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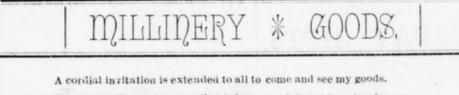
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Barbara's Revenge or Served Him Right.

"I tell you, Barbara, it's the way with these city gentlemen. He's only amusing himself," said Ralph Penniford.

"How dare you speak to me so!" she flung out, "I wish you would mind your own affairs in the future."

"There was a time when my affairs and yours meant the same thing," he said sally. "Once is not now."

"I know it," and accepting the rebuke and knowing that there was nothing more for him to say, he turned on his heel and left her alone.

"What is the trouble?" he asked. "What worries you?"

"I was asking myself," said the girl, slowly, "how this is all going to end—these drives and walks and talks."

"That's what I wanted to know. Are you going to make me your wife or are you only amusing yourself?"

"Well, you take things pretty seriously, I must say. I haven't a penny of my own unless my grand father were to step out, and really I shouldn't pick a wife off the seasands anyway."

"Exactly," said Barbara. "Then suppose we part?" with quiet scorn.

"No, as enemies."

"You little tigress," he laughed. "I believe your eyes shot fire then."

"Perhaps they did. But were I a man I would knock you down."

"And so she walked away from him and home."

"The season was getting on," he said, "and the place was getting slow."

"And so perhaps it was, for the exciting element of beautiful Barbara Wynyard's companionship was lacking."

"You had better take a tour," advised Mr. Eglestone, that hale handsome man who enjoyed the honor of being Gerald Egerton's grandfather.

"You are not deriving any benefit from the gambling-house here."

"Just as you say, sir," said Gerald, who had been taught in all things to defer to the wishes of his wealthy progenitor. And he went accordingly.

"It was just a year afterwards, when sitting at his late breakfast, of sherry, grapes and local birds in a Florentine villa, Mr. Egerton broke open the seals of a packet of home letters and grew whiter than the carved marble vases among the lime groves outside."

"What's up Egerton?" asked Mr. Vane, his friend and fellow-traveler.

"The meanest trick that ever was played on a fellow, Gerald Egerton, tearing at his necktie. 'He's going to be married.'"

"Your grandfather?"

"Yes."

"Well, hasn't he as good a right as any one, if he chooses and the lady is willing?"

**Elephants in the Lumber Business.**

Lazy and clumsy-looking as the elephant appears in our menageries, where it is merely an object of curiosity, in Asia it is as useful an animal as the horse, and is, indeed employed in a greater variety of ways.

There are few, if any, tasks which a horse can be trusted to perform without careful and constant guidance; whereas the elephant is frequent ly given as much independence of action as a man would have for the same work. This is notably the case in the lumber-yard of Rangood and Maulmen, where the entire operation of moving and piling the heavy timber is performed by male elephants without any special supervision by the keepers.

The logs to be moved are teakwood, which is very heavy. They are cut into lengths of twenty feet, with a diameter of perhaps a square, of about a foot. An elephant will go to a log, kneel down, thrust his trunk over the middle of it, curl his trunk over it, test it to see that it is evenly balanced, and then rise with it and easily carry it to the pile which is being made. Placing the log carefully on the pile in its proper place, the sagacious animal will step back a few paces and measure with his eye to determine whether or not the log needs pushing one way or another. It will then make any necessary alteration of position. In this way, without a word of command from its mahout, or driver, it will go on with its work.

To do any special task, it must, of course, be directed by the mahout; but it is marvelous to see how readily this great creature comprehends its instructions, and how ingeniously it makes use of its strength. If a log too heavy to be carried is to be moved a short distance, the elephant will bend low, his great head against the end of the log and then with a sudden exertion of strength and weight throw his body forward and fairly push the log along; or, to move the log any great distance, he will encircle it with a chain and drag his load behind him.

As a rule, however, the work of dragging is done by the female elephants, since having no tusks, they can not carry logs as the male elephants do. A man could hardly display more judgment in the adjustment of the rope or chain around a log, nor could a man with his two hands tied and untie knots more skillfully than do they with their trunks.

**An Army Adventure.**

The W. H. Upham who is at the head of the Upham Manufacturing company, which lost \$300,000 by the great fire at Marshfield, Wisconsin, was the hero of a singular adventure when a young man. He was a member of a Wisconsin regiment which participated in the first battle of Bull Run, and was thought to have been killed. His comrades saw him fall, and none of them had any doubt of his death. Being the first victim of the strife in his own neighborhood there was a great mourning for him. A memorial service was held in which thousands of people participated, and many eloquent eulogies were passed upon him.

Six months later Upham appeared in Washington with a party of exchanged prisoners. He had been desperately wounded and taken prisoner, but the Confederates had attended to his wants, and when the exchange took place he was sent home. When in Washington he was taken to the White House by Judge Doolittle, then a Senator, and introduced to President Lincoln as a soldier who had come back from the grave. As Upham was on all the records as dead, Mr. Lincoln ordered a correct entry to be made, and then gave the boy an honorable discharge from the service. When he reached home in Racine he was the lion of the hour, and the people who participated in the memorial meeting in his honor got up a jubilee which was hardly less numerously attended. Later on in the struggle the fortunes of individuals were not so closely watched.

**Curious Freak of a Millionaire.**

There are so many ways of spending and of losing a fortune that perhaps nobody desires to be informed of a new method for this purpose. I heard yesterday, however, of a plan which seems to me so ingenious and so admirably calculated for dissipating any amount of money that I cannot forbear recounting it. It seems that a young man found himself, on the death of his father and mother, in unrestricted possession of \$1,500,000. When the period of mourning had expired, he bought a small circus and traveled about with it in the capacity of chief showman. How long the fun lasted, or what small sum the circus properties fetched when they were sold at auction by the creditors of the concern, I am not informed.—Boston Post.

**A Smart Boy.**

Teacher—Who was Alexander Selkirk?

Tommy—He was a civil engineer.

Teacher—Civil engineer?

Tommy—Yes ma'am monarch of all he surveyed.—New York Sun.

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