

SOMETHING TO SHUN.

Though placid the waters may be
O'er which you so peacefully glide,
No cloud to overshadow the sea,

ONLY HUMAN NATURE.

"It's a very singular thing," said Mr. Harry Leigh, "that no woman can listen to a word in praise of another without losing her temper."

"I have, and he's just as charming there as he is on the stage. His hair is golden, and such a lot of it!"

"Humph! Wigs are cheap."
"Then he is so talented!"
"Talented! Shades of Fechter, she calls that mouthing idiot talented! Why, I could play Claude Melnotte better myself."

"And he paints, too," persisted Rosa, "and plays on the violin, and sings—"
"Sing! Ha! ha! Call that bellow singing? Really, Rosa, you're losing what little taste you ever had!" Leigh cavalierly exclaimed.

"At least you will admit that he dresses well," said Mrs. Leigh, demurely. "They say he sets the fashion."
"Really, too! Well, well! What else? Go on, pray—I'd like to see how far your imagination will carry you, madam!" cried madam's husband, with a withering glance.

"Oh, that's about all," Rosa calmly answered, "except that he's considered a wit."
"Ha! ha! Ha! ha! Well, really! I must tell that at the club! Hansum a wit! Why, everyone knows his valet teaches him his parts!" Mr. Leigh bounced from the table and into his overcoat.

"And you won't take me to the theater to-night?" Rosa said in an aggrieved tone.
"I'm hanged if I will! A woman who wants to see a man like that act had better try a Punch and Judy show!" Leigh cried, dashing from the room.

"A sly laugh followed him, 'Harry! Harry, dear!' and Rosa's pretty face peeped from the parlor door."
"Will?" he growled, softened in spite of himself at the sight of it.
"Ha! ha! you better leave me that dollar, dear? Then I can go to the matinee, you know."

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Two well dressed women stood among the throng at the ribbon counter in one of the large dry goods stores a few days ago, and having at length obtained their services of a clerk one of them said—
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