

UNCLE DICK'S ENGAGEMENT.

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CHAPTER II.

Three weeks had passed. Uncle Dick was seated once more in his sanctum, and was watching lazily the blue clouds as they ascended from his cigar. Of course, this little love-affair of his was all make-believe, but somehow these three weeks had been spent very pleasantly. Katty Vane was really a very charming little woman. Indeed, it was with quite a feeling of regret, that he recollected that he must positively return to the city next week.

Forty-seven and nineteen! Supposing they were really engaged. There was nothing so very absurd about it, was there? Only twenty-eight years between them, and he felt quite young yet. Then Uncle Dick did a thing he had not done for many years. He looked at himself very closely in the glass. Yes, he was still a young man. Hardly a gray hair on his head. No crow's feet around his eyes to speak of. No symptoms of becoming bald.

Suddenly he heard the little soft tay (which had now become so familiar to him) upon the study door, and Kitty entered the room.

"I have got something to tell you," she said; "a great secret which I've been wanting to tell since yesterday, only I didn't know how to begin."

Uncle Dick looked closely at the girl; the large lamp on his table seemed to throw a halo of gold over her sunny hair. How beautiful she looked! he thought. How queenly she would appear presiding at his dinner-table! Somehow his middle-aged heart began to thump loudly under his vest.

"Well Uncle Dick, just what I most desired has happened; you won't have to be bothered going about with me any more now. Jack Douglass, seeing that it was all nonsense about my intimacy with Archie Campbell, proposed to me last Thursday at the Willoughbys' party, while we were sitting in that dear boudoir, you know, off the conservatory. Of course, I shan't tell mamma and all my people about it yet, because Jack isn't very rich, and we shall have to wate a little. And to think it's all owing to you, you old darling!"

So saying, she kissed him lightly on the forehead.

"Heaven bless you, dear!" said Uncle Dick, with a strange tremor in his voice, which made the girl remark:

"Why what's the matter? You don't look a bit pleased. Ah if you only knew Jack as well as I do, I know you'd think I was one of the luckiest girls alive."

"Yes, yes, Kitty, I'm much pleased to hear you're so happy. But leave me now please. I have a headache, and I want to be left alone. I'm a selfish old fellow, you know—not so young as I was—and this fire is very comfortable this cold afternoon; I think I'll take forty winks."

But when Kitty left him, he did nothing of the sort. I regret to say, he so far lost his temper as to administer a slight kick to his faithful dog, which was reposing at his feet. Then he poked the fire vigorously three times, then he seized hold of

the morning paper, and after holding it for a minute in front of him, discovered he had got it upside down.

"Dear, dear me! What an old fool I am!" sighed Uncle Dick.

HE LACKED EXPERIENCE.

"After all," said the man with his feet on the window sill oracularly, "woman suffrage makes no real change in the complexion of political affairs."

"I agree with you in that," returned the little man who was smoking a meerschaum pipe.

"It merely doubles the vote," continued the man with his feet on the window sill.

"That's about all," acquiesced the other.

It practically amount to giving married men two votes."

"What's that?" asked the little man, suddenly straightening up.

"I say it's about the same as giving married men two votes."

"I should judge from your remark that you are a bachelor," said the little man.

"I am," responded the other.

"I thought so. You see, you lack experience, and a man who doesn't speak from experience naturally makes many abuse mistakes."

"But you agreed—"

"I agreed that it merely doubles the vote without affecting the result but I didn't say whose vote it is that is cast now."

"But the men casts it."

"Quite right, but if you had been married as long as I have you would know that he really only acts as the agent of woman in any matter in which she is at all interested. This full woman suffrage scheme, sir, is merely a movement to give married women two votes instead of one. That's all sir, as have reason to know."—Chicago Post.

WAR IMMINENT.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—The Post's Washington special says: Beyond a question the United States is nearer war than it has been for many years. The temper of congress is strongly in favor of active intervention for the independence of Cuba, and without a doubt is prepared to commit this government to extreme measures in support of that position. Members of the senate and house have been overwhelmed with expressions of sympathy from every kind of organization and from hundreds of thousands of individuals, all indicative of eagerness for the liberation of Cuba, and not a man on the floor or either chamber has the slightest fear of offending his constituents in going to the extreme in this direction.

The American spirit has been so thoroughly aroused that it is only a question of a few hours when there will be an open declaration to the effect that Spain must either terminate hostilities on the island or admit the independence of the insurgents.

Spanish Comment.

Madrid, Feb. 29.—Imparcial referring to the action of the United States regarding Cuba, says the international situation is very grave and the recognition of the Cubans

as belligerents by the United States involves the danger of a conflict. Imparcial also accuses the Spanish premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, of an excess of patience before Yankee pride.

"Spain," continues Imparcial, "Must prepare for every eventuality. Our maritime resources are not great, but we have not before us a gigantic naval power. Our humility has been badly construed, and our enemy, instead of being appeased, thinks she could treat Spain as she could Turkey. A firm and resolute attitude would have gained us more consideration, for we are not so weak as to render our hostility indifferent to a trading people which have no warlike qualities. Moreover, Spain is not isolated in Europe."

A tragedy occurred Monday in Red Butte precinct, this county, in which a man named Keller lost his life. Three bachelors, named Keller, Krouse and Craig lived together in a cabin in the Upper Owyhee settlement. A neighbor with whom they had trouble, sent them word that he intended to kill one of the three shortly, so the three men "heeled" themselves, and were on the alert day and night. Last Sunday Keller took his Winchester and went into the mountains to visit a sheep camp, and not returning at bedtime, his companions supposed he would stay all night. After midnight, Charlie Craig awoke and saw someone in the cabin coming toward him with a gun in hand, and supposing it to be their mortal enemy, seized his 6 shooter from under his pillow and shot the intruder. Imagine his horror when he found it was Keller! Charlie Craig came over to give himself up to the authorities at Vale, but as no information has been made nothing will be done.—Vale Gazette Feb. 27 th.

America's Great Danger

AN ENGLISH COMMENTARY.

Said an eminent English scientist recently: "The danger that confronts the great American people to-day is not the possible adoption of a wrong financial policy for the nation, or the spread of socialism, or the increase of corruption among public men. All these are bad enough, to be sure, but they are as nothing compared to the terrible national disease—I had almost said national crime—of overwork. The mad rush for wealth is set at a killing pace, and thousands fall by the way every year."

You are likely to be one of the victims! How do we know? Because it is the exception to find a man or woman of adult age in perfect health. Nervous Disorders are spreading with fearful rapidity. Among the symptoms, are—Backache, Biliousness, Cold Hands and Feet, Dizziness, Hot Flashes, Fluttering Sensation, Fainting, Headache, Hysteria, Irritability of the Heart, Melancholy, Falling Memory, Palpitation, Rheumatism, Short Breath, Sleeplessness, Nervous Dyspepsia, Sexual Debility, Fits, etc.

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An Old Soldier's Clear, Straightforward Statement.

From the World-Herald, Omaha, Neb.

Florence, the cozy little suburb to the north of Omaha is agog with excitement. The older generation, of which the population of Florence is mostly composed, are apparently getting young again, and vie with the younger generation in feats of strength and agility.

A World-Herald reporter was attracted by the evidence of renewed activity of some of the older inhabitants of the village and enquired the cause. Mr. Andrew Finkenkelor, who was a member of Company B of the First Iowa Volunteers during the war, made the following explanation of his strong, healthy appearance, when for years he had been crippled or compelled to lie on a sick bed with a complication of disorders resulting from the hardships which he was compelled to endure. He said:

"In July, 1868, while my company was on the march through Austin, Texas, my leg troubled me considerably. But I thought that it was nothing but a recurrence of the effects of a sprain I had received during the war by my horse falling on me, but the pain soon increased to such a degree that I was compelled to ask for medical treatment. The surgeons pronounced the cause rheumatism, and that of the worst order. At Alexander, Louisiana, I was in such a weakened condition, though I continued to march with my company, that the excessive heat overcame me and I was sunstruck, remaining unconscious several hours. As a result of the sunstroke, I was unable and have ever since been unable to remain in the glare of the sun, even on a moderately cool day, and every summer I have been overcome by the heat so that I would be compelled to give up my work. The feeling that I experienced was a sort of hearing down on my head, as though a heavy body was resting there and at times it would come quickly, like a blow and I would unconsciously stoop as though involuntarily avoiding an obstacle presenting itself to my head. This hearing down gradually grew into a steady pain which increased until it seemed as though my head would burst."

"There was also a constant ringing in my ears rendering it very difficult for me to hear. Coupled with this, palpitation of the heart caused me great trouble, and this grew so that the slightest shock to my nerves from a slight noise or other disturbance would set my heart to thumping against my chest and I would tremble from head to foot as though I had St. Vitus' dance. Three times, from slight circumstances the palpitation was so great that I fainted and remained unconscious for from seven to ten hours, at which times my relatives despaired of my life. In addition to this the rheumatism, which had been felt only in my ankle, began to work up my right leg until the whole right side of my body was affected by it, so much indeed, that my head was drawn down to my right shoulder. I was totally unfit for work, lost my strength and flesh. I tried every physician who was reported to me to have a special knowledge of my case, but after long trials, I only experienced temporary relief from such an extent that I was not only compelled to quit the business, but was confined to my house and bed for nearly six months."

"I had given up all faith of being a well man again, when in November last I read in the World-Herald a case of a man who had been entirely cured from the ailments from which I was suffering, by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Though the name did not at first strike my fancy, on November 28, I purchased a box. In a week I was astonished to know that I felt better than I had for six months past, and before I had used half a box I was sure that I had found a cure for my ailments. The ringing in my ears began to lessen in volume and finally left me. That was the first effect I experienced aside from an increased appetite. The pain from the rheumatism gradually left me, so that within one week from the time I took my first pill I was able to sit up in bed. On January 1st, I was able to get out and walk around a little. The palpitations of my heart entirely ceased. On February 9, I was so thoroughly cured, that I accepted a position as night watchman in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, remaining out of doors from 6 P. M. until 6 A. M. I have gained in weight from 141 pounds which I weighed in November last, to 172 pounds which I weigh now."

"The rheumatism has entirely left me, except when I have too much walking to do during the night, my right ankle pains me a little, but only when I do so much walking. I now feel like a well man and am good for forty years yet. I am fifty years old and have resided in Florence nine years, having come to Omaha in 1881. I have recommended the pills to nine people in this village all of whom are taking them and experiencing the same beneficial effects which I have received. I used nine boxes of the pills."

Mr. R. W. Cowan, keeper of a general store at Florence was also seen by the reporter. Mr. Cowan is also an old soldier, having been a member of the 14th Infantry, Company C, and the latter of Company M of the First Minnesota Cavalry. Mr. Cowan stated that he contracted chronic diarrhoea while he was in the army and has never until within the past few months, received any relief. He stated that he had taken two boxes of the wonderful Pink Pills and was now almost thoroughly cured, so much so in fact that he has discontinued their use.

He was also paralyzed in the left side of his face, the mouth being drawn up at the left corner, and he was entirely unable to move the muscles of his forehead or to close his left eye. He states that he believes it is owing to the use of the Pink Pills that he has recovered the use of his left eye, which, prior to his taking the pills, had been fastened down by a physician so that the sight would not be destroyed from the eye filling with dust, and ascribes the recovery to the Pink Pills. He has gained fifteen pounds in weight since last October, and feels healthier and stronger than at any time since the war. He intends to recommence using the pills with the expectation of a complete recovery from the paralysis.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are considered an infallible specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effects of the grippe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexions, that tired feeling resulting from nervous prostration; all diseases resulting from vitiated humors in the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppurations, irregularities, and all forms of weakness. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excess of whatever nature. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post-paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 (they are never sold in bulk or by the dozen), by addressing Dr. Williams' Medical Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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