

SWEETHEARTS AND WIVES.

A sober, half-discontented face at the window, a bright face in the street. The window is thrown open, and a smile goes from the bright face to the sober one, giving it a new and pleasanter aspect.

"How strangely I was deceived, Bella!" said the lady in the street. "Deceived! How, Mary? What do you mean? But come in. You're just the one I want to see."

"I was sure I saw you, not ten minutes ago, riding out with Harry," said the young friend, as they met and embraced at the door.

"Oh, dear, no! I haven't been out riding with Harry for a month." "Indeed! How's that? I together almost every afternoon."

"Yes; but that was before our marriage," replied the young wife in a voice that made her friend look into her face narrowly.

"The husband has lost time for recreation than the lover. He must give more thought for business," remarked her friend.

"The little wife tossed her head and shrugged her shoulders in a doubtful way, saying, as she did so, 'I don't know about the business; but lovers and husbands are a different species of the genus homo. The explanation lies somewhere in this direction, I presume.'"

"Ah, Bella, Bella! That speech doesn't come from a husband's mouth," said the friend, smiling, yet serious.

"Truth is not always melodious," said Bella. "How is it as sweethearts and wives?" asked the friend. "Do they belong to the same class?"

"The question appeared to reach the young wife's ears with a suggestive force. Her face was a little changed as she answered, 'I don't know. Perhaps not.'"

"The friend had been scanning the young wife for some moments from head to foot, in a way that now excited the question: 'Do you see anything peculiar about me?'"

"Yes," was answered. "What?" "A peculiar untidiness that I never observed in the sweetheart."

and just below, at the swell of the bosom was an exquisitely cut oval pin. Her hair, a rich golden brown, had been made glossy as the wing of a bird, and was folded just enough away from the temples to show their delicate cutting.

Harry was half an hour later than usual in coming home. Bella was sitting in the parlor when he came in, waiting for his return with a new feeling in her heart—a feeling of blending fear and hope, for last he was actually becoming estranged from her, and a trembling hope to win him back again.

"Bless me!" he exclaimed, after a moment, "how charming you look!" And he came forward with a pleased smile on his face, and taking her hand bent down and kissed her.

"Blooming as a rose!" he added, holding her away from him, and gazing at her admiringly. How her heart did beat with new delight!

"Dressed for company?" "There was just a little shade of coldness in Harry's voice, as he suggested the probable reason for her singularly improved appearance."

"My husband!" There was a tender heart flutter in her voice. "Harry was a little puzzled, but greatly pleased. It was true that he had been riding out that afternoon with a lady—a handsome, attractive woman, who was throwing around his work, almost boyish, spirit a siren's fascination."

"And you really dressed to receive me, darling?" he said as he kissed her again, and then drew her arm lovingly about her waist.

"Yes, for you. Could a true wife wish to look lovelier to other's eyes than her husband's?" "She smiled, and in the words, more than he meant to convey."

"There was a rose tint in everything in Bella's home that evening. From the cold, half-indifferent husband, Harry was transformed to the warm, attentive lover. How many times as she turned, her eyes upon him, did she catch a look of tender admiration or loving pride."

"What has made you so charming to-night?" he said, as he kissed her once more. "You look as pure and as sweet as a lily."

"Love for my husband," she answered; and then a tear, in which joy's sunlight made a rainbow, stole out from the drooping lashes, and lay a crystal drop on her cheek.

"She made no confession of her thoughtless neglect of the means by which hearts are held in thrall to love, though her husband half-guessed at the fact that something had awakened her to the truth."

Stanley says that portions of Africa will always be worthless on account of ravages by grasshoppers. In one instance he saw a column of young grasshoppers, two miles broad by thirty long, marching down a valley.

To restore black kid gloves, mix a little sweet oil with two or three drops of ink. Take a bit of black silk, and rub it all over the worn and white spots on the gloves.

Since the Ice Age there is evidence, in the fossil ferns and flora of marine deposits and peat bogs, that the Northwestern Europe has experienced for some time a climate considerably warmer than that of the present day.

While clouds especially the higher forms, have a general tendency to move in the same direction as storms, that is, from west to east, it has been decided that they are a very poor guide to follow in special instances, and they fail especially at times when such assistance is the most needed.

The agreeable odor of the soil of the "earthy smell," has been traced by M. Berthelot, the distinguished French chemist, to a minute trace of camphorated body. He also concludes that the occasional presence of alcohol is due to exceptional cases of spontaneous fermentation of vegetable matter.

The want of absolute silence on the telephone wires between London and Paris is thought to be due to an improper application of the well-known twist system for preventing inductive disturbances.

A remarkable instance of local magnetic disturbance due to the presence of magnetic rocks was observed near Coscaek, Northwest Australia, where a steady deflection of the compass of thirty degrees was recorded.

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The English are fond of a dish of crow—or something nearly the same, rooks.

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What's come of Eastman and Nat Howard, and where are they? And Nat and Tony Meek, Bill Hart, Sam Rich and that Air brother of his played the drum as twice as big as Jim?

And old H. Kerns, the carpenter, say, what's become of him? I make no doubt, you new band, now's a competitor band.

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