

THEIR FAMILY TREASURE.

THE "family treasure," as it was called, for the Brudds were extremely proud of it, was a tiny jeweled case containing a portrait of Queen Victoria.



MRS. BRUDD HANDED THE MEDALLION TO THE YOUNG FELLOW IN CHILLING SILENCE.

"You have not shown it to Mr. Matlock, papa."

His position was an unfortunate one. He had had the misfortune, or good fortune, to fall in love with his host's daughter, but Mr. Brudd refused his sanction to the match, and although his wife let her daughter a certain amount of half-hearted and hesitating support, Mr. Matlock's prospects were not at all rosy.

In the meantime, he was working hard to make a career for himself as an artist. There were many who believed his work showed promise of great distinction, but Mr. Matlock's income was microscopic.

In reply to his daughter's protest Mr. Brudd handed the medallion to the young fellow in chilling silence. It was an unpleasant situation, but Mr. Matlock was too tenaciously in love with his host's daughter to fret much. It is always a great step toward victory when a man has the women of the family allied on his side.

"Has Violet never told you now we came to possess the medallion?" asked Mrs. Brudd.

Mr. Matlock replied in the negative and begged to hear the story, while Mr. Brudd gave an irritable "Pish!"

It appeared that Mrs. Brudd's mother had occupied a position in the Princess Victoria's household, and her royal mistress had given her this little miniature of herself as a wedding present.

"Mrs. Brudd wouldn't accept \$1,000 for that," said Mr. Brudd, pompously, as he finally replaced it in the cabinet and turned the key.

"No more would I, if it were mine," said Mr. Matlock, to which his host gave another significant "Pish!"—as much as to say that what he would do for \$1,000 was of no consequence to anybody.

"When I am married it is going to be given to me," said Violet, with a sly look at her mother.

"Who said so, I would like to know?" said Mrs. Brudd.

"It was given to grandmamma when she married, and she gave it to you when you married; so of course it will be given to me when I marry," said the young lady.

Later in the evening it happened that Violet and Mr. Matlock were making a pretense at playing billiards, while Mrs. Brudd good-naturedly performed the duties of "marker."

"Can I speak to you for a few moments?"

"Certainly," said his host; "but, of course, you quite understand, Matlock, that if you want to speak about the subject we have already discussed you are wasting your own time and mine, too. I shall not consent to an engagement between you and Violet."

"Oh, it isn't that," said the younger man. "I want to speak to you about the medallion. I think you have had the misfortune to drop the medallion and break it."

"What makes you think that?"

"I found a portion of it underneath a chair in the drawing-room. Here it is."

He produced from his pocket the fragment of ivory he had picked up unknown to the ladies. Mr. Brudd looked crestfallen. Like most overbearing men, he hated to look ridiculous. He had dropped the little ornament in taking it out of the cabinet, and had gathered up the pieces, hoping it would be possible to get it mended in such a way that his wife would not know of the catastrophe.

"I dare not tell my wife what has happened," he said, in a tone so different from his ordinary tone that Mr. Matlock could scarcely restrain a smile.

"She is almost superstitious about it," "Anybody will be able to see that it has been mended. Let me paint a new portrait. I could do it within a few days, and I will undertake to say that it will be so like the original that no one will be able to detect the difference. You could have these pieces put together, also."

"Yes, yes," said his host, "but what about Mrs. Brudd? If you were a married man, Matlock, you would know how unpleasant it is to admit to your wife that you have deceived her. You see, I told her it was quite safe in my pocket. As a matter of fact, at that moment it was broken into twenty small pieces."

"I think that little difficulty might be avoided by exercising some tact," said Mr. Matlock. "I shouldn't say anything to Mrs. Brudd about it until the medallion has passed out of her possession. When it is no longer her own property she won't mind so much."

"I don't think I quite understand you," said Mr. Brudd, genuinely puzzled.

"Didn't I understand that when Violet was married the medallion would be given to her?"

"Oh, it isn't that," said the young man.

"Yes," said Mr. Brudd, beginning to see what was coming.

"Then get Violet married as quickly as possible. Give the medallion to her. It will be much easier to explain it all. I shall be very happy to help you," he continued, obligingly.

"I will not only provide you with a new portrait to replace the one you have broken, but I will undertake to find a husband for Miss Brudd, who will be glad to marry her to-morrow morning if necessary."

Greatly to her astonishment, Violet was informed the following evening that her father had decided to sanction her engagement.

There were now two ivory medallions—the mended original and the copy.—Forget-Me-Not.

Old Plants. Some twenty-five years ago, when the scoriae (or slag) produced by the ancient Greeks in working the silver mines of Laurium, near Athens, was removed, in order to be reworked by more efficient modern appliances, the seeds of a kind of poppy of the genus Glaucium, which had lain underneath the slag in a dormant condition for at least 1,500 years, sprang up again all over the uncovered ground. Unknown in modern times, this plant was described in the first century of our era by Dioscorides and Pliny, and had disappeared from the face of the globe for 15 or 20 centuries. The fact that these seeds should have retained their vitality so long seems very extraordinary, but there are other instances quite as remarkable. For instance, raspberry seeds found in 1835 in an ancient tunic, in a coffin buried thirty feet below the surface, and believed to have been there since the second century, were successfully planted. And in another case seeds of the Polygonum Convolvulus, dug up from the bottom of a sandpit, where they were believed to have been buried for 2,000 years, were still vigorous and produced healthy plants.

WHEAT BADLY DAMAGED.

Thirty Districts Report Injury to Fall-Sown Grain.

Reports received by R. G. Dun & Co. from their correspondents in the grain centers of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, show that the damage to wheat in 44 districts runs from a nominal figure to 50 per cent of the crop, and, in a few instances, 50 per cent is exceeded. Sixteen districts stated that there has been no loss whatever. Out of the 44 centers mentioned, 30 reported the injury to fall wheat and 22 the injury to spring wheat as exceeding 10 per cent. The greatest damage was caused by heavy rains, and in many cases the correspondents declared that if the storms continued the crops in their neighborhoods would be nearly destroyed. In a few fields in Washington and Idaho, hot weather also had an injurious effect, and in some instances cold weather caused the freezing of fall-sown wheat last winter.

Reports of the prospects for fall trade partook of the discouragement of the farmers in the damaged districts. The predictions, as a rule, were "fair," "not very fair," and "not flattering," while one correspondent thought it necessary to add to these lines, "there will be no distress," and another tempered his opinion "fair" with "considering." Many who are stationed in thriving places said the outlook might be called fair if the rain would stop.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Wallia Walla, 55@59c; Valley, 59@60c; Bluestem, 60@61c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$3.25; Graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 42@44c; choice gray, 39@40c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, 16 1/2@17 1/2; brewing, \$18.50 per ton. Millet—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16.00 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$8@9; clover, \$7 @8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton. Butter—Fancy creamery, 45@50c; seconds, 35@40c; dairy, 30@35c; store, 22 1/2@27 1/2c. Eggs—17 1/2@18c per dozen. Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12c; Young America, 13c; new cheese, 10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50@4.50 per dozen; hens, \$5.50; springs, \$4.50@6.50; geese, \$6@6.00 for old, \$4.50@6.50 for young ducks, \$4.00@4.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12 1/2@13 1/2c per pound. Potatoes—75c@81c per sack; sweets, 2@2 1/2c per pound. Vegetables—Beets, \$1; turnips, 90c per sack; garlic, 70c per pound; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, \$1 beans, 5@6c per pound; celery, 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 3@4c per pound; tomatoes, 60c per box; green corn, 12 1/2@15c per dozen. Hops—11@13c; 1897 crop, 4@6c. Wool—Valley, 12@13c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@13c; mohair, 27@30c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3 1/2c; dressed mutton, 6 1/2@7c; lambs, 7 1/2c per lb. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00 light and feeders, \$4.50; dressed, \$6.00 @6.50 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, 3.50@4.00, cows, \$3.00@3.50; dressed beef, 6@7 1/2c per pound. Veal—Large, 6 1/2@7 1/2c; small, 8@8 1/2c per pound.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, new, \$1.50@1.65 per sack. Potatoes, new, 90c@91c. Beets, per sack, \$1.10. Turnips, per sack, 75c. Carrots, per sack, 90c. Parsnips, per sack, \$1@1.75. Cauliflower, 75c per doz. Cabbage, native and California \$1@1.25 per 100 pounds. Cherries, 75c@81c. Peaches, 75c@90c. Apples, \$1.25@1.75 per box. Pears, \$1.75@2 per box. Prunes, \$1 per box. Watermelons, \$1@2.50. Cantaloupes, 50c@60c. Blackberries, \$1.50@1.75. Butter—Creamery, 35c per pound; dairy 17@20c ranch, 12 1/2@17c per lb. Eggs, 26c. Cheese—Native, 12@13c. Poultry—13@14c; dressed, 16 1/2c. Hay—Puget Sound timothy, \$7@9; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$14.00. Corn—Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$23; feed meal, \$23.00. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton \$21; whole, \$22. Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.50; blended straight, \$3.25; California \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.50; Graham, per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour, \$3; rye flour, \$4.50. Millet—Bran, per ton, \$15; shorts, per ton, \$16. Feed—Chopped feed, \$20.50 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$22; oil cake meal, per ton, \$25.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Nevada, 12@14c per pound; Oregon, Eastern, 10@14c; Valley, 14@19c; Northern, 8@10c. Onions—Silverskin, 90c@91c per sack. Butter—Fancy creamery, 27@28c; do seconds, 22@26c; fancy dairy, 23@25c do seconds, 19@22c per pound. Eggs—Store, 19@22c; fancy ranch, 23@26c. Hops—Nominal. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$2.75@3.25; Mexican limes, \$4@5.00; California lemons, 75c@1.50; do choice, \$1.75@2.00 per box. Hay—Wheat, 60 1/2@9 1/2; wheat oat, \$7@8; oat, \$8@9; best hay, \$4.50@7; alfalfa, \$6.00@7 per ton, straw, 20@35c per bale. Potatoes—Early Rose, 50@90c; Oregon Burbanks, \$1.25@1.50; river Burbanks, 45@90c; Salinas Burbanks, \$1.25@1.50 per sack. Tropical fruits—Bananas, \$1.50@2.50 per bunch; pineapples, \$2@4.00; Persian dates, 6@6 1/2c per pound.

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Lloyd Milfin, the poet, is a man of such retiring nature that few of his fellow-townsmen of Columbia, Pa., would recognize him on the street. A correspondent recently visited the town and asked for the house of Mr. Milfin, the poet. "There's a Mr. Lloyd Milfin lives here," said the trolley car conductor, "but I didn't know he wrote books."

Owing to a shortage of pig iron the mill at the Pueblo steel works has been shut down and will not be open for two weeks. Sufficient orders are on hand to keep the plant running as fast as pig iron can be produced.

Contrary to expectations entertained a week or two ago, there is little chance of the Seats for Shop Assistants bill passing through England's parliament this session.

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COMFORT AND ECONOMY.

Rock Island Road Adopts a Smoke-Consumer for Their Engines.

The Rock Island Railroad has established a precedent in the West by equipping their engines with smoke-consumers, which entirely do away with the heavy volume of black smoke which is so disagreeable to passengers. This experiment has been thoroughly tested during the past few months, on their Colorado Flyer, and has proved to be such a success that the Rock Island has adopted it over its entire system, and, as soon as possible, all of their engines will be equipped with this new device and immediately be put back into service.

This smokeless firing, as it is properly called, will be valuable to both patron and road. To the patron it does away with the black, sooty smoke and cinders, thus adding much to the pleasure of traveling; and, to the road, it is a saving in fuel as well as making the appearance and equipment of the train up to date. The good results from this new equipment are unlimited and everything is favorable and for the best interests of all. To make this smokeless firing a success, two things are necessary; the equipment of the engine with the proper apparatus necessary to consume the hydrocarbons, thrown off from the coal, and the thorough training of engineer and fireman in the manner of firing and the best methods of proceeding at all times in order to obtain the desired results.

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Assistant-General Manager W. I. Allen, and Superintendent of Motive Power G. T. Wilson, of the Rock Island, express themselves as more than pleased with the results of this new move on the part of the road.

General Manager McGowan, of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, has arranged for the erection of a car plant, and the company will build and repair all of its own cars.

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Pale as Death

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