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What is Trouble.

A company of Southern ladies were one day assembled in a lady's parlor, when the conversation chanced to turn on the subject of earthly affliction. Each had her story of peculiar trial and bereavement to relate, except one pale, sad looking woman, whose lusterless eye and dejected air showed that she was a prey to the deepest melancholy. Suddenly arousing herself, she said in a hollow voice, "Not one of you know what trouble is."

"Will you please, Mrs, Gray," said the kind voice of a lady who well knew her story, "tell the ladies what you call trouble ?"

"I will, if you desire it," she replied, "for I have seen it. My parents possessed a competence, and my girlhood was surrounded by all the comforts of life. I seldom knew an ungratified wish, and was always gay and light-hearted. I married, at nineteen, one I loved more than all the world besides. Our home was retired, but the sun never shone on a lovelier one or a happier household. Years rolled on peacefully. Five children sat around our table, and a little curly head still nestled in my bosom. One night about sundown one of those black storms came on which are so common to our southern climate. For many hours the rain poured down incessantly, Morning dawned, but still the elements raged. The whole Savannah seemed afloat. The little stream near our dwelling became a raging torrent. Before we were aware of it our house was surrounded with water. I managed with my babe to reach a little elevated spot, on which a few wide sqreading trees were standing whose dense foliage afforded some protection, while my husband and sons strove to save what they could of our property. At last a fearful surge swept away my husband, and he never rose again. Ladies, no one ever loved a husband more, but that was not trouble.

"Presently my sons saw their danger and the struggle for life became the only consideration. They were as brave loving boys as ever blessed a mother's heart, and I watched their efforts to escape with such agony as only mothers can feel. They were so far off I could not speak to them, but I could see them closing nearer and nearer to each other as their little island grew smaller and smaller.

"The sullen river raged around the huge trees; dead branches, upturned trunks, wrecks of houses, drowning cattle, masses of rubbish, all went floating past us. My boys waved their hands to me, then pointed upward. I knew it was a farewell signal and you, mothers, can imagine my anguish. I saw them all perish, and yet—that was not trouble.

I hugged my babe close to my heart, and when the water rose to my feet I climbed into the low branches of the tree, and so kept retiring before it, till an all-powerful Hand stayed the waves, that they should come no further. I was saved. All my worldly possessions were swept away, all my earthly hopes blighted—yet that was not trouble.

"My baby was all I had left on earth. I labored night and day to support him and myself, and sought to train him in the right way; but as he grew older evil companions won him away from home. He ceased to care for his mother's counsels; he would sneer at her entreaties and agonizing prayers. He left my humble roof that he might be unrestrained in the pursuit of evil, and at last when heated by wine, one night he took the life of a fellow-being, and ended his own upon the scaffold. My heavenly Father had filled my cup of sorrow before; now it ran over. This was trouble, ladies, such as I hope His mercy will save you from ever experiencing."

There was not a dry eye among her listeners, and the warmest sympathy was expressed for the bereaved mother, whose sad history had taught them a useful lesson. *Baltmorean.*

APRIL AND DECEMBER.

Justice Young was startled yesterday morning by the abrupt entrance into his office of a fidgety old lady, about sixty-one years of age, who led by the hand a timid, bucolic youth of twenty-two.

"What's the Squire ?" inquired the flustrated female.

"Here, madam, at your service," answered the polite dispenser of justice tempered with costs. "I am not in the assault and battery business, however; you must go to the Criminal Correction."

"Salt and buttery !" I don't want none o' that myself. I want you to fix up a small chunk of a weddin."

"Oh, I see; you desire me to perform the pleasing and remunerative ceremony that binds two willing hearts according to the form of the statute in such case made and provided."

"No, I want to git married !"

"What, you ? Great Methuselah!"

"Yes, me; why not ?" And the basilisk glance cast at the Justice caused the cold chills to run over him.

"Oh, certainly, madam, if you desire it. No difference to me. Only I thought you might be joking. Where is the groom ?"

"This is the feller," replied the dame, dragging the bashful youth forward and patting him under the chin.

"Really, my good lady, this must be a jest. Why, this is only a boy."

"He's twenty-two, and his own master, and if you don't want to marry us, jest say so, and we'll git up and git off to some other Squire. I reckon there's more'n one of 'em in a big town like th is here."

"William, hand me the statute. Let me see; no Justice, preacher &c., shall marry a minor under the age of—no that's not it. Where is the section that prohibits a man from marrying his grandmother? Well, well, there's no fool like an old fool," muttered the Justice, looking sideways at the bride.

"Madam," he said to the old lady, who was becoming impatient, "I see nothing in this book that fixes the maximum age of a bride or bridegroom—a great oversight of the men who made the laws. Stand up and join your right hands."

"Hold on, Squire, just a minit. How much are you a going to charge ?"

"Anything you choose to bestow, madam. It's only a two minute job. Mr. Henry N. Hart, here a barrister of the bar, will be kind enough to act as a witness of this momentous marriage. William prepare the certificate, and make a big Bohemian flourish under my name."

The contracting parties stood up, joined their hands, and were pronounced man and wife in a deep, ventriloquil voice. The certificate was made out in the names of John Doyle and Julia Smith, both of the State of Illinois. The bride snatched the document before the ink was dry, and, cramming it into her bosom, invited the groom to sit down on one of the benches, formerly a church pew, and partake of a "snack." She drew from her capacious pockets two handfuls of roasted peanuts, and the happy couple spent the first ten minutes of their honeymoon in masticating the fruit of which statesmen and politicians are so fond. Justice Young refused to tell the amount of the fee he received; but as he was unusually cheerful all the remainder of the day, it was surmised that the old lady was liberal in her outlay for a husband.—St. Louis *Globe Democrat.*

The Oriental Business.

A good citizen of Croghan street was reading the other day of a good Persian gentleman who always walked about with a smile on his face. When this Persian was asked why he always looked so happy when other men looked sad he replied:

"I smile because it may be sunshine to some poor soul surrounded by shadows."

It was very nice in the Persian, and the Croghan street man said he'd be hanged if he couldn't outsmile a Persian or anybode else walking around on two legs. He at once began to smile at his wife. She stood it for a few minutes, and then observed:

"What's the matter, William—got the colic again ?"

"I smile because I want to carry sunshine to your darkened soul," he replied.

She wanted him to understand that fifteen minutes at the woodpile would help her more than all the grins he could grin in a straight week, and when he went into the kitchen to smile some sunshine at the hired girl the wife followed him and raised a row that put dinner three quarters of an hour behind hand. However, one can't get the hang of Oriental business in a day and this man tried it again on the street car as he came down town yesterday. Opposite him sat an old woman with a basket, and he undertook to smile the shadows from her heart. She watched him for two or three minutes, growing mad all the time, and presently she asked:

"Do you think you know me, that you are grinning across the aisle like a circus baboon?"

"I smile, madam, because—because——," he stammered, forgetting what the Persian said. "I smile because——."

"You are grinning because I've got sore eyes !" she shouted.

"No, madam. I smile that I—that I——."

"I'll not stand it !" she exclaimed and she hammered him with the basket until he escaped off the platform.

"Now grin over that, will you !" she called after him as she shook the basket in the air.

"The Persian who went around smiling was a fool, and I'm his first cousin !" growled the man, and he quit smiling and picked a fight with a harness maker.

The Reward a Deputy Sheriff Got.

Warren N. Hoyt, a young man some twenty-two years of age, died at Golden on Thursday morning last and his remains passed through Denver yesterday morning *en route* to the home of his relatives, at Kingston, Pa. He was a sufferer from consumption, and had made Golden his home for several months past. But the point that this item is intended to develope is not so much the sad death of young Hoyt as the unexpected good fortune it brought to one of Golden's very best young men—Deputy Sheriff John W. Belcher. Purely from motives of gratitude for the many kindnesses and care that Sheriff Belcher had generously (and without any thought of reward) bestowed upon him during and preceding his last illness, the deceased willed the Sheriff one-third of his estate, which is estimated by good judges to be worth $100-000. The remainder—$200,000—went to an uncle, who was present in Golden when the will was made, and expressed himself well satisfied with his nephew's soundness of mind at the time of signing the instrument, which was drawn by Judge Carpenter. Incidents of this kind are rare, but if one chance in many would meet the conditions of present reward, Sheriff Belcher is entitled to that chance, as he has long been noted for his disinterested kindness to those of his acquaintances who were injured or sick.—*Denver News.*

TWO WHO FELL BY THE DUEL.—Trinity churchyard, New York, contains the graves of a pair of duellists, both victims of the vicious practice, and what is more remarkable, united in kindred as father and son. The latter was slain first. He was a college graduate not yet of age, and had got into a quarrel which resulted in a challenge. His antagonist had called him a "blackguard" and only a hostile meeting could wipe out the insult. He challenged and being mortally wounded at the first fire, was brought home to die. Such was the sad fate of Philip Hamilton, oldest son of the great federalist, who died in October, 1801, Philip Hamilton was shot by Captain Eacker, while his father, as is well known, died by the hand of Aaron Burr. That a favorite son, and afterward an idolized husband, should be brought home to a mother and a wife, only to die, must have been a fearful trial to Mrs. Hamilton, but she survived the sorrow fifty three years, being at the time of her death one of the surviving widows of the Revolution.

A SCHOOLMARM WHO OBJECTED TO BEING COURTED.—An independent little Canadian schoolmarm snubbed one of her big scholars who tried to make love to her, and because he retaliated by disturding the school she gave him a sound flogging. His parents sued her and recovered $3,50 damages. The next day the girl opened school by saying: "I have whipped a booby soundly, which pleasure cost only $3.50. Now if any others of my scholars are inclined to imitate him, they will have the kindness to step forward, receive the money and the flogging, and then we will go on with our studies. I am here to instruct you, and not to be courted." She retains the school and is the most popular girl in town.

The will of a rich man of the future will read: "To the respective attorneys of my children I give my entire estate and worldly goods of all descriptions. Personally to the children and to my beloved wife, I give all that remains." This will satisfy the family, and save the trouble of proving the old man insane.

THE DICTIONARY AS AN INSTRUCTOR.

We notice as a matter well worth mentioning, that at the recent great publishers, trade sale in New York, the books that were most in demand and brought the best prises were Webster's Dictionaries, from the famous Quarto to the neat and handy pocket edition. This fact is a good indication of the almost universal popularity of these books, and of the growing, public demand for them. It indicates also a fact of far greater importance, and that is the interest the people are taking in the study of their own language. This is encouraging, as there is no branch of education that is now and has been so much neglected as the common branches of *spelling* and *defining*. It is often astonishing and grievous to see how grossly ignorant are children and youth, and even men and women, or the orthography, pronunciation and meaning of ordinary words and phrases. They cannot express their thoughts for want of words, and often they express thoughts very different from what they intend, because they do not understand the words they employ. And very frequently, from the same cause, they take no idea, or wrong ideas, from what they read or hear.

The remedy for these evils is the proper training in the study of words, by the use of the Dictionary, and this training should begin as soon as the child can distinguish between one word and another, and continue indefinitely. The apparatus for this study should, of course, be the most complete and thorough to be had, and this is abundantly supplied in Webster's Dictionaries, which are justly recognized, where-ever our language is spoken, as the standard authority in English. Parents and teachers can in no other way so effectually or so cheaply promote the educational interests of their children, when of suitable age, as by putting in their hands any one of Webster's School Dictionaries, for daily use in connection with the study of their lessons, and by placing on the family center table, or the teacher's desk as the authoritative guide and standard, a copy of the Unabridged.

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