

MIRANDY'S ROW

By Mrs. GEORGE F. BARBOUCE

It wasn't never given to hankers after Mrs. Overbaugh, but she was a woman who had a general principle, made no remark, but as she walked home with Mrs. Lasher, confided to that lady her idea, "that though Miranda was full of wit, she'd cut a caper, like the relative from whom she had inherited her fortune. When she ceased making purchases at the village store she grew smugly confident, but when it became known that she had inherited her fortune, she brought her heavy boxes from Pine Hill, then the indications of a joy period were unmistakable.

"Land takes alive, of that don't beat all! Miranda, what's else onto it? get a city chap for a beau!"

"Yes, an' I'll take on him too, they say. I tell you, Miranda's got to look quite a beauty."

Mrs. Overbaugh was too much astonished to reply, nothing quite so startling having come within her notice for years.

"I hope he's not after her money," Mrs. Overbaugh remarked, after a pause.

"Nonsense, no; a rich man like him wouldn't think of a woman like Miranda's little bit, but I guess he sees she's a capital manager, an' 'll make things go twice as far as one of them city girls."

"An' Miranda's got a beau at last. Well, well, well, I hope 'll take on good. But, mark my words, son-of-a-bitch, with an impressive shake of her head, "you don't often get much from a late sister but added eggs."

"Yes, it was true, Miranda Nevin who had never felt her heart warm under the sun of love in her youth, was now in middle age looking in a golden afternoon. Left an orphan in early childhood, she had been adopted by a relative whose exacting ways had made life very hard for the delicate child. Then came long years of patient nursing of the irascible, peevish invalid, whom she would not leave because of a fancied debt of gratitude. At 36 she found herself free, and, greatly to her surprise, the absolute owner of \$10,000, which the wretched old miser had hoarded even when needing the necessities of life. Youth, however, with its dreams, was gone, and the delicate prettiness she possessed as a girl had been destroyed by care and toil. As she people at Griffin's Corners expressed it, "Mirandy always held up the heavy end."

Her life had been colorless, and beyond expression, not a single gleam of love had come into it until she met Arthur Morrison. He told her—oh, it was impossible! so she loved him. But had she not said the same when she told of her fortune? All day long the poor lonely woman, whose empty heart hungered for affection, repeated the words, until at last it doubt was banished.

She hardly listened when her lover spoke of his wealth, of his handsome house in the city, of the luxuries with which he would surround her; he loved her, and in that assurance lay a wealth of riches passing all imagination. Everyone noticed how the old careworn look passed away during those days of her lately found happiness, and when at length she would steal over her face, it brought back the beauty of 20 years ago.

When the first tinge of autumn were on the woods Mr. Morrison departed, and Miranda, after waiting patiently that precious thing, her money, wrote herself to the address he had given her. Every morning the next little woman with the patient eyes would drop into the general store and post office and make a purchase, while the mail was being distributed, and though she never ventured to ask if there was a letter, her biggest news and watchful looks were perfectly understood. This had gone on for some weeks, when one morning Miranda received a letter from the dead letter office, and found within it her own to Arthur Morrison, written in care with different street numbers and the statement that no such person was known. For an hour she sat, with the letter before her, trying to unravel the mystery. It was easier to believe that the whole postal force of New York was in league against her than that her lover could be false. She would go to New York, she would find him—oh, perhaps, poor little, she might be dead, even; but false—never!

Griffin's Corners had, according to its custom, taken the liveliest interest in the program of Miranda's love affair, but the little woman had been very reticent, and speculation had had to supply the lack of actual information. Miranda's reserve being so well known, it was therefore rather a surprise to find her quietly dismissing the question of her supposed engagement at the minister's annual donation party. The little woman was the center of a group, and had an unusual glow of color on her cheeks as she spoke.

"There hadn't been no serious engagement, but he'd thought, an' she'd thought, an' then at last they'd both thought; and then they'd concluded to let the 'g' thing drop right there."

"An' I guess you're right, Miranda," replied the minister's wife, who was burdened with many children, and shared a notoriously inefficient income. "A woman who can put her hands on \$10,000 need not trouble her head about the best of men."

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NAVIGATES THE AIR.

Feats of M. Santos-Dumont in His Hazardous Pursuit.

Early Training and Education of the Most Daring and Successful Aviator of Modern Times.

An authorized article on the Brazilian aviator, M. Santos-Dumont, appearing in the Literary from the pen of Sterling Heilig.

This young Brazilian inventor works for the love of the thing, not for money. He has never felt moved to apply for a single patent. He is a son of the "coffee king" of Brazil, the proprietor of the Santos-Dumont plantations of Sao Paulo, the friend of the former Emperor Dom Pedro, and the benefactor and savior of whole populations. Santos-Dumont, the father, although a Brazilian by birth and nationality, was French by descent, and had his technical education at the Ecole Centrale (arts and industries) in Paris. Thanks to his education, he was the first to apply scientific methods to Brazilian coffee-culture, so that his plantations are now the most flourishing in the land, having 4,000,000 coffee-plants, occupying 9,000 laborers, comprising towns, manufactories, docks and steamships, and served by 148 miles of private railway. He was one of the first to build the young Santos-Dumont, before he was 12 years of age, drove locomotives, engines for his pleasure, and developed the taste for mechanics and invention which saved him, coming young and rich to Paris, from a life of mere sporting leisure. Until 16 years of age, when he completed his education at the University of Rio de Janeiro, he remained in Brazil, always returning in vacation-time to the wild back-country of the plantations, where he became a mighty hunter, killing wild pigs and small mammals by preference, and great snakes out of a sense of duty.

Arriving in Europe in 1861, he made a tourist trip, and ascended Mont Blanc. A part of 1861 and 1862 he spent between London and Brighton, perfecting his English, which he now speaks as well as his own French; but he always returned to Paris, where in 1863 he was already driving automobiles. In 1864 he made a short trip to the United States, visiting New York, Chicago and Boston. He did not begin ballooning until 1867, in the summer of which year he became the first ascent in company with the late M. Mouchon. In the same year he made 20 other ascensions, a number of them unaccompanied, and became a pilot of spherical balloons. He has indeed, an ideal figure for the sport, uniting remarkable strength, agility and coolness to his jockey's weight of scarcely 100 pounds, and he is so light that he is able to lower the volume of the "Brazil," his first spherical balloon, to the unusual minimum of 113 cubic meters. The little "Brazil" was a sphere filled with hydrogen gas, and on each ascension he never failed to bring it back with him in his valise.

This Brazilian has neither the structure, the complexion nor the cerebral features of the average aviator. He is pale, cold and phlegmatic, even if the words may be applied to one so active. In his moments of greatest enthusiasm and of most lively disappointment he is silent and stern, and he is as free from affection as a child. He has a weakness for driving dog-cart tandems, and—something which has had a vital effect on his career as a balloonist—he has been an intrepid automobile chauffeur from the first.

He began with a Peugeot roadster of 15-horsepower. He has since owned and driven half a dozen automobiles of continually increasing speed and power, his longest trip without stopping being taken in 1898, between Nice and Paris, and accompanied with a six-horsepower Panhard in a hot summer, when he has abandoned petroleum in favor of electricity, in a dainty light-running American buggy manufactured in Chicago. It serves him, he says, better than the more trouble-making motor for his morning spin through the Bois and his afternoon errands from the balloon-maker's at Vanguard to his apartment in the Avenue des Champs-Elysees, and from the Aero club ground at St. Cloud to the Automobile club in the Place de la Concorde. "I was once enamored of petroleum automobiles, because of their freedom and explains, "you can buy the essence everywhere; and so, at a moment's notice, one is at liberty to start off for Rome or St. Petersburg. But when I discovered that I did not want to go to Rome or St. Petersburg, but only to take short trips about Paris, I went in for the electric buggy."

"I got my first idea of putting an automobile motor under a cigar-shaped balloon filled with hydrogen gas while returning from the Paris-Amsterdam automobile race in 1897," he said, when he began giving me this interview. "From the beginning everybody was against the idea. I was told that an explosive gas-engine would ignite the hydrogen in the balloon above it, and that the resulting explosion would end the experiment with my life. Lachambre, my balloon constructor, went to work without enthusiasm. So far from others' convincing me that their notions were worth taking up, as has been said, I met with nothing but discouragement."

Fixing the limit.

He (rather diffident)—E—now that we are engaged, I suppose you—won't object to my kissing you. She (much less so) faintly not; help yourself. And when mamma comes in I want you to kiss her also. He—S—say, let's—break the engagement!—Chicago Daily News.

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