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THE SHARON-HILL ROMANCE.

Miss Hill's Display of Grief on Learning of the Senator's Fatal Illness.

Senator Sharon's death has revived a great deal of the interest that was formerly manifested in him, writes a San Francisco correspondent to *The New York Sun*, and his protracted litigation with Sarah Althea Hill. When Miss Hill was informed of Mr. Sharon's approaching death she manifested great sorrow, wringing her hands and storming up and down the room because she could not be with him. She lives comfortably in a house by herself, and has been busy of late in preparing for her forthcoming appearance on the stage. Upon the announcement of Sharon's fatal illness she soliloquized over the situation, and, with tears in her eyes, asked why it was that she, a dutiful wife, must be kept from the bedside of her husband when she knew that she could give him better care than anybody else. She attributed all her sorrows to his family, and declared that if they were out of the way she would go to him and effect a reconciliation.

Her preparations for the stage have been made on the most elaborate scale, and in utter defiance of all precedents. In her arrangements everything has been subordinated to the exhibition of herself as the claimant for the Sharon millions. The play in which she is to appear, "The Merchant of Venice," has been rewritten in order to bring in a hundred or more local gags, and in one or two places scenes from the famous divorce trial have been introduced. Besides this she has determined to appear in the red velvet dress which she wore at the wedding of Sharon's daughter to Sir Thomas Hesketh, of England—a garment which was the gift of the senator himself.

Most people are surprised at the amount of property which Sharon died possessed of. It had been supposed that his estate was pretty well run down, but it appears from the schedule which he placed on record that he was worth \$15,000,000 at least. The great country place of Belmont, which fell into his hands at the time of the failure and death of its original owner, Mr. Ralston, has been occupied of late by Frank Newland, son-in-law of Sharon. This place, about which so many memories cluster, was never enjoyed by Sharon as it was by Ralston. Sharon visited it occasionally and remained there a day or two at a time, but in the main he was satisfied to live in his well furnished rooms in the city. His tastes were all simple, and even when he was at Belmont over night he invariably slept in the planet room in that spacious mansion.

Belmont is about twenty-five miles from this city on the Southern Pacific road, and is perhaps ten miles from the ocean. The house is about half a mile from the railroad, and is surrounded by many different varieties of trees, some of them covered with clinging ivy and tropical vines. Although the architecture of the house is not imposing, the mansion is of great size, with spacious entrances, and taken together with the magnificent landscape, it presents a very inviting appearance. Standing on a side hill, it is possible for guests on any of the floors to walk out of their rooms to graveled paths leading to the porches, while on the other side fine views of the valley stretching away for many miles may be obtained.

Ralston furnished the house without regard to expense. Wherever solid silver could be used it was employed in the ornamentation, and from top to bottom the mansion is fairly lined with the costliest mirrors. It stands to-day in about the same condition that Ralston left it in. In the days of its original owner Belmont was a place for the entertainment of distinguished visitors to the coast. Hundreds of prominent men of both hemispheres have partaken of its hospitality. Since it fell into Sharon's possession only one great fete has occurred there, and that on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter to Sir Thomas Hesketh. No money was spared to make this entertainment as brilliant as any that ever took place on the coast. At was at this ceremony that Sarah Althea Hill figured conspicuously. She had only a little while before formed the acquaintance of Sharon and he purchased an outfit for her. In the splendid-decorated rooms in her brilliant attire she cut a pretty big figure. She exacted liberal attention from the master of the place, and, besides being introduced by him to many of the most prominent people present, it was on his arm that she leaned when she went forward to congratulate the groom and kiss the bride. Many of Sharon's friends have felt little sympathy for him since it was discovered that Miss Hill was the one that he so persistently thrust upon their attention at the Hesketh wedding. On her part it was the

triumph of her life, and it is not denied that the millionaire's honors for her on that evening have had a good deal to do in giving plausibility to her claim that she was then his wife, as even his friends have not been willing to admit that he would parade a mistress at his own daughter's wedding.

Before signing the deed of trust conveying all his property to his children, Sharon extracted from his son and son-in-law a most solemn promise that they would never in any manner compromise with Miss Hill. Once or twice he relapsed into unconsciousness, and his death was thought to be near. But on relying again he would once more demand of his relatives a promise that they would not settle the suit which the woman has brought against him.

Possibilities in a Word.

A gentleman who was away from home was writing to his wife from the office of a hotel, when he paused a moment in his occupation and looked perplexed; then he touched the arm of another traveler sitting near him in a timid, deprecating way.

"Excuse me, sir," he said courteously, "but I am puzzled how to spell a word I desire to write," and he pronounced it carefully.

"Don't mention it," responded the other with the heartiness of good-fellowship. "I rather flatter myself that spelling is my strong point. E-x-t-a-see—there! Glad to accommodate you."

"Thank you," said the gentleman who was writing the letter, "my wife is so particular that I am ashamed of my poor spelling, as it constantly annoys her. I can tackle ordinary words easy enough, but those duplex-spring-back-action, double and twist throwers are too much for me," and he resumed his letter with a relieved look.

"Pardon me," remarked a gentleman who had been dozing in his chair, "but I think there is a slight mistake in orthography here, I have always spelled that word e-x-t-a-e-y."

"Gentlemen," said a clerical-looking man coming forward, "I am a professor in a college and am positive that the letter x is not in the word at all. It is spelled e-c-s-t-a-e-y."

"Say! ain't you fellers all wrong?" inquired a long-legged traveler, who had been listening earnestly to the discussion. "I teach spellin' schule winters, out in Arkansas, and I've allus spelt that thare word 'eggstazy.' Ef that don't spell it, what do it spell then?"

The bewildered traveler concluded that perhaps it would be as well to spell the word in his own way, and so wrote to his wife that no pen could describe his e-k-s-t-a-e-e on receiving a letter from her.

All of which methods of spelling the word differ from Mr. Noah Webster's. —*Detroit Free Press.*

Hands Off.

Tourist, spare that pie,
Touch not a single piece,
It was not made to die—
Give it a new life's lease.
'Twas made by a woman's hand,
Ere Andre had been shot;
On counter let it stand—
Thy teeth can bite it not.
—*Goodall's Daily Sun.*

Boarder, spare that hen,
Touch not a single bone,
It dusted round his feet.
When Adam was alone,
And when fair Eve was made
It cackled in the now;
In youth it clucked to Cain—
Old Cain protects it now.
—*St. Louis, South and West.*

Traveler, spare that egg,
And, breakman, leave the spot!
Don't monkey with the shell—
'Tis the last one of the lot
Laid when the earth was new
And Adam was a kid;
Then, traveler, just go slow,
Shed is in it hid.
—*Quincy Farmers Call*

Jester, spare that joke,
Ages ago 'twas born
Ere the dawn of light first broke,
And earth had welcomed morn.
Ne'er had the evening star
Thrown back kiss of sun,
When in chaos vast, afar—
That joke its course had run.
—*St Paul Herald.*

She was a Weapon.

"Did you notice whether that gentleman acknowledged my salutation as he passed us," remarked a young lady to her companion.

"No, he did not," replied the lady.
"It's a direct insult, and I will never speak to him again," observed the lady.

"Nor I either," replied her companion. "Any man who would take me for a weapon will have occasion to regret it."

"Does he consider me one?"
"I don't know that he does; but I am compelled to regard you as one under the circumstances."

"What kind of a weapon?"
"A cut-las." —*National Weekly.*

Oh! For the Holidays.

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