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## SELECT STORY.

### ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.

Mr. Perry was an old bachelor and Miss Briggs was an old maid. He lived in the brick house on the hill, and she in the cottage opposite, and they were mortal enemies. He despised her because she kept two cats and a canary, and she loathed him for his affection for a huge mastiff and an old knocked-kneed horse.

"Why on earth the man don't try to get a decent horse is more than I can im'gine!" she would say, as she plodded up to the door. "I believe that he is too mean and miserly to buy one."

Miss Briggs would have hardly felt pleased had she known that Mr. Perry rode back and forward on this worn-out piece of horseflesh for the purpose of annoying her.

They never spoke, but yet they managed to keep up a perfect warfare, by disagreeable manners and wrathful glances.

She sat hour after hour beneath the canary bird in the window, with her cat perched upon the sill and her knitting in her hand, throwing glances of scorn to the opposite side where he with cigar and newspaper received and paid them with interest.

His detestable dog came over and ran through her garden, destroying all her beautiful tulips and hyacinths and she gave him a hot bath which sent him howling to his master, and when said master remonstrated, sent word that she would treat him worse next time.

Her little red cow broke through his enclosure and devoured his turnips and cabbages, and he led her home and informed Miss Briggs that a second offence would give her a comfortable pasture in the pound.

For two years they had lived and fought, and no one could bring about peace between them. It was a pity, the neighbors all said, for Miss Briggs was a dear little soul and there was not a finer man in the country than Mr. Perry.

"Julia, my love," said Mrs. Perkins one afternoon, as she entered the cozy parlor. "I am going to have a party, and I want you to come down in the afternoon to tea and remain during the evening."

"Will that old bach over the way be there?"

"Mr. Perry? Oh, yes! We could not get along without him."

"Then that settles the matter. I sha'n't go."

"Now, Julia, don't be so foolish! If you remain at home he will think that you are afraid of him."

Miss Briggs thought the matter over. Well, it would look a little like that, and she would not have him think so for the world—the conceited!

Mrs. Perkins went home, and it was arranged that Miss Briggs was to spend the afternoon and remain for the party.

She was a pretty little woman, and it was always a puzzle to every one why she never married. She had a round rosy face, clear brown eyes, and beautiful hair, and if she was 30 there was not a smarter woman in town.

She stood before the looking-glass in the chamber, and fastened her lace collar over the neck of her dress with a plain gold brooch, and began to think that she looked very well. There was a bright healthy flush upon her cheek, and her eyes were full of light and beauty.

She walked into Mrs. Perkins sitting room, and found her awaiting her with a smiling face. She thought that she must be in a very good humor, but said nothing, allowing the good lady to smile as long and pleasantly as she wished.

She understood it all when supper time came and Mr. Perkins entered followed by Mr. Perry. This was a well laid plan to make the two become friends.

Miss Briggs bit her lips and inwardly vowed that nothing should tempt her to give "that man" her hand in friendship. She hated him and always would.

He was placed directly opposite at the table, and many times forced to pass the biscuits or preserves, and Miss Briggs accepted them, although she declared to Mrs. Perkins after supper that they nearly choked her.

Before evening they were both persuaded to overlook the horse and cow difficulty and be civil, and Miss Briggs was frightened when she found herself talking to him with easy and pleasant familiarity.

The party was a success, and although the sports were generally monopolized by the younger portion, they found room for the old maid and her enemy, and several times they found themselves doing most ridiculous things in the way of paying forfeits.

At the end of the evening Miss Briggs was at the door ready to depart, when he called:

"Miss Briggs, I am going right up your way. Will you ride?"

Would she ride behind that old horse, and beside that detestable man? She was wondering whether she would or not, when Mrs. Perkins came and triumphantly led her out and packed her into the carriage.

It was as dark as pitch, and they had to let the horse go his own way and find it best he could. He did so very well until they reached the cottage, and then he was bewildered.

Mr. Perry spoke, jerked the reins, but to no purpose. He then took out the whip. Whether his natural dislike to that articles or the memories of the indignities he had suffered from the hands of the owner of the cottage overcame him, it is hard to decide, but at all events he kicked up his heels, ran a few yards and fell, overturning the buggy and its precious contents.

Miss Briggs was up in a moment, unharmed, but Mr. Perry was silent as the grave. She ran shouting through the darkness until Mr. Perry's "help" came with a lantern to her assistance.

They found the poor man half dead beneath the carriage, and while Dan was at work, Miss Briggs ran home for her own servant. After much hard labor they succeeded in extricating him from the wreck; but he was senseless, and they bore him home and sent for the doctor. Upon examination they found his leg to be broken, and thus Miss Briggs' enemy was at her mercy.

The days and weeks that followed were dreadful ones to the sufferer, but Miss Briggs never left him. Day and night she stood beside him, and her plump hands administered to every want.

He forgot the cow and turnips. He forgot the cat and the canary. He only saw a little patient woman, with a pretty face, trim figure and tender hands, and—would you believe it?—he fell in love with her.

How could he help it? She had sat by him through the dreary days of pain, she had brought him her preserves and nice invigorating cordials. She had, in all probability, saved his life.

What could he do? Nothing but fall in love.

"Miss Briggs!" he said, one day when he was able to sit up.

"Well, Mr. Perry?"

"You have been very good to me, and I feel as though I owe you a great deal."

"There! now stop just were you are. You owe me nothing."

"But would you mind if I trespassed a little further on your good nature?"

"Not at all."

"Well, Miss Briggs will you take me in charge for the rest of my life!"

"What?"

"Will you marry me? There!"

Miss Briggs blushed, and her answer came thus:

"I will marry you."

There was a wedding in the church a few weeks later, and Mrs. Perkins prepared the wedding supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry live in the brick house, and the cottage is rented to a young man and his wife, to whom Mrs. Perry bequeathed her cats and the canary.

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[From the New York Times, May 23d, 1888.]

Speaking of the injunction in favor of the Pullman Company, restraining the Wagner people from the use of the vestibule attachment, a prominent railroad man said the other day: "The vestibule attachment is one of the most important improvements of the age toward the perfection of absolute comfort in passenger car construction. Several years ago, when the dining car was introduced and the practice of preparing and serving meals on railway trains inaugurated, it was found that timid people, especially ladies and invalids, experienced great difficulty in passing from their seats in the sleeper to the dining car when the train was running at a high rate of speed. The open platforms between the cars formed a gulf over which they feared to attempt passage in fine weather and which in wind or storm, or both, was impassable to people with delicate constitutions. If the dining car system was to be a success, this objection must be overcome, and the Pullman people set themselves the task of bridging the chasm. In order to accomplish this end they evolved and developed the idea of the vestibule, and in bringing it into successful usage the railway companies, as well as their patrons, find that the original difficulty has not only been completely overcome, but that a great many other marked advantages have been secured in the introduction of the vestibule. One striking feature is the additional strength created and distributed over the entire train by the close fitting of the coaches to one another and the consequently increased power to withstand the shock of a collision. Telescoping is hardly possible in a well-equipped vestibule train, from the simple fact that the steel frames arrest the force which would drive one car into another. The steadier motion with which the closely-united factors of the train are endowed will be readily recognized as a most beneficial result. This steadiness is noticeable at once, but particularly perceptible to the occupants of upper berths or those who, having tried to read or write in the ordinary car, undertake to do so in a vestibule train. The vestibules, beside protecting the passengers in passing from end to end of the train, serve the purpose of storm doors to a residence, and prevent the sudden drafts which the opening of an ordinary car door always creates. Another feature, which is prominent from a social standpoint, is the deadening of the noise made by the rapid revolution of the wheels over the rails, so that conversation may be carried on without in any way straining the voice.

"The constructors of these cars 'builded wiser than they knew,' and succeeded in abolishing many of the petty annoyances that beset the railway traveler, even on the best equipped roads."

"These cars," he continued, "are as far superior to the ordinary coach as the Pullman is to the old-fashioned passenger car. They enhance in a great degree the pleasure and comfort of travel, and, as the learned judge remarked in the decision above referred to, they must have proved a startling and successful innovation or a competing company would not have been so prompt in imitating them. The Pennsylvania's New York and Chicago Limited Express was the pioneer vestibule train, and the enormous popularity it has won is the best evidence of public appreciation of its merits."


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### A Pointer for Drummers.

Two fresh New York drummers had an experience on an Erie train at Carrollton, Pa., recently not soon to be forgotten. They were dressed like swells, and saw two extremely pretty girls get on the train at a way station. The seat behind the girls was vacant, and the drummers quickly got into it. They went to work at once. The girls affected not to notice the mashers. The attention of every passenger was directed to the young men.

Becoming bolder, they leaned over the back of the seat and whispered to the young women. One girl was a tall and well-formed blonde, with hair the tint of a June sunset. The other a bewitching brunette with bangs, was short, stout, and full of animal life. Vainly did the drummers play their best cards. The game refused to be bagged. Just as the situation was becoming unendurable a uniformed trainman popped his head into the car and sang out: "Carrollton! Change for Bradford."

With flushed faces and eyes that sparkled with indignation the young women jumped to their feet. The drummers jumped up, too. The blonde turned, and, in a tone heard all over the car, said: "I hope I never will have to ride in front of two such fools again."

Out on the long station platform a short and athletic young man was waiting. One of the young ladies kissed him. Then there was a whispered consultation. The athletic young man left the ladies and entered the car. Addressing himself to the mashers, he said:

"A gentleman wants to see you outside."

"We have no business here, fellow," languidly lisped one of the fellows.

"Well, then, if you will not go out I will do the business up right here."

And he did. His two fists flew out like lightning. The claret was drawn from the noses of both of the dudes, blood scattered over their gay low-cut waistcoats, and a dark spot began to form under two eyes. The train pulled out, the athletic young man jumped off amid the cheers of the passengers, and the drummers slunk into the smoking car and washed their faces.

The athletic young man was Eddie Boyle, who keeps a hotel and store at Carrollton. The brunette was his wife, the blonde his sister.

### A Long Look Ahead.

They were sitting together in the warm parlor, saying little but thinking much. But lovers do not need to say much to be companionable.

The little clock on the mantle for a considerable time had been the only speaker. Its tick, tick, tick, seemed to the youth to say, kiss her, kiss her, kiss her. To the maiden it said leap year, leap year, and its reiteration of this phrase moved the maid to break the silence!

"How funny some people are," she said.

"Funny?"

"Yes, some people who are going to be married?"

"Oh!"

"Yes; some want to be married in a balloon, some on the middle arch of a bridge, some in a boat, some in a railroad train, some on horseback, some on the edge of a precipice, some down in a coal mine—"

"Yes, I have noticed it."

"What is their object, I wonder?"

"Marriage, of course."

"But I mean their object in getting married out of the usual way."

"Well, I'll tell you what I think. They get married in this way so they can tell their children and their grandchildren they were married under peculiar circumstances, as, for instance, 'your mother and me, children, were married in a coal mine,' or, 'your grandmother and me, children, were married in a balloon.'"

"I'll bet that's just the reason," said the maiden.

"Of course it is the reason."

There was a pause. Then the maiden with a glowing cheek said:

"I've been thinking, John—"

"Yes?" he said, interrogatively.

"I've been think how funny it would be—" (a pause and a deeper blush.)

"Well, Bella, you've been thinking what?"

"I've been thinking how funny it would be if—"

"Yes."

"If when the subject of marriage comes up thirty or forty years hence you could point to me and say: Why children, your grandmother proposed to me in leap year and we were married a few weeks after."

John is very busy these days furnishing a nice little cottage and Bella is superintending the making of her wedding dress.—*Boston Courier.*


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This idea of Prof. Horsford is applied in the manufacture of the famous Rumford Yeast Powder.


### A Brilliant Oratorical Effort of the Ex-State Chairman.

SPEECH OF W. U. HENSEL BEFORE THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AT HARRISBURG MONDAY MAY 23, 1888

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION—It is not to be wondered at the assemblage of a convention of the second largest body of the democracy of the country should be awaited with attention and its proceedings viewed with concern. The action here of those who claim to speak with single voice giving forth no uncertain sound for nearly half a million free electors is bound to be weighty with consequence. [Applause.]

This day, it is already forshadowed, is to mark a new birth for the democratic party of Pennsylvania.—[Applause.]

For the first time within the political generation of those even older than the most of us, our state democracy ranges it self in line with the organization of the entire country on what has at last come to be the supreme issue of political discussion. [Great applause.] With face to the front and back to the past, we are about to declare for emancipation from that onerous, destructive and misdirected system of federal taxation which has contributed to destroy the external commerce of the United States; to limit the sale of American manufactures, to reduce the earnings of labor by frequent suspensions, lockouts and strikes; to produce trusts for the control of the home market at the expense of the people; to hinder the farmer in the sale of his products; to increase the cost of industrial productions; to enhance the price of necessaries; to create a dangerous surplus in the federal treasury, and to drive the American flag from the seas. [Applause and cheers.]

Whatever apprenension timid men may feel at the results of a bold declaration on living questions, must be allayed by the reflections that a party recently distracted with doubt, has been united in support of that courageous leader [Applause] whose clear voice rang out to congress and the country the challenge to discussion. As in the days of Jefferson, and of Jackson, and of Tilden [Applause], commanding statesmanship was joined with splendid party leadership and discipline, crowned with enduring victory, so today our candidate is our captain. High above the late confusion of tongues, there is no voice for but one nominee and for one platform—the message of last December and the renomination of Grover Cleveland. [Tremendous Applause.]

Laggard as they might have been in the past, henceforth the democracy of Pennsylvania will be to the front, with banners high advanced in the demand for revenue reform by a thorough revision of the tariff. [Applause]. Upon the basis of such measures as the concurrent will and wisdom of the executive and legislative representatives of the party have determined, we will fearlessly preach this faith in the sheep pastures of Pennsylvania and on the threshing floors, on the cinder banks and in the workshops; where the shuttle flies and mill wheel turns in factory town; where the woodman's ax rings through the virgin forest of the West Branch valley, under the shadow of the coal breaker, and where the fire flag floats in the oil fields of western Pennsylvania. [Applause.]

With a clear, distinct and unequivocal policy, alike freed from the delusions of the doctrinaire and from the thrall of the monopolist, the democracy of Pennsylvania keeping step with the music of a party moving in unbroken files, may fairly hope to retrieve its fortunes and to recruit its ranks.

Even if it emerge from the conflict at first without victory it will survive without dishonorable concession or disgraceful compromise. [Applause.] In the sober second thought of the American people there can be no doubt; sooner or later must come conversion to a well proved system of economy under which the alert mechanical genius of our country shall sell the products of its handicraft in the open marts of all the earth; then the manufactures shall be relieved from the vicissitudes of fitful stimulation and depression, languishing agriculture will lift her drooping head and the spirit of restored American commerce will raise aloft its flag in every seaport and spread its sails to every breeze that blows the wide world round. [Prolonged applause.]

Happily for the topic and the time, public attention is not to be diverted nor political passion and prejudice excited by appeals to dead issues and attempts to fan extinct embers to fresh glow. Three years of democratic administration have answered the misrepresentation of nearly a generation. It has silenced the doubts and derision of those who attempted to deceive the country in believing that the party, descended in unbroken succession from the fathers of the republic, was incapable of administering its functions and of directing its destinies. [Applause.]

Every department of the federal government in democratic control has been administered with increased efficiency at decreased cost. [Applause.] The treasury has been managed with sagacity and skill that command the wonder and admiration of the world's financiers. [Applause.] The internal revenue has been collected with fidelity and economy and without needless harrassment or oppression. Law and justice have been administered without fear, favor or affection. The dignity of the nation has been maintained without needless embroilment or disturbance of those peaceful international relations which are the glory of modern civilization. [Applause.] The postal department is the servant of the people and not the spoil of the placeman and the booty of official thieves. The public lands have been not only safe from further spoliation, but reclaimed from the grasp of forfeited grant and tainted title. Pensions have been paid to deserving soldiers with unstinted liberalty and unprecedented promptitude. A navy is is being built instead of its appropriations being stolen. [Applause.] The black man is protected in his rights and the red man is clothed, educated and fed instead of being killed or robbed. The lash of the taskmaster stings no deeper in the cotton fields of Georgia than in the iron mills of Braddock. [Great Applause and cries "Hurrah for Scott."] Elections are as fair in Baton Rouge as in Lancaster county, and the franchise is as free in South Carolina as in Rhode Island. Genuine civil service reform has been maintained and advanced but democratic capacit for honest and efficient discharge of public trust has been either undiscovered or unemployed. The veto power has been exercised with a vigor and frequency unknown in its history but they who have sought to gainsay the wisdom of its use have broken their teeth upon the edges of the file. [Laughter and applause.] To-day the democracy welcomes with fearless challenge to the presidental contest of 1888 the presidental combatants of 1884. [Applause.]

Well may we, assembled as the representatives of the party in the commonwealth, turn with profitable contrast to the aspect of political conduct presented here. The people of Pennsylvania in the broken pledges of a faithless administration have learned that the promise to enforce the fundamental law of the state was to be kept to the ear and broken to the hope. The wise revision of inadequate blunders if not more serious crimes. Corporate encroachment has been unchecked. Flagrant violations of law are unpunished and the state treasury is menanced with grievous depletion in the relief of combined capital from its just share of taxation.

In boldly formulating these issues of federal and state concern in the selection of pure and capable candidates; in delegating the authority of this convention to fit an intelligent representative to the higher council of the party, in the participation here of labor's representatives with gentlemen whose fortunes are linked inseparably with all the varied interests of the state of largest magnitude—is there not the promise of a democracy for Pennsylvania reorganized to-day that must be triumphant to-morrow?

I thank you sincerely for this high mark of your favor. To me personally it is grateful because it is another of many bestowals of kindness at your hands, which if undeserved have at least not been unappreciated. [Applause.] But of much more significance that any individual token is the fact that it comes to me only as a representative of that large number of the young democracy of the state who have followed with unfaltering footsteps and unfailing confidence the leaders whose counsel is yet here supreme.

No man is excluded from followship here save them who exclude themselves. The party that is to big to wear the collar of any individual buckled around the neck of its organization is yet too small to spare from its ranks a single faithful follower of its principles. Harmony is to be followed by aggression and across the sky of recent storm there bends the bow of radiant promise. [Prolonged applause.]

### Big Treasure Vault.

THE LARGEST CONSTRUCTION OF THE KIND IN THE WORLD.

The one-hundred-million vault is the largest construction of the kind in the world, writes the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Times*. As it now appears it looks like a modern improvement on the dungeons of the old inquisition in Spain, Italy and Austria. Descending into depths of the massive foundations of the Treasury, about thirty feet below the surface of the public throughfares outside and crossing a dingy, dimly-lighted bare apartment, a great square of steel, standing partly open in a steel casement, suggests the entrance to the new vault. The door, about eight feet high and six feet wide, is six inches thick and weighs five thousand pounds, or two and one-half net tons. To move it on its tracks into its steel casing requires the desperate exertions of five men. A mechanical device is now being constructed to lessen the demand for this amount of muscle in handling the ponderous portal. A lock one foot in diameter, resembling the highly polished bottom of a dish-pan and operated through a combination of the most delicate and intricate mechanical appliances by means of a key, throws the powerful bolts into the slots in the frame, and a time-lock holds them there against any thing short of blowing up the building by the roots until the hour fixed for the morning rounds of the official custodian of the vaults.

Passing through the jaws of this monster of human contrivance against burglarious attempts, the chill, damp air and inky darkness suggest the strength and insolation of this vast treasure-box. It is 85 feet long, 50 feet wide, and 12 feet high, surrounded by massive walls of masonry and brick five feet thick. In the dim light of a candle the weird lattice work of interlacing bars of steel which form the sixteen cells, each ten by twenty feet, may be vaguely seen. Around the inner cage leads a narrow corridor, where the custodian of the vault may make his rounds of inspection. Upon a traverse central corridor the cells open. Each door is fitted with an ingenious device for fastening, which will not catch until the door is entirely shut and the key removed.

Each of these cells will hold six and a half million dollars, or two hundred tons of silver dollars, or a grand total of 3,000 net tons, equal to 100,000,000 silver dollars. If the corridors were used for storage this aggregate could be increased to $128,000. Some practical idea of the extent of this treasure may be formed when it is realized that to transport it would require at least 1,800 wagons, which would extend in a continous line from the new city hall of Philadelphia to Norristown, or a train of cars which would extend from the Broad-street station to Fifty-second street.

### Crop Prospect.

The following summary of the crop prospects in this state for the present year has been prepared by Secretary Thomas J. Edge, of the state board of agriculture.

Wheat—The average of wheat this year has been somewhat increased and the condition of the crop is far above that of the same time last year. A fair average crop may be expected. As a rule the percentage of loss by freezing is low. In eastern Pennsylvania the crop will be above the average of the past ten years.

Corn—The average of corn has been slightly increased, probably 5 per cent. The season has not been favorable to the crop. Owing to cold weather much has failed to sprout, thus compelling replanting. Less than usual loss from bad seed has been reported.

Oats—There has been but little change in the area sown with oats, but indications favor a fair crop.

Potatoes—There will be a slight increase in the average of the potato crop, although last year's low prices discouraged many.

Fruit—The indications previous to last week's frost pointed to a large crop, but it is now impossible to indicate what the outcome will be until the result of the cold snap shall have been heard from. Considerable damage has been done.