A Fair Exchange.

[Original.]

She was a southern beauty just nineteen, he a West Point cadet two years her senior. She had been graduated at a young ladies' finishing school; he was about to be graduated into the United States cavalry. She had learned to write an essay. She didn't need to learn to write a love letter. She was born that way, just as a poet is born, not made. He had learned analytical geometry, conic sections and all that. He didn't need to learn to talk soft to a girl; he breathed the spirit of "spoon" in with the West Point air. The atmosphere there has been so long laden with it that it's impregnated—that is, in June, when the roses bloom. They were dawdling in flirtation walk.

"What an odd necklace," he remarked, glancing at a circlet of finger rings fastened together by gold links she wore about her neck—"each ring different!"

"The donors were all different too."

"What do you mean by the donors?"

"Each ring was given me by"—

"An accepted suitor?"

"Well"—

"Don't deny it. Rather tell me about them."

"The rings or the suitors?"

"Both."

"Well, this turquoise cluster was given me by a flaxen haired, blue eyed boy when I was fifteen. He said he was desperately in love with me, and he was—for a month. This marquise solitaire I got from a young planter in Georgia. He tried to ride over a precipice later on, but his horse balked. This gypsy set pearl was from a professor. He was an old fellow, thirty-one at least. He taught Scandinavian or Egyptian literature or something of the sort. He'd never been anywhere, but he could talk so beautifully about the places he hadn't seen that he'd make you wish to go there. A doctor gave me this sapphire. He had been all over the world, but you'd never know it. He couldn't say boo to a goose. I used to say to him, 'My friend the professor could go through Chinatown and make you believe he'd been at Pekin when the allied forces entered; you would make a marionette squabble out of the battle of Gettysburg.'"

"I'll bet the doctor knew a lot more than the professor."

"Not for women."

"Well, go on with this string of bleeding hearts."

"The man who gave me this ruby was splendid—young like us. He was so fierce. Are you an angler?"

"No. What's that got to do with it?"

"Then you won't understand. My ruby lover splashed about, darting this way and that way, one day treating me with sovereign contempt, the next with anger, till I thought I'd never land him."

"And did you?"

"There's the ring to show."

"How about the fellow who gave you the opal?"

"Oh, that furnished me with a dead easy thing in the breaking. I was afraid he'd interfere with the diamond between sapphires, and I had to cut him short. I told him he'd broken my heart, for I never could marry a man who'd given me an opal—nothing but unhappiness could possibly result from such a union. But now tell me about your book of beauty. Your chum stole it for me yesterday out of your room."

"The rascal!"

"I've brought it with me to return it to you. There's No. 1, this black haired, black eyed girl. She'd be pretty if she hadn't such a homely mouth and a pug nose. How long were you engaged to her?"

"Oh, there girls aren't girls I've been engaged to. They're girls who have refused me. I only thought I loved them. I never really knew what love was till now."

"When did it strike you?"

"Just after guard mount yesterday morning. I was marching off the old guard, and I saw a group of girls among the lookers on. One face among them made me tremble. I recognized my 'belle dame sans merci.'"

"You talk just like the professor. What does 'belle dame sans merci' mean?"

He stopped and gazed at her with all the fervor of his handsome eyes, but with an expression of despair in them. "Beautiful one without mercy," he replied.

She turned and looked down through an opening in the trees on the Hudson, evidently to conceal a deep emotion.

"Oh, if I could only trust you!" she said in broken tones. "You, the only one of all— My punishment is more than I can bear."

"I swear"—

"It has come at last, but to mock me! Let go my hand!"

Her bidding was obeyed suddenly, so suddenly that she was surprised. At the same time the wooer exclaimed, somewhat irrelevantly, "Great Scott!"

"What's the matter?"

"Officer—and we're off limits!"

An officer with several ladies passed. The cadet faced, drew himself up stiff as a ramrod and brought his forefinger to his cap like a dummy worked by wires.

That night when the pair parted a ring set with twin diamonds—a family heirloom—passed into the necklace, and her photograph passed into his book of beauty.

Five years later they met again, both married. There was a delayed recognition. Then began a skirmish very different from the one in which they had engaged at West Point. Neither could remember the other's name.

EMMALINE C. BURKE.

Independence.

Lee Robinson is home for a short time.

Maurice Butler has returned from Portland.

Mrs Charley Williams is visiting in Salem this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison attended the Cherry Fair at Salem.

Miss Eva Huston, of Portland, has been visiting friends in this city.

Charley Sperling and wife attended the Cherry Fair in Salem last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Taylor have gone to their Corvallis hop ranch for a few days.

Tom Fennel, of Marion county, is delivering some fine cherries in town this week.

Little Gerald Richardson has been quite sick with a fever but is much better at present.

Lucile Messner, of McMinnville, who has been visiting here, has returned to her home.

Harold Fitchard has returned from Marshfield with his automobile, and reports a fine time.

Rev. Sherwood, of Willamette University, occupied the pulpit of the M. E. church last Sunday.

Mrs. Charley Allen arrived Saturday from Eastern Oregon, and is visiting Mrs. W. H. Walker.

Mr. Fitchard left Tuesday morning for Portland and Los Angeles where he will visit his son Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper have gone to Seattle to visit the fair. They will stop in Tacoma to visit their daughter Pearl.

Miss Fugate, who has been teaching the second grade here has resigned. It is not learned who will take her place.

Mrs. Shrunk, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Reynolds, south of town, returned to her home in Salem the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore left Monday for Slab Creek with a load of merchandise. Their son will have charge of the store during their absence.

Deputy District Grand Master F. L. Hooper and Mr. Ferguson went to Falls City Saturday night to install the new officers of I. O. O. F. lodge, No. 148. They report a good time.

Prof. Kirk has resigned his position as principal here, and has accepted a position in Corvallis at a greatly increased salary. Corvallis is to be congratulated while we mourn our loss.

J. W. Richardson Jr. has returned from Siletz, where he has been for several weeks. He will go to Corvallis next week where he will help build a fine bungalow for Dr. J. R. N. Bell.

Geo. Murphy, principal of the Clatskanie public school, spent several days here visiting. Mr. Murphy left here for Falls City, and then to Clatskanie, where he will remain for another year.

Among those attending the Cherry Fair last week were: Mrs. D. A. Hodge, Mrs. O. A. Kramer, Mrs. L. Damon, Mrs. Hooper, and Miss Shank. The Cherry Fair was well attended and the exhibits were fine.

Suver.

Johnnie Olltough is helping Mr. Neal with his hay.

O. M. Allen and wife visited J. E. James Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loy have moved into the old Loy place.

Miss Alma Ruef is staying with Mrs. Arthur Steele at present.

Mrs. J. H. James called on Mrs. Thurston last Friday afternoon.

Misses Nina Jones and Edyth Bagley are home from Portland on a visit.

The rains did not do the hay much good but the gardens and grass look better.

Will Steele is hauling lumber for the new house which he intends building soon.

Mrs. King, of Seattle, is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. Kreutz, this week.

Mr. McCready and daughter Nina, went to Jefferson after Miss Lillie McCready, last Friday.

Mrs. Anna Brown and children, Mabel and Earl, are improving after a long spell of the measles and typhoid fever.

The ball game between Wellsdale and Suver was quite well attended last Sunday, the game ending 7 to 19 in favor of Suver.

Monmouth Heights.

John Walker was a county seat visitor Saturday.

William Herren made a business trip to Falls City Friday.

Born, Tuesday July 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCaleb a son.

D. Harrington and wife spent Sunday in Monmouth visiting friends.

John Sumpter, of near Falls City, was a visitor on the Heights the past week.

Miss Fay Shipley, of Corvallis, is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Ed Smith and Flossie Grooms, of Bridgeport, were over the Heights Sunday.

Miss Katie Barnes, of Corvallis is a guest of her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Allen Towns.

Arthur Grooms and wife, of Cochrane, were seen in this vicinity the first of the week.

John White and son Orville, of Lewisville, are erecting Page wire fencing for Mr. Chaney.

Several families of the Luckiamute valley purchased cherries of John Stump the past week.

William Fishback, who is carpentering for Peter Cook, at Rickreall, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Henry Lewis and Mrs. William Phillips, of Lewisville, were in this locality Monday gathering cherries.

Rutheford Crosier, of Amity, passed over the Heigths enroute to the Luckiamute valley Sunday to see his best girl.

Mrs. Newt. Grooms and daughter, Flossie, of Bridgeport, were pleasant callers at the home of Mrs. E. Clark Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sullivan and daughter Bessie, of Monmouth, Sundayed with her mother Mrs. E. Clark and family.

Miss Blanche McKinney, of Dallas, and her friend Silva Hageman, of Nebraska, visited two days of the past week with Ina and Lettie Fishback.

Jay Butler, Jr. and W. J. Mulkey, Jr. were visitors at the Herald office yesterday and were very much interested in the action of the big jobber. No doubt they will become famous machinists some time.

That it pays to advertise in the Herald is manifest from the fact that O. C. Zook received a letter this week from O. C. Zook, who is a banker in a Michigan city, he having seen our Mr. Zook's ad in the Herald. Whether they are relatives or not has not yet developed.

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Sunday School at	10:00 a. m.
Y. P. A. Meeting at	6.30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting	Wednesday evening.

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W. A. WOOD, Pastor.

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Evening Service at	7:00 p. m.
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Y. P. S. C. E.	6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday	7:30 p. m.

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