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FRIDAY..... June 28 1912

WINNING A BRIDE.

Mark Twain's Wooing of Lovely Olivia Langdon.

NOT HELPED BY HIS FRIENDS.

They Seemed to Agree That He Would Make About the Worst Husband on Record, but Miss Langdon's Father Took a Different View.

In Harper's Magazine Albert Bigelow Paine, the authorized biographer of Mark Twain, tells how the great humorist first met Olivia Langdon, who afterward became his wife. They met in New York. Young Charles Langdon, who had been on the voyage of the "Innocents," brought them to gether.

"At the old St. Nicholas hotel, which stood on the west side of Broadway between Spring and Broome streets, there were stopping at this time Jervis Langdon, a wealthy coal dealer and mine owner of Elmira; his son Charles and his daughter, Olivia, whose betrothed face Samuel Clemens had first seen in the bay of Smyrna one September day. Young Langdon had been especially anxious to bring his distinguished Quaker City friend and his own people together, and two days before Christmas Samuel Clemens was invited to dine at the hotel. He went very willingly. The lovely girl of the miniature which he had first seen in her brother's stateroom had been often a part of his waking dreams. For the first time, now, he looked upon its reality. Long afterward he said:

"It is forty years ago. From that day to this she has never been out of my mind."

"His was not an untroubled courtship. When at last he reached the point of proposing for the daughter of the house neither the daughter nor the household offered any noticeable encouragement to his suit.

"There was only a provisional engagement at first. Jervis Langdon suggested, and Samuel Clemens agreed with him, that it was proper to know something of his past as well as of his present before the official parental sanction should be given. When Mr. Langdon inquired as to the names of persons of standing to whom he might write for credentials, Clemens pretty confidently gave him the name of the Rev. Mr. Stebbins and others of San Francisco, adding that he might write also to Joe Goodman if he wanted to, but that he had led for Goodman a hundred times and that Goodman would lie for him if necessary, so his testimony would be of no value. The letters to the clergy were written, and Mr. Langdon also wrote one on his own account.

"Clemens was in Jacksonville, Ill., at the end of March, 1863, and in a letter to his publisher states that he will be in Elmira two days later and asks that proofs of the book be sent there. He arrived according to schedule, anxious to hear the reports that would make him, as the novels might say, 'the happiest or the most miserable of men.' Jervis Langdon had a rather solemn look when they were alone together. Clemens asked:

"You've heard from those gentlemen out there?"

"Yes, and from another gentleman I wrote concerning you."

"They don't appear to have been very enthusiastic from your manner."

"Well, yes; some of them were."

"I suppose I may ask what particular form their emotion took?"

"Oh, yes; yes, they agree unanimously that you are a brilliant, able man, a man with a future, and that you would make about the worst husband on record."

"The applicant for favor had a forlorn look."

"There's nothing very evasive about that," he said.

"There was a period of reflective silence. It was probably no more than a few seconds, but it seemed longer."

"Haven't you any other friend that you suggest?" Langdon said.

"Apparently none whose testimony would be valuable."

"Jervis Langdon held out his hand. 'You have at least one,' he said. 'I believe in you. I know you better than they do.'"

"And so came the crown of happiness. The engagement of Samuel Langhorne Clemens and Olivia Langdon was ratified next day, Feb. 2, 1863."

Made Sometimes.

"Poets are born and not made," said the young man with the pale, interesting face and the long hair.

"Are they?" replied his wife. "Well, I'll show you that they are made sometimes. I'll make you watch the baby while I go shopping this morning or you shall never have another dollar that my father sends to me."—Brooklyn Eagle.

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—Rev. Harry Lee, Pastor.

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Man in His Sleep Walks Two Miles.

Stockton, June 19.—B. Harrington, a Roberts Island farm hand, holds the record for somnambulist's feats.

His clothing was found on the bank of the river on Sunday morning and after a vain search it was concluded that he had been drowned. His tracks in the mud near the water showed that he had gone into the river, but had not emerged.

Late yesterday, however, Harrington was found asleep on top of a haystack, two miles further down the stream. His footprints leading up the bank showed that he had come from the river.

Harrington was awakened, but could not remember the incident. The conclusion was reached that he swam down the river for two miles in his sleep.

It is about 60 years since the introduction of the electric telegraph, as the system was known in this country up to its acquisition by the postoffice. The lines now in existence are sufficient to go round the world 138 times. Put in other words they would reach the moon 16 times. The total number of offices is given at 150,000, with 160,000 apparatus, which send out annually 300,000,000 dispatches. The English, we read, make the greatest use of the telegraph, it being estimated that for every hundred persons there are sent out 195 messages. France follows with 152 messages. Next comes Denmark, with 118; Belgium, with 14, and Germany with 91. The record telegram extended over 20,000 words. Others of 10,000 are mentioned.

A Massachusetts woman has invented an "individual carstrap" for the convenience of women strap hangers who dislike to hold on to the soiled leather straps that are provided for their support by the public service corporations. The new device is made of webbing and hooks onto the leather strap. An invention of this sort makes one feel that the age of chivalry has definitely gone and that the business woman is regretfully accepting the situation.

There were 500 people at the Fourmile celebration last year. Guess how many will be there this year.—J. R. Stillwell, program committee. 447

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