

IN EXILE.
So sweetly hast thou sung, my singing bird,
No sweeter hast thou sung!
No whistler, gladder note was ever heard
The glad wild woods among.
The very hills are listening, and the sky
Hath heard thy ringing voice,
Its melody outpouring from on high
That Heaven may rejoice.
O bird! and art thou singing of this land,
Where summer lives away,
Where cold and blight have never laid their
hand
Upon the warm, still day?
Where bluest waters wash the quiet shore,
And silver mosses hide
The haunts that thy bright presence oft before
Hath filled and glorified?
Thou little bird! thou happy, fearless one!
And is there, then, no pain,
No sorrowing for those beneath the sun,
While I have grieved in vain?
Sweet singer! Ah! if thou couldst sing to me
Of one dear land I know,
Where ice-bound rivers send the bitter sea,
Through wind-swept plains of snow!
Where song of bird is heard not, but the cold,
White silence speaks alone,
And only in our gay hearts do we hold
Joy's deeper undertone.
Thou singer of the summer, and my heart,
My heart is singing too,
A tender song, half sad, but sweet in part,
Where glad strains wander through.
For oh! this heart is singing of my home,
And the music swells,
All jubilant the time when child-thoughts come
To ring their sweet joy bells.
And thou hast caught the strain, thou happy
bird,
And, singing as I sing,
Thou hast heard my grief's control,
Exultant, wondering,
—Helen Grace Smith, in *Belmont's Magazine*.

KITTY'S NEW COLLAR.

Her Uncle Discovers It Unexpectedly But Is Satisfied.

Kitty Cutting was a nice plump little maiden of eighteen summers. Her uncle was a miller and pretty well-to-do in the world. As Kitty was likely to be his heiress this consideration alone would have attracted lovers if Kitty had been considerably less attractive than she really was.

It so chanced that Kitty's affections happened to center on a young man whom her uncle, the miller, by no means approved. This was Harry Billings, a young farmer in the neighborhood. The miller's sole ground of disapproval was that the young man had not quite so large a share of worldly possessions as he thought his niece had a right to expect in a husband.

The consequence was that for a long time Harry Billings and Kitty were separated. Her eyes snapped in a very decided manner, and though she said nothing it was very evident that she meant considerable. However, she was obliged to dissemble, and Harry thought it was most prudent not to approach the house when the miller was at home. By way of compensation Kitty was in the habit of letting him know when her uncle was absent, and on these occasions they would pass a sociable evening together in the great square kitchen. Kitty sitting on one side intent upon her knitting and her lover fully occupied in looking at her. He succeeded in getting away before the miller arrived, otherwise there would have been a scene.

"Kitty," said her uncle, one day, "I have got to be away this evening, and probably shall not be back before eleven or twelve o'clock. I thought you might like to know."

Kitty's eyes sparkled. "I dare say my dear uncle," she said, "I shall be so busy."

"I shall be at home as early as possible," said the miller.

"Don't hurry on my account," said Kitty, innocently.

The miller went over to his work, and Kitty hastily scratched the following note:

DEAR HARRY—Uncle has got to go away this evening, and thinks he shall be back before eleven or twelve o'clock. I thought you might like to know. Kitty.

Folding this up and directing it to her lover, she called a little boy who was passing.

"Do you want to earn a three-cent piece?" she asked.

"Don't I though?" was the reply of "Young America."

"Then carry this over and give it to Mr. Billings, and mind you don't let anybody see it."

The boy nodded understandingly, and was off on his mission.

Kitty was unusually lively and cheerful through the day, and was unusually active in expecting her uncle's departure.

"I am afraid it's going to snow," said the miller, looking up at the clouds.

"Oh, no it won't," said Kitty, decidedly.

"You seem quite positive," said her uncle.

"At any rate, I don't think it will," said Kitty.

"One night almost think you want to get me up!" remarked the miller, considerably nearer the truth than he imagined.

I am not going to detail the conversation that took place that evening between Kitty and her lover. Though interesting to them, I have strong doubts whether it would be equally so to my present readers. The general subject, however, was devising ways and means to propitiate the determined uncle, and remove the obstacles to their union.

This, however, was rather a difficult matter, and they could not decide upon any thing which they thought could answer the purpose.

Meanwhile time was passing, and that rapidly. Ten o'clock came.

Still Harry stayed. There was no immediate haste, for as the miller expressly said, he should not be home much before midnight.

Kitty and her lover were in the midst of an interesting disquisition, when to their inexpressible consternation, the familiar rumble of the miller's cart was heard as it entered the yard.

"Good gracious!" exclaimed Kitty. "What can have brought uncle home so soon?"

"It's only ten minutes past ten," said Harry, looking hurriedly at his watch.

"Something or other has happened to him," said Kitty. "Is it possible that he suspected anything about your being here? Oh, what will be done when he finds you?"

"He can't any more than order me out of the house," said Harry. "Don't be alarmed, Kitty, I will take the blame."

"But you can escape. You must." This seemed to be impossible as just then the miller was heard knocking his feet against the scraper.

"Quick, let me hide you in the closet," said Kitty.

She drew to the closet, opened the door, pushed in the bewildered Harry and buttoned him in.

Then, with her face a little flushed, she plumped down in the rocking-chair, and was knitting very industriously when her uncle entered.

"Hey, Kitty," said her uncle. "I suppose you didn't expect to see me quite so soon."

"No, uncle," said Kitty. "Why, it isn't much more than ten."

"The way of it was, I happened to meet the squire at the store, four miles off on his horse, and he told me of your business there. So you see, I gained an hour or more in that way."

"I wish to goodness the squire had stopped at home," thought Kitty.

"Have you been lonely, Kitty?" inquired her uncle.

"Yes, sir," said his niece, demurely.

"You're getting to be quite industrious."

The miller took off his boots and sat down composedly at the fire.

Kitty was in hopes that he would go to bed, in order that she might give her lover a chance to escape. But this he did not appear at all inclined to do.

"Isn't it most your bed-time, uncle?" said Kitty.

"I don't know how it is, but I don't feel at all sleepy to-night."

"But if you are sleepy, don't wait," said Kitty, looking particularly wide-awake. "I feel as if I could sit up all night."

"Where's the weekly paper, Kitty?"

Kitty would like to have said she didn't know, for she knew that if her uncle got hold of that he would quite disregard the necessity of time. Unfortunately there was the paper on the table under the kitchen glass. It was the first object that met her gaze as she looked up.

"See I am in for a siege," said Kitty to herself; "but I shall stand it as long as I can. That's comfort. But I'm afraid Harry will find it pretty dull work in the closet. What would uncle say if he should find out he was there?"

Half an hour passed.

The miller, who was a slow reader, was intent upon a story which interested him. Kitty saw, with a despairing glance, that he was not quite half through it.

She was beginning to be sleepy herself, or would have been if she had not had so much to keep her awake.

THE SHORT-WEIGHT MAN.

He Had a Soft Snap Until He Met a Retired Prize-Fighter.

I was reading in the papers the other day that the "short-weight" man had been arrested and held to trial in Chicago on a charge of swindling. It was all of nine years ago that I saw him play his game in Toledo, and he has not only been at it ever since, but must have laid away a snug little sum of money. I was in a large retail grocery house one day when the man came in, briskly inquired for the proprietor, and said:

"In connection with the Government effort to shut out all adulterated goods we are compiling tables to show that ninety per cent. of retail buyers are defrauded in weight. These tables are classified by States, counties and cities, and I respectfully request the privilege of examining your scales."

"But they have been tested by the city scales," protested the merchant.

"Then so much the better," replied the stranger, as he took several weights, each of which was stamped "U. S. A." from his satchel.

"But—I—I—come in later when I am at liberty. I want to understand this matter more thoroughly."

"Oh, certainly," and the man replaced his weights and headed his guest out. He returned at another hour and "arrange matters in a satisfactory manner."

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"Two ounces to the pound, sir." "And for seven years I have been giving customers only fourteen ounces to the pound?"

"Exactly."

"Well, damn my hide, I've dropped \$500 a year right along even while doing that, and this satisfies me that I had better go back to my old trade, which was prize fighting! Now is a good time to begin!"

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A HOTEL RUN BY ELECTRICITY.

What is known as an electrical hotel has been running at Samaden, Switzerland, since the first of the month.

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