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A TIMELY DISCLOSURE.

Cairdale was a grand old estate—a
quaint stone mansion set in the midst
of smoothly-cut lawns, luxuriant gar-
dens, a border of thick woodland. Old
Rufus Cairn could draw the interest of
his fortune by thousands, and he had
shares in several successful enterprises,
a man to be envied by right of wealth
and position, yet a man that found little
pleasure in life, alone and lonely in his
fine home, with luxuries he could not
enjoy, and riches that did not bring him
happiness.

He stood one day at the window of his
library overlooking the well-kept
grounds, and deep lines settled between
his heavy gray brows.
"Whatever is all this to me?" he mused.
"I was far more content when a
lad without a penny in his pocket. Yet
how different all might have been if she
had come to brighten my life."
Then his thoughts wandered back to
the past when he had dreamed of love
and happiness, and a fair girl's face
shone upon him like a guiding star to
lead him on.

Stella Gayler was not to blame that
her heart, turning from her elder, re-
served suitor, went to the keeping of
handsome young Percy Trafton, but up-
on Rufus Cairn the blow fell heavily.
He never saw her after her marriage,
but now and then came news to him,
and when Percy Trafton was deserted
by the Goddess of Fortune that all the
while was bestowing his best gifts on
his rival of past years, a stray bank-
note found its way now and then to his
humble home, with no clue to the sender,
and so perforce it was used.

Rufus Cairn was thinking it all over
as he stood there alone, and his face
grew almost tender with the influence
of sweet, half-forgotten memories.
"Ah, now she is dead," he thought
with a sigh. "Percy Trafton too is
gone. Let me think—six months since
I heard of his death. I wonder what
became of their daughter."
Then it was a strange fancy came to
him, and out of that fancy resulted the
arrival of Sybil Trafton at Cairdale.

A tall, slender girl with a face like
that of Stella Gayler in her youth, oval,
delicately-featured, pearly-eyed, and set
in a frame of gold-brown hair. She had
the same graceful way, the low, sweet
voice, the gentle disposition, and Rufus
Cairn's heart, dead so long to feelings
of affection and pity, grew tender at
sight of her.

There were others in the old mansion,
Sybil Trafton's aunt, Dudley Courtney,
a son of Rufus Cairn's only cousin, his
half-sister Alice, and her friend Edyth
Lynn with her brother, Gerald, a merry
party and one that appreciated and en-
joyed the old man's hospitality and
wondered a little at the motive that
most actuate it.

Dudley Courtney was a handsome
man, polished and of suave manners;
the fair beauty of Sybil was a magnet
for his fancy, and it chanced they spent
a great part of the time together, while
Rufus Cairn looked on well pleased.

One day he summoned Sybil to the
library and there disclosed his plans.
"Love your mother," he said in his
grave, earnest way. "Her memory is
still the dearest thing to my heart can
cherish, and what I would have done
for her sake I would now do for yours.
I am an old man, rich, and without
nearer relative than Dudley Courtney.
I do not wish my estate and fortune to
go outside the family, therefore I leave it
to you and him on condition that you
marry."

"Marry—oh—"

"Hear me, it is my dearest wish.
You two young people I care more for
than all others—why should you not
unite and enjoy my wealth together?
Dudley cares for you, I know, and sure-
ly you do not dislike him."
"Far from it, but—"

"I have set my heart upon it," con-
tinued the old man, persistently. "It is
for your own welfare. If he refuses, all
will go to you—if you refuse, neither
gets a penny."
"But that is unfair, Mr. Cairn," cried
Sybil. "Do you not see the injustice of
your plan? He is nearer to you than
I. It would be cruel!"
"Then marry him if you do not wish
to see him deprived," retorted old Ru-
fus, grimly.
"—I—"

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, July 4, 1885.
While walking through the Navy
Yard the other day, I met Com-
modore Sicard "This said the Com-
modore, holding up a chocolate
colored, six-sided prism an inch
and a half in diameter, with a round
hole through it, and weighing over
two ounces, "this is a grain of the
celebrated cocoa powder of which
you have heard so much." "Is it
made of cocoa?" I asked. "No,
there is probably not a particle of
cocoa in it. It takes its name from
its color, but its composition is a
profound secret. It is made abroad
and furnished to the world at a
reasonable rate, but I think we
shall soon be able to make it our-
selves. There are experiments go-
ing forward here which we expect
to be crowned with success. The
particular points of excellence of
the cocoa powder over the old kind
are that it burns slower at the be-
ginning and more rapidly toward
the end. In other words it has a
tendency to burn more rapidly un-
der increasing pressure. With the
black powder it is difficult to keep
down the pressure, but it requires
high pressure to make cocoa burn
rapidly." "Is the cocoa powder
economical?" "No, I cannot say
that it is. It takes a good deal of
it to impress a high velocity to a
projectile. But when everything
is properly adjusted it is not im-
possible to give a velocity of more
than 2,000 feet per second to a
projectile." I thanked the Commodore
and was glad to note another evi-
dence that our Navy was waking
up.

Numerous stories have been pub-
lished in regard to the physical
condition of Hon. Malcolm Hay,
First Assistant Postmaster General.
He certainly has the appearance of
being in poor health. He sits in
an armed easy-chair, with his head
resting languidly back upon the
cushion. He is very pale, and his
voice sounds like that of a sick
man, or of one who is just recover-
ing from a severe illness. I am
told, however, that he is not by
any means so bad off as he has the
appearance of being. He is really
no worse than he has been for a
number of years past. He is a
very conscientious man, and at-
tends to his work very diligently
and carefully. He is not a strong
man physically, to be sure, but he
carefully husbands his strength and
accomplishes a great deal. He
works at his correspondence every
night after he has gone home, and
such works off very much more
than would be supposed."

A good story is told of one of
the recent Western appointees in
the Treasury Department. He
had only just been installed, when,
happening into one of the other
offices, he beheld a silver tray and
pitcher. His own room was fur-
nished with an ordinary earthen
pitcher and tumbler. The silver
tray took his eye, and, returning to
his room, he wrote a requisition for
one upon the Secretary. The Sec-
retary read the requisition and re-
turned it with the verbal message:
"Tell Mr. — that he better get
the prairie mud off his boot-heels
before he sends to me for silver
trays."

Mr. Hay is something of a civil
service reformer in his way. He
does not always please the Con-
gressmen and Senators, who have
sometimes crowded him pretty hard
for appointments to their constitu-
ents. He is determined that Con-
gressmen shall be held responsible
for the recommendations which
they make, and has sometimes
been rather pointed in the questions
he has asked. He manifestly be-
lieves in doing business in a busi-
ness like way.

Postmaster General Vilas is the
last man in the Cabinet who was
expected to be a civil service re-
former and yet I was told by a
candidate for office to-day that he
lectured nearly every one who calls
upon him on this subject. "It is
extremely difficult to see the Post
master General at all, and when
one does see him it is only for a
minute, and it is rather monoto-
nous to have that minute occupied
with a lecture on civil service re-
form." But that is the way very
often," said this gentleman.

The single rate letter postage
law, which reduces the rate to two
cents an ounce, instead of two
cents for each half ounce, as heretofore,
has made very little change
in the business of the Department.
But the change is in the line of a
reduction of taxation and will be
universally welcomed. The present
limit stops the flow of affection,
description and business often at
the most interesting point. Under
the new law, some of the favorite
and well-worn excuses for cutting
a letter short become unavailable,
but as the act says nothing against
a spluttering pen, or thick ink, or
the mail closing, or the end of the
sheet, or the baby waking up, cor-
respondents still have sufficient re-
sources for excusing themselves
when they get tired of writing.

LENOX.

PENDLETON PECULIAR.

PENDLETON, July 2.
County Court is in session.
Ben S. Burroughs (of the Tribune)
and family are at the Warm Springs
residing.

J. M. Bentley, Deputy county assessor,
will leave for Camas Prairie in a
few days, assessing.

E. P. Sine, an attorney of this place,
will leave for Grant's Pass, Southern
Oregon, in a few weeks.

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number of hands to assist in driving
his band of two thousand cayuses east
this fall. Any one wishing a job of
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Died—At his residence in Pendleton
Monday, July 6th, J. H. Lynde, aged
46 years.

J. W. Jones was taken below by
Deputy Marshal Morse, Tuesday,
charged with disposing of whiskey to
the Indians.

J. J. Baumgardner, County Commis-
sioner, arrived from Foster this (Thurs-
day) morning; Mr. Walters came in
Tuesday.

J. H. Adkins was arrested Wednes-
day charged with an attempt to rape
the wife of one Allen living near
Adams. He came up for examination
Thursday but some of the witnesses be-
ing absent the trial was postponed till
Friday morning.

A. Wing took several carpenters to
Eastland Wednesday to build a grain
platform at that place for him.

ALKI.

Aristocrats.
"Your people used to belong to the
aristocracy of the State, did they not?"
was asked of an Arkansas man.
"Yes, sir, the leading people of the
land."
"Always resented insults, didn't they?"
"Yes, my father fought three duels."
"Brave and honorable, wasn't he?"
"Yes, the very soul of honor."
"I suppose you intend to follow his
example?"
"Of course I do."
"I am glad to know it; but say, don't
you remember that you bought \$5
worth of goods at my store some time
ago?"
"That's so. We always trade with
our friends."
"Say, but you haven't paid me yet."
"Never!"
"Say, you haven't."
"Who, whose fault is it?"
"Yours, of course, for I have sent
my collector around several times."
"Mr. sir; it's your fault."
"I don't see how you make that."
"Why, it's plain as daylight. You
shouldn't have let me take the goods,
but speaking about aristocracy, let me
tell you what's a fact, there's nothing
like blood. Well, so long. Send your
collector around occasionally. I'll al-
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