the curse and heartache can cure.

Resolved to be merry,
All worry to ferry
Across the tamed waters that bid us forget,
And no longer fearful
But happy and cheerful,
We feel life has much that's worth living for yet

—[Tinsley's Magazine.

Mrs. Tom Sawyer's Party.

Mrs. Tom Sawyer's cheery little face was unmistadably clouded, as she went about her work, one bright morning.

In order to explain to you the cause of this unusual occurrence, I shall have to say, first of all, that there never was a more thoroughly aristocratic little town than that of Ashton was, and is now, for aught I know to the contrary. They were aristocratic people, the Ashtonites, had aristocratic homes, attended aristocratic churches, and last, but not least, in poor little Mrs. Tom's eyes this self-same morning, they had very aristocratic tea parties.

"What has that to do with her?" you ask.

Well, somehow, partly in virtue of her good family, but mostly, I must confess, on account of her sweet sunshiny ways, and good true sense, Mrs. Tom, though her husband was a mechanic, was admitted even into the charmed circle of aristocratic Ashton. Mrs. Tom herself wondered how she came there, as did everybody else, but there she was,and no one, not even the most fastidious, had any desire to put her out.

But it proved something of a trial to her after all, and this morning the thorns were very sharp. You must know she found herself, as the expression is, indebted to nearly every one of her friends, not financially, but socially.

"Nothing very terrible about that," you say; but that is because you know nothing about Ashton tea parties.

No one was invited until just tea time, when all were expected to appear robed in their very best. The table was loaded with dainties of all sorts and discriptions. After an evening of high bred small-talk and gossip, if ever such be high-bred, the company adjourned, each lady present vowing to surpass the hostess on some future occasion.

Such were Ashton tea parties. Do you wonder that Mrs. Tom sighed?"

She went, broom in hand, and opened the parlor door. It is a cosy, cheery room, looked "just like herself," her husband said. But the carpet was only an ingrain, and the furniture very plain. She shut the door and went on to the dining room. That carpet was very much worn and thin in spots.

"But I enjoy eating in it enough sight better than in Mrs. George Parker's elegant one, for hers fairly chills me, and this warms me up, it looks so homely," said the incorrigible Tom, who preferred his own cosy little home to any one's splendor.

Mrs. Tom went back to her sweeping, with a look of indecision en her face, and it rested there all the time she was dusting and putting to rights.

"I'll do it," she exclaimed all at once, as she put the last book back,and pushed Tom's chair into its corner.

"I'll do it. I've accepted their hospitality, and I'll offer them mine. They know I cannot do as they do, so they won't expect it, and I won't spoil it all by trying to do something I can't. I'll make as nice a tea party as I know how in my way, but I'll keep it my way."

So it came to pass that afternoon Mrs. Tom went around among her friends, inviting them to take tea with her the next day. "And I would like to have you come early and spend the afternoon," she said to every one.

Then she went and commenced preparations. The house was put in apple-pie order. For tea, she would have biscuits and butter, (and Mrs. Tom could make biscuits worth eating), cold meat, preserves and two kinds of cake. She hesitated over the cake a little. She did hate to seem poor or stiugy; but she kept firm.

"I can't afford any more, and I don't believe in thinking your company comes for the cake."

There was no little wonderment and surprise over Mrs. Tom's invitations; some even felt a little sorry for her lest she had not fully realized what she was undertaking. But one and all made up their minds to go, and help along if need be.

Mrs. Tom met them at the door with a bright smile of welcome, took them up into her own room to lay aside their things, then down into the cheery little parlor, which never looked cheerier and prettier than to-day. It was not grand or impressive, but you felt its bright homeliness the minute you entered.

Such an afternoon! Not one of them could remember one like it. Mrs. Tom was everywhere, sometimes with a merry jest, sometimes a kindly inquiry, now with an interesting curiosity and its story, another time with some question that led to an interesting discussion. They forgot to gossip or critizise; they had no time to; it was crowded out with better things. Somehow a kindly feeling crept over them, and they showed the best of themselves far more in this cosy little home, than in their accustomed splendor.

When Mrs. Tom excused herself, as the clock struck six,to look after supper, they looked from one to another in astonishment. Where had the afternoon gone to?

"I don't know what you've done," said Mrs. Parker, as she bade her hostess good night, "but I feel, as I used to say when a child, 'gooder' than I did when I came."

"We shall all be glad to come again," said Mrs. Weston, the lady of Ashton, whose husband was worth over a million.

"And all I did, Tom, was just to try and get the best I could out of everybody."

"If every one would do that, the millennium would come in less than no time, little woman," responded Tom, with a fond smile. "Many of us usually do our best to keep the worst in sight."

"Oh, dear, and we might help each other so much!" answered Mrs. Tom.

"What did she do, any way?" asked one, as they discussed the strange party.

"She didn't do anything," answered Mrs. Parker, promptly.

"She was just, real and true. I never felt so ashamed in my life as when I thought of all the parties I had given, and every one of them spreads. But I've been spread all I'm going to," she added with a laugh. "Hereafter,when I invite you to my house, I want you to understand it's because I think we can do each other good some way, not because I've a new carpet to exhibit, or a new kind of cake to treat you to."—[Katherine Knight in the Kennebec Journal.

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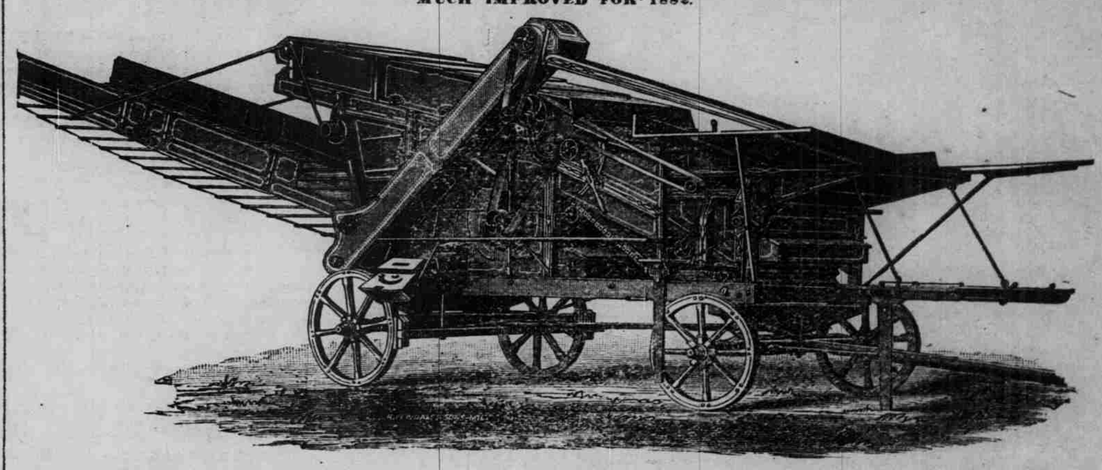
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