Monsieur Beaucaire

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"A man of the parts," continued the young Frenchman, "and of deportment. Is it not so? Have you seen me of a fluster or gross ever or, what shall I say—bourgeois? Shall you be shame' for your guest' manner? No, no! And my appearance, is it of the people? Clearly no. Do I not compare in taste of apparel with your yo'ng Englishman? Ha, ha! To be hope'. Ha, ha! So I am goin' talk with Lady Mary Carlisle."

"Bah!" The duke made a savage burlesque. "'Lady Mary Carlisle, may I assume the honor of presenting the barber of the Marquis de Mirepoix?' So, is it?"

"No, monsieur," smiled the young man. "Quite not so. You shall have nothing to worry you, nothing in the worl'. I am goin' to assassinate my poor mustachio—also remove this horrible black peruke and emerge in my own hair. Behol'!" He swept the heavy, curled mass from his head as he spoke, and his hair, coiled under the great wig, fell to his shoulders and sparkled yellow in the candle light. He tossed his head to shake the hair back from his cheeks. "When it is dress', I am transform'. Nobody can know me. You shall observe. See how little I ask of you—how very little bit. No one shall reco'nize 'M. Beaucaire' or 'Victor.' Ha, ha! 'Tis all arrange'. You have nothing to fear."

"Curse you," said the duke, "do you think I'm going to be saddled with you wherever I go as long as you choose?"

"A mistake. No. All I requir'—all I beg—is this one evening. 'Tis all shall be necessary. After, I shall not need monsieur."

"Take heed to yourself—after!" vouchsafed the Englishman between his teeth.

"Conquered!" cried M. Beaucaire and clapped his hands gleefully. "Conquered for the night! Aha, it is riz'nable! I shall meet what you send—after. One cannot hope too much of your patience. It is but natural you should attemp' a little avengement for the rascal trap I was such a wicked fellow as to set for you. I shall meet some strange frien's of yours after tonight. Not so? I must try to be not too much frighten'." He looked at the duke curiously. "You want to know why I create this tragedy, why I am so unkind as to entrap monsieur?"

His grace of Winterset replied with a chill glance. A pulse in the nobleman's cheek beat less relentlessly. His eye raged not so bitterly. The steady purple of his own color was returning. His voice was less hoarse. He was regaining his habit. "'Tis ever the manner of the vulgar," he observed, "to wish to be seen with people of fashion."

"Oh, no, no, no!" The Frenchman laughed. "'Tis not that. Am I not already one of these 'men of fashion?' I lack only the reputation of birth. Monsieur is goin' supply that. Ha, ha! I shall be noble from tonight. 'Victor,' the artis', is condemn' to death. His throat shall be cut with his own razor. 'M. Beaucaire'"— Here the young man sprang to his feet, caught up the black wig, clapped into it a dice box from the table and hurled it violently through the open door. "'M. Beaucaire' shall be choke' with his own dice box. Who is the Phoenix to remain? What advantage have I not over other men of rank who are merely born to it? I may choose my own. No! Choose for me, monsieur. Shall I be chevalier, comte, vicomte, marquis—what? None. Out of compliment to monsieur can I wish to be anything he is not? No, no! I shall be M. le Duc, M. le Duc de—de Chateaurien. Ha, ha! You see? You are my confrere."

M. Beaucaire trod a dainty step or two, waving his hand politely to the duke, as though in invitation to join the celebration of his rank. The Englishman watched, his eye still and harsh, already gathering in craftiness. Beaucaire stopped suddenly. "But how I forget my age! I am twenty-three," he said, with a sigh. "I rejoice too much to be of the quality. It has been too great for me, and I had always belief' myself free of such ambition. I thought it was enough to behol' the opera without wishing to sing; but no, England have teach' me I have those vulgar desire'. Monsieur, I am goin' tell you a secret. The ladies of your country are very diff'runt than ours. One may adore the demoiselle, one must worship the lady of England. Our ladies have the—it is the beauty of youth. Yours remain comely at thirty. Ours are flowers. Yours are stars! See, I betray myself, I am so poor a patriot. And there is one among these stars—ah, yes, there is one—the poor Frenchman has observe' from his humble distance. Even there he could bask in the glowing!" M. Beaucaire turned to the window and looked out into the dark. He did not see the lights of the town. When he turned again he had half forgotten his prisoner. Other pictures were before him.

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Ground to Pieces On Railroad.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 13.—Charles E. Uglow, of Chambersburg, fell from the top of a box car on the Reading road, near here, and was ground to pieces. Two months ago Uglow, who was a fireman on the Connecticut road, had his right arm so badly crushed that it was amputated. He came home and was boarding a box car for Harrisburg, when the injured arm struck the side of the car, and in his intense pain he lost his hold and fell.

Middy Drowned Learning to Swim.

Annapolis, Md., July 13.—Midshipman H. C. Phinney, of Manchester, N. H., was drowned while under instruction in swimming with other members of his class. He entered the naval academy only four days ago. Heroic efforts to rescue him were made by Midshipmen Grafton and McFee, the former going down twice before relinquishing his hold upon his drowning classmate.

All Texas Saloons Closed.

Dallas, Tex., July 15. — The new state liquor law is now operative. It provides especially for state prohibition for the next 20 days while the new license system is being put into operation. The license provisions are very drastic. All old licenses are revoked, and the procedure to procure new licenses, covering a period of 20 days, requires that saloons must close during that time.

Found Body Floating in Water.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 15.—Captain Charles Kugler, of this city, while sailing in Debs Thoroughfare, picked up the body of Sumers Dugly, aged 53 years, of Oceanville. The deceased had been missing for several days. The coroner's physician is investigating to ascertain if there was foul play.

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Embroidery Silk, skein	3c
Silkoleen, spool	4c
Darning Cotton, ball	2c
Domestic Pins, paper	1c
Imported Pins, paper	5c
Best Make Tape Measures, 60 inches	5c
H. B. Embroidery Cotton, spool	2c
Ladies' Muslin Underskirts	48c and 79c
" " Night Gowns	50c and 75c
Child's White Dresses, 2-3-4 yrs	40c and 50c
" " and col. dresses, 6-14 yrs,	50c to $1
Nainsook, fine quality, per yard	15c
Madras Ginghams " "	8c
White Barred Muslin " "	7 and 8c
Indigo Blue Calico	7c
Corset Cover Embroidery, 17 in. wide	25c
42-inch Bleached Pillow Tubing, per yard	20c
45 " " " " " "	22c
9-4 Bleached Sheeting, per yard	33c
Ladies Pony Jackets, new patterns, $5.00 ones for	$4
" " " " " 6.50 " "	$5
" " " " " 7.50 " "	$6
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" " Dresses	40c, 50c, 69c and 1.00
Black Mourning Pins, box	2c
Tracing Wheels	3c
Kleinhart Feather Weight Dress Shields, pair	20c
Seamless Dress Shields	10c
Pants Buttons, 12 dozen for	10c
Bone Buttons for Waists, 2 dozen for	5c
Millitary Hose Supporters	22c
Twin Anchor Supporters	20c
Ladies' Velvet Grip Supporters	20c
Misses " " "	15c
Columbia Nickled Safety Pins, per dozen	5c
Spring Hooks and Eyes, per dozen	1c
Hooks and Eyes, with invisible eyes, 2 daz	5c
Mohair Dress Braid, ¾ in. wide	10c
Silk Seam Binding, piece	12c
Alarm Clocks, worth 90c	65c
" " " 1.25	85c
Pacific Plaids, yard	8c
Pillow Case Lace	3c
Boys' Wash Suits, 1.15 ones reduced to	1.00
Child's Straw Hats, 25c " " "	19c
" " " 35c " " "	29c
" " " 45c " " "	37c
" Caps " 25c " " "	19c
" " " 45c " " "	37c
Box Paper 24 sheets 24 envelopes	9c
Eight-Day Clocks	$2.25
500-Page Day Book	25c
200 " Counter Book	3c
100 " Ledger Day Book	10c
Floor Oil Cloth, square yard	23c
" " " better, square yard	29c
Shoe Brushes	10c
Velvet Axminister Rug, 27x54	$1.25
" " " 30x60	1.75
" " " 30x60	2.00
" " " 30x60	2.10
" " " 36x72	3.25
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Nickel Sponge Baskets	12c
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Saw Sets	45c
Ceiling Hooks, each	1c
Tea Spoons, per dozen	12c
Table " " "	24c
Tinned Tea Spoons, per dozen	6c
" Table " " "	12c
Knives and Forks, per set	39c
" " " " "	50c
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