

Select Tale.

HOW SHE DID IT.

Peter Pennywise was in deep grief. All the hopes of a life-time were to be frustrated. The first ambition he had so long nursed, his pet scheme to make the name of Pennywise the greatest in the land, was now no more.

Such was the terror of old Pennywise's missives as he paced the velvet carpeted floor of his library on the evening when our story opens.

Launcelot was a week and a half pink skinned youth, with thin yellow hair, which he parted in the centre, and a little whisp of a mustache.

"Well, my son, what do you want?" asked the pompous head of the house. "What do you think of marriage?"

"Marriage," replied Launcelot. "Matrimony, you know. Two hearts with but a single thought, two souls that beat as one, and all that."

"I think that every man should marry, and I would be glad to hear that you had fixed your affections on some lady with the proper qualifications," said Pennywise.

"What are the proper qualifications, father?" inquired Launcelot. "Family, replied the father—family. Whatever else you do, be sure to never disgrace the name of Pennywise by a plebeian connection."

"Why is our family such a great one?" demanded the young man. "A great one," echoed Pennywise.

"Why, it's the greatest in the land. Study carefully the genealogical tree that hangs in the hall, and which cost me five thousand dollars to have properly traced, and you will see that the name of Pennywise was as well known as that of Williams at the time of the Norman conquest, and that the coat-of-arms is one of the most respectable and ancient that ever heralded a noble house."

is her name? Amy Dorr?—ain't I got any heart. The only thing she could love would be more pupils, or plenty of money."

"Good evening, Miss Dorr," said Pennywise, when Amy had entered the library. "What can I do for you this evening?"

"Excuse me, sir," said Amy, hesitatingly. "I wished to see you about my pupils, but as I fancy I know the cause of your agitation, I will not annoy you with my common place compliments."

"You know the cause!" gasped Pennywise. "Yes, sir, I have no wish to intrude my opinions or my knowledge, but the cause of your grief is, I imagine, the approaching marriage of your son, and I think he is acting most foolishly."

"You are right, Miss Dorr," asserted the old gentleman—"you are right. He is acting most foolishly—most foolishly."

"Cannot you prevent it?" asked the governess. "No, I am powerless—powerless. He will wed the tailor's daughter, and disgrace the great, the aristocratic name of Pennywise."

"There was a smile playing around the corners of Miss Dorr's mouth, and a satirical twinkle in her eye, as Mr. Pennywise spoke of his aristocratic name."

"Can you not threaten to disenfranchise him?" she asked. "No use—no use," groined the disconsolate Pennywise. "He has half a million left to him by his mother."

"A half a million," cried Amy, and the smile and twinkle faded away, leaving her face stern and calculating looking. "Mr. Pennywise, this marriage would be scandalous. Listen, I know Miss Petersham well. In fact, she considers me her intimate friend."

"My son's wife the intimate friend of a governess!" sighed Pennywise, regardless of the feelings of the girl before him.

not now be disgraced?" "When, first he discovered that Miss Petersham was receiving attentions from Mr. Gushingtom, he threatened to commit suicide; but I finally induced him to listen to reason, and he attended the ceremony last night."

"But how did you affect this, alteration in him? You are a witch, or I should say, a good fairy. How did you manage to do it?" "Will the boy be long at the bank?" asked the governess.

"No, he is here now. I see you want your money before you give your information; quite right. Well, where is it?" And he handed her the money. Miss Amy walked to the other end of the room, and placed the money safe in her bosom.

Mr. Pennywise, she said: "Mr. Pennywise, you ask me how I obtained your son's consent to the marriage between Mr. Gushingtom and Miss Petersham."

"And saved my son from an alliance with a woman socially beneath him," interrupted Mr. Pennywise. "You marvel among women, will you tell me?"

"I will." "How did you do it?" "Well, I married him myself. Good morning, sir."

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