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My Wife's New Friend.

Mrs. Jones has quite a habit of cultivating new friendships...

My wife's last acquisition in the way of a bosom friend is Mrs. Mortimer Mowbray...

We returned to the city after the Mowbrays; but my wife, though usually very firm on questions of etiquette...

In a few days Mrs. Mortimer Mowbray returned my wife's call...

Mrs. Jones, soon after this, began to act as if brooding over some vast design...

"I was thinking, Jones," she said, one night, just as I was composing myself to sleep...

"Of course, my dear," I said, "You know best."

"Well, about thirty," continued my wife, warming with the subject.

"There's Mrs. Wharton, and Mrs. Horace Slinn, and Mrs. Price, and the Misses Trelawney..."

"You have forgotten the two Misses Howell," I said at last...

The two Misses Howell were amiable, intelligent, and pretty girls...

"Did you ever hear, my love," said I as I began to carve the turkey at dinner...

"I heard it casually, but never asked further," I continued.

"I've heard so since," said Mrs. Jones, sharply...

"Mrs. Mowbray, it seems, expected to meet her sisters here."

"Ahem!" she said at last, clearing her throat. "Ahem! The Misses Howell are very nice girls...

"Stop, my dear," said I, with a sigh, for I saw that my favorites were not to be invited...

"Mr. Jones, do listen to reason. You don't know how foolish you make yourself about those Howell girls..."

"Mr. Jones, don't be a child," replied my wife, flinging herself to the other side of the bed.

To have protracted the conversation would have excited my wife's nerves and deprived her of sleep...

The invitations to the party were issued that week, Mrs. Mowbray graciously promising to attend.

When the important evening arrived my wife was all nerves. At every ring of the bell, the color rose to her face with expectation...

"What can the matter be?" she said to me, as soon as we were alone.

"I hope the dear baby is well. Perhaps however, Mrs. Mowbray is herself sick. Dear me, I am afraid I shall not sleep for anxiety."

"Wouldn't that be against etiquette?" I ventured to ask.

"Mrs. Jones did not reply in words but she gave me a look. And such a look! It expressed all the indignation which her outraged bosom felt at having the slightest suspicion cast upon her friend."

When I came home to dinner that day I saw at a glance that something had occurred to ruffle my wife's nerves. She had nothing whatever to say to me...

"Did you ever hear, my love," said I as I began to carve the turkey at dinner, "that the Misses Howell had a married sister?"

"I heard it casually, but never asked further," I continued.

"I've heard so since," said Mrs. Jones, sharply...

"Mrs. Mowbray, it seems, expected to meet her sisters here."

"I shouldn't wonder if she did," snappishly said Mrs. Jones, looking down into her plate...

"I'm sure I don't care if I never see the proud thing again," said my wife, reddening very much...

"After another pause passed I said: 'Did you call on Mrs. Mowbray, as you intended?'"

"Mrs. Jones was silent for a full minute, and seemed half disposed to decline answering altogether; but finally she blurted out her reply as follows:

"Yes, I did, since you must know. She was not at home—so, at least the footman said, but if I didn't see her at the drawing-room window, and here she burst into tears of mortification and rage...

I saw that it would not do to continue the conversation; so I quietly ate my dinner, kissed the children and went my way.

Of course the intimacy of my wife with Mrs. Mowbray ceased from that fatal party; and I am sorry to say that the Misses Howell have, as the phrase goes, "cut our acquaintance."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The 20,000 which Wm. Pitt Kellogg is being pressed to pay to the Union National Bank of Chicago was part of the money paid and agreed to be paid by the visiting statesmen to secure the counting of the electoral votes of Louisiana for Hayes.

It had to be raised quickly. They did not dare to telegraph for it, and they could not draw for it through a New Orleans bank. The emergency was a pressing one, and the mails were too slow. It was the eleventh hour.

The Returning board, after rejecting every poll in various parishes, against which any evidence could be trumped up, after throwing out all the parishes which could with any colorable pretext be claimed to be bulldozed, found that there were three Hayes electors who lacked between seven and nine hundred votes of having a majority over their Democratic competitors.

Something had to be done immediately. One member of the Returning Board refused to go any further in this dangerous business unless more money was forthcoming. He demanded cash down as an earnest of the future.

In this dilemma the visiting statesmen went to Kellogg, and said they must have \$20,000 forthwith. He protested that he hadn't that much money. They said he must raise it, and they would see that he was reimbursed. He borrowed the amount from the Collector of Internal Revenue, and the balking member of the Returning Board was paid \$6,000.

The counting-out and counting-in went on until the job was done. John Sherman and his fellow conspirators knew that the money came from the Collector of Internal Revenue, and that it was the money of the United States. They knew it was to bribe a member of the Returning Board. The money was not repaid to the Collector of Internal Revenue until nearly eight months afterward. He could not settle his accounts without it, and he demanded it from Kellogg. John Sherman had not kept his pledge that it should be reimbursed to Kellogg. It was his intention to squeeze it out of Kellogg, who wanted his seat in the Senate, and could not afford to let the truth be known because it would certainly destroy his chances of getting into the Senate.

Accordingly Kellogg had to borrow \$20,000 of the Union National Bank of Chicago, and C. B. Farwell became his surety. Kellogg got his seat in the Senate, but he does not think it is fair that \$20,000 of his \$30,000 salary for six years should be eaten up in this way, while Hayes does not contribute one penny of his \$20,000.

To bring this matter to a square issue, I propose to prove in any court of justice or before an investigating committee of either House of Congress: First, that Kellogg has repeatedly said that \$20,000 was borrowed of the Collector of Internal Revenue in New Orleans; second, that he borrowed it at the request of the visiting statesmen; third, that the visiting statesmen promised him that it should be made good; fourth, that it was this money which secured the counting-in of the three Hayes electors, who were still behind on the 30th of November; and fifth, that Kellogg repeatedly said that if he did not get his seat in the Senate he would raise hell about this \$20,000, and if it wasn't repaid to him Hayes would have to get out of the White House.

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