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DUE TO AN ADDRESS

By AUGUST FINCH

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"I wish," cried Mildred, "that you would go away and never come near me again."

"I will come around in the morning," said Kendrick Fallows soothingly. "You are all upset. The passing of the customs after that rough passage is enough to try the strongest nerves. You will feel better in the morning."

"I shall not be at home to you in the morning or any other time you call," she announced spitefully. "I want you to keep away from me."

"What is the matter, dear?" he asked anxiously. "Have I offended?"

"Offended!" she repeated shrilly. "As though your very attitude were not an offense!"

"Why," he defended, "I thought I carried it off very well. I battled nobly against a desire to take you in my arms before all those people and"—

"If you had," she broke in savagely, "I should have killed you. Was it not

SHE HANDED HIM A SLIP OF PAPER.

enough insult that you should press my hand and tell me how happy I had made you?"

"Insult?" he echoed. "Wherein lay the insult?"

"That you should suppose that I would have come back just for your sake."

"Of course," he said deprecatingly, "I knew that your father cabled you, but I supposed that you were glad of an excuse."

Mildred stamped her foot in vexation. "There you go again," she fumed. "Why should you suppose that I would be glad of an excuse?"

"Why," vaguely, "to get back, to see everybody—and me."

"I suppose you thought that I paid attention to what you said when I went away."

"What was that?" he asked interestedly.

"You wanted to bet I would not be gone six months."

"I remember," he said, with sudden enlightenment. "The stakes were ten pounds of candy against"— He blundered a little.

"My penalty was an engagement to you," she finished.

"I had almost forgotten," he confessed. "You grew so angry when I suggested it that I put it out of my mind."

"And yet," she insisted, "you appear disposed to claim the forfeit."

"Mildred," he said tenderly, "I thought I had won your heart through something more than a bet."

"Well," she sobbed, "you made me feel so humiliated at the dock."

"Why?" he urged.

"Supposing that I had come back to see you and that I was so anxious to become engaged that I was willing to dispense with the formality of a proposal?"

"I'll propose again now, if that will help any," he suggested.

"It's too late," she said between her sobs.

"Then you did care for me?" he said, with an unfortunate ring of triumph in his voice.

"No!" She sat up very suddenly, dry eyed and angry. "I did once think I liked you, but when you were so horrid this morning I realized my error."

"How was I horrid this morning?" he asked patiently.

"Supposing that we were engaged just because I came back sooner than I wanted to."

"But I did not suppose that," he denied. "I knew that your father had cabled for you."

"Then why did you take it all for granted?" she demanded, hurt pride in her voice. "Don't you suppose that a woman wants to be asked before she becomes engaged? Don't you know that I'd have died sooner than come back had I known you would put that construction on my actions?"

"But I didn't," he repeated. "I knew you had to come home because they were afraid poor old Bob was worse."

"Then why should you suppose we are engaged if you are not trying to collect that horrid bet?" she sobbed.

"Because you cabled me you would marry me," he explained.

Mildred rose to her feet, her eyes flashing. "It seems to me," she said angrily, "you could find a better excuse than a wicked falsehood like that."

"But you did," he persisted. "I wrote and told you that I simply could not get along without you and asked if I could come over and make your tour our bridal trip. You cabled back 'Yes,' and then before I could get a steamer your father told me that you were coming home."

"I never got such a letter," she declared, "and I never would send such a cable."

"Well, I wrote the letter and got the cable."

"I only cabled papa when he sent for me."

"That the only cablegram?"

"I sent two. The first was when I received his message and said I would come and the second was to tell him the boat I sailed on."

"Did you send both?" he asked, a smile beginning to lighten his drawn face.

"I wrote the first. The second the steamer agent sent for me."

"Would you mind," he asked, "writing the address again?"

Defiantly she moved to the desk and presently handed him a slip of paper with a few words in fashionable and uncertain characters. Fallows gave a shout.

"I suppose," he explained, "if you address a cable to 'Fellows, 849 Broadway,' and the 'e' looks like an 'a' and it is delivered to Fallows at the same address that I am cleared of charges of presumption. Your father only received the second message. I was given the first. I supposed you had received my letter and that was the answer. Do you see how it was?"

Fallows had to lean very close to the bowed head to catch the whispered "Yes."

"Which 'Yes' is that," he asked tenderly—"that you understand or that you will answer my letter in the affirmative?"

He had to bend closer yet to catch the "Both," so close that his lips brushed her cheek and lingered for a moment unreproved.

Ethan Allen's Quaint Language.

In the Magazine of History Robert Dewey Benedict, writing on "Ethan Allen's Use of Language," gives this illustration of Allen's quaintness:

When he was taken prisoner at Montreal he was brought before the English General Prescott. Allen's narrative tells us: "He asked me my name, which I told him. He then asked me whether I was that Colonel Allen who took Ticonderoga. I told him I was the very man. Then he shook his cane over my head, calling me many hard names, among which he frequently used the word 'rebel.' * * * I told him he would do well not to cane me, for I was not accustomed to it, and shook my fist at him, telling him that was the beetle of mortality for him if he offered to strike." The Englishman probably had seen enough logs split with a beetle and wedges to recognize the appropriateness of the figure of a beetle as descriptive of Allen's heavy fist, and when it was described as a "beetle of mortality" he recognized that it was a weapon which he would do well not to meet.

A Pair of Snuffers.

Master Prynne, the Puritan, who in 1633 wrote an attack upon the stage, tells us that in his day tobacco pipes were offered to ladies at the theater in lieu of apples between the acts. A French traveler, M. Torevin de Rochefort, who published his journal in 1677, confirms this by telling us that he found smoking a general custom in England, as well among women as among men. Both sexes, he adds, held that life without tobacco would be intolerable "because they say it dissipates the evil humors of the brain." When ladies stopped smoking they took to snuff. Women of quality about a century ago would not stir without their snuffboxes, beautiful enameled receptacles of perfumed midll rappee. Lord Bolingbroke said of Queen Anne and her grace of Marlborough: "The nation is governed by a pair of snuffers. No wonder the light of its glory is extinguished!"

Almost a Tragedy.

The woman entered the car and sank moaning into the seat. Her face was haggard, and her escort regarded her with deep anxiety.

Suddenly she extracted a tiny vial from her handbag, pulled a piece of cotton out of the mouth of the bottle and was putting it to her lips when a young man opposite sprang to his feet and dashed it from her hand.

"Good gracious, madam!" he exclaimed hoarsely. "Just in time!"

The woman's escort sprang up fiercely, and the two men gripped.

"Confound you!" roared the lady's companion. "Can't my wife use her toothache medicine without having every green, sloppy idiot imagining she is trying to commit suicide?"

Then the would be rescuer apologized and departed from the car, feeling kind toward the famous worm which has been trod upon.

Lace Work Trees.

The inner bark of many trees, such as the vine and horse chestnut, is continuous and uninterrupted. In others, such as the ash and the oak, the fibers are separated during growth and form a kind of network, in the interstices of which the medullary rays are seen. Of this sort is the famous lace work tree of Jamaica, whose consecutive layers of fibers are interlaced so delicately as to present a close resemblance to real lace both in color and appearance. A former governor of Jamaica is said to have presented Charles II. with a cravat, a frill and ruffles of this vegetable lace, while bonnets, collars and collarettes made of it can be seen in the museum of Kew.—London Standard.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of Mary Peoples deceased, has filed his final account in the matters of said estate and that an order was made by Hon. George B. Bourhill, Judge of said court on the 7th day of October, 1905, naming and fixing the 5th day of November, 1905, at 1.30 o'clock p.m. of said day, as the time for hearing of objections to said account, and the settlement thereof.

And by said order the place for hearing objections, if any, to said account and the settlement thereof, the County court room at the Court house, in the city of Moro, county and state aforesaid, is named, and any and all persons having any objections to interpose to the said account and settlement of the same, are required to appear and file the same at the time and place named in said order. Dated this, 7th day of October, 1905.

EKANSON PEOPLES,
Administrator of the Estate of
4to13n3] Mary Peoples, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Robert E. Hoskinson, deceased has filed his final account of his administration of said estate, and that an order was made by Hon. George B. Bourhill, judge of said court, on the 23 day of October, 1905, naming and fixing the 6th day of November 1905, at 11 o'clock a.m. as the date and time for hearing any objections to such final account, if any there be, and the settlement thereof. And by said order it was ordered and decreed that the County court room at the court house, in the city of Moro, in said county and state be the place for hearing and settlement of said account, and any and all persons having any such objections to the final settlement of said account are required to appear at said time and place so fixed for such hearing, and file the same.

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