

THE FATAL BARRIER.

Why Miss Garpickie Gave the Mitten to Love-Sick Bardolph Kiljordan.

"Miss Garpickie, you are trifling with me!"

Bardolph Kiljordan stood before her, as erect, imperious and gloomy as the star actor of a broken and dismembered dramatic combination standing on one side of the track half way between stations and watching a handcar propelled by section men sweeping rapidly past and disappearing in the hazy distance.

Mr. Kiljordan burned with the indignation of an abused, insulted man.

"For months and months," he said, "you have encouraged me. You have smiled upon me. You have accepted my attentions. You have listened to me with apparent approval when I have ventured to hint at a feeling stronger than friendship."

"Mr. Kiljordan," interposed the young lady, "I will not deny that your attentions have been agreeable to me."

"Then why, Winnie, he exclaimed, imploringly, "why do you tell me it can never be? Why do you look at me coldly and say we were not meant for each other?"

"I would have saved you this pain if I could, Mr. Kiljordan. I have waited and waited, hoping that the barrier between us might disappear—that you would—would see what it is that interposes so fatally."

"Winnie," he exclaimed, tremulously and excitedly, "perhaps it is not too late, even yet! Perhaps I may be able to—"

"It is impossible, Mr. Kiljordan," replied the young lady, firmly yet kindly. "I shall always entertain the highest esteem for you as a man, a citizen, a friend and an excellent judge"—here her voice faltered—"of post-theoretical refreshments, but any closer relationship, I am now convinced, can never be thought of."

"Winnie Garpickie!" he exclaimed, with bitterness, "so be it! I shall not go down on my knees. It would do no good. The carpet, besides—and the young man looked at it dejectedly—"if you will excuse me for saying so, Miss Garpickie, is—is not in that condition of—ah—of tidiness that—er—"

"Perhaps, Mr. Kiljordan," suggested the young lady, freezingly, "you will put an end to this painful scene by—"

"Going? Certainly, Miss Garpickie, certainly. But I think I have the right to ask you, since this will probably be the last time I shall ever have the opportunity, what the nature of the barrier is that separates us. Have I not?"

"You have, sir."

"Then why have you refused to be my wife?"

"Because, Mr. Kiljordan," she replied, with ineffable sadness, "I can never link my destiny with that of a young man who wears reversible cuffs."

—Chicago Tribune.

A PERSISTENT PEDDLER.

But He Failed to Dispose of the Article He Had for Sale.

"I should like to sell you a gimlet," said a care-worn-looking man, as he walked into an office the other day.

"We have no use for one," replied the cashier.

"But you should always look into the misty future," went on the friend, demurely. "Next winter you will want to make holes in your boot-heels so you can get your skates on."

"I use club skates—no straps required."

"You may want to screw some boards together some time. The old-fashioned method of driving screws in with a hammer is pernicious, as it deteriorates the tenacity of the fangs of the screws, as it were."

"Nothing to-day, sir."

"The gimlet also acts as a cork-screw."

"I don't want it."

"It may be used as a tack-hammer, a cigar-holder and also as a tooth brush."

"I don't want it."

"It has an eraser, a pen, an ink-stand, a table for computing compound interest and a lunch-box attachment."

"I can't help it; I don't want it."

"I know you don't. You're one of those mean men that won't buy a gimlet unless it has a restaurant, a trip to Europe and an Italian opera company attached. You're the kind of a man who would live near an electric light to save a gas bill."

And the peddler walked out with his mental plunge on the perpendicular.—Texas Siftings.

He Countermanded His Order.

He had been to a jeweler's and selected an alleged diamond ring, price \$8, and had arranged to pay on the installment plan, when his girl suddenly said to him the other evening:

"James, I feel it my duty to tell you that I have been engaged no less than four times, and that I have broken each engagement myself. In each instance the young man presented me with a paste diamond, and I could respect him no longer. Please take warning and govern yourself accordingly."

He has countermanded his order and will give her a box of plain candy.—Detroit Free Press.

His First Experience.

"What is the matter, my son?" inquired the benevolent gentleman.

And the pale, trembling boy, who was lying across a barrel on his stomach in an alley back of a cigar store and making exclamations in a sort of broken English at convulsive intervals, said he guessed he was one of the victims of the smoke nuisance.—Chicago Tribune.

WAYS THAT ARE DARK.

How a Parisian Diamond Broker Swindled an American Importer.

"There was a trick played in Paris some time ago which is a fair illustration of the sharp practices to which disreputable dealers will at times resort. A diamond broker brought to an American importer, who was purchasing stones in the French capital, a package of diamonds, which he took from a large, red pocket-book in his breast pocket. He left the stones for examination, and came back in the course of four or five hours. The quality of the goods was entirely satisfactory to the purchaser and the terms of sale were discussed.

"The broker wanted a higher price than the dealer was willing to give, and they haggled on for some time until the difference between them amounted to only a franc a karat.

"The broker, however, stubbornly refused to go below the figure he had mentioned and the merchant was equally determined not to go above his own price, so the former put his diamonds back in his pocket-book and started for the door, having reached which he stopped, considered a moment, and turned back, saying that he would yield the point of difference even though he lost money by it, as this would give him an opportunity of securing the future trade of the dealer to whom he was talking.

"Out came the pocket-book again, and from it was taken the package of diamonds, which were promptly transferred and paid for. When the merchant came to open his packet after he reached home, he found that a comparatively worthless lot of stones had been substituted for those he had examined prior to making the purchase. The broker had accomplished this deception by carrying two red pocket-books, one in each of his breast pockets, and both of them containing packages of diamonds of exactly the same weight.

"In taking back his good diamonds from the dealer he had put them into the pocket-book which he carried on the right side. When he apparently reconsidered his determination not to sell he took out the pocket-book from his left hand pocket and conveyed from it to the merchant a packet corresponding in weight with the one the latter had been bargaining for. Pretty sharp practice, that."—Jewelers' Weekly.

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Laura once had an affiant beau. Who called twice a fortnight, or so. Now she sits, Sunday eve, All lonely to grieve, Oh, where is her present beau, And why did he leave Laura so?

Why he saw that Laura was a languishing, delicate girl, subject to sick headaches, sensitive nerves and uncertain tempers; and knowing what a life-long trial is a fretful, sickly wife, he transferred his affections to her cheerful healthy cousin, Ellen. The secret is that Laura's health and strength are sapped by chronic weakness, peculiar to her sex, which Ellen averts and avoids by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This is the only remedy for women's peculiar weaknesses and ailments, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case or money will be refunded. See guarantee on bottle wrapper.

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