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THE SCOTCH LASSIE

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My brother is a young widower with several little children, and I, his sister am his housekeeper. I advertised for a governess for the children and secured the services of a young girl who had recently arrived from Scotland. She had lived in affluence in her native land, but shortly before her coming to America a large bank failed of which her father was a director. The law in Scotland is very hard on men who directly or indirectly lose money for others, and in this case all the directors of the bank, though they were entirely innocent, having left everything pertaining to the bank to the president, were all convicted of fraud and sent to prison. Our governess' father was among the number. She begged to be allowed to go to prison in his place, but of course was not permitted. He died long before the end of his term, and his daughter was left an orphan.

In time my brother began to appear conscious of Grace MacAllister's presence in the household. If he came home and found that she had gone out on any errand for herself or the children I could easily detect a look of disappointment in his face. But after his wife's death he was very dependent in finding every one of us at home when he returned from business, and it was impossible for us to get away for any length of time. Then, too, in the evening he would rely on us to play cards with him, usually calling in a neighbor to make a fourth hand. And so a year went by and all was going well when something happened.

A young man about Grace's age, with a trifle of the Scotch dialect about him, came to the house and called for her. That evening Edgar was in a very bad humor. He was obliged to give up his game of cards. Grace remained in the drawing room with the stranger till late, while I was trying to amuse Edgar in the library. At 10 Edgar went out to his club—something he had not done before since Miss MacAllister had become one of us—and at 11 returned in, if possible, a worse humor than when he departed.

I supposed Grace would say something about the visitor—the only caller she had had since she came to us—but she did not, and it would have been impertinent for me to question her about him. Edgar forced a good deal with me to find out who the man was without appearing anxious to know, and when I told him that Miss MacAllister had not said anything about him to me my brother seemed to be very ill at ease.

For a few weeks the stranger called to see Grace frequently. When with him she usually closed the door of the room they were in, and, in any event, when conversing with him it was in such low tones that not a word they said was even overheard. During this period Edgar was positively unbearable. He fretted because he must forego his cards and at one time went so far as to ask me to suggest to the governess that the stranger's absorption of her time and attention was interfering with her care of the children. I knew that he was suffering from jealousy and that if I did what he proposed he would never forgive me.

One evening when the young Scotchman did not call Miss MacAllister came to me and said:

"The gentleman who has been to see me frequently of late is a suitor of mine from the time I was a wee thing. When my father was in trouble my lover kept away from us. Now he comes courting me, but I dinna love him, and, if I did, that he once blamed my father would be a barrier between us. I sent him home yesterday, and he's now on the ocean on his way to bonny Scotland. I've known that his presence here might excite curiosity, but I didna like to tell ye who he was and what was his errand till he had gone."

I lost no time in imparting the confidence to Edgar, telling him for the first time who was Miss MacAllister's visitor and the reason of his presence in America. I shall never forget the sigh of relief he drew or the expression on his face while I gave the girl's history.

"You see, my dear," I added, "Miss MacAllister is sensitive on the point of her father's misfortune or failure to watch those interests he was expected to watch."

I said this because I had feared, as I have already mentioned, that Edgar's feelings or treatment of the girl would change if he knew the facts or that his sturdy honesty and discrimination between right and wrong might lead him to say something that would turn Grace against him. He made no comment whatever on what I had told

him, but the next day informed me that he had proposed to Miss MacAllister and been accepted. And then I learned for the first time that an affair had been in progress between them ever since Grace had been a member of our family, though only in feeling, for not a word of love had been spoken between them. Her misfortune, which he got for the first time from me, only served to draw him the nearer to her.

Though Edgar's sister, I am not one to believe in brotherly and sisterly housekeeping arrangements, and I was much pleased at the affair on Edgar's account. The children loved her dearly, and she makes them a devoted mother.

Pest-prandial.

The dust begrimed tramp saw the good lady of the house pottering about in the garden, so he approached her on the subject of aims. "And where have you been, and how do you live?" she asked.

"Well, ma'am, I've been all over the world—Europe, Asia, Africa, America—and have had a most varied experience in the chase of the elusive meat."

"Then, my man, you should have an interesting story to tell."

"Quite right, ma'am, but I am essentially an after-dinner speaker."—Sporting Times.

In the Future.

"Dear father, what is that queer thing I see so far below?"

"That is the earth, my little child. Where I was born, you know."

"And is the earth inhabited by any mortals now?"

"A few remain, my child, I think. Who still pursue the plov."

"Well, by down there some day to see that planet out of date."

But get your books together, dear. 'Tis nearly half past eight."

"I think I hear the school bell ring. So now fly off to Mars."

And do be sure you linger not to play among the stars."

—Judge's Library.

As She Read It.

"It appears strange to me that politics and the drama should be so closely allied," remarked Mrs. Winks, who was casually interested in the latter subject.

"How so?" inquired her husband, forgetting momentarily his determination to avoid all chance for argument.

"Why, I notice in a London article in this newspaper a reference to the chancier of the exchequer," she explained.—Buffalo Express.

Optimism.

The wind is wild upon the barren moor. The janitor is stinky with the steam. The fun one gets upon the links is poor. But not a fly is dropping in the cream.

The morning dip has ceased to be a thing. That one approaches with a look of cheer.

The robin's gone, the lark has ceased to sing. But, gee, the buckwheat cakes are good this year!

—S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

He Got It.

Suddenly the little boy who was entertaining the caller while his mother was dressing to come down began to weep bitterly.

"What is the matter, dearie?" soothingly asked the lady.

"I need just a d-dime," he sobbed, "to fill my bank so's I can open it, and mamma w-won't give it to me!"—Chicago Tribune.

A Wasp That Uses Tools.

Wasps are in one respect more civilized than any other insect or animal. John Burroughs tells us that, "though it has been thought that man is the only tool using animal, yet there is one species of wasp, *ammophila*, that uses a little pebble to pound down the earth over her nest. She takes the pebble in her mandibles, as you or I would take a stone in our hand, and uses it as a hammer to pound down the soil above the cavity that holds her egg. This is a remarkable fact. So far as I know, there is no other animal on this continent that makes any mechanical use of an object or substance foreign to its own body in this way."

Health in Walking Downstairs.

Not so long ago men walked briskly for a mile or two, two or three times a day or oftener, and thought nothing of it. Now when we want to go a mile we ride. The elevator has taken away the exercise for the feet that used to be obtained in going up and coming down the stairs. So far as it is of use in facilitating ascent in the high buildings it is an advantage. It would be probably much better, however, if it were not used quite so much for coming down and if people took advantage of the descent to strengthen important leg muscles and dissipate certain tendencies to accumulation of fat where it is most disfiguring.—New York Independent.

An Inference.

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Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon.

January 3, 1912. Notice is hereby given that John N. Luke of Bandon, Oregon, who, on February 2, 1909, made Homestead entry Serial, No. 04214, for Lot 1, Section 1, Township 30, S. R. 15 W., and lots 3 and 4, Section 6, Township 30, S. Range 14 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. R. Wade, United States Commissioner, at Bandon, Oregon, on the 23 day of February, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: H. P. Clausen, R. W. Ensign, R. Hemple, and James Adams, all of Bandon, Oregon. 1-12 BENJAMIN F. JONES, Register.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County

Oluf Fikaa, Plaintiff, vs. Kaia Fikaa, Defendant. To Kaia Fikaa, The above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer or otherwise plead to the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit in the above entitled court on or before the 13th day of February, A. D., 1912, and if you fail so to appear and answer or otherwise plead to the said complaint for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in his said complaint which is substantially, 1st: For a decree of the court dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between the said plaintiff and the defendant, and for a divorce therefrom. 2nd: For such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by order of the Hon. John S. Coke, Judge of the aforesaid Circuit Court, duly made and entered of record on the 28th day of December, A. D., 1911, which said order directed that said summons be published once a week for six weeks consecutively in the Bandon Recorder, a semi-weekly newspaper of general circulation published in Bandon, Coos county, Oregon, and that said summons requires you to appear and answer said complaint on or before the 13th day of February, 1912, which is the last day of the time prescribed in said order for the publication of said summons.

The date of the first publication thereof is January 2, 1912, and the date of the last publication is February 13, 1912.

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