

An Interval

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"It's queer how little difference ten years will make in the look of persons when you're with 'em all the time and how much difference it makes when you don't see 'em. And if you don't see 'em for a matter of twenty year, why, you don't know 'em at all."

The words were spoken by Joshua Sparks to his friend, Mahuida Stickler. "Yes, Mr. Sparks, and that's the reason I don't take stock in the idea that love is anything more'n livin' together."

"I knew of a case of that kind once. It came under my own observation. You know Martha Wrinkles, don't you?"

"Yes, I know her; she's a skinny old maid."

"Waal, when Martha was a gal she was as purty as any on 'em. I was a little soft on her myself then. But I didn't have no chance. She was sot on Ben Higgins, as fine a lookin' young man as ever handled a pitchfork. And Ben was sot on her. They was the lovenest couple I ever see. They was goin' to git married when Ben was tuk sick. He was sick a long while, and when he got well the doctor said he'd better go off somewhere else to git a change of air."

"Ben, he went to Colorado, where the air is dry and pure. He tuk a pictur' of Martha with him, and they both said their love was the undyin' kind. It didn't matter how long they might be separated, neither of 'em would marry any one else, and they would marry each other when they come together ag'in."

"Ben was twenty when he went away and Martha was nineteen. The separation was longer than either of 'em had any idee of when they parted. Ben was five years gittin' back his health. By that time he thort he'd come to an age when he'd like to have a little somepin laid up before he got married. So he worked and worked, but somehow riches didn't come. It was twenty-one years before he got back."

"Neither he nor Martha was much at writin', even when he went away. First off they wrote once a month, then once a year, and after that it was once in five years. But they was true to each other all these years."

"Ben was forty-two years old when he come back. He come to me first before seein' Martha at all. I didn't know him. Some men looks purty young at forty-two, and some looks purty old. Ben was one of the old lookin' kind. He wore specs, his head was smooth as a billiard ball, and what hair there was on the sides was grizzly gray."

"Don't y'know me, Josh?" he said. "I'm Ben Higgins."

"Waal, to be perlit I tord him I'd had trouble with my eyes. "He tord me that he'd come home to marry Martha. He'd made some money during the last few years and was lookin' forward to the ree'lization of the dream of his life. He tuk the pictur' of Martha out of his pocket and showed it to me. My sakes, how far away it seemed! There sat a purty young gal that I'd known twenty years before. Now she was gray in the front of her head, and the wrinkles she's got now was beginnin' to spread over her face and neck and arms and hands. I guess it makes a woman sour lookin' to wait for a lover. Anyway, she looked just as if she could bite off a tenpenny nail."

"Ben," says I, "Martha's changed a bit since that was taken." "Mebbe," he said, "she might have changed somewhat. I'm goin' to see her tonight, and I'll see how much she's altered."

"Come round to my house to supper," I said. "You can go to see Martha afterwards."

"All right," he answered; "I will."

"I asked Martha to come to supper, not tellin' her she was to meet her old lover. I wanted to see 'em when they first saw each other. I didn't go to no trouble of introducin' 'em, as city folks do. Martha she sot at one end of the table by my wife, and Ben sot by me, the yunkers between. Consequence was that Ben and Martha didn't have nothin' to say to each other. Fact is they didn't appear to take no interest into each other. When Ben and I got up from the table I asked him if he wouldn't like to go out and look at the stock. He said he would, and we went to the barn."

"After awhile Ben said he guessed he'd go and see his old love. Then I tord him Martha had been settin' at the other end of the table at supper. "You ought to see the way he looked at me. There was a pained expression, as though he had built a beautiful structure over him away up into the sky and it had collapsed and come down on his head. The first thing he said was: "Did she know who I was?"

"No, but my wife has tord her by this time. "I saw he'd better not go to see Martha right off, and I tord him so. He agreed with me. When my wife tord Martha that she had set at the same table with her old lover she acted about the same way as Ben did. She didn't go home that evenin', fearin' he would go to see her. "Ben stayed around here for awhile. He and Martha used to meet once in awhile, but they pertended not to know each other for what they was when young. Bimeby Ben went back to Colorado, and Martha said she could breathe free once more."

Used Another Man's Legs.

In the hall of the house of representatives there is a painting of George Washington. He looks a most commanding person, with the stature of a giant and a faultless physique. But looking at the portrait recently a public man commented:

"That is a good deal of a sham. George Washington never looked like that, though I've no doubt he would have been proud to appear so magnificent."

"Notice the legs," the speaker continued. "They are perfect beauties, but they are not Washington's. They are the legs of General Smith of New Jersey, a soldier of the Revolution."

"It happened this way," he explained in conclusion: "Washington had quite unimpressive legs, and the artist who painted that picture was so dissatisfied with their shape that he persuaded General Smith to lend his faultless members as models. So, while we have the face and torso of our great first president, the supporting legs are those of one of his generals. Long may they stand!"—Washington Post.

Escaped with His Life

"Twenty-one years ago I had an awful death," writes H. B. Martin, Pitt Harrelson, S. C. "Doctors said I had consumption and the dreadful cough I had looked like it, safe enough. I tried everything I could hear of for my cough, and was under the treatment of the best doctor in Georgetown, S. C., for a year, but could get no relief. A friend advised me to try Dr. King's New Discovery. I did so and was completely cured. I feel that I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure." Its positively guaranteed for coughs, colds, and all bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

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