

WHEN THEY MET AGAIN

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Mildred and I were about the same age. We were twenty. I was very much in love with her, but I hadn't a cent in the world, nor had she. A girl at that age is far more developed than a man of the same years. She seems to advance quicker, but not so far as the man. I know there are women nowadays who will not admit this, but I am not going to stop in my story to argue the point. At all events, when Mildred and I were twenty I was still a boy building castles in the air, while she was looking at her and my present and future status in a rationalistic way.

I was going out to China to engage in business and to live there indefinitely. I was to take a clerkship at the bottom of the ladder, and I had not heard that promotion was very rapid. I was unreasonable enough to urge Mildred to engage herself to me. Of course she declined, but not for any reason except that she considered that an engagement between us under the circumstances would be unjust to both.

"Very well," I said. "Do not consider yourself bound to me, nor will I consider myself bound to you, but so sure as the world turns on its axis I will return, and if you are free and willing I will marry you."

So we parted. I went to China determined to attend strictly to the work of advancing myself so that I might return for my love. I wrote her occasionally and received replies to my letters. I was bent on keeping my promise and strained every nerve to achieve the wherewithal to enable me to do it. But the luck was against me. I had been with a firm five years when they failed and went out of business. I found a position with another concern, with which I spent another five years. I was just about to be admitted to the firm as a junior partner when the head of the house died. His widow insisted on the business being wound up so that she might get her capital out of it and go home to America. This threw me out again. By the time I had acquired a little capital, and, putting it with that of another man, we went into business together. Within a year we lost all the capital of both by speculation. I started in again with borrowed money and in ten years found myself with a fortune.

I was now forty-two years old, and Mildred was the same age. For the last ten years I had heard very little from her, but knew that she had not been married. I suppose it was pride or obstinacy, or both, that induced me to go back to America for her. Of course an absence of twenty-two years from a woman one loves—or has loved—must make quite a difference in his feelings for her. It occurred to me, however, that when we came together we would go on from where we left off. I wrote reminding her that I had told her when I separated from her that I would surely some day come back to marry her and I was now about to do so.

I received a reply to my letter the day I sailed. Mildred confessed that she had been waiting for me all these years, since she had believed I was just the man to do what I had said I would do. "Fortunately," she said, "all my friends tell me that I look ten or a dozen years younger than I do, women of my age, and there is hope that my personal appearance won't shock you."

I confess I was greatly agitated when I called on Mildred, sent up my card and waited for her to receive me. When she came in she was naturally embarrassed. As for me, I was surprised, for she did not look more than twenty-eight. While she might well have changed so much that I would not know her, I saw her just as I remembered her, though a few years older, and yet not old enough to take her beyond the pale of young ladyhood.

After a separation of more than two decades beginning just where we left off was impossible. I found that I must win my love again—not that I felt any anxiety as to how my courtship would result, but that we were both changed. I knew very well that Mildred would not have known me had she not expected me. And as for her, though she was not so changed in appearance as I, there was in her those other changes that come over us so imperceptibly that one's friends do not notice them unless they are separated from us for long periods. One change in her was more marked than any other. I had left her an extremely matter of fact woman. Increased years seemed to have developed a certain idealism that I had not noticed when she was younger. But I am inclined to think that every trait there is in us is developed as we grow older.

In a month we were married, since I must get back to my business. The ceremony was over when my wife introduced a lady as her older sister. I was much disconcerted.

"I remember your younger sister Florie, about six years old when I left America. I never heard of an older one."

"I am Mildred," said the older. "And I am Florie," said the younger. I stood mute, looking from the one to the other. I can't say that any one defined feeling prevailed. They neutrized one another.

"I am too old for you now," said Mildred, "but you are too good a man to be lost to the family." I have endeavored all this. Florie helped me."

THE ROADS OF THE WHOLE WORLD MUST BE REMADE

"Old Macadam Will No Longer Stand Strain of Automobiles."

Nelson P. Lewis, chief engineer of the board of estimate of the borough of Manhattan, New York city, believes that the roads of every civilized country will have to be rebuilt because the old macadam, the best thing until now for highways, is unable to stand the grind of automobiles. Roads will have to be rebuilt to suit automobiles, because the automobile is a good thing for roads of the kind that can bear its peculiar pressure. Speaking on this subject recently, Mr. Lewis said:

"While I believe that only a bituminous substance, such as tar, asphalt or mineral oil, should be used as binding material for loose rock and sand in place of water and that all our roads should be rebuilt, as they must be sooner or later, many engineers seem to think that by spreading a cohesive mixture over the surface of the roads as they are will be all that is required. Some others believe that new macadam may be laid and the surface treated with this bituminous mixture. They assume that it will penetrate through and make the rock fittings fast."

"On one point there is no disagreement. It is that no roads anywhere except those newly built according to some of these modern processes are able to withstand automobile traffic. When vehicles were drawn by horses the only damage done to the roads was by the horseshoes. The drawn vehicle was a benefit to the road, having the effect of a steam roller in packing and hardening the sand and clay."

"Everywhere the cry of bad roads is going up. We are no worse off than the rest of the world. It is a problem which now engages the serious attention of the French government, and England, which spent a hundred years in making her splendid highways, is now rebuilding them as fast as she can to accommodate them to new conditions."

"It is quite generally agreed that some form of bitumen is best adapted for this purpose."

"There are four general methods of using it:

"First.—Coating the surface to form, temporarily at least, a waterproof and dustless road."

"Second.—The penetration method, by which the bituminous matter is forced down into the broken stone, and sand or screenings are used to take up the excess of bitumen."

"Third.—The interposition of the bituminous mixture between the bottom course of stone and the top course, or new wearing surface, and the forcing of the upper course into the mixture, additional material being added to the surface to completely fill the interstices between the stones, while sand or screenings are applied to take up any excess upon the surface."

"Fourth.—The mixing method, under which the stone which is to form the wearing surface is thoroughly coated with the hot bituminous cement, with a proper amount of screenings and other fine material added to reduce the volume, the mixture being spread upon the road while hot, after which it is thoroughly rolled, as in the case of the ordinary asphalt pavement or bituminous macadam of the American type, the surface again being coated with sand or screenings, as in the other cases."

"Surface coating can be considered temporary or palliative only."

DRAG, DRAG, DRAG!

If every farmer could but see the real figures showing the comparatively small cost of maintaining good roads and the loss caused by poor ones! Get busy with the drag!

New Kansas Road Bill.

A new road bill is being considered by the Kansas legislature. It provides for a state highway commission to consist of the regents of the agricultural college. This commission is to appoint a state engineer, who will pass on all bridges and road improvements.

The highway fund is to be provided by the taxing of motor car owners, dealers and manufacturers. The state engineer is to receive a salary fixed by the commission. The money derived from the taxing of motor vehicles, after the expense of the highway commission's offices has been paid, is to be turned over to the county treasurers in proportion to the amount each county has paid in.

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That Tired Feeling.

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"Indade, sor," he said, "I get so tired doin' nothin' that I can't do nothin' else."

Good Old Croesus.
"I have my faults," Croesus said to the interviewer. "I'm a mighty rich man, and I'm getting richer; but, for all that, I've got one or two things in my favor."
"Yes, sir," says the interviewer. "And they are?"
"They are the fact that I have never handed out any platitudinous philosophy to the young, that I have never said it was a life sign to be born poor, that I have never said money ruined my happiness and that I have never made anybody curse five times as much as I was willing to give toward anything."—LIFE.

Ere Long.
Ere long we'll have
With hearts afield
And loudly praise
The bathing girl.
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

But why the wait?
E'en now the rage
Are bathing girls
Upon the stage.
—Youngstown Telegram.

We don't approve,
Not at our age,
Of bathing girls
Upon the stage.
—Houston Post.

You bet we do
If they're the age
Such girls should be
Upon the stage.
—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Cruel and Inhuman.
"I hear that Mrs. Cole, the wife of the dentist, is suing him for divorce."
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