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MARRIAGE,

reflect that a sound mind and body are the most necessary requisites to promote connubial happiness. Indeed without these, the journey through life becomes a weary pilgrimage; the prospect hourly darkens to the view; the mind becomes shadowed with despair and filled with the melancholy reflection, that the happiness of another becomes blighted with our own.

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A WORD TO TALE-BEARERS.

They say—oh! well, suppose they do,
But can they prove this story true?
Suspicions may arise from naught
But malice, envy, want of thought;
Why count yourself among the "they,"
Who whisper what they dare not say?

They say—but why the tale rehearse,
And help to make the matter worse?
No good can possibly accrue
From telling what may be untrue!
And it is not a nobler plan
To speak of all the best you can?

They say—well, if it should be so,
Why need you tell the tale of woe?
Will it the bitter wrong redress,
Or make one pang of sorrow less?
Will it the erring one restore
Henceforth to "go and sin no more?"

They say—Oh! pause and look within;
See how thy heart inclines to sin;
Watch, lest in dark temptation's hour,
Thou, too, shouldst sink beneath its power;
Pity the frail, weep o'er their fall,
But speak of good, or not at all.

Tales and Sketches.

GREEN-EYED MONSTER.

One February morning about ten years ago a man, of between thirty and forty, sat in his lodgings, on the drawing-room floor in Museum street, London, writing. His table was thickly strewn with old books, and engravings, some of the former lying open, others with numerous slips of paper sticking out from the leaves to mark certain places: for he was writing a history of the drama backwards, taking the nineteenth century first, and then going to the eighteenth; and as he had accumulated enough manuscript for two octavo volumes without reaching George the Third's reign, and proposed to get as close to the flood as he could, it threatened to be a voluminous, exhaustive and costly work. Fortunately, however, he never dreamed of its paying. He was a bachelor with a fair income, riding his hobby horse, and it was cheaper than a thoroughbred, or even a hack. Cheaper, but not so conducive to health, perhaps, for he looked pale and nervous. Indeed, his general appearance was delicate, his figure small and slight, his hair and sparse whiskers the color of tow, his eyes weak and prominent, and at any sudden noise he started. Even so small a matter as the maid servant opening the door startled him, and it did not seem to compose his nerves that she announced a lady.

'A lady! What lady?' he asked.

'She wouldn't give her name,' replied the girl.

'Ask her, tell her—' he began, but the entrance of the visitor in question, closely veiled, cut his directions short.

He rose and hurried forward to offer a chair, so disclosing a limp.

Directly they were alone she raised her veil; the man litterally staggered back, and caught hold of the table for support.

'Hush!' said the lady, placing her finger on her lip as she went back to the door, which she opened. Satisfied that the girl had gone down stairs, she returned, and exclaimed.

'Oh, Mr. Peters! Do you know anything of my husband?'

The poor man sank down in a chair, and collapsed.

His visitor searched about in a rapid yet self-possessed manner, and found glasses and a decanter in a cupboard.

'Not that, not that,' he murmured, as she offered him the peculiar sherry, which was left out for the benefit of a thievish landlady; and fumbling for his keys he managed, though with shaking hand, to unlock a compartment of his writing table, in which a bottle of wine, reserved for his own drinking, was always kept. Wonderful is the instinct of self-preservation; a man going to be hung at nine has been known to refuse port at eight, because he was subject to the gout.

When he had swallowed a couple of glasses of wine, Mr. Peters revived a little. Then the lady continued—

'You do know something, or you would not be so agitated. Oh, pray, relieve me from this horrible suspense. I cannot draw money or anything until there is some proof. Tell me, is he dead?'

Mr. Peters shuddered.

'I—I don't know. How should I know? I was not aware, when I saw you last, that you had a husband. What makes you think'—

'I will tell you,' interrupted the lady. 'I am now twenty-five. Seven years ago I was married to a monster. He was old and frightful; but my parents were very strict, and thought all pleasure wicked, so that I was glad of any excuse to leave home, and when they offered him to me I took him without hesitation. He was rich, he made good settlements; but, oh, his jealousy was fearful. He did not shut me up—indeed he rather courted than shunned society, for he had a horror of his dominant passion being suspected; yet anybody could see it who had eyes, for he could not conceal it a bit. It was not only of me he was jealous. He had quarreled with all his brothers and sisters, because he thought his parents loved them best; he had a favorite dog poisoned because it grew to be too fond of a servant. There would be no end to enumerating instances of his mania, for it amounted to that; some of his extravagances were quite inconsistent with sanity. We never had a house of our own, but wandered about from place to place, living principally on the Continent; and being utterly inexperienced in the ways of the world, I attributed this to a love of travel and change of scene, and did not discover that his restlessness was in reality caused by the civility of some casual male acquaintance towards myself till after his first duel.'

'Duel!'

'Duel. He was born and bred in Germany, and his ideas about many things that I was guilty of were those of a German. He was so civil to a Frenchman, who had sat next to me a few times at the d'hote, and danced with me at the assembly rooms, was so civil as to offer me a bouquet, and my monster wounded him in the arm for it. After that I lived in a perfect state of terror lest by some careless word, or even look, I should bring about a calamity, and for some time I succeeded in avoiding any excuse for quarrel; but a year afterwards, at Heidelberg, a German professor wrote a Sanscrit ode upon me; my husband cut his nose off with a weapon they call a schloger. He never ill-used me, or even upbraided me—indeed I gave him no cause; but he watched me as a cat does a mouse, so that life was a perfect nightmare. I asked him one day when he was in a soft humor if there was anything in my manners, or dress, or way of speaking which excited his unworthy mistrust.

''No,' said he, with a grim calmness which made me shudder; 'if there had been, I should have shot us.'

''Us?' I exclaimed.'

''Yes,' he said; 'you first and myself afterwards.'

'He hated England because he could not fight duels there, but he was obliged to pay periodicals visits to this country on business; and as this conversation took place during one of them I went straight to my family lawyer, and he took me before a magistrate, and I swore the peace against my husband, under whose roof I never again stepped, and in due time I got a legal separation from him, my success being principally due to his own violence in the witness box, where he gave vent to the most atrocious sentiments. But though we were separated he did not give up watching me. At the most unexpected times and places he would turn up, generally disguised; and if any man happened to be in company with me on several occasions running, and to speak to me rather more often than to the others, I was sure to receive a laconic note warning me to shun that new acquaintance; and since I durst neither disobey nor disclose the tyrannical order, I fear that I acquired a reputation for fickleness and prudery. Little did my censors know the nervous distress occasioned by the idea that an eye is always upon you. I feel as if it were on me now.'

'Good gracious!'

'Compose yourself, it is but a fancy. I have neither seen nor heard of him since August last. That would be a relief, but his man of business has not heard of him either. It is not only that he has not transmited me my money; he has drawn none for his own use. Every other means having been employed to trace him without success, I at last thought of you. We met, you may remember, for the first time at the Richmond Easter ball; and afterwards, whether by accident or design'—

'Accident, pure accident, madam I assure you.'

'Qui s'excuse, s'accuse,' said the lady smiling.

'I know it, I know it; though I cannot pronounce it. But still, madam, though I own appearances might have been against me, there was no design whatever.'

And the poor man wiped his forehead.

'You are not a flatterer, at any rate,' continued the lady. 'Well, the accident recurred quite frequently enough to exasperate my husband; and as I saw him disguised as a waiter, at Lady Chiswick's fete the last time we met; and as you went away directly after, my husband disappearing simultaneously and not having been heard of since; and as you are lame, and in a deplorable state of nervous prostration I cannot help suspecting that you went abroad, that he followed you and forced you into a duel, that he wounded you and you killed him.'

'I have not been abroad at all,' gasped Mr. Peters, pouring himself out another glass of sherry. 'But come,' he cried presently, nerved by the stimulant and desperation; 'you have told your story, and I will tell you mine. I have met your husband, though I do not know for certain what has become of him. It will be a relief to speak, for this life of secret apprehension and perpetual anxiety is killing me.

'In August last, a few days after the fete you alluded to, I went for my annual holiday. I have a self-imposed task here, a little book, which takes up a good deal of my time, and causes me to lead a somewhat sedentary life, and I find a month of air and exercise necessary to my health. My idea was to walk through North Wales, with a change of linen and a few necessaries in a knapsack. So I went first to Chester, left my portmanteau at the hotel there and took the train on to Conway, from which place I made a circuit, which brought me on the third day to Capel Craig, where I remained a couple of days, and then started again in the early morning, with the intention of crossing Snowdon, and sleeping that night at Llanberris, on the otherside.

'I had not as yet picked up any acquaintance during my walk, as one generally does in a pedestrian excursion over such favorite ground: though I knew that another excursionist was following the same track, for I had caught sight of him several times half a mile or so behind me. Once, feeling inclined companionship, I sat down and smoked a pipe to let him come up with me; but his taste was evidently for solitude, for he declined the chance I gave him and halted too. I rather regretted this British exclusiveness now, for a companion lightens the journey when you have a long climb up a steep hill on a warm day.

'The first six or seven miles was easy walking on the level road; then came an hour's wading through marshes; then came the narrow neck of a lake, which I crossed in a boat ingeniously fastened to both banks by the same rope, by hauling on which you ferried yourself over; after that it was all pretty steep hills. Trying to cut off a corner I lost the track, but it was a pefectly clear day, without a wreath of a cloud on [illegible]

'Ind taken a light lunch with me, and thisemed a good place to rest and eat it in. o I sat under the shadow of a rock and freshed myself.

'kas interrupted by a footstep, and lookg up I saw a man standing before me, with his arms folded on his chest, and garding me in a threatening manner. I ne not describe him to you, madam—it wi your husband.

'Yur, name is Peters?' he observed.

'Ys,' said I; 'but pardon me, you have the avantage of me.'

''Iesk none,' he replied. 'You desire my deth, and I have followed you here to give yu a fair and equal chance of compassin it. I also desire yours.'

''M dear sir,' said I, 'you are laboring under : very great mistake; I have no ill-feeling owards you. Why should I wish the deah of a perfect stranger?'

'Because you could marry his widow.'

'Andthen, madam, he mentioned you, and sail that he had been watching me for a month past. And he put a most extraordinary interpretation upon our innocent acquaintaneeship.

'When I protested that he was in error, and that I had not even known till the moment that you were a married woman, he said that such a cowardly evasion should avail me nothing, and producing a brace of pistols, he challenged me to fight him.

'I explained to him that if he had any cause of complaint against me, which was absurd, he had his remedy at law; that the practice of dueling was foolish, unchristian and obsolete; that no one had fought with deadly weapons in this country for a quarter of a century; that if we now revived the custom the survivor would be hung.

''Not so,' said you husband; 'we are alone, and in a desolate part of the mountain. The one who falls might lie here for months before his skeleton was discovered and who would suspect how he came by his death? But the safety of the survivor can be yet further secured; he has but to drag his defeated enemy to the brink of yonder mine shaft; little force would suffice to tumble it into the gulf; and then, what trace would be possible? But I am here to fight not to argue. Here is your pistol—loaded but not capped—and here are caps. Stand where you are, and I will take up my position near the edge of the shaft, which will save you trouble if luck attends you.'

'Do not flatter yourself that your precautions will avail, I cried, in considerable tripidation. 'Murder will out, and you will forfeit your life for mine.'

''That makes no odds to me,' he replied.—'Fops like you have made life an insufferable burden to me.''

'Poor man how he loved me!' sighed the lady.

'I could hardly believe that he was in earnest,' continued Mr. Peters; 'but he retired to the spot he had mentioned, near the mouth of the hole, thirteen or fourteen yards off, and presently called out—

''Have you capped your pistol?'

'I had not, but did so, mechanically. I do not know why, for I think I had no intention of firing at him. But, in truth, I was like one in a dream.

''After I have counted five, it is lawful to fire,' he cried presently.

'I had seen 'The Rivals' performed, and knew from Rob Acres how to stand so as to show the smallest front to the adversary. I also held my pistol pointed towards him, covering my body with it and my right arm as well as I could.

'At that moment I remember that a gleam of comfort shot across my mind. Was it all a practical joke?

'One, two, three, four, five!'

'I felt a sharp pang in my right leg, which, I suppose, caused me to clutch the weapon I held covulsively, for it exploded as I fell to the ground. I knew that I was hit, and determined to lie quite still, and preten' to be insensible. I had heard that such a plan answered with bears, and thought it might with duelists. Only—oh horror!—he would come and drag me to that awful hole and thrust me over the edge. I have a far greater dread of falling from a height than of any other kind of death, even that by fire. It is very foolish and illogical, for such an ending must be painless; but it is not a matter of reason. The cause is purely physical, and has something to do with the brain or stomach. I have often experimented upon myself, and observed, on the brink of a pricipice, I lose my humanity and become the most ignoble of reptiles. I don't suppose there is any meanness, any crime, I would not swear to commit to save myself from being shoved over. I determined to grapple with my foe in good earnest when it came to that. How I regretted that my pistol had gone off? I was quite ready now to shoot him with it when he stooped over me.

'But he did not come. When a minute, I suppose, had elapsed, I opened my eyes and glanced round—he was not near. I cautiously raised my head, so as to see in the direction where he had last stood—he was not there. I sat up. Where had he gone to?'

'The blood was flowing rather freely from a wound in my leg, just above the knee. I tied my pocket-handkerchief as tightly as I could round the place, and got on to my feet. My hurt did not, to my surprise, prevent me from walking, so I advanced to the edge of the shaft, and saw—his pistol.'

'Well, well,' said the lady, 'pray, go on. Here, take another glass of sherry. That is it. Now, what next?'

'My first idea was one of relief, that if he was prowling in the neighborhood he was at least unarmed. My second—oh, madam, you can guess what my dread was, and, alas! is. My pistol went off, it was pointed in his direction; he was standing on the edge of the pit. Oh! the thought has been wearing me to death ever since, though I have never before uttered it—the thought that perhaps I am a murderer!'

And Mr. Peters buried [illegible] hands.

ing, which was literally true. With great difficulty he helped me to the top of Snowdon, and there I got a pony, which had carried up some lady who kindly consented to walk down, and was taken to Lanberris, where a surgeon dressed my wound, and attended me till I was fit to leave. Glad enough was I to get rid of him, for I was always dreading lest he should ask how I managed to inflict a wound with such a direction to myself; but, happily, the idea never seemed to occur to him."

'Why did you feel that dread?' the lady asked soothingly. 'Why did you attempt to conceal what had happened? My unfortunate husband brought his fate upon himself. You could not possibly incur any blame.'

'Could I not, though?' replied Mr. Peters. 'Ah, madam, you know little of the English law, which would never enter into the rights of the matter. Two men met, and had a duel: one was killed—therefore the survivor must be hung. It would not take into account that this unfortunate survivor was forced into his unlawful position against his will. He must trust to the jury for that; and a jury is generally hysterical, and guided by its sympathies rather than its reason. If my counsel put forward your husband's antecedents, expatiated on the virtues of his persecuted wife, and the innocence of former victims with more persuasive eloquence than the prosecutor could manage to employ when holding me up as a wily seducer, who had made the destruction of domestic happiness the one object of his life, they would doubtless acquit me; if the crown lawyer were the most persuasive they would convict me. And the chances would be in favor of the latter, for most jurymen are married, and are, therefore, ready to sympathize with a jealous husband.'

'Nay, nay, your fears cause me to exaggerate matters. You could not possibly be accused in the way your imagination has conjured up, if the information concerning this mysterious matter proceeded in the first instance from yourself. Believe me or rather do not do that, but consult a good lawyer, and I am certain that he will tell you that the best thing you can do, both for your own safety and your peace of mind, will be to make a deposition, similar in every respect to the story you have told me, before a magistrate.'

'I shall be asked why I delayed it.'

'And you will reply, because you had not met me, and were unaware of my husband's non-appearance.'

'I believe that you are right, madam; and I will make my deposition to-morrow.'

'Thank you—oh, thank you, Mr. Peters. Then my trustees will sign for my money. I must go and prepare them at once, for, do you know, I have overdrawn my account at the banker's. Good morning, Mr. Peters.'

She was gone. The die was cast. Poor Peters never slept a wink that night, yet the history of the drama grew not. He was too apprehensive of being cast for the principal character of a tragedy himself. But he could not back out now—he must needs make his deposition at once, before an account of the affair was spread abroad in some other way. He would go to Marlborough street police office about the time the night cases would be over, and ask to see—

Rap! Rap! Up came a letter in a lady's hand. Mr. Peters tore it open.

'DEAR MR. PETERS:—You need not trouble about the matter. I have heard from my husband. You did not hit him, I suppose; at all events he must have got away very quickly. But he has had a fever, and been delirious, and that accounts for his silence so long past quarter-day. If you wish to see me'—

'Wish to see her! Good heavens! Not if I know it. Whew!—what a relief!' cried this most ungallant of men.

Miscellaneous.

LABOR-SAVING MACHINERY.—The saving in the operations of husbandry by the use of modern implements and methods is equal to one-half the former cost of working. By the improved plow, labor equivalent to that of one horse in three is saved. By means of drills two bushels of seed will go as far as three bushels scattered broadcast. The plants come up in rows, and may be tended by horse-hoes; being in the bottoms of little furrows, the ground crumbles down against the plant, which is not so readily heaved out by the winter's frost. The reaping machine is a saving of more than one-third of the labor when it cuts and rakes, and will evidently save fully three-fourths when it is made to bind autimatically, as it shortly will be. The threshing machine is a saving of two-thirds on the old hand-flail mode. The root-cutters for stock in England, and in some places in the Northern States and Canada, much reduce the labor of winter feeding. The saving in the labor of handling hay in the field and barn by means of horse-rakes and horse hay-forks is equal to one-half. With the exception of the grain drill, which had a precarious existence previous to 1776, all these improvements have been commenced and brought to the present relative perfection within in the century now closing.—E. H. KNIGHT, in *Harper's Magazine*, for December.

THE FARMER.—It does ones heart good to see a merry round faced farmer. So independent and yet so free from vanities and pride. So rich, and yet so industrious; so patient and persevering in his calling, and yet so kind, social and obliging. There are a thousand noble traits about him which light up his character. He is generally hospitable; eat and drink with him and he won't set a mark on you [illegible] sweat it out of your [illegible]