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### SELECT POETRY.

### ONLY A DREAM.

Only a dream, my darling. A dream as false and fair : How it shone in the biosnoming flowers, How it breathed in the wooing air ! It woke with the rising morning, It blushed in the strusst gleam , It shed its radiance on the way, It shed its radiance on the way, It brightened the hours of every day, And oh, there was never a voice to say, Only a dream !

Only a dream, my darling : We were both in carnest, too, And every word we whispered, And every glance was true : How could we know that promis So rich and strong could seem, Yet die as the fair, frail lilles die When the east winds mock the April sky We thought it eternal, you and 1-Only a dream !

Only a dream, my darling And you are young and bright, And life has many a golden prize And the mas many a gound prize flung dazzling in your sight. And 1—1 have work and duty With their quiet moonlight beams ; Only just sometimes I pause and think of the cap that Love once gave us a drink. And the past and the future I try to link ! Only a dream !

SELECT STORY.

### A BOGUS ELOPEMENT.

THE SCHEME BY WHICH A WIFE CUREI HER HUSBAND OF JEALOUSY.

peared to be of an olive hue and adorn A happier couple than the Fitz-Johnsons when they first came to Cur-zon street, could not be imagined. It Inky locks hung in profasion down al ed with a sweeping black moustache was only when Captain Fitz Johnson the body was concealed in a cloak settled down in his new house and his that would have made the fortune of any melodrama. On the stage Mrs. old set that he made the gratifying discovery that he had won his wife's FitzJohnson's visitor would have been eart as well as her hand.

n his element. In Curzon street he The morning after the arrival in London the wily young man left his apparently was not, for, with an oath wife in her boudoir-the latest things -or at least some foreign exclamation in boudoirs, executed under her brother Joey's supervision-wondering dismal-ly how she should kill the time until 8 o clock in the evening, when she was told she might look forward to seeing steps and disappeared into the gather "Who the dickens is that, Squares

her lord and master again. It was something more than to fetch a forgotten cigarette case that made Cap-tain FitzJohnson retrace his steps on arriving at the foot of the stairs. His Johnson would know he was, and I need not announce him." instinct had not deceived him. The

fortress had capitulated. "I love you so, Geoffrey,"sobbed the poor little wife, with her head on her husband's shoulder, and Geoffrey, as he

strolled down the street, having promast 7 "Did any one else call this after ised to be back by luncheon time, hum oon ?'

med "Rule Britannia" in triumphant sotto voice. The victory won, the victor, as he had a perfect right to do, rested upon his laurels, but he need "Yes, sir ; but after the gentleman ame Mrs. FitzJohnson told me to say Not at home' to any other visitors." not have given up so suddenly the reverential worship of the lover and assumed so instantly the condescend-Geoffrey did not wait to hear any

more, but dashed into the drawing room. He half expected to find his wife the victim of an assassin's knife. ing tolerance of the husband. It was unkind of him when he came home On the contrary she was at the piane just in time to dress for dinner, after having been at the club all the afterplaying a dreamy sonata of Ruber teia's. On his entering the room she noon, to plunge into that horrid French half arose, but on seeing who it was she resumed her seat, exclaiming, "Ob, novel with a satisfied grunt, and barely it's only you !" vouchsafe his wife a word. It was

"Whom did you think it was? That Guy Fawkes back again? Who, may I ask, is he,and what was he here from downright rude of him when she leant over his chair and stroked his hair to snarl out savagely, "For heaven's sake, Florrie, don't paw me about like half-past 4 till now for, to the exclu that. I don't like it," and it was posision of everybody else ?" Geoffrey was gradually working him-self up into a passion. Florrie made no attempt to calm him, but smiled faintle and struck of the self states of the self struck tively brutal, after treating her in such a way, to scold her all dinner time for being depressed. But so it was. The FitzJohnson family ark, pretty little vessel as it was, with its fresh paint faintly and struck a few aggravating

and dainty furniture, had drifted into must land it upon the rocks.

"Delay no longer-anima mia. He may be back at any moment." "Oh, Daigi 1 I dare not. If we should meet him he would kill you." "Vieni ! Vieni!" side and showed that she appreciated her position as his wife. It was a sign of proper, if excessive, subjection, but to sit playing a polka when the hat brush was mislaid was an unheard of

Geoffrey steadied himself by the banister and waited. Then, shown up dereliction of duty. Geoffrey returned home exactly half by the surrounding darkness as a tablean vivant, there appeared on the landing his wife hooded and cloaked, an hour earlier to administer a carefully prepared lecture to the culprit, only to find that she had gone to the Gayety with Joey. The solitary din-ner with no one to scold was a dismal looking fearfully out into the dark abyss before her and clinging convulexperience, and Geoffrey felt distinctly aggrieved. Next day things were no sively to the arm of the Italian-Count

Sparlatti. There was a yell, a shrick and an better. Florrie was in tearing spirits received the deferred lecture with ribald laughter, dismissed his theories of wifely duty as "bosh," and had the audacity to refer him to Lady Angelwith oath as Geoffrey bounded up the stairs and seized the intruder by the cloak just as he endeavored to retreat into the drawing room. The yell was a broken English rendering of "Here's a go !" The shriek found expression in "Luigi ! Luigi !" and the oath was ica, who, "no doubt, was an authority on that subject as well as every other. well, never mind what. The chase and

Geoffrey was very moody all that day. As that evening he walked up Cur-zon street it was this thought that struggle was desperate. The Count, who had left his cloak in made him prepared to be very gracious his assailant's hand, cleared ottomans and as lenient as he consistently could and chairs with astounding agility. Mrs. FitzJohnson's heroics had degen be towards any little excess of youth-ful spirits. A sharp struggle with the latch key was cut short by the butler opening the door to let a visitor out. atch key was cut short by the butler opening the door to let a visitor out. The occurance so late in the afternoon was strange, and the appearance of the visitor so singular that Geoffrey stared at the apparition in unteined stared at the apparition in unteigned "Oh, Geoffrey, be careful. His beautiful hair !" for the infuriated hus-band had hold of a handful of the

surprise. His (for the visitor was a man) face was partially concealed by a slouch hat. What there was to be seen ap-

came too late. There was a tug, a groan, and lo and behold, not only a handful, but a whole head of raven most to his shoulders, and the rest of tresses remained in the victor's grasp The flowing moustache came next. "A very good joke, Joey, my boy," gasped Geoffrey, faintly. "Ob, Joey, water-brandy ! He is

not well. We carried it too far. I told you we ought not to do it. It's -or at least some foreign exclamation that sounded to Geoffrey like "pickled onions"— he gave a swift glance at the astonished Captain, ran down the honeymoon.

"I think my plan was a success, though," said Joey, as he wished his sister good-night under the relit gas. "I think it was," said Florrie, with a "The gentleman did not give his name, sir. He said as how Mrs. Fitzhappy laugh, "but no one must even

know about it." Geoffrey kept his presence of mind. "Oh, of course. I had forgotted. What time did the gentleman come ?" "At half-past 4, sir." Half-past 4 ! And it is now half-past 7 And no one ever did except one per-son ; but then she knew everything.

## A Hog Outruns a Horse.

THE REMARKABLE RACE BY WIIICH SPORTING MAN WON \$1000.

"Talking about queer wagers," said a sporting man the other night, "I shall never forget the time I won \$1000 on a fast hog. Have I ever told you the story ?"

His auditors shook their heads and asked for the tale which he told as follows : "It was in the summer of 1578, if I recollect rightly. I had been play-ing a pretty steep game in Chicago that winter and spring, and when June came my not overstrong system was pretty nearly broken down. Acting on the advice of a medical friend I took a jaunt to a little country town in Iowa, hoping that a month's sojourn there might brace me up for the fall

and winter campaign. But to tell you about the race. The town had a pretty good course, and some of the boys there owned some really good flyers, of which they were very proud. "One of them, whose name I needn't

mention, possessed a mare upon whose chords on the piano. "If you really care to know, that fleetness he particularly prided himself the current which, sooner or later, 'Guy Fawkes,' as you are pleased to Taking with him in a bantering way Guy Fawkes, as you are pleased to Talking with him he body a hog call him, is Count Sparlatti, an old one day I offered to produce a hog one day I offered to produce a hog which could beat his animal in a 300-Italian, and when Joey came back from Dresden the Count came with yard running race, He became angry when I insisted upon the matter. him to learn English. He was always at Mumblethorpe. "Ab me !" (another plaintive chord) "what happy days those were ! And what fun we had ! tell you what I'll do,' I said to him jocosely + I'll bet you any amount of days money you may name that my pig can had ! win the race. Do you take me ! The The Count was my sweetheart then." "Don't be a fool, Florrie." The passion had died out and the lecturing boys standing around grew interested and commenced to press around. The other man, whose face by this time was mood taken its place. "You are 19 livid with rage, roared : 'I'll bet you now, and quite old enough to know \$1000." that it is not proper to have men sup-ing three hours tete-a-tete with you, and to tell the servants that you are at and to tell the servants that you are at to no one else. Do you under-Well to cut a long story short, I stand ?" "No, I don't." The blue eyes open-ed their widest. "I thought it was the 'chie' thing to do. Of course, at Mumblethorpe they would be awfully shocked but them they are so old fash. day. The gig would be stationed at shocked, but then they are so old fashone end of a straight 300 yard lane, ioned. They even have family prayers. But since I have been married I and over the line at the other end the have gained experience. I have seen corn would be damped upon a given several charming women. Lady An signal. The moment the corn was gelica, for instance. Could you wish dumped the pig was freed, and away me to take a better model ? Hence, if he would scoot for the other end. This signal. The moment the corn was dumped the pig was freed, and away any one notices my friendship with kind of practice was kept up for a Count Sparlatti you can tell them that month, and at the end of this time the I knew him when he was 'quite a boy —such a nice boy.' I may soon be-come so 'charming' that I can make love in public—smile in the 'nice"boy's face, put my hand on his arm for him a way that would put Maud S. to shame. "The day of the race came, and every man, woman and child for miles around the public of thing to clasp in his. Only this sort of thing was on hand to witness it. The race requires practice, so you must not was run on the hog's own ground, ac-think it strange if I have a few private cording to agreement. The porcise rehearsals when I am 'not at home' to racer was more than usually hungry the world at large." that day. He had become so accus "How dare you speak like this ?" tomed to finding his half bushel of "Oh, you don't know how much I corn at the other end of the lane that dare when I am put to it." But the when he was released upon the word defiant little laugh ended in a sob, and "Go!' he shot off like a flash. He dartthe dauntless novice ran out of the ed under the horse's legs, and before that animal and his rider could recover room. themselves was at the other end. He Geoffrey gnawed his moustache, didn't get the corn, but I did get the fumed about the room, resisted, as unmanly, an impulse to run after his wife, \$1000. I left town the next day." Omaha Bee. kiss away her tears and implore her to be charming on the old Mumblethorpe lines, and finally decided to confide J. H. 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Mercer offices though no one suspected it. "Look you relief and positive cure in the Dyspepsia Tablets. He sells them on here, Geoff. Be a man. Go home and tell your wife that you mean to guarrantee. thrn over a new leaf, and not take all her devotion for granted, but try and carn it. Clear up the mystery of our There are scores of persons who are suffering from some form of blood dis-'nods and becks and wreathed smiles." order or skin disease, such as Scrofula, Geoffrey waiked home under the stars a happy man. It was striking 12 as he let himself into the dark hall. Elixir will certainly cure all such dis-

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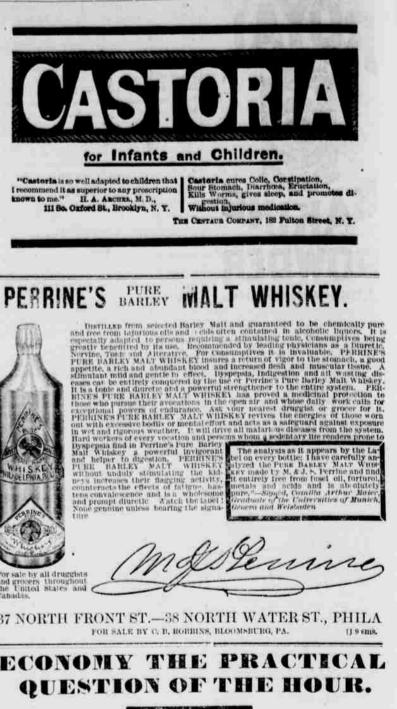
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Geoffrey, blinded by selfish vanity, bored with his wife's wellmeant but ineffectual efforts to please her "much changed lord." Her lavish affection varied only by ill-concealed and sometimes tearful despondency, irritated him and made him more bearish than ever. It was the old story. Things went from bad to worse. A last the first cruel rock loomed in the distance and shipwreck seemed imminent. Lady Angelica Lansdell was, so she said, a very old friend of Geoffrey's "I knew him when he was quite a boy -such a nice boy," she told Florrie the afternoon she paid her first call in Curzon street. She was a wondeful and Onida ish personage of the Cleo-patra type of beauty, lithe and serpen-tine, with a voice that could coo like a dove or hiss like a serpent at will. She used a peculiar kind of a scent that hung about the room long after she had left it. She was mysteriously fascinating, and Florrie detested her. This was a great grievance of Geoff rey's who was blind to the pearl pow-der and impervious to the scent. "Angelica" (he called her Angelica) "was a charming woman-a most valuable friend."

"The silly little fool is jealous," laughed her ladyship to herself as she sat in a corner aloof from the "madding crowd" of a Foreign Office crush pretending to listen to Geoffrey's earn est conversation and watching with interested amusement his wife trying to keep an eye on her husband and at the same time respond coherently to the civilities of a valuable attache.

"I'll teach her a lesson," muttered the siren, with an angry glitter in her dusky eyes, as, for the twelfth time, a pale distressed face with appealing eyes was turned toward the oblivious husband. Accordingly when, for the thirteenth time, the melancholy operation was repeated, the distress on the pale face gave place to horror, and the eyes were fixed and blank as they saw Lady Angelica, with her most entrancing smile, place her hand for a moment caressingly on Geoffrey's arm only for a moment because it was in stantly grasped by both of his.

"My dear old girl ! What is the matter ? Are you seedy ?" exclaimed Joey, as he plunged through the crowd to his sister's side.

"Come to-morrow, as soon as Geoffrev has gone. I want to talk to you," whispered Florrie brokenly, as her brother deposited her safely at her own door.

Next morning brother and sister had a long confabulation, during which Joey tugged hard at his phantom moustache, and Florrie blew her nose very often. The result seemed hardly satisfactory, for Joey departed remark ing that it was the "very deuce," and Florrie sat looking into the fire until it went out in self-defense. Mrs. Fitz-Johnson's spirits ; indeed so hilariously cheerful did she become by dessert that Geoffrey, acolimatized to a dead The darkness was unusual, for Squares master to put out. His match-box was empty; but there might be a stray always left the gas burning for his level of depression, felt inclined to resent the rise in the domestic barometer. The rise is a steady one.

light in the pocket of his Iverness. To the solemn ticking of the hall clock Next morning, when the slave cught to have been in close attendance to her master, outting the end off his cigar, the search commenced. It ended prematurely in the sudden opening of the drawing room door and it superior merits over all other remed-the flooding of the landing at the top ies of its kind, and guarantees for it a filling his match box and weekly re-ceiving the orders for the day, she was playing a polka on the piano, and actually forgot to wish the great man good by. On and off during the day was still up. Might it not be Florrie was still up. Might it not be Florrie was in free the skin from spots and disorders, it frees the skin from spots and disease, Geoffrey found himself pondering on the alteration in his wife. It was, of course, a bore to have her following him about like a whipped dog, but, after all, that was a fault on the right in rapid, breathless conversation. Geoffrey walked the stairs, but stopped with one foot on the lowest Florrie—and some one else—engaged in rapid, breathless conversation. Frees the skin from spots and disease, and leaves the complexion clear Ask him about it. Umbrellas have a wide-spread popu-larity.—Texas Siftings.



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