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AN UNCLE'S STRATEGY.
How to Make a Young Wife of an Old Maid

It is quite frequently the case that the more beautiful and the richer the girl is the more difficult are both her parents and herself in the choice of a husband, and the more offers they refuse. The one too tall, the other too short, this not wealthy, that not respectable enough. Monthly, one spring passes after another, and year after year comes away leaf after leaf of the bloom of youth, and opportunity after opportunity. Miss Harriet Selwood was the richest heiress in her native town of—shire, England; but she had already completed her 27th year, and beheld almost all her young friends united to men whom she had at one time or other discarded. Harriet began to be set down for an old maid. Her parents became really uneasy, and she herself lamented in private a position which is not a natural one, and to those whom nature and fortune have been niggardly of their gifts are obliged to submit; but Harriet, as we have said, was both handsome and very rich. Such was the state of things when her uncle, a wealthy merchant in the north of England, came on a visit to her parents. He was a jovial, lively, straightforward man, accustomed to attack all difficulties boldly and coolly. "You see," said her father to him one day, "Harriet continues single. The girl is handsome; what she is to have for her fortune, you know; and yet she is getting to be an old maid."

"True," replied the uncle; "but, look you, brother, the grand point in every affair in this world is to seize the right moment; this you have not done—it is a misfortune; but let the girl go along with me, and before the end of three months I will return her to you as the wife of a man as young and wealthy as herself." "Away went the niece with the uncle. On the way home he thus addressed her: "Mind what I am going to say. You are no longer Miss Selwood, but Mrs. Lumley, my niece, a young, wealthy, childless widow; you had the misfortune to lose your husband, Colonel Lumley, after a happy union of a quarter of a year, by a fall from his horse while hunting." "But, uncle—"

"Let me manage, if you please, Mrs. Lumley. Your father has invested me with full powers. Here, look you, is the wedding ring given you by your late husband, jewels, and whatever else you need, your aunt will supply you with; and accustom yourself to cast down your eyes." The keen-witted uncle introduced his niece everywhere, and the young widow excited a great sensation. The gentlemen thronged about her, and she soon had her choice out of twenty suitors. Her uncle advised her to take the one who was deepest in love with her, and a rare chance indeed, that this should be precisely the most amiable and opulent. The match was soon concluded, and one day the uncle desired to say a few words to his future nephew in private. "My dear sir," he began, "we told you an untruth." "How so? Are Mrs. Lumley's affections—"

"Nothing of the kind. My niece is sincerely attached to you." "Then her fortune, I suppose, is not equal to what you told me?" "On the contrary, it is larger." "Well, what is the matter, then?" "A joke, an innocent joke, which came into my head one day when I was in good humor—we could not recall it afterward. My niece is not a widow." "What! is Colonel Lumley living?" "No, no—she is a spinster." The lover protested that he was a happier fellow than he had conceived himself, and the old maid was forthwith metamorphosed into a young wife.

Why His Wife Never Asked Him For Money.
"Battersby, my wife is almost worrying me to death. There isn't a day that she doesn't ask me for money."
"I sympathize with you, Mr. Roberts. My wife hasn't asked me for money since we were married."
"O, she hasn't eh? Maybe she's dumb?"
"No."
"O, goes through your pockets while you're asleep?"
"No."
"Why doesn't she ask you for money?"
"Her father keeps her. Keeps me, too."

Couldn't See It.
A joke is a mystery to some people. In a certain court in this State on the time the proceedings were delayed by the failure of a witness named Sarah Mony to arrive. After waiting a long time for Sarah, the court concluded to wait no longer, and wishing to crack his little joke, remarked: "This court will adjourn without Sarah Mony." Everybody laughed except one man, who sat in solid meditation for five minutes, and then burst into a hearty guffaw, exclaiming, "I see it! I see it!" When he went home he tried to tell the joke to his wife. "There was a witness named Mary Mony who didn't come," said he, "and the court said, 'We'll adjourn without Mary Mony.' 'I don't see any point to that,' said his wife. 'I know it,' said he, 'I didn't at first; but you will in five minutes.'"—[Lewistop, Me., Journal.]

An Arctic Thanksgiving.
The next Thanksgiving, one year later, we spent on our sledge journey returning to Hudson Bay, which we spoke of as "home," from the islands in the Arctic Ocean near the mouth of Back's Great Fish River. The last Thursday in November we found us crossing a broad peninsula passing from one large arm of the Arctic Sea to another, where the Back's River empties, and which we were extremely anxious to reach. That day we came upon a river some sixty to seventy paces broad, and it was named Thanksgiving River to commemorate the event.

It was of a great deal of importance to us to know just which way it flowed, for should its waters run eastward, all we would have to do would be to sleds along its icy covering, and it would take us by an easy grade to Back's River. Usually the Esquimaux can tell which way the current of a frozen river trends by lying flat on the ice, and placing the face close to it, and turning the eyes alternately to the right and left, or up and down stream, sighting along the level ice; but although two of the keenest-sighted of the Esquimaux young men tried this plan on several parts of Thanksgiving River, they were unable to do so, shaking their heads, and informing me that if the ice was of the river so that we could see the water flowing it would be a very sluggish current. The only way to settle the matter would be to dig through the ice, some five or six feet thick, and sink a pole in the ice-well, first on one side and then on the other, until the force of the current, however sluggish, would carry it across to the other side, and determine the direction of the current.

This cutting an ice-well is very interesting and is done with two instruments, each on the end of a long pole. The first is a chisel, a sharpened spike, a bayonet, or any such instrument, with which the native cuts a hole about a foot deep in the ice and probably a foot and a half wide. This chopped ice made by the ice-chisel is then scooped out by a sort of ladle made of musk ox horn on the end of another pole, and this alternation of cutting and scooping is kept up, digging out from six to twelve inches each time, until the water is reached six or so—feet below. The farthest I ever saw them dig an ice-well to get to fresh water was eight feet and a half.

After we had dug a well about a foot and a half in diameter, I put down the scoop beyond the bottom of the ice on the western side, and there it remained; then on the eastern side, and it lazily floated over to the west, which showed that the current flowed that way, or in the direction from which we had been coming. It was a great disappointment to us, and a river that we could hardly be thankful for; so it was abandoned next day.

Our Thanksgiving dinner that day was nothing but reindeer meat, the same as any other day, for the good and sufficient reason that we had three or four pounds of boiled reindeer meat, drinking the soup afterward. For lunch while traveling we had raw frozen reindeer cut in chunks about half as big as one's hand, and then beaten into brashy shreds with the back of the hatchet. For dinner, as soon as the snow-house was finished, we had the same frozen meat, and a hot dinner of boiled meat and soup about an hour after. Now that the intensely cold winter weather of the Arctic was coming rapidly toward us, we ate large quantities of reindeer fat to help us keep warm, oftentimes as much in quantity as the meat itself. Just about this Thanksgiving we were living on reduced rations, however, for we had but little reindeer meat, and could not get our way clear to Back's Great Fish River, where we could procure fish. Our poor dogs! they had even less to be thankful for than we, as they were being fed only about once a week.—[Lieut. Schwatka, in Harpers' Young People.]

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