

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

A CURIOUS CASE.
In 187—, on the steamer —, from Louisville to Bowling Green, was quite a large party of passengers. We had gotten some distance up Green River, when at some landing, a gentleman and lady came aboard, registered as man and wife, and were duly assigned a stateroom in the lower cabin. The boat's cabin presented the usual varied scene, some reading, some writing, some talking, and some engaged in conversation. In a few minutes a waiter came forward and told the Captain that the lady just come aboard wished to see him in her room, when, a little surprised and wondering, went immediately back and knocked at the door, which was hesitatingly, cautiously, with evident signs of trepidation, opened. They were both, unmistakably, much alarmed, and the lady appealed to the Captain piteously for protection. To his astonished inquiries about the cause of all this, she explained that in passing down the hall she recognized a man who had been her husband, but from whom she had separated and married again, and who had driven them from their homes with threats of violence, and followed them with every possible annoyance; that they had just left a place in Indiana, as they thought, secretly, when lo! and behold! here he was after them in Kentucky! She was in despair and implored the captain to protect them. He assured her he would, but begged her to point out the man, as he was acquainted with nearly all, and could not imagine which one it could be. After much importunity, the curtain being partially drawn to secure her from view, she was at last prevailed upon to pass cautiously out, her husband standing behind her and evidently equally frightened. The piteousness of the scene here presented may be imagined. Her eye, with terrified fascination, at last rested upon him, and she points out a Mr. —, well known to the Captain—a gentleman whom he had known for years—well knew he was not married, and had every reason to believe had never been.

The Captain assured her she was mistaken; that he knew the fact above related in regard to the man, and that it could not be true. She said, vehemently, "I know it is true. Do you think it possible that I could live with a man three years in the relation of a wife, that only a few weeks should intervene since I saw him, and then be unable to recognize him or mistake another for him?"

"This was a poser sure enough, and to a stranger to all the parties, convincing and unanswerable. But, then, there stood the living, mercurial, insurmountable fact that this was John —, and not Mr. —. I had known for five or six years that he was not married, and had not been within that time. So we had it, neither being able to convince the other. I proposed to bring him up for closer inspection, but she was too much afraid of him to consent; but repeated assurances of protection at last prevailed, and I went out for him. Calling him out from his stateroom, I briefly told him what had occurred, and in his wondering amazement he assumed something of the appearance of a frightened culprit. Brought face to face, the ludicrousness and singularity of the case culminated. He commences:

"What is this you accuse me of, madam—of being your former husband, of following you with threats to kill, etc.? Why, I do not know you—never saw you before on earth, to my knowledge, and I never had a wife."

She, answering, "What, sir? You deny that your name is —, that you were once my husband, and that we separated in —, Indiana?"

"Yes, madam, I do deny it, each and all, most emphatically."
By this time, quite a crowd had been attracted as witnesses and auditors. She evidently was not convinced of her mistake, and, after a slight pause, says:

"Well, there is one way to decide this question of veracity between you and myself. If you are Mr. —, and my former husband, you have a deep scar in the edge of and hidden by your hair, and at the top of your forehead."

"Imagine the scene here. All are eager to see the result of the test, as he pulls off his hat, and stooping, presents his head to close inspection. She nervously raises her hair, looks, and looks again; there was no scar to be seen. He feels that he has triumphed, and the company present acquiesce; but she, amazed and confused, seems half convinced. Here the case rests. I have never since seen or heard of the strangely deluded lady, but the gentleman, the subject of this delusion, is still living on Green River, a respected, good citizen, and the hundreds who know him know this was a mistake, but a mistake utterly incredible and incomprehensible—not committed by an acquaintance, nor even an intimate friend, but by a wife, who had lived with a man in a marital relation for three or four years, and only separated from him then for a few months. As a case of "mistaken identity," it certainly is without a parallel.—Correspondence Bowling Green (Ky.) Postgraph.

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About ten years ago a wealthy merchant of this city, leaving an only child, a beautiful girl of seventeen, was unfortunately afflicted with indications of a consumptive tendency in her, and to recall her health sent her to pass some months at a country home among the hills of Vermont. The young lady recovered her health, but she lost her heart. She made the acquaintance of a young man named G—, a farmer's son, intelligent, and well educated, but a machinist. The young people became warmly attached to each other, and entered into an engagement conditional on the consent of the lady's father. But the latter had more ambitious views for his daughter, and when the young man's mechanical proclivities came to his ears he was treated with very little ceremony—was, in fact, dismissed by the father in a manner so offensive that pride forbade him to make any further advances. He went West, and entered into business. He was a man of energy and character, he was successful, and soon had a large establishment of his own, and had accumulated a handsome fortune. Absorbed in business and in the various occupations of a man of prominence and influence, he had doubtless outgrown his early attachment to the girl; but he had formed in our attachment, and remained unmarried.

The young girl, meanwhile, her lover being lost to her, accepted the husband selected by her father, was married, and went to live in France. At the end of two years she became a widow, and returned to her father's home. She was in possession of a modest fortune, and her parents having died in this interval, there was nothing to call her back to Boston. Up to September of last year this was the position of affairs between the two. With each the light of romance of their early youth had faded into the memory of a tender dream, and nothing could have seemed less likely than the occurrence of an event which should reunite their severed lives.

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Whether the... cases, the... like valleys... der a romantic... girls and boys... prepared to say... but there is... of the earth, air... of Minnesota's... fall very deeply... der passion; and... life of a not-long... A young man... aged twenty-two... ployee somewhere... Kettle river, and... Susie P. Engle... daughter of a German... between the... while, but one of... Wilhelm, there was... part of her father... language denounc... learned her that... ped at once. And... A few months ago... missed from the... searching her room... she had not been... wardrobe had gone... now real alarm in... brother was near... six miles above... without finding... she heard from... when a lumberman... there was a young... from the... six miles above... From this time... the pair, the family... Susie and her... brother resolved... they did the follow... to find the... fortably, but one... the cabin, though... two apartments... bly. On asking... Brechtel said... and that he had... enough to show... those of a villain... son why their... tired, was owing... the minister who... failed to come to... promised to do, and... age, was advised... notified, lest her... and send her to... which was something... and which her mot... threatened. Thus... made one of... After some pers... girl's brother, who... true gentleman in... "saved in" and g... union of the lovers... that the marriage... following Sunday... In conversing with... old Mr. Engle... after the discovery... pondence, had man... her intended, who... led a quiet life... work and put up... it. When all was... Susie, and she was... ister to unite them... their future home... and a temporary... ded, and she was... mber to their... ing there, the... but Henry ass... the separate res... needed.

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