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LADIES' STOCKINGS.

A CLOTHES-LINE in yonder garden  
Goes wandering among the trees,  
And on it two long stockings  
Are kicking the evening breeze;  
And a lot of fancy dry goods,  
Whose nature I cannot divine,  
Are wildly and merrily flapping  
About on the same old line.  
And a very sly young lady  
At the parlor window sows;  
And I rather conclude, if you tried it,  
You'd find she's late at them now."

She's only a half length picture,  
Fore-shortened below the breast;  
But the dry goods which dance on the tight rope  
Out yonder, make up the rest.

So dream-like she seems—so gentle—  
You think her too good for earth;  
And I feel that a hoier spirit  
Is banishing vulgar mirth,  
To its world-home—by jingo!  
What a flourish that musin throws,  
And how uncommonly taper  
Those stockings go off at the toes!

O eyes! like the sky when blust!  
O hair! like the night without star!  
O zephyr! like the wind can't help it,  
You draw my thoughts over "thar."

The lady alone is substantial—  
The clothes but a fancy ideal;  
Yes, somehow or another—confound it!  
I've mixed up the sham with the real.  
O loves! you're the same old airspence,  
With the post, the muff, or the brick;  
You see up with a look like a rocket,  
But some down at like a stick.  
And let love—beauty be lofty or lowly,  
Platonic or flesh, I spine,  
That they all, like you dry goods and stockings,  
Belong to the very same line!

From the London Family Herald.

WE WOULDN'T BE JEALOUS.

"No, by Jove!" exclaimed Harry Vane, as he threw himself back in an easy chair and gracefully removed a fragrant Havana from his lips for the purpose of exhaling the clouds of the perfumed smoke; "no, by Jove!" he repeated, "I wouldn't marry a jealous woman if she was the highest heiress in the world. I tell you, Walter, it wouldn't do for my wife to be jealous." This being eternally constant to any one little bundle of lace and divinity is an utter impossibility to a man of my constitution. I have a natural taste for variety, you see; and the most I want of a wife is to keep house for me, and take care of things, and give me a little leisure to make myself agreeable to womankind in general. When nothing more agreeable turns up, why of course then she can have the privilege of entertaining me, which, with the consolation of knowing that her husband is the most accomplished lady killer in town, will, I take it, be ample compensation for all her services in my behalf. But you see if she were any way jealous she might not think it so."

"It would be possible, I should think," said Walter Everett, "that she might be inclined to disagree with you. I should think any woman who loved you would naturally object to such an arrangement."

"Oh, phew, Everett!" exclaimed Harry; "that proves you to be a novice. Don't you know that love a female heart is made up of just two elements—vanity and self-sacrifice. Just give a woman a husband she is proud of and you—or, that is, you might not be able to—but a man of my accomplishments can coax her into anything under the sun. Wait till I marry—I'll show you how to unite all the freedom of a bachelor with all the privileges of a Bene-dict."

Walter smiled, and puffed away at his cigar in silence.

The two young men were clerks in a large mercantile establishment in the city. They occupied apartments in the same house, and were generally on very close and intimate terms. Perhaps it may not be necessary to inform the reader that Harry was something of a coxcomb, though he was by no means as immoral as might be inferred from his own account of himself. This Walter knew and he could therefore listen to his occasional strains of gaudycombe with the utmost serenity, even though perfectly aware at the time that the speaker entertained serious ideas of finally bestowing the inefable honor of his name and protection upon a certain little cousin of his own, Miss Susie Stanton.

"That his confidence went so far as to lead him to conceal from the said young lady the sentiments so frequently expressed, we cannot vouch. Indeed, the writer rather has the idea that the two frequently talked over in private that unfortunate failing of their mutual friend, and studied frequently to devise some method of reducing the proportions of Harry's organ of vanity.

Nothing, however, very effectual was accomplished during the courtship, and in process of time Mr. Harry Vane entered the state of matrimony under the full conviction that his loving Susie possessed not one spark of jealousy, and that her overweening affection for him would lead her to accept with unfeigned gratitude and joy whatever attention it might please him to bestow upon her, and to preserve a delicate silence in regard to whatever she might see in his outgoings or incomings that was peculiar or mysterious.

To do Susie justice, she was not naturally of a jealous disposition; but besides her innate ability in that respect, she had a little bit of that shy, womanly pride, which made her resolute that she wouldn't be jealous. No, indeed, she would not be pointed at as a jealous wife, neither should Mr. Harry Vane have the pleasure of insinuating that he managed his wife, that she was duly instructed and trained at home to look conveniently in the other direction whenever he chose to pass the invincible battery of his fascinations upon any innocent and unsuspecting young female. No, no; the little lady was too coy for that.

It therefore happened that whenever at a ball or party Mr. Harry Vane made himself particularly agreeable to any lady, Mrs. Harry Vane also cultivated the same individual. If Mr. Harry Vane only danced with the young lady, or escorted her out to supper, Mrs. Harry Vane contented herself with the most amiable inquiries after the said young lady's health,

and gracious hopes that the family at home were quite well. If Mr. Vane danced twice or thrice with the young lady, Mrs. Vane straightway invited her to call, and intimated that she should very soon give herself the pleasure of visiting the young lady, and if matters went still further, and Mr. Harry Vane indulged in a little *tete-a-tete*, or a flirtation, Mrs. Harry Vane immediately fired a day, and asked the young lady to tea.

At home, too, if Mr. Harry Vane exhibited with enthusiasm, "By Jove, but that Miss West has a splendid figure!"—Mrs. V. replied with equal enthusiasm, "She has indeed, and she dances admirably." Or if Harry remarked that Araminta Waters was decidedly the handsomest woman at Mrs. Morgan's party, Susie added, gently, "that rumor said she was as amiable and accomplished as she was handsome and fascinating." By this sly way of fighting fire with fire she had succeeded in extinguishing a half dozen glowing *peacock*s in the bosom of her liege lord; while, at the same time, the uniform sweetness and amiability of her own conduct could not fail to deepen the admiration and respect which Harry had possessed for her when he married her.

So it went for a year or two, and Susie found herself a mother. After that, things seemed to mend a little; but baby's charms soon lost their power, and Susie's trial took another form. Her loving heart, which was constantly, though quietly, watchful of Harry's lightest movement, was wounded at its most sensitive point. Harry frequently left home without inviting her to accompany him, or even informing her of his destination. Much as her anxious fears were startled by this new shadow upon her domestic peace, Susie had the discretion to say nothing, but meanwhile to double her assiduity in winning him to home pleasures. All her efforts, however, availed her little; at last one evening in the week he continued to spend away from her. At first she was afraid he might be entering upon some course of dissipation, but careful observation soon convinced her that whatever sin might be laid to his charge, the love of liquor was not one; and as drinking forms an ingredient of nearly all forms of dissipation, she finally came to the conclusion that, as of old, his *deceit* was reprimanded by Mrs. Vane.

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