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Poetical. NEVER GO BACK ON A FRIEND. BY CLARENCE McLELLAND.

The old farm house. The eaves drip with rain, the wind whistles.

Two hearts' misgivings. "They have not known each other six weeks."

Then setting himself upon a hassock at her feet.

He went to his desk, drew a check for £1000.

"I don't see it," said Armagarth. "I have yet to learn why a woman should escape."

"What was the first time he had kept a letter from her?"

"I thought, sir," the man replied, in a wounded tone.

"You never have, sir, and I have no cause of complaint."

"I am going to put a question which I find awkward to shape."

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"She won't be angry Benet, will she, at your putting me into the house in this extraordinary way?"

"Not at all; she is a perfectly practical woman. By the way, we had our first little tiff last night."

"The other looked discontented as he replied, 'No, no; not exactly; yet, at the same time, you are such a perfectly easy-going fellow, you are so old a friend, and you have such a way with you, that I feel you will do wonders in softening this matter between us.'"

"Mr. Scroby Tatham did not seem at all delighted with the part he was about to be called upon to enact. To say the best for it, his would be in an ambiguous position in the new household."

"He looked out from the hansom at the people running freely about the streets, and found himself quite envying their liberty."

"He came, however to one conclusion—that, after that day, he and Armagarth should part company."

"He felt that their ways in life were separate. He considered that he had been almost forced to commit a sin which his manhood and his honor equally shrunk."

"The lawyer's office was reached so rapidly by Tatham's nerves. The man went into the place feeling like a criminal."

"Certainly he was not received by over-courteousness by the firm. A very few minutes sufficed for the payment of a check for £1000, in full of all demands on the part of Mr. James Scroby Tatham."

"His friend had remained in the outer office, and therefore learned nothing of the particulars of the day's interview, which necessarily involved the lady's name and the return of her letters."

"Had he looked about him he would have seen the clerks were staring at him now and again, after they had all started upon hearing Tatham say, 'I will not be long, Armagarth.'"

"When the two men heard the roar of what appeared to be irrefragable laughter, before they had left the outer office, but before they had descended the stairs, both thought that the merriment was directed at Scroby Tatham."

"They were wrong; it was Tatham who was in the hall."

"Within half an hour the lawyer's check had been changed at a given bank; ten hundred pound notes had been pushed into the office of the alms-box of the charity named; and the two men were bowing along to the house of the same name."

"I am right glad the woman is punished," said Armagarth; and I hope she will remember the lesson."

"Ah!—and her husband?" said Scroby. "He has got the lady, and let us hope she may be able to console him."

"Upon entering the house, Armagarth found Bayle in the hall. 'A letter, sir, from Mrs. Armagarth,' said the man, looking anxiously."

"Dear Benet: I have not the courage to come to the door to meet you, or even to remain in the drawing room. I am in my little pink room, where first you brought me when we came home. I have paid away the thousand pounds. All is over, and my heart is as light as a feather because I know you will forgive me when you know all, because you are as gentle as I am, as you will admit; Come."