

The Home Reading Circle

AN AFFAIR OF THE HEART.

A LOVE STORY.

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PART I.

"Men weary of the tale of Troy, but never of the tale of Love." So I pass by Col. Dent, leaning on his sword...

increased his anger; so that when Dr. Kennell entered, with the complacent joy of a favored lover on his face...

PART II.

After her father's death, the world seemed empty to Katherine. There had been a dim belief in her heart that the colonel knew the whereabouts of her lover...

"My daughter Katherine, Dr. Kennell said the colonel, proudly, and Katherine and Dr. Kennell bowed and glanced at each other.

"He has not been stolen from you, I give it."

"I hate him; and I have as much right to hate as you have to love. Choose then between Robert Kennell and your father, I am seventy years old. I have no one but you, to comfort my last days, and close my eyes in death.

"I have no wish to leave you, father—Robert has yet no home for me."

Words came later, though there was no need of them. Love is known in a moment. If a man had never seen the sun, he would know the sunshine when he did see it.

"I pursued a maiden, and clasped a reed; girls and men are all deluded the same; it breaks in our bosom, and then we bleed."

But happiness is surrounded by thorns, touch it on what side you will. The colonel began to wonder, and then to suspect.

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"This idea having entered his mind, everything confirmed it. Then he began to hate the young man. He was really jealous of him, and jealousy is much the same passion, whether it dwell in the heart of a parent or lover.

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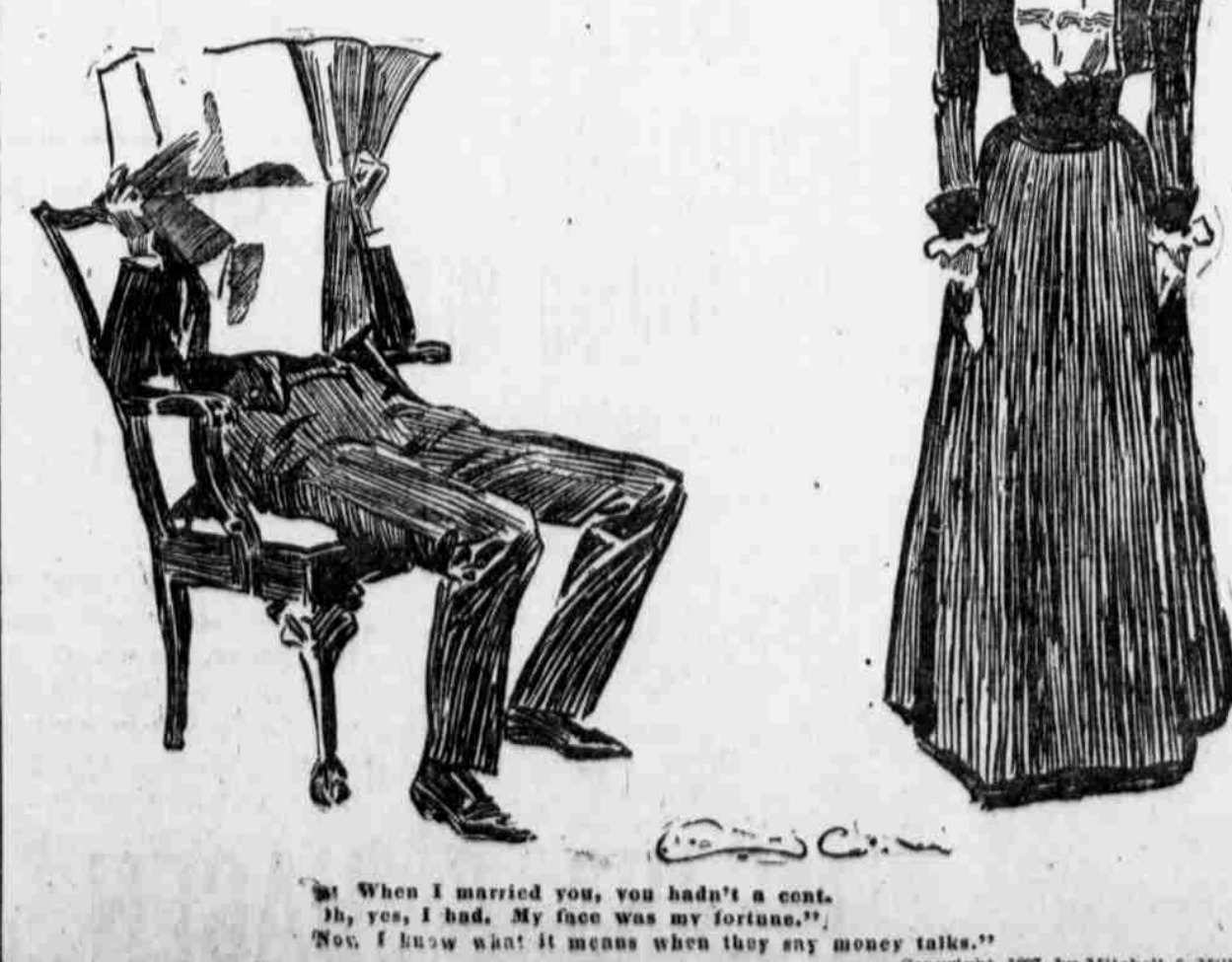
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