

SOMETHING SHE DIDN'T WISH TO SEE AGAIN

(Original.)

The engagement instead of being a period of cooling was one of storms, though the storms always came from the girl's side, never from the man's. He was self-controlled and at times tantalizing. Had he given way to his temper as she did perhaps their quarrels would have been of shorter duration. They would have fought to a finish, kissed and made up. As it was the more unreasonable she became the more coolly irritating her lover.

"That ends it," she said, with flaming cheeks and flashing eyes. "I don't wish ever to see you again." She took off her engagement ring and threw it on a table. "When we meet again it will be as strangers."

"Don't you think it would excite less comment on the part of our friends if we appeared simply indifferent?"

"I prefer they should know that I have sent you away."

"You don't need to tell the whole world what you simply intend for Wardwell."

"Mr. Wardwell would never have treated me as you have."

"Shall I tell him we're off? It would expedite matters."

"Thank you. When I wish to send a message to Mr. Wardwell I will find a more trustworthy messenger."

She seated herself on a divan, her back propped with a profusion of fancy pillows, and, taking up a book, pretended to read.

"What shall we do tomorrow evening at the Stuarts?" he asked. "Of course you will be scheduled to me to take in to dinner."

She dropped her book in her lap and thought, "I shall tell Mrs. Stuart," she said at last, "that our engagement is broken."

"What reason will you give?"

"That you have shown yourself unworthy of me."

"Wouldn't that sound a trifle egotistical? I would express it this way: 'Walter is a brute.' That would contain a great deal about me and not make it appear that you deserve a paragon."

"I didn't imply that I deserved a paragon," she snapped.

"But you do. You need a man with an imperturbable disposition, the patience of Job, the meekness of Moses."

Her antagonism blazed anew. "That is your mean way of saying I'm a Jesabel. I wish you would go away. I told you I don't want ever to see you again."

"As you wish. I suppose I'm not to call for you to go to the Stuarts?"

Instead of going away he lighted a cigar and sat down in an easy chair directly under a gas bracket where she could best see him.

"As to that," she said after deliberation, "I suppose it would be embarrassing to show so sudden a break before announcing that our engagement is broken. You might take me there and pay me just enough attention to prevent remark."

"But I can't do that without your seeing me again."

"I don't wish to see you again. It is a necessity that interferes with my inclination."

"How would it do for me to call for you in two carriages, one for you, the other for me? Before handing you in at the Stuarts I could put on a mask, then take you to the door and leave you. You could tell the hostess that I brought you to the house and, being taken suddenly ill, was obliged to go home."

There was no reply to this ingenious plan till he added, "What do you think of that?" Then she said that he "talked like a fool."

"But I'm trying to invent some plan by which I can prevent a knowledge of this break from reaching our friends and at the same time avoid the necessity of your ever seeing me again. Now, how would it do?"

"I wish you would go away. I'm tired of your stilly talk."

"I will as soon as we solve the problem. How would it do to let Wardwell into the secret and have him take you to the Stuarts, first going to a man who 'makes up' people for the stage and have him, paint Wardwell to look like me? My nose is much longer than Wardwell's, and his could be pieced out. His ears are about the length of mine, indicating that one is about as big an ass as the other."

"Stop! I will not listen to such insults."

"Where the insult?"

"You indicated that you are both fools in wanting—"

"The same girl. Certainly, where there are plenty of girls to go round."

"Will you leave me?"

His head was thrown back on the cushion of the chair, his clear pointing upward, his legs extended, the picture of indolence. Suddenly something snapped above him, and a piece of hot glass, a fragment of a gas shade, fell directly on his nose, cutting a gash from which the blood ran over his face.

"Walter! Oh, heavens! Speak to fear! Tell me you're not killed. Oh, what shall I do?"

"If you'd get a bowl of cold water and a cloth I think it might help matters."

She was out of the room in a moment

and back in another moment with what he needed. His face and shirt front were covered with blood, and he was a sight to behold.

She fell in a faint.

He proceeded to stanch and wash away the blood.

"I think," he said to her a few days later, "that the Lord took you at your word and showed you something that you really never cared to see again."

"I wish you never to refer to that episode," she replied, with dignity.

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SIRE AND SONS.

Lord Jersey, who is fifty-eight, is a member of two county councils and lord of 20,000 acres.

Hugh McLaughlin, for forty-two years leader of the Kings county (Brooklyn) Democracy, has two fads outside of politics—baseball and penmanship.

The famous Italian brigand Nicola Morra is seventy-six years old and has spent fifty years of his life in prison. He has more than once "killed his man."

Joseph M. Wade of Boston befriends all Japanese who visit that city, and in consequence has one of the finest private collections of Japanese curios in America.

Senator Hanna has a dinner set of twelve plates originally made for the Austrian emperor. The decoration of each plate is a facsimile of some famous painting.

Sir James Joicey, the British coal king, has an income of about \$5,000,000 a year and is one of the wealthiest men in parliament. He began his business life as a clerk in Newcastle, earning \$5 a week at that time.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., began to earn money when he was six years old. His father offered him a fee of 1 cent for every fence post in need of repairs that the boy could find on the big country place near Cleveland, O. His first day's work netted him 13 cents.

Sir Charles Tupper of Canada is said to inherit his ability from his father. It is related of the latter, who was a Baptist clergyman, that by the time he was sixty-five years old he had read the whole Bible in eight languages and the New Testament in ten different tongues.

Former Congressman George B. Boutwell of Massachusetts is at his office each morning by 9 o'clock. He was a prominent figure in the nation more than fifty years ago. He is a splendid type of that sturdy old school, and although he is feeble of body his mind is as clear as a bell today.

The Polar Bear.
The polar bear will not wander very far from the ice oceans of the north. The result is that his habitat is extremely narrow, though it girdles the world in the arctic regions.

Spoke Too Soon.
After writing "Such a climb is only child's play" in the visitors' book of a shelter hut in the Bavarian Alps a young mountaineer, aged twenty-one, tried to pluck some Alpine roses in a dangerous part, and, losing his foothold, was killed.

Long Shoes.
During the reign of William Rufus shoes were made two feet long and stuffed with tow till they curled like a ram's horn.

Silk Culture in Manchuria.
Considerable quantities of cocoons and skin silk are exported from Manchuria to France, where they are made into a special ribbon embroidery for the east Asiatic trade and returned to Manchuria and eastern China.

Underground Water.
The earth contains an abundance of water, even in places like some of our great western plateaus where the surface is comparatively arid. The greatest depth at which underground water can exist is estimated to be about six miles.

Speed of Electricity.
The speed of electricity unobstructed is that of light. On conductors it is comparatively slow. According to Tesla's experiments, made in 1880, it is 111,000 miles a second in copper wire and falls to 62,000 in iron.

The Hercules Beetle.
The Hercules beetle, found in the West Indies, rivals a sparrow in size and might turn the scale against one in weight.

Aged Fish.
A few of the fish in the Royal aquarium at St. Petersburg are known to be 150 years old, and the age of the sacred fish in some of the ponds attached to the Buddhist temples in China is to be counted by centuries, if we are to believe the priests.

Captive Meteorites.
More than 300 meteorites from outer space are seen in the National museum at Washington, their range in weight being from a few ounces to 6,000 pounds. The monster one is roughened from its surface, being melted by friction with the earth's atmosphere. One weighing 1,400 pounds is almost pure iron.

THE ROYAL BOX.

The kaiser has made on an average two public speeches a week during the last ten years.

"The Angel of Charity" is the name given to the queen of Portugal, so conspicuous is she for her good works.

King Alfonso XIII. of Spain has many titles, among them being king of Jerusalem, which is also borne by the Austrian emperor.

Queen Wilhelmina's pet amusement is taking photographs. She goes about on foot snapping a passing peasant, a group of children coming from school or a bit of scenery.

Whenever she visits her native country, Denmark, the dowager empress of Russia has some Danish black rye bread served to her every day. She has a great liking for this bread, which forms part of the rations of the Danish soldier and is not very inviting to the majority of people.

SCRAPS OF SCIENCE.

Radium when brought near a diamond in the dark will make it sparkle. Paste diamonds are not so affected.

By the flash of an electric spark one hundred and twenty-five-millionths of a second in duration a rifle bullet can be photographed in its flight.

In Utah there are large deposits of radio active uranium ores and compounds that are about to be opened. Analysis shows that they will yield fifteen grains of radium to the ton of ore.

Mr. Lester F. Ward in his "Pure Sociology" advocates the "gyrocentric theory," in which he maintains that woman is primary and essential, that originally and normally all things center about her and that man is a mere afterthought of nature.

ODDITIES IN PLANTS.

A rosebush more than fifty years old and still blooming profusely is in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Keller of West Rockport, Me.

In the arid deserts of Peru the celebrated "rain tree" grows. This species can condense what little moisture there is in the atmosphere so as to cause a continued mist to exude seemingly from its leaves and branches.

J. H. Loveland of Putney, Vt., recently exhibited a curiosity in fruit growth, being a pear tree branch on which, growing in a cluster of blossoms, was a Bartlett pear about the size of the average Seckel pear.

Too Much.
The wisdom of the ages
Is in her tender eyes;
The pathos of the ages
Is in her maiden sighs.
In her sweet face each feature
A meaning doth disclose;
But, oh, what pen can picture
The sorrow of her nose!
—Philadelphia Ledger.

Boston Gallantry.
She—I stepped on a stone and turned my ankle.
He—No need of that; it was very prettily turned before.
She—You horrid thing!—Boston Transcript.

She Knew.
He—Black and red spots appear before my eyes every night. What would you advise me to do?
She—Stop playing poker.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Protest.
The walnut is rather a rough nut.
We refer to the tramp as a tough nut.
So why brackish aw?
From consistency, eh?
It ought to be known as a doughnut.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

Used to It.
"Mike" said Flooding Pete, "what would you do if you owned a railroad?"
"Same as usual," answered Meandering Mike. "I'd waku up."—Washington Star.

The Poet and His Pay.
The poet wrote a roundelay
And got two dollars for his pay,
Which made him angry to the core
Because he thought his Wordsworth Moore.
—New York Times.

Relief in Sight.
"Your salary isn't enough to support my daughter, sir."
"I'm glad you've come to that conclusion so early, sir."—Detroit Free Press.

Sands of Arabia.
In the sandy deserts of Arabia whirling winds sometimes excavate pits 200 feet in depth, extending down to the harder stratum on which the great bed of sand rests.

Mexican Vanilla.
Vanilla in Mexico is grown commercially only in the state of Vera Cruz and is chiefly exported to France.

Spinach.
Prominent specialists claim that spinach is the most precious of vegetables on account of its medicinal and strengthening properties. The emollient and laxative virtues of spinach, owing probably to the salts of potash it contains, have been long known.

Premature Grayness.
Premature grayness seems to run in families, and it is thought to be the result of dark haired men marrying the dark haired women for several generations.

FOREIGN FACTS.

At Sutton, Ireland, a nest of white blackbirds has been found.

There have been no duels among Belgian military men for fourteen years. Duels are decided by courts of honor.

Naples is to have a new quay 250 feet in length and costing \$140,000, principally for the use of her emigrant service.

For the first time in 150 years at Constantinople a Mohammedan has published a book on anatomy and medicine.

State lotteries in Holland are to be gradually discontinued during the next eighteen years, when they will be abolished entirely.

At a recent examination in China the candidates were asked to draw a comparison between Po Wang and Na Po Lun (Napoleon).

The Chinese government has commenced to send cadets to Germany instead of, as heretofore, to the military schools of Japan.

Over 1,000 miles of telegraph poles in full blossom are to be seen in Uganda. The wires are strung from a species of fig tree which has extraordinary powers of germination.

Work of Improvement Societies.
The improvement societies in a number of towns and cities have recently directed their efforts to inducing the citizens to remove high board fences as dividing lines between back yards, and where it has been found impracticable to secure this concession effort has at least been made to induce property holders to cover the board fences with vines. Similarly the idea of the open lot has been encouraged for front yards, and where a division line is insisted upon effort is made to induce the provision of a hedge or flower bed instead of a more or less unsightly fence. Some of the societies are going still further and giving attention to such projects as the cleansing and beautifying of public buildings, the erection of pleasing church exteriors and surroundings and the provision of public baths and other valuable municipal utilities.

Absolute Zero.
Absolute zero is supposed to be only 13 degrees below the freezing point of hydrogen. This gas solidifies at 200 below zero.

Musical Instruments.
The manufacture of musical instruments occupies about 80,000 persons in Germany.

Breeding Oysters.
Scallops and small oysters can be easily crumbed by spreading the sifted crumbs on a sheet of stout paper, dropping the egg food into them and tossing them carefully by lifting the paper at either end.

Hay Fever.
Hay fever season begins in June, but it is worst in August. Then the variety of pollens is greatest, and the goldenrod, which is considered most dangerous, is at its deadliest stage. Heat aggravates the trouble; cold weather is favorable; drought is especially fortunate for most sufferers.

JINGLES AND JESTS.
Artisan.
A lover's maid once feigned
Her ankle to have sprained,
To make her suitor
Unlace her boot or
Massage the muscle strained.
Sly nymph! instead
He turned and fled,
While she, quite basely,
Got up and walked.
—Town Topics.

Then She Wiped.
Mrs. Newlived—I made a big batch of these biscuits today.
Mr. Newlived—You did, indeed, dear.
Mrs. Newlived—How do you know how big a batch I made?
Mr. Newlived—Oh, I thought you said "botch."—Philadelphia Ledger.

It Does.
De Style—The future looks black for him.
Gambusta—What makes you think so?
De Style—He's going to join a minstrel troupe.—New York Times.

Ink Splashes.
A dozen essayists or so
Can use up seas of ink
By writing what they think they know
Or what they know they think.
—Philadelphia Press.

His Bust.
"This is a bust of papier mache."
Visitor—I declare, if it doesn't look enough like George Washington to be his brother.—Town and Country.

Making Soup.
In making soup slow cooking extracts the flavor and the water should not be salted until near the end of the process. In cooking bones and joints, however, a high temperature renders the gelatin soluble and salt should be used.

Pudding Cups.
An article in the Burlington Magazine describes some early English earthenware drinking cups of eccentric patterns. The principal feature of most of the quaint types, or loving cups, is their astonishing number of handles, which range from two to 82, many as

twelve. It is supposed that the purpose of this equipment was that the cup might pass from hand to hand and each guest have a fresh portion of the rim to himself, no doubt an excellent arrangement for the first time round. Not content with half a dozen or so of full grown handles, the pottor frequently inserted between each of them a sort of rudimentary handle, consisting of a looped strip of clay. The "fuddling cup" is a cluster of half a dozen good sized cups joined together. When it is realized that the six cups communicate with each other internally, so that to empty one you must empty all, the force of the name will be apparent. Any doubt as to the use of these formidable vessels is dispelled by the inscription: "Fill me full of aidar. Drink of me."

At the Top of St. Peter's.
One needs to climb to the top of St. Peter's to understand best how its builders sought to overawe its beholders. Then the colossal proportions of every detail become apparent; then one may discover that the pen in the hand of St. Mark is as long as a six foot grenadier. On approaching the row of apostles which stand along the edge of the roof and which seem to the bystander in the street below of the size of ordinary human beings one will find gigantic figures whose eyes are as big as men's heads and whose fingers vis in size with an athlete's forearm. The roof is indeed a city in itself, for here are rows of houses where the workmen who are constantly employed in repairing the cathedral have their homes. A fountain supplies them with water, and their provisions are brought to them on the backs of donkeys driven up the broad and easy incline of the stairway.

An Allment of the Feet.
Poetry is at last classified. The Washington Post tells a story of some children where we are discussing the perfections and usefulness of their respective fathers.

"My father's the best man in the world," said one little girl. "He is a minister. He makes people go to church."

"Mine is the best," piped up another. "He's a doctor. He makes sick people well so they can go to church."

Three or four more enlarged upon the benefit the world derived from their fathers, and it finally came the turn of a sweet, blue eyed little girl.

"My papa's the best of all," she said. "He's a poet."

"A poet?" said another, joining in.



Mrs. Laura S. Webb.
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H. SENGSTACKEN.

group: "We, a poet isn't a profession. It's a disease!"

A Henry George Tax.
The last campaign in which Henry George was permitted to engage abounded in wordy encounters. In making squelching rejoinders to impertinent questions the famous single taxer could not be excelled. During one of his addresses Henry George remarked that a lifetime had been devoted to the dissemination of his single tax views.

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