



SHE WAS SILENT.

And afterward She Wished It Might Have Been Otherwise. They met on State street in the middle of the afternoon and proceeded to enter into an interesting conversation in spite of the fact that they were inconvenienced by a throng of pedestrians.

"You haven't seen any one trying to sell a sapphire and diamond man's ring, have you?" asked the brunette. "No; I haven't. Do look at that woman's gait. I suppose she thinks nobody knows her shoes hurt because she is smiling. But why did you ask me about the ring?"

"Because mine is lost, and—" "Is that why you kept your gloves on at the supper we had after the theater the other night?"

"Of course it was." "Well, I thought either that some one had lost you a legacy to be expended entirely upon gloves, or that you had been trying some new kind of recipe for whitening the hands and removed the skin along with the tan."

"It wasn't that at all. Oh, Flo, I know a splendid recipe for whitening!" "So do I,姑息. Tell me how you happened to lose your ring."

"The usual way. You see, it rains my gloves, so I always put it in my pocketbook when I am going out, and one day last week it had for company 70 hard earned dollars and—that was the last of it."

"But where did you lose it?" "As if I know. I never discovered it until I got home after a long shopping trip. You see, I met my husband on the street and we came home together. Just as we reached the front door I discovered my loss, and I tell you I felt ready to sink, for the ring was my engagement one, and \$40 or \$50 was in the pocketbook wherever I left it."

"What did you do?" "Why, I didn't care to say a word because ever since we were married I've been scolding my husband for his careless ways and bragging that I never lost a thing."

"Why, goodness, how awful!" "I think so. Well, instead of weeping on his coat collar, I tried to look uninterested and said: 'Now, you go into the library and rest a bit, while I take my packages and pocketbook up stairs, then I must run over to the butcher for a minute.'"

"What for?" "An excuse, dear. I wanted to send in an advertisement at once. I didn't dare to call the police, and I knew he would never recognize me as Z 24,008 or some such number. When I got back, I asked if he had rested well, and he said: 'No, just after you left my brother Dan called me up by telephone and asked if you had lost your ring and pocketbook.'"

"How on earth did Dan know?" "I said 'What?' and he repeated it, adding proudly: 'I said that my wife was too careful to do such a thing; that she had just gone up to put her pocketbook away.'"

"What did you say?" "When I caught my breath, I asked why Dan had inquired, and he said that a seely looking man was trying to sell him first a ring and then a pocketbook which looked just like mine, and that he had detained him until he asked."

"And if you only had told your husband you would have gotten them?" "I know it. And one can't wear gloves at breakfast, you know. I am wondering what he will say when he finds out."—Chicago Times-Herald.

He Is Probably Counting Now.

Swine is the proud possession of one of the largest drovers to be found on our coast. A party of colliers from the Rhonda were paying a visit to the pier the other day, and one of their number, the endless row of buckets, seemed to possess a singular fascination.

While the others went off to enjoy themselves at the Mumbles or elsewhere Shoni would not budge an inch, but kept his gaze firmly fixed on the drogger. About 7 in the evening his friends found him still on the same spot. Telling him the truth would have without him if he did not make haste, Shoni exclaimed:

"I don't care. I have counted 11,963, and I mean to see the last of them buckets if I stop all night."

And they left him counting.—Tit-Bits.

A Good Reason.

Little Johnny Fizzlepot has the habit of waking up every night and demanding something to eat. At last his mother said to him:

"Look here, Johnny, I never want to eat anything in the night."

"Well, I don't think I'd care much to eat anything either in the night if I kept my teeth in a mug of water."—Texas Siftings.

Still Worse.

An economical yet progressive housekeeper has hanging in her roomy kitchen a couple of aprons, intended solely for use in general housecleaning, scrubbing or any especially dirty work. They are made of the best quality of bed-ticking and prove stronger and more durable in every way than any other material unless you except denim, which also makes good aprons for the same purpose.

Princess Beatrice's Embroider.

The Princess Beatrice of Battenberg, youngest daughter of the queen of England, is almost laughably fat. She is not yet 40, has good features and would be considered a handsome woman were it not for her enormous proportions. The queen herself is very stout, and several of her children resemble her in this respect.—London Correspondent.

A Woman's Paper.

We find a mass of matter equivalent in weight to about four times that contained in any masculine periodical, of which at least half is made up of dress advertisements, and of the remaining portion at least two-thirds are devoted to pictures of glorified millinery. Here and there, sandwiched between the sheets of new lemons and the latest dresses, there is, perhaps for the sake of appearances, a silly little poem or a feeble story, but broadly speaking the whole journal is a pound of incense to be burned on the altar of vanity, and contains no other idea than the idea of enabling and inducing its readers to spend their time and money in the adornment of their persons. I do not say that this should be so. I merely ask how it is possible that it should be the case if women were really engaged in a social revolution and were inspired by social ideals of any kind.

Can it be that they lack the courage of their convictions? Surely not, when every platform and every review rejoices with their utterance. The same is the case with theatrical affairs, in which the most ardent and delighted in which can hardly be regarded as a symptom of greater moral earnestness. Moreover, it is indisputable the case that, at the very time when men are being challenged by women with respect to their moral blemishes, there are received in society more freely and intimately than was before the case women of whose reputation no doubt whatever can be entertained if only they can plead the extenuating circumstances of being singer, dancer or actress.—Fortnightly Review.

A New Woman Sermon.

The "emancipated woman" agitation engenders feverish unrest among American women. It causes them to join in protesting against existing conditions, while they themselves are without logical ability to formulate any one of the very many questions, too, whether woman's interference in these matters is productive of much real good. There may be now and then a little spasmodic improvement, but small lasting beneficial results.

The new woman possesses, I fear, that "little learning" which is a dangerous thing. She has not strong basis of knowledge from which she can evolve her views. In 99 cases out of 100 she is swayed by sentiment and emotion and not by intellect.

She frequently indulges in her sympathies, and indulges in her prejudices. She refuses to join a certain club not because her principles will not allow it, but because a woman she dislikes is president, and so it goes.

I regard the woman whose heart is in her home as far more fervent and far more administrative than do the woman who expands all her time and energies upon clubs and classes, reforms and social agitations. A woman's influence in her home is far greater than it ever can be in politics. She does not need the halcyon her bloomers to enforce her authority.

I myself am a business woman, but it is through force of circumstances, I never met a happy mother, a domestic wife, a sister of charity or a convent nun that I do not envy her lot.—Elizabeth Marbury.

Less Talk and More Work.

At the London Pioneer club recently a discussion took place on the proposition, "The attitude of some advanced women toward men is calculated to injure the best interests of women."

One of the presenters argued that the present stand of the advanced woman was necessary, for no "object race" had ever raised itself without hard blows on either side. A sort of intestine war, according to some women, is evidently necessary to settle the question whether the general principle should be maintained. Mrs. Hobson's exposition of the case was amusing. She hoped that, though the total extinction of man might be desirable, such was not yet a possibility.

Meanwhile woman should both tolerate and educate him. Her views of the situation generally prevailed. She concluded her remarks with the suggestion that memories of hard things in the past should be forgotten and a fresh start should be made, woman talking less and doing more. The Newcastle Chronicle, Newcastle, in commenting upon this remarks that "without quarreling about doing more humorists might suggest that it would be advantageous and pleasant if women, especially the 'new woman,' could possibly talk less."

Highly Honorable.

An American who has been traveling in England declares that he has seldom found the average inhabitant of London inclined to be discourteous. As a rule, any information asked by a stranger is given freely and kindly. But you must expect an Englishman to forego an opportunity to make a good, robust British joke.

On one occasion the traveler happened to be in the neighborhood of Millbank prison and fancied that he would like a glimpse at that famous place of detention.

"Can you tell me the way to Millbank?" he asked of a stout tradesman whom he met.

"Aye," answered John Bull. "Knock me down and rob me pockets, and you'll soon enough be on the straight road there!"

Stopped the Poaching.

A Scotch gentleman, plagued by poachers, procured a cork leg dressed in a stocking and shoe and sent it through the neighboring village by the town crier, who proclaimed that it had been found in a mantrap the previous night in Mr. Ross' grounds, who desired to return it to the owner. There was no more poaching after that.—Plick Me Up

Ancient Steelyards.

The steelyards found in Hieracium are constructed on exactly the same principle as those of today, with a pan and a bar, with a graduated scale, along which a weight was moved. The weight was of metal and commonly represented a human head, sometimes the head of a deity, Mercury being the most popular.

A Drawback.

"You should live near heaven," said the preacher to the editor.

"I know it," replied the editor, "but these good heavens come so high."—Atlanta Constitution.

In one of the worst saloons of Boston

the following placard is suspended: "No ladies served with drinks at this bar."

DR. HOLMES.

"Good Dr. Holmes is dead." Thus all the people said. In my heart I said, "I shall never see you again." I was in the city of Providence, Rhode Island at the time they said.

Dear! That generous heart! Dear! That good old soul! Into the pages look of him 'tis the greater part.

There we may hear him speak in the passing hour and week; See him in yonder page; Bright, in the future age; He is there for all who seek.

Good! That attuning mirth! Good! That cheering words! Nay, to such souls is given, Not though they bloom in heaven, They cannot fade from earth.—Louise Morgan Hill in New York Sun.

JARLEY.

Jarley possessed the domestic virtues to the ecstasies of degree. He worried his friends with his self-laudations, bored them by cataloguing the delights of a home life and angered them by parading the fact that he was a genuine "stay-at-home."

Every time his wife took him to task at times because of his obstinacy in living up to his high keyed pretensions, for he vowed that when he put on his slippers and smoking jacket no earthly power could make him leave the house. It was a great event in her life when he was elected to the position of making a call, and her nervous system was thrown from its balance for a moment when he took her to the theater.

He seldom varied his programme. He sat down to dinner at 6:30 o'clock and then brought out his ruddy red slippers, donned his well worn smoking jacket and read the papers until bedtime. Each year of his married life seemed to fasten the habit to him more firmly, and the tenth anniversary of his wedding day found him a slave to his home conceit.

In all other respects Jarley was a fine fellow, popular with his business friends, extremely affectionate and kind to his wife and children and a good citizen. Many times his down town acquaintances had urged him to join this and that lodge, council or chapter of some secret society, but he checked further solicitation by ostentatiously announcing that he had no use for clubs or societies; that he had a little club of his own at home which took up all his spare time, and that his family and domestic comforts were all he needed in the way of life and enjoyment.

He was riding down town in a car one morning when a friend in the life insurance way began talking business to him. With that enthusiasm and earnestness which are characteristic of a successful life insurance agent, he secured Jarley's interest, and after giving him a pocketful of circulars, estimates and other advertising literature left him at the corner, satisfied that he would have Jarley's policy before the month was out. At lunch Jarley confided to his office companion that he had just had a mind to take out a policy in the Double Cross Life Insurance company.

"What's that?" asked his friend. "You want some life insurance? How much do you want, \$3,000? Why don't you come into the Triple Platte League and get a policy for \$2,000, and I will take care of you. It will not cost you one-third as much as is charged by the cheapest life insurance company in existence. Just think, only 87 cents for each assessment, and last year there were but 39 assessments. And best of all you can cover 500,000 members in the United States."

"No," said Jarley. "I don't want to join a society. I am so much of a stay at home that I do not feel that."

"You won't have to go to lodge meetings, I interrupted him. All you will have to do is to fill out this application. I will see that you go through the committee all right. Then you will have to be initiated, and after that, so long as you pay your assessments and your dues, you need not go near the lodge-room, but when you are initiated you will see that you are buried in good shape, and your widow will get \$3,000."

Jarley thought of the Triple Platte League all of that afternoon. At night he looked over the life insurance estimates, compared them with the estimates given to him by his insurance friend and next morning told the latter that he would fill out an application.

His friend was as good as his word. Jarley went through the examination committee without a jar, and one morning received a polite letter telling him that his application had been duly received, and that if he would present himself on the following Tuesday he would be initiated. Mrs. Jarley was greatly surprised when her husband hurried through his dinner that Tuesday evening and without telling her where he was going put on his best clothes and left the house.

Jarley met his friend in the corner drug store under the lodgeroom of the Triple Platters with some misgivings. He was densely ignorant of the first principles of the society, and his knowledge of initiations was limited to reading "riding the goat" jokes and accounts of college hazings. In the drug store he was introduced to other Triple Platters and was warmly welcomed. Under the benign influence of friendly, jovial good fellows his nervousness went off, and he ascended the stairs to enter upon the ordeal with considerable nonchalance.

To his surprise he found that the initiation ceremonies were dignified and solemn. A great deal was said of philosophy, friendship and loyalty, and he felt as though he were being initiated into church. Then he was given the passwords and grip and soon after was the center of a crowd of men, receiving congratulations and slaps on the back. He passed a delightful evening. Music, cigars and well told stories followed one another rapidly, and it was after midnight when he reached his home and his worried wife. A few days later he placed in his buttonhole the figured button of the Triple Platters and practiced the grip with his friend until he had it perfect.

Jarley for the second time in his married life broke his stay at home rule by going to the lodge on Tuesday evening, and the week after he returned there again. The pleasant evenings with the Triple Platters and the novelty of it all turned his attention to the dull life led by his wife, and he took her to the theater.

Soon after the Triple Platters held an open lodge for the wives and friends of the members. Jarley brought Mrs. Jarley a dress for the occasion, and the breath nearly left the good woman when she found that he had ordered a carriage.

The friend who had induced him to join the society had not named its benefits too gaudily, for a member of Jarley's lodge died, and Jarley was appointed one of the pallbearers and was one of the committee to take a check for \$3,000 to the widow. The assessments were not numerous, and Jarley figured that he was getting the best of the bargain for about \$15 a thousand.

He also wore his Triple Platte button, and one week when he was sent out of the city on business he attended

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