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GRANDMAMMA.

It is many years ago
Since she led
On a tiny tapered toe
With a tread.
Like a whisper, in the dances;
She's the sweetest of romances—
She's the darling of my fancies,
Though she's dead.

Grandpapa was very slim
Wore a wig
When she courtesied to him
In the jig;
She was modest, prim and pretty,
He was wealthy, wise and witty,
And he joggled through the city
In a gig.

Sixty summers side by side
Did they go.
Then the feeble father died,
And the snow
Streaked the curls that used to tangle
At a captivating angle
By her cheeks, before the bangle
Caught the beaux.

And they saw she used to sit
All day through
With her Bible reading it
Till she grew
Very old; then came the tragic
End of life's unraveled magic.
For her epitaph no adjective will do.

All that I remember now
Is the quaint
Gold-rimmed glasses on her brow
In the paint
Where a portrait painter caught her—
And a most devoted daughter—
Mother—she who always thought her
Just a saint.

—*Puck.*

JOSEPHA.

We were at Cham when our delayed mail was received. There was a month old letter from my young nephew, Reginald Travers, containing sad news. My dear old friend Oswald Hamilton, was dead; his affairs left in a bad way. The arrangement of his papers, straightening of accounts, and settling up of the estate were left in my hands. A second was to the effect that Josepha (the only and motherless daughter of my old friend, now about twenty-four years of age,) had refused him. That he had secured a chance in the 10th which was soon to be ordered away to fight Zulus, and closed by saying that the best thing I could wish him was a bullet through the head in the first engagement.

My poor Reg! It was his first taste of life's bitter, and it was going down hard. I longed to grasp his hand in sympathy. I cursed the stupidity of mail carriers, and stormed and swore at the hundred and one annoying delays that kept me so long on my homeward journey. However, in two days I was well on my journey.

Soldiers are rough of speech. I began to fashion some soft phrases of sympathy for my old friend's daughter, but gave up in despair, trusting that, as in battle, when the opportunity comes, I should be ready to equal it. And, after all, to such self reliant natures as Josepha's sympathy held a tone of pity which gave it a distasteful flavor.

A word of myself. An old soldier nearing fifty, but hale and hearty, I inherited at my brother's death the pile of stone he called home and his large business interests. A misanthrope, he had shown little taste for the society of his kind. My visits to him were few and brief. I had taken little notice of Josepha until I came to Deerwood as its master. Her name described her. Divinely tall, she had none of the awkwardness peculiar in women of her stature, but her motion was at all times free, suggesting the flight of a sea bird. Better than beauty, her face expressed dignity and character. Her mouth was shapely and red, although a square jaw and long chin proved somewhat detractive to it.

But her eyes—glorious! Clearest gray, with pupils of velvet, set under a man's forehead. She had a frank, bon comarade way which played sad havoc with men's hearts, whatever their armor. Many of the wisest and wariest knelt at her shrine, but each and all vainly. Between her and my dear lad there had been an understanding, based on a childish attachment. Merely a silken link. I cared little for society, though, thank God! never unfeeling and cold to my kind, like my brother. The surrounding country families who would have lionized me on account of a few scars and decorations met with small encouragement, and but for the flying visits of my young lieutenant, and an evening cigar on one of the wide verandas of Hamilton Place, my time was passed in riding, walking and shooting.

Now I will let you into a secret. I was surprised when I found it out myself. I had fallen in love with Josepha. Preposterous! So I said. At any rate, give me some credit. I never dreamed of telling her, and I went away immediately—traveling with a party of friends.

My old friend I mourned sincerely. Though ten years my senior, we had been friends years and years. He knew I stood ready to lend a helping hand whenever it was needed, but he was proud to a fault, and though I had begged him to allow my assistance, for I knew he was in sad straits, he would never take a penny.

His reverses were quick and sudden. His indomitable will upheld him in his struggle for a time. When that broke beneath the burden of troubles, which grew heavier day by day, he died.

Dear old friend! "Here lies a man whom pride brought low," I murmured as I stood over his grave.

I had arrived at Deerwood late in the afternoon, and had stopped in the church yard on my way to Josepha.

The grass waved to and fro. I fancied the one below stirred uneasily.

'Peace,' I whispered. 'Your name shall be cleared; your daughter guarded well.'

Josepha let me in. She staid to fasten the door, and as she came up with me in the corridor she slipped her warm hand into mine, and I held it strongly. My eyes fell on Oswald's picture as we entered the drawing room. Together we stood looking at it. Then I looked at Josepha in her long, black gown, her neck rising like a lily stem from its sombreness, as she stood by my side. Bereavement and harassing cares had set his mark on brow and lips, though she held her head still proudly, and her eyes looked into mine unmisted.

If I had loved her in the midst of her happiness and light heartedness, how much more I loved her now, penniless, with a faint shadow of dishonor on her name, forsaken by the crowds of summer day friends!

She looked into my face, for my tongue was tied, and then bent her head and kissed my hand.

'My dear,' I said, 'my dear.'

The only safe thing for me to do was to go to the window, and I went. Presently she followed me, and, having myself as thoroughly in hand as an old fighter should by this time, I sat down beside her, and we had a long, serious talk.

The long rays of sunlight paled from orange to amber, and gradually faded into the gray of dusk, and as yet we had not spoken of the future. Josepha had her father's own pride and strength of will, and my heart failed me as I mentally marshalled my forces and prepared to advance. First, I meant that she should come home with me.

'Josepha,' I began, 'this is no place for you; and then I called myself an old blunderer, who deserved to be well kicked for his unalterable stupidity.

'No, it is my home, my dear old home, no longer. I have looked over the papers which are in this book enough to see plainly that the place will not be sufficient to satisfy the demands of the creditors. Let me know as soon as you can the full amount of the deficit; I have thought it all out. No, dear Major, I cannot be contented to remain idly at Deerwood, kindly as you mean the offer, while my father's debts remain unpaid. Ah, I am afraid you are angry, but indeed, indeed, I cannot, Major.'

She was rock to arguments and persuasions. She was her father's own daughter. After all, her spirit and determination demanded admiration. I gave it grudgingly enough, feeling as if I would enjoy scolding her soundly and then kissing her.

I took the box, and chose to leave her with the impression that I disapproved totally of herself and her determinations.

I sat down to hard work over the papers, and when morning dawned I could talk definitely about the state of affairs.

Well, they were in a bad way, indeed. I made no effort to mince things to Josepha, who had made me an early call. She gave a little gasp, turned her back on me, and walked straight to the window.

It was a beastly morning; couldn't have been nastier. The rain fell—drizzle, drizzle, drizzle. She could see the gray shaft which marked her father's grave. It was dreadful. The clock ticked on and on.

'Josepha,' (anything to break this stormy silence.)

No reply.

'You are not legally bound to pay these debts. All the law can do is to claim the estate.'

Perhaps she heard. She turned her head a trifle.

'I do wish you would be more like people. Here, I am with more money than I can use. Borrow of me. Your false notions will benefit no body, and as for your pride, I call it foolishness. At any rate, stay here in Deerwood. I will go away willingly if it will be pleasanter in any way for you. Let me, as your father's old friend, advise you.'

She came to my chair, and put her hand on my shoulder.

'Did I rate your friendship (and it is very, very dear to me) above the duty I owe to the dead and my conscience, I should prove unworthy of it. Risking the loss of your regard, Major, I must still adhere to my course.'

She scratched off two advertisements, handing them to me as she rose. 'Wanted—Position as governess,' and 'For Sale—Hamilton Place,' were the headings. I did my best to obtain her consent to tearing up the first, but all she would say was:

'Do not urge me.'

How like she was to Oswald, with that square jaw, that clear, firm tone, and imperious pose.

And so, perhaps because of the reminder, I gainsaid her no longer. Governess she should be if she wished, and Josepha went home pleased as any headstrong girl who has her way.

In pursuance of a plan to head her off I sent a telegram to Reg. The idea of her not loving such a fine, manly, true hearted fellow, the best man ever inside a lieutenant's uniform. He had only to ask to wed anywhere. He came as soon as he could get leave. They were off in a fortnight.

I told him of Josepha's resolves.

'There is one power that will stop her.'

'And that, uncle?'

'Love.' Profound sigh from Reg, but no disposition to open his mouth.

Do you try your luck again! Remember the old rule about two negatives. I have observed the young woman pretty closely, and I think you will succeed. Tell her that in case she consents to make us the happiest of men you are to give up your commission and come into my firm at once. Pshaw, boy! Don't look so dazed. I have intended it all along; only taking time by the forelock, you know. There, you young bear. Would you hug me to death! Go along with you! Tell Josepha when you find her that an eccentric old duffer, who has taken a fancy to the place, offered £25,000 to-day for it, and that being by long odds more than she can expect to have offered again, I took him up.'

'All right, uncle; anything more?'

He was already half way out of the library.

'Tell her—no, never mind.'

Reg was by this time beyond hearing.

For an hour I walked up and down my lonely, luxurious drawing room. Free from the restraint of Reginald's company, the fever rose again in my blood, my pulse beat fast, my step quickened. Then I formed a hundred plans which I thought would aid in crushing down my heart. I would travel; I would trust to time; with seas and years between us I would grow calmer in my feelings. I would come back and find my happiness in Reginald's and hers. I would give them Hamilton Place for their wedding gift, and I imagined myself in after years frolicking on those green terraces with Regie's oldest or youngest, as the case might be. But the fever rose again, the longing was as strong as it was vain. I was not in the frame of mind to meet my nephew, and as soon as my roan was saddled I sprang to her back and was off—away—I cared not where, so I could ride this madness down.

I came home late. The hardest battle I had ever fought I had won. I had such a grip on myself that, after seeing Bess comfortably stabled and rubbed down, I went to Regie's room without the least fear of self betrayal.

But the lad was not there. A note sticking in the mirror frame attracted my attention. It was addressed to me. It ran, with many a blot and erasure:

'DEAR OLD UNCLE:—It was all a mistake. Josepha never really cared two pins for me. That boy and girl affair wasn't love at all. She told me so before, and I ought to have known better than to go to her twice, but you—there, I don't blame you, uncle. How should you know? She was very kind, if you can call that sort of thing kind, and I dare say I shall get over it. But I'm awfully cut up, and I don't feel as if I could face even you, just yet; so I'm off without waiting for you.'

A line or two more so badly blurred as to be illegible, and a great scrawl which bore but a faint resemblance to 'Reg.'

Poor lad! Poor lad! He tried hard to be cheery in the farewell letter he sent before he left the shores of old England, but I saw the heartache between the lines.

In a few days I was called suddenly to London on business, being detained there some little time. When I returned to Deerwood it was to find my erratic young neighbor flown. Mrs. Harwood, my estimable housekeeper, had a message for me from Miss Hamilton—'she would write regularly, but I was not to seek her out.'

Having delivered the message with a dignified air, slightly damaged by the curious, speculative glance with which she regarded me the while, Mrs. Harwood rustled majestically away, giving a vicious little jerk to the door knob, as much as to say, 'Well, there! He might a' said more than 'O, indeed.' Just as if I didn't know she'd gone off a governessin'! But men is so clus mouthed.'

As I went into the garden for a quiet smoke I heard the housekeeper address the housemaid:

'Mary, run with all your might now and tell the cook Major's back again. Yes, I gave him the message. Surprised? You never know whether 'e is or 'e isn't. But hawk, Mary! think o' tellin' 'im, the Major, not to seek out 'er, which 'as gone to be a governess!'

'An' after 'er packin' off Mr. Reginald, the stuck up piece,' said Mary, who had a sweetheart of her own she thought the world of.

The weeks slipped into months, and the months numbered eighteen before I saw Josepha again.

She was ill and wrote for me to come to her. No. 6, Beverly Square, was the address, and the neighborhood was most aristocratic. No. 6 was an imposing stone house of the mausoleum type. In answer to my ring there appeared an undersized footman whose gravity of demeanor carried out the funeral idea suggested by the house itself. Untold millions could not have tempted him to smile.

He went off with my card, and by and by Josepha—or her ghost—trailed down the stairs. To give you an idea of how weak she was, let me tell you there were two tears in her eyes when I took her hand. Josepha, and Josepha reduced to womanly tears. It was difficult to recognize the two.

I saw my chance and took advantage of it. Now, while she was unfit for work, homesick and needing a change, she must make Deerwood a visit. Mrs. Harwood knew how to make my guests comfortable, and nothing would suit me better.

I listened to no remonstrance, and when she half consented I put an end to the last 'but' with a sly hint that she had better improve the present opportunity to visit her old home, for the old gentleman who had bought it intended to dispose of it soon.

I bore Josepha away on the five o'clock train, much to the disgust of my lady, who was losing a governess such as Beverly Square should not soon again see.

The quiet and the change did work a wonderful change. Josepha in a fortnight was almost herself again, and queened it over me in her own delightful way.

She began to talk of going back to London again, and one afternoon asked for the keys to the Hamilton Place.

I had made my plans to head her off, but this time I sent no telegrams. I simply waited until the afternoon sun was low, and then I followed her

I found her, as I knew I should, before her father's portrait. Her head was thrown back, her face uplifted, her hands clasped behind her

'Josepha,' I said, speaking as naturally as I could—I had a most exasperating lump in my throat—'the wedding for which this house was designed a gift never came off. The old fellow doesn't know what to do with it, and, in fine, says if you will take it back—and—himself into the bargain, he'll be no end obliged.'

Her eyes lit up, the loveliest color came to her cheek. I kissed her for I saw I might. And when the first stars came out we walked together through the fields and our troth was plighted.

A New York florist claims to sell over 10,000 rosebuds every day.

IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

The President's Remarkable Reception.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—Poor people stayed at home in Washington to-day. It rained too hard to make calls on foot and carriage prices went up quickly to ten dollars an hour. The people who remained at home prophesied an early death to the horrible custom of making New Year's calls. General calling does not commence here on New Year's till late in the afternoon. The President commences to receive at 11 o'clock and his reception continues until 1 o'clock. Then the mob or public is admitted, but no one waits for them to finish. The "public" callers at the White House are a motley crowd. It is a field day for cranks and the colored brother, no one is excluded, and these people take advantage of their opportunity.

THE FUN BEGINS.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the Marine band, which was stationed in the vestibule played "Hail to the Chief" and as the first notes sounded President Arthur, accompanied by Mrs. Carlisle and preceded by Col. Rockwell and Marshal McMichael entered the corridor. They were followed by members of the Cabinet, their wives and a number of ladies without escort, who were to assist in the reception. The party passed into the Red parlor and thence into the Blue room. President Arthur stood midway between the east and west doors. On his right and behind him were the ladies assisting, and on his left, during the reception of the diplomatic corps, stood the Secretary of State. Both the President's son and daughter were in the room.

The decorations of the Executive Mansion, were simple but tasteful. Ferns, palms, and cut-flowers from the White House conservatory were placed in the three parlors, the great East room and main corridor, and the mirrors and large glass chandeliers, which were lighted, were hung with graceful festoons of smilax. There were a few potted plants, such as begonias and primroses, blooming in the East room; a huge bouquet of selected cut-flowers was placed in the Red parlor, and another still larger ornamented the central divan of the Blue room.

THE PRESIDENT NERVOUS—HIS DRESS.

The President was not in a very happy frame of mind this morning. The rain depressed him, and he naturally recalled the tragic ending of his last New Year's reception, the death of the Hawaiian Minister, Mr. Allen, on the threshold of the Blue room. He was very nervous before the reception commenced but gradually became more cheerful as it progressed without accident or incident to mar the occasion. Mr. Arthur was dressed in a handsome black frock suit. The coat was buttoned up very high and showed off his frame to good advantage. It gave him an almost ministerial look. A bright red rose was in perfect harmony with his necktie. When the reception commenced Mr. Arthur had on two white gloves, but a little later his right hand glove became perfectly black. Mr. Arthur has learned Gen. Grant's trick in shaking hands. He chooses his own grip and avoids the misery of having his hand crushed to a jelly by too enthusiastic friends.

The members of the Diplomatic Corps were the first guests received by the President. They were admitted in the order of the date of the presentation of their credentials at the State Department. The Haytian Minister, Mr. Preston, is at present the dean of the Diplomatic Corps, and he headed the list.

SUPREME COURT—ARMY AND NAVY.

The Justices of the United States Supreme Court and wives were next received, after which Col. Rockwell and Marshal McMichael took a place beside the President and introduced a large number of Senators and Representatives. At 12 o'clock the doors leading to the main corridor were thrown open and a long line of army and navy officers filed in to pay their respects to the President. General Sheridan, accompanied by Judge Holt and General McKee Dunn, formerly Judge Advocate General of the army, and the officers of his staff; Adjutant General Drum, followed and accompanied by Assistant Adjutant General McLeever, General Ruggles, Colonels Benjamin and Barber; then came nearly all the army officers stationed in Washington, both line and staff.

THE MEDICAL CORPS

was represented by Surgeon General Murray, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Basil, Norris and others. Paymaster General Rochester was followed by a number of officers of the pay corps. The engineer officers were headed by General H. G. Wright and a number of other officials. Following the army officers came representatives of the navy, Admiral Porter at the head, accompanied by Commodore Earl English. Chief Engineers Henry, Lee, Snyder and John C. Shafer, and followed by almost every naval officer at present in Washington. The army officers were introduced to the President by Colonel Rockwell. Lieutenant Mason presented the naval officers to Colonel Rockwell, who in turn introduced them to the President.

BRILLIANCY OF THE UNIFORMS.

In the East room army and navy uniforms showed to great advantage and the scene was a very brilliant one, as a number of the diplomatic representatives were still in the room as were also many handsomely dressed ladies.

Assistant secretaries of department and chiefs of bureaus were next received, and followed by the veterans of the Mexican war and war of 1812, representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Oldest Inhabitant's Association, and citizens generally.

Throughout the entire reception President Arthur retained his position without a moment's rest. He greeted those with whom he was acquainted with a pleasant smile and a few words of recognition. Strangers he merely wished "A happy New Year." At the conclusion of the reception he retired to his private apartments.

STATE BREAKFAST.

The State breakfast at 1731 I street by Secretary Frelinghuysen to the members diplomatic corps and their ladies was served promptly at 12 o'clock, according to the time honored custom. Retaining their court costumes the diplomatic corps on throwing aside their wraps on entering, after being presented passed at once to the dining-room, where the collation was spread. The table was handsomely garnished as for a large formal luncheon, the waxen lights in the twisted silver candelabras adding greatly to the beauty and sociability of the occasion. In the centre of the table representing a mimic lake, serving to catch and reflect the many little flame jets, lay a large round plate-glass plaque bound in silver. Apparently growing up from its waveless surface spread a profusion of cut flowers, roses, maiden hair ferns and scarlet leaves. These, with the gorgeous military display of scarlet, gold and white trappings, all combined to produce a beautiful effect.

SECRETARY FRELINGHUYSEN'S RECEPTION.

The reception of secretary Frelinghuysen commenced immediately after the breakfast to the diplomats. Mrs. Frelinghuysen, in a robe of black velvet with rare old lace at throat and wrists, and headdress of the same, her jewelry being diamonds, received her guests standing in the doorway between the two parlors, assisted by Miss Frelinghuysen, who wore a Worth costume of dark blue velvet, with an entire jetted front, the facing to the dress being of cerulean blue surah. The square neck was partially filled with a jabot of lace, caught down with small pins of diamonds and pearls. On the left side was worn a bunch of lilies of the valley. Miss Lucy Frelinghuysen, in white satin brocade with brocade ruffles of lace, the train being of plain satin De-Lyon. The boquet de corsage was a great cluster of varigate tulips. At the house of the Secretary of State the reception was, if possible, more brilliant than for many years back, and the numbers of those calling to pay their respects showed a decided increase over that of former occasions.

HOME OF SECRETARY LINCOLN.

The home of the Secretary of War was the center of a large and brilliant throng of callers. Mrs. Lincoln was assisted by Mrs. Senator Cullom and Miss Cullom, and Mrs. Frank Hatton. The rooms were very prettily decorated with flowers and made an attractive setting for the costumes of the ladies, who wore evening toilets. The Secretary of the Navy's house was thrown open at 2 o'clock, and a steady stream of callers began to pour in to pay their respects to Mrs. Chandler and his sister, Mrs. Kinsley. The parlors of the Secretary of the Interior on M street were thronged, and the large parlor where the ladies received their guests was adorned with flowers whose perfumes filled the air, and in another room was a refreshment table where true Western hospitality was dispensed. Mrs. Brewster held an elegant reception after 2 o'clock. The was attired in a handsome and becoming brown flowered satin dress with a crushed strawberry front. She Postmaster General's home was crowded to-day, and Mrs. Gresham, with her assistants, were kept busy exchanging New Year's greetings and dispensing the hospitality of the day.

More houses were open to callers to-day than for many years. The President is gratified at the happy termination of the day. Some of his friends think that it is a good sign for his future prospects.

A Cheerful Spirit.

The man or woman who always reveals a cheerful spirit, will succeed in life. The pleasant face will carry its professor safely through life in spite of every opposing power. Smiles will banish the darkness that gathers about every life path, and the sunlight will fall upon lifes pathway wherever a cheerful spirit exists. The sunbeams will melt the iceberg and dispel the darkest night that ever broodedover the world, and so a sunny spirit will scatter the coldness and darkness of humanity, and bring brigtness and blessing to those about it.

If there is anything repulsive about a human being, it is a fretful spirit and a sorrowful face. If there is anything utterly repelling and disgusting, it is the sour-visaged one who cannot smile or wear a cheerful look, but who continually broods over his misfortunes, and so keeps on the shadowy side of everything, God's sunshine is nothing to him, any more than the sunlight of Heaven is to the poisonous nettle-weed under the shadow of the slimy rock, or dense shrubbery. His dwarfed and selfish spirit is as nearly like the nettleweed as it can be, or like anything else that grows in gloom and darkness.

A cheerful spirit is one of the most valuable gifts ever bestowed upon humanity by a kind Creator. It is the sweetest and most fragrant flower of the Spirit—that constantly sends out its beauty and fragrance, and blesses everything within its reach. It sustains the soul in the darkest and most dreary place of this world. It will hold in check the demons of despair, stifle the power of discouragement and hopelessness. It is the brightest star that ever casts its radiance over the darkened soul, and one that seldom sets in the gloom of morbid fancies and forboding imaginations.

Cultivate, then, a cheerful spirit, and cherish it as something sacred. Obey the command, "Rejoice evermore," and