MY SISTER'S FLIRTATION

With a Girl at a Window Opposite Who Mistook Her For Me.

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"What a lovely room?" exclaimed my sister Alice. She had come to inspect my new bachelor quarters in the city.

"I'm glad you like it. There's some thing lovelier over there in the back of that house. A pretty girl sits every afternoon in the middle third story rwindow."

A girl came to the window designated, leaned a pair of white arms on the sill, looked down at the clotheslines below and went away without seeing fore dinner?"

"You don't mean to say you call her pretty?" said Alice.

"I consider her beautiful. I would like to attract her attention, but dare mot."

"What are you afraid of?" "Being a stranger to her, I am afraid of offending her."

"Suppose I coach you on starting a filirtation with a girl at an opposite mindow?"

"I wish you would." "Will you do as I say?"

"Certainly. "Very well. If she comes to the window again while I'm here I'll tell you cwhat to do.'

Alice went about the room opening drawers and closets, poking her nose everywhere. I never saw anything like the curiosity of a girl. Presently, Booking out, she saw the girl sitting at the window opposite. She was darning stockings. Alice, keeping far enough back not to be seen, watched her for a few minutes, then said to me; "Go to the window, pull up the shade

or something to make a noise that will



ALICE THREW HER A KISS.

attract her attention, and when she Books at you throw her a kiss." "Do you suppose I'm crazy to do much a thing?"

"I thought you promised to do as maid."

"I didn't promise to offer an insult." "Stupid!"

"What do you mean?" "Am I not a girl, and don't I know rwhat would please a girl?"

"You wouldn't wish a man you had never seen to throw you a kiss, would "Never seen! Do you suppose she

has never seen you?" "I don't know that she has. Any-

way. I have no reason to suppose she has noticed me."

"I have. I saw her casting glances over here."

"Oh, you see too much! I've been watching her too. She hasn't taken her eyes off the beel of that stocking since she has been at the window."

"There's nothing to be made of a fellow like you. Get me out some of your clothes. I'll put them on and do the trick myself. You and I are the image of each other, and she won't

know the difference." She put on just enough of my clothes to represent me and went to the window, giving a loud "Abem!" The girl turned, and Alice threw her a kiss, The girl pulled down the sash with a bang and left the window apparently

in high dudgeon. "There," I said to Alice, "you've *poiled everything!"

"You mean I've started a flirtation." "What can I do to"-

"Nothing. I'll do it for you. You'd apoli it all."

"But you're not here except occa-

edonally." "I'm going to stay here. Get me a

room for a few days." I would much rather have got rid of

her, for I was sure she had offended the girl opposite, and I didn't wish her to get me any deeper into the mire. But she insisted, and I secured a room for her. That afternoon the girl opmosite sat down by her window with her back turned to the light. She beld m book in her hand.

"You see," I said to Alice, "to escape

being insulted she must needs turn her

"Nevertheless I shall insult her ngalo."

"Nonsense! If she had considered herself insulted she wouldn't have come to the window at all. She's play ing it on you."

"I forbid you."

Alice had brought in some roses from home for me. She took up one, went to the window, took deliberate aim at the girl opposite and fired the rose. striking her on the back of the head. The girl started, turned, scowled, glanced at Alice and, supposing her to be a man, showed every evidence of being offended. Then she got up from her chair, closed the blinds and shut

"Very likely she won't come to the window again today," said Alice. "It's too near dinner time. She'll have to do her hair before dinner, and then it will be too late."

"You seem to know all about it. Why will she have to do her hair be-

"Because it isn't fit for the dinner table."

"I thought it delightfully negligee." "Delightfully frowsy you mean." I took Alice to the theater that night, and the next day she was ready to resume her efforts with the girl opposite.

come to the window. "There, stupid!" she said, pointing to think of that?'

After breakfast Alice called me to

On a stand near the window was a tumbler and in the tumbler was a

"That's the identical rose you threw

at her." "You don't mean it?" I cried, "What's

the next more? "I would like to have you make it yourself, only you might act silly. You see, at this time of day the sun shines on this window, and I'm afraid she'll suspect I'm a girl."

"I'll do it. I'm all right now. I'm not afraid of anything."

"Bosh! You have no pluck at all." However, it was arranged that I should make the next move, whatever that might be, though Alice was to decide upon it. We sat, I reading the paper, Alice keeping watch on the window opposite. Presently the girl appeared in a very becoming morning costume. She looked up at the sky.

"She's pretending she's interested in the weather," said Alice, "but that's pretty thin considering there's not a cloud in the sky. Stay where you are. She can't see either of us. She'll think you have gone out and will give herself away by and by."

After the girl had examined the heavens she swept her eyes in a lightning glance across my window. Then she disappeared.

"Too bad," said Alice, "that she has put on her finery to be disappointed." "What finery?"

"What finery! Do you suppose girls dress that way in the morning when they are doing household duties? She expected after yesterday's performances to see her admirer at least for a moment before his going downtown."

Alice went shopping during the morning, and I went to my club. Not yet Holy Writ we read of the horses of the being settled in an occupation, I am great and wise Solomon, which numobliged to get away with the day as bered 40,000-that is, if the 40,000 stalls best I can. I met Alice at a glove for horses are to be taken as a critecounter and took her to lunch. Then rion. we went to my room ready to continue my wooing by proxy. Alice concluded to close the blinds in order that she might observe the enemy through the slats; but, fearing the girl opposite would see her watching, she called a maid for the purpose. Then Alice and I lounged, awaiting developments. About 3 o'clock the girl came to her window and, seeing my blinds closed. did not scruple to fix her eyes upon them. Alice, who was watching her. directed me to suddenly throw the blinds open. I did so. The girl beat a

precipitate retreat. After awhile Alice told me to go to the window and sit there reading a paper with my back to the light. I did so, while Alice herself went to another window and watched through the slats. Presently she caught sight of a dim figure in the back of the room opposite. She could see that the girl was watching me. Then the girl came forward, unconscious that she was under observation. Suddenly Alice burst

into a laugh. "What is it?" I asked.

"She's throwing a kiss at the back of your head."

This was too much for me to endure back out of the light. "Now I have started you," said

Alice, "I leave you to do the rest yourself. I shall go home tomorrow.' "Do you think I can get on alone?" 1

acquaintance, and, having met her, you must be careful not to mention anything you have learned of her interest in you. Better not mention this part of it. 'Treat her as a perfect stranger."

"Would you mind. Allce," I asked. "telling me how you learned all this?" "I haven't needed to learn it. I'm a

"But how about your experience in similar circumstances?

"Oh, bother! There baven't been any similar circumstances in my Case.

"You got it all by Instinct?" "Yes."

"Well, all I have to say is your instinct is mighty strong."

I at least had the ability to find out who the girl opposite was and bunted among my friends till I found a mutual acquaintance who introduced me. I courted ber, but blundered, and it was a long time before I won her.

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Meridian. Taken and levied upon as the property of the said Jennie W. Matlock and them several years ago. Off and on for H. J. Matlock or so much thereof as vears my kidneys troubled me and I may be necessary to satisfy the said had considerable backache. I experi- judgment in favor of the First National mented with remedies of various kinds Bank of Heppner, Oregon, a corporaand Doan's Kiupey Pills gave me the tion and against said Jennie W. Matlock one afflicted with kidney complaint will costs and disbursements that have or

twenty-six [26] east of the Willamette

E. M. SHUTT, Sheriff. By GUS MALLORY, Deputy. Dated at Heppner, Oregon, May 26,

May 26 June 23.

An English Superstition.

It is a favorite superstition in England that the bacon of swine killed in the waning of the moon will waste away in the process of curing or cooking much more than bacon of hogs killed while the moon is growing.

The Quail In France.

In France the quall is called the bird of prophecy, this from an idea that the number of his calls foretells the price of wheat. If he calls twice without resting the farmer expects but 2 francs per bushel for his grain; if the bird calls four times he expects to realize twice the price which two calls insure.

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Japanese Wrestlers.

The physique of Jap wrestlers is astonishing and is the result of a more intensive form of feeding than any glutton ever dreamed of. Weight is the chief requisite, and by means of "passive exercise"-that is to say, massage-incredible quantities of food can be absorbed by these giants in shoulders, back and girth.

Agriculture In Haiti. Although agriculture is the main occupation of Haiti, neither plows nor spades are used. For 100 years or more the ground has been tilled by scratching the surface soil with a

The Smallest Book. The smallest book in the world is only half the size of a postage stamp. It is in the possession of the Earl of Dufferin and is an edition of the sacred book of the Sikhs.

Drinking Water. When very thirsty and only a small amount of water is at hand drink with a spoon or through a small hole in the cork of a canteen. It will do as much good as when taken in large mouth-

Animals and Sight. In the water fishes see only at very close range-about half their own length. This will seem perhaps unlikely to anglers, although some of them can cite instances showing that fish cannot see far. Snakes seem to have a very medlocre sense of sight. The boa, for instance, does not see at more than a quarter of its own length. Different species are limited to one-fifth or one-eighth of their length. Frogs are better off. They see at fifteen to twenty times their length.

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The S14 SW14 sec. 33, T. 2 S., R. 29

E. W. M., serial No. 07056. Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. COLON R. EBERHARD, Receiver. June 2 July 7

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