

DICK'S PROPOSAL.

Dick Nash paced slowly forward and backward on the river bank in front of the boat-house. What the dickens do I want to go aboard for, soliloquized he, unless on a wedding trip? I'd better marry at once; and as the saying is, kill two birds with one stone. But there is only one girl for me—Millie Denton; and I might just as well ask for the moon. Dick had just come to this conclusion when, on looking up, he beheld the object of his thoughts coming toward him. A good time to begin, thought he, Millie came tripping along, her golden hair tossed about by the wind; her cheeks were rosy and her blue eyes sparkling. Dick appeared not to recognize her at first; then looking up and favoring her with a little stare, exclaimed: 'Why, it's Millie! None other, laughed she. What brought you here? Ob, I am looking for some one. Some one who belongs to the club, I suppose? Not exactly, though he is here a great deal. Well, you won't find him, why? Because there has been no one here for the past hour but myself. Why don't you ask for whom I am looking? Perhaps I don't care, lazily. Oh, but he is just splendid! Who is splendid? Ha! Ha! laughed Millie. I thought you wanted to know all the time; so— But I don't! Do not interrupt me! If you insist upon knowing— I don't! It is my black dog, Towser. The deuce! exclaimed Dick. Why Dick Nash! What is the matter Millie Denton? Isn't deuce a swear word? A mild one. Don't you know that you oughtn't to wear in the presence of a lady? Yes, I suppose I must beg your pardon? Yes, I think you ought to, if only to teach you better manners. Well, do you insist upon it. Oh, no! But— Then you do insist; so here goes. Taking a large handkerchief from his pocket, he spread it carefully on the grass at her feet, and assuming a most comical position and expression as he knelt upon it, he began: Oh fairest of thy sex! You silly goose! laughed Millie. If you don't keep still I won't apologize at all! Once more—then fairest of thy sex, I have committed an unpardonable— Hear—hear—hear! The voice came from the direction of the boat-house. The speaker was Ned Morgan, and he and Fred Bailey were greatly enjoying the little scene. Well, old fellow, continued Ned, this sort of thing usually takes place in the conservatory, if we are to believe the novelist, but I see that you are trying to improve on the old plan. With the blue dome of heaven over head and the Mississippi throbbing at your feet—with the birds hushing their songs and the trees whispering lowly, you— I say, now, I don't think this quite the fair thing. Here was Miss Millie just ready to bless me with a sweet yes, when— But, interrupted Millie, enjoying the joke in spite of herself, you know I had not made up my mind. You run away, boys, while she makes up her mind, said Dick. You go right along and don't mind us said Ned, for we mean to see it through. Come Millie, said Dick, hurry up and say yes. But suppose I say no? Then I will never rise again; and I wish you would hurry for my knees ache awfully. Dear me! then I say yes, for if I did not I should forever be haunted by a vision of you in your very uncomfortable position. That settles it, said Dick, jumping up; I think that if we don't hurry up Towser will get away from us. Come Millie. Leaving the others they started in pursuit of the favorite. As soon as

they were out of sight of the others Dick said: Well, I'm glad it's all settled! What is settled? asked Millie. Why, our engagement. Ha, ha! What are you laughing at? You, of course. I don't see how you can keep your face so long when you joke. Then you think it is only a joke? Why shouldn't I? Are you crazy? Not I; but I had made up my mind to marry you, and as we were engaged all fair and solid, in the presence of two witnesses, I don't see how you are going to get out of it. I do. Well how? I shall have to put you in the asylum. Just because I want to marry you? You don't want to marry me! It is the dearest wish of my life, Millie, believe me. Then why didn't you ask me decently, instead of joking about so serious a matter? Well, to tell the truth, Millie, I thought that I would essay something novel in the way of a proposal. Then in a few earnest words he told her how dear she was to him, and begged her to be his companion on the voyage which he was soon to take as well as on the voyage through life. Why, Dick, you take my breath quite away. Well, hurry up and breathe again, Millie, for my heart has stopped beating and it will not resume its proper action until you have given me the answer I crave. Oh, Dick, you are too funny; but I suppose if you insist— I certainly do insist! Well, I— Go on! Well—your heart may beat again. My dearest Millie— Oh, Dick! We are on the street. Well, what of it? Nothing; only I would not like to have it said I allowed young men to embrace me in public. Why, who was embracing you, I should like to know. You were! I didn't touch you. But you were going to. No, I was not; but I suppose that you expected me to— Dick Nash! Never mind, Millie, we won't quarrel over it, anyway. A month later Dick and his bride sailed for England, the happiest couple that ever stepped on board a ship.

THE SILVER GIRDLE

Ever since Eve first put on her corsets there have been flippant allusions made to a supposed fondness that young ladies cherish of having their waists squeezed. No visible proof of that weakness has ever been offered to the public gaze until recently. But it's here now, and the girls can't dodge it. The silver girdle business has become fashionable, and young men who are addicted to the arm act are as blue as policemen. It's hard enough to make an impression through corset armor, but when a silver log chain is added makeshift humanity gives up and takes to lamp-posts. The new girdle is just such an arrangement as the Grecian maidens used to wear (B. C.) to keep their Mother Hubbards from soaring over their heads and leaving them in the highly ridiculous and embarrassing position of a reversed umbrella. It is made of silver links or plates, and is worn outside of everything, for the simple reason that it would be a very uncomfortable thing to wear inside, and would seriously interfere with the fit of a dress. Again, more people see it on the outside, and that's what it's worn for. As an article of clothing the girdle is not a practical success. It affords very little protection in a rain storm or a blizzard, and is calculated to breed corns on the hips. Naturally, it is worn around the waist, because it's too big for the neck, and a girl couldn't grab her skirts with one hand and her back hair with the other if she wore it around her arms. A smelling-bottle, a box of caramels, a powder puff, or, in fact, almost anything can be hitched to the front end of the girdle as an excuse for wearing it. It is a convenient place to carry surplus hairpins. But with all their drawbacks they

have many advantages. When a girl is drowning a girdle is a much surer thing to lift her out with than hair. Hair is liable to come off. New York Herald.

PREPOSTEROUS TOILETS.

In ordinary dress, as apart from the preposterous toilets known as court trains, our outlines are still egregious. The huge excrescence at the back of the waist abides with us. It appears impossible to shake it off. If any woman ventures even to reduce its dimensions to moderation, maids and dressmakers disapprove, and tell her that she entirely deprives herself of "style." Who could have thought that style could be thus defined as a bump at the back of the waist? This is ignominy, indeed. For the rest, our clothes are not irrational, if only we refrain from piling up the agony in the matter of drapery.

The autocrats of the toilet are still two men, Worth and Redfern, both English. When will their rule be shared by woman? English women are more active than they were twenty years ago, and the discomfort and incumbrance of their clothes are more acutely felt. Side by side with the development of the ladylike and attenuated being dubbed "masher" has run the development in quite a contrary direction of the sisters and girl-cousins of these feeble-minded and feeble-bodied young men. Girls row, swim, ride, drive, play lawn-tennis, go on walking tours and otherwise freely use the limbs that nature gives them.

The "mass of dry goods," as an American writer quoted by Lady Harberton calls our superfluous drapery, will soon become intolerable to the girl athlete, and she will eventually shake herself free from several unnecessary pounds' weight of garment, including the odious cushion that makes such an irrelevant mound at the back. The probabilities are that she will plunge into the other extreme, just at first, like a ship among the breakers, but it may be inevitable reaction, settle down to a medium course of common sense in clothing.—London Society.

SHE WAS NOT SO VERY GREEN.

The other day a merchant traveler operating for a Philadelphia shoe firm boarded a train on the Alton road at Joliet, and was soon attracted by the charming face of a sucker lass, who got on at Pontiac. He thought he saw that she was a sweet, innocent young thing, who had never been around any, and he wended his way to where she sat, and inhaled himself to her society.

It is a very stormy day, Miss, said the merchant traveler.

Is that so? she asked with a great show of interest. Here, indeed, was a sweet sample of rustic innocence. Storming like all the furies, and had been for nine consecutive hours and yet she seemed to know nothing about it.

Poor, credulous, simple thing, he thought, she'll be madly in love with me in fifteen minutes.

Going far? he inquired.

Oh, an awful long way?

How sweet and childish thought the gripsack man.

How far are you going? he asked.

Oh, away off.

To St. Louis?

My, yes, and further than that.

I am awful glad. I'll have your company a good while, then, said he, and I know we shall be great friends.

I hope so, she replied.

You have beaux, don't you? the drummer suddenly asked.

No; I used to have, but—

Ah! never mind. I'll be your beau on this trip. Now will you tell me your name please?

Matilda—Matilda Haw—well it used to be Hawkins, but it is Jordan now.

What! you are not married?

No? I poisoned my fifth husband the other day, and you, oh you look so sweet. You look as if strychnine would make such a beautiful corpse of you! Come, now, won't you marry me!

The drummer excused himself and the jolly Pontiac girl and her beau, who sat behind, pretending to be asleep, laughed all the way to Bloomington.—Bloomfield Mail.

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Filmers	6:31	5:01
Sellers	6:35	5:05
Waddles	6:39	5:10
Thompson's	7:10	5:50
Krumm	7:24	7:34
State College	7:30	5:40
Eastward		
State College	8:00	6:00
Krumm	8:06	6:06
Thompson's	8:10	6:10
Waddles	8:20	6:20
Sellers	8:25	6:25
Filmers	8:29	6:29
Hunters	8:42	6:42
Hastings	8:50	6:50
Bellefonte	9:00	7:00

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