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GAWKY GARNETT'S LOVE.

"In the mind's eye-that's the eye deal; yes, 'all in my eye' his ideal is.

"Natty, Natty Barton, what are you laughing at?"

"A spooney document; the usual thing, you know, Uncle James; a man who says I'm the ideal of his dreams. A love-letter, and from my Gawky Garnett!"

Uncle James looked grave. "Natalie," said he, "I wish you weren't such a flirt."

"But it's such fun, uncle dear." "It's a kind of fun you'll pay for dearly one of these days, mark my There never was a biter who words. wasn't bitten at last."

"But only think of my dear Gawky, uncle, and don't scold. He's as green as a country girl's neck-tie! His foot looks like a bear's foot, and he wears a flaming red cravat, and sits with his paws in his pockets, and tips his chair back against the wall. Oh, uncle, up-aw-w-n my word, it's too pre-pos-

"Natty," said Uncle James, "I'd recommend you to take somebody of your size. George Garnett is hardly worth spending your valuable time on. A poor lad, with a drunken father, a vixen for a step-mother, and dirt and poverty for the inspiring surroundings of his boyhood. You choose to fool away some of your precious hours visiting the country academy where he is one of the big boys, struggling fearful-ly to get the 'three r's' through his skull. He sees you, and is quite persuaded that you're an angel; he doesn't know you as well as I do, I'll be bound. Nat, if that boy's mother had lived, and he'd had a decent father, and ever known anything but dirt and beating in his childhood, I have a sort of impression that he wouldn't be the man whom you'd be subbing to-day. You ought to be ashamed of yourself."

Six years later Natty Barton, twenty-three years old, a beautiful, brilliaht, witty young lady, much ad-mired, but still unmarried, and spoiled, said to Uncle James one day:

"Adorable uncle, let us go to Putin-Bay this summer."

To Put in Bay they went, then a new place, thoroughly unfashionable, and consequently thoroughly enjoyable. Natty wore a calico dress all day long if she wanted to, went to bed at ten o'clock, and learned to row a boat equal to Grace Darling.

About the same time a wise, grayhaired, rich old lawyer said to the slim, dark-haired, brilliant, and poverty-stricken young man he had just taken into his office as working part-

"We'll go to Put-in-Bay for a month. I have a lot of titles to hunt up out there all over the islands. You can do the work, and I'll get the

money. Start to-morrow.' "Thank you, sir. Shall be only too glad to go," answered the young man,

briskly. At the little hotel at Put-in-Bay one morning Natalize Barton looked up from her breakfast plate, and encountered a pair of intensely brilliant black eyes fixed keenly upon her lovey face. The magnetic power of the orilliant eyes was so strange and strong that it made Natty look up. But she looked instantly down into her plate again, after the fashion of all modest

young ladies. Rose, an irrepressible of twelve years, nudged her arm. "Nat! Nat! who is that black-eyed

man looking across this way?"
"Oh, I don't know!" says Nat, gazing intently into her plate. "I don't see anybody."

"Oh, my! what a whop! What a "Oh, my! what a waop: humbug it is to be a young lady! If a crying.
"I think Mr. Garnett is splendid," eyes right off, and pretends she doesn't said the girls. see a living soul, and all the time she's peeping at him sideways out of her eyes as hard as she can, and can tell exactly what he's got on. I wonder what young ladies do that for? I wonder if I will do it too when I'm a young lady?"

A few days later Nat Barton and half a dozen other young ladies were sitting in the warm July afternoon on the long, low veranda of what in those days was the "principal hotel" at Put-in-Bay. Rose, the irrepressible, came bouncing across the

veranda toward Natty. will tell! Nat, what did you tell me, when I asked you who that black-eyed man was-that you didn't know? Mr. Garnett doesn't care for young ladies, young lady. Young ladies are all spoiled, he says. And he says that he used to know you—needn't pretend anything, Miss Nat; Mr. Garnett tells "Tell Miss Rose I'll be down wait." Then Natty tri

the truth-says that he fell in love ing for her and papa-down at the with you when he was a boy, and you laughed at him, and he will never fall out. in love with a young lady again, because he's old enough to know better now. He likes little girls, but thinks young ladies are awfully silly. And I think so to. And I think Mr. Garnett is just as nice as he can be. Nat. what made you say you didn't know him? and don't you wish you could make him fall in love with you new?" "No, I don't," said Natty, coloring angrily. The other young ladies

Little Rose watched Natty's pretty face carefully; but for all she could make of it, it might have been the face of a gingerbread man. Natty's mind wasn't as indifferent as her face, however. She was making a mighty yow to herself. She new well enough who the handsome young lawyer was, and the old flirting demon stirred within her breast. She was piqued to think that he had been at the Bay a full week, and had never said boo to a young lady. Her uncle was charmed with the brilliant young lawyer.

"I told you so, Natty," said he, rub-bing his hands. "That young man 'll be Governor of the State one of these days. I'm nearly as proud of him as if he was my own sen. Don't you wish you hadn't snubbed him, Nat-

"No, I don't" said Natty, shutting her lips with a snap, and looking, vex-ed. But she said to herself, "We'll

They had a yachting party next day. Mr. Garnett went on the invitation of Uncle Jame. Natty was as gay as a bird, and as bright. She was dangerously fascinating. She sang, laughed, and made witty small-talk for the whole company. Any young man but George Garnett, athirst with his wild ambition, planning out a magnificent future, brooding ever over his yellow law-books, would have succummed at once to the wiles of this girl with gleaming sweet eyes and the red lips.

"I see you haveu't forgotten how to flirt, Miss Natalie," he said once to

her gayly.
"I do not flirt," answered Natalie, with dignity.

George Garnett laughed—a low laugh, pleasant and musical, but which had a faint sound of a sneer in it.

Matty subsided, and was perfectly quiet for five minutes. "I used to know so little of the pretty ways of young ladies," said George, musingly. "A long time ago, that was, when you used to call me Gawky Garnett-you remember? I'm gawky yet," he continued. "But now. when a young lady smiles sweetly on

flattering ways, I know better than to fancy she means anything by it -anything more than to amuse herself." "Oh!" says Natty, blushing; "you're modest."

me, and charms me with her pretty,

out with him for a row on the lake. "He doesn't care for young ladies, enough to—to marry each other, that then—not even the prettiest of them," he will be very glad to see us so have seen two runaway horses look said Natty to herself, looking at her-self in the glass. "I wonder where the man picked up such grand ways? to say that he knows of nobody to mense bran-new linen duster, which, He might be taken for a prince. And it's clear that he'll never care for me

Somehow Natty felt about half like

"How can you say so?" exclaimed Natty. "I don't think so at all." "Get your bat, little girl," said Mr. Garnett to Rose, one morning, "and call your papa, and let us row across to Middle Bass. I can't stay many

of the golden hours left." He drew a little book from his ocket, as Rose skipped away in de-"Have you read this yet, Miss Nata-

lie?" he asked.
"No," says Natty. "Then I'll leave it to amuse you. I "Oh! oh!" says the irrepressible, don't care for it much; but its the "what awful whoppers young ladies sort of book I should imagine a young lady would like-all about love and

is here on business, he says, and has middle of a page, then handed the beside him. She fairly screamed with tal of 900,000 is substantially correct no time to amuse himself. But he book to Natty, looking at her as he surprise and half fear. talks to me, though he won't look at a spoke. A sweet, strange look softened

place where his pencil had swept across the page. He had marked these lines:

"O being of beauty and bliss! seen and known
In the depths of my soul, and possessed
there alone!
My days know thee not; and my lips

name thee never; Thy place in my poor life is vacant for We have met; we have parted. No more is recorded in my annals on earth."

That night again she was once more the happy dancers, and Natty was the brightest, sauciest of them all. George Garnett was there, but he did not dance. He looked silent and melancholy, seeing which Natty became wilder than ever, and her little feet flew round like mad. At the close of a waltz she sat down to breathe for a beside a pillar against which George Garnett leaned, with folded arms, lost ened, leaned down upon her knees, and in thought. But he saw her, and bowed and smiled. Then he held out a card to her. She took it, read upon it his name, and beneath the words, "Pour prendre conge."

She looked up in quick alarm, as if expecting to find him already gone. But he approached as she raised her

"Will you walk on the veranda a little, Miss Natalie?' She put her hand through his arm without a word, and he led the way

out to the veranda. "I am going away in the morning, Miss Natty. Perhaps I shall not see you soon again. So—" She caught her breath with a quick sigh, as if wery penitent George Garnett, to manstricken with a sudden pain. George Garnett reached out and took in his own the little hand which rested against arm. "Natty, little Natty," he said softly, "will you come with me for a moonlight sail? Burrell is down there yet with his boats, and he will take us out. It is so beautiful to-night, and I have not troubled you often this

summer, have I?" "No," said Natty. They went out into the bay, rising Burrell, the boatman, tended his sail,

and George Garnett sat down beside Natalie.

"Yes, I must go away in the morning; I have had a letter from-home, emphasizing the one word scorufully. "My father is on his death-bed. Miss Barton, you know who and what my father is?"

"Yes," said Natty, faintly, "I do," George Garnett cre with a soft, gentle sound in her voice, to the side of Natty. "I have not spoken to my father for four yours," said Garnett. "Perhaps I did wrong; I don't know. I thought ever loved a woman as I love you. I He sat beside her on the way home, and was perfectly polite and enter- of my mother so. But I must go to "But I love you too," sa taining. Natty acknowledged to her-self that she had never seen a man relative of my father is with him. This more delightful, or who carried about cousin is an old man, and wealthy. him more perfectly the air of a grand | He it is who writes the letter. He have been a stone. He was the model girl of eighteen. I have never seen loved me, when you could have done of gay indifference. Natailie bit her, but I have heard that she is beauof gay indifference. Natailie bit her her, but I have heard that she is beaulor at home?" had all reached home, and were rested, father's cousin writes that if his tually pleased with each other, pleased I hope you will find the rest of the summer delightful, Miss Natalie."

Natty buried her face in her hands. Natty was crying.

days longer. Let us make the most light. He moved away and said a few except that Natty didn't promise to rapid words to the boatman, in a low tone. Then he came back and sat down beside Natty in silence. He took one of Natty's hands, and held it tight in his own, but said not a word. On, on they sped, through the moun-lit water. It was rougher now, and the waves were rolling higher. After imported into the different parts of a while Natty looked up. The boat America prior to 1871 was 200,000; in had changed its direction, and they 1871-'72 there were imported 150,000; were out of sight of the island, the in 1872-'3, 250,000; in 1873-'4, 300, flirting, you know. I've not finished it yet, I've read just this far in it—" seemed to the girl. She would have The number of birds raised yearly in He took his pencil and gave a sweep sprung up, but George Garnett threw America about equals the number lost but he has made my acquaintance. He across some lines a little below the his arm about her, and held her down through various causes, so that the to-

"Where are we going?" she ex-

Garnett, desperately. Then Natty tried to scream in earn. | 000.

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ing for her and papa—down at the shore." He bowed lightly, and went out.

| lips. "Yes, to Sandusky," he repeated, in a voice which sounded almost savage. or an idiot, that you could play with my heart like a child's toy? Can I put love on and off again at will, or shall I let you break my heart and torture me again as you did six years ago? No, by Heaven! you shall not. What! Natty, little Natty! are you crying again? Oh, my darling! what did you think I was made of? I could unt see your sweet, false face every day, and look into your bright eyes, hear your voice, and not love you the bright, merry flirt, the gayest of the gay. They had a "hop" at the little hotel. Round and round spun know it—to draw me to you, only that you might cast me off and laugh at me again. I love you so desperately that I could take you in my arms this moment and leap overboard into the lake with you. I am running away with you, Natalie."

The wind freshened, the lake became still rougher. Faster and faster flew moment. Fate led her to sit down the tiny sailboat. Natty, thoroughly miserable, and new thoroughly frightcried with all her might. George Garnett began to relent. He looked at the unhappy girl beside him, and his lip quivered, as always when the man's feelings were strongly moved. He hesitated a moment-then called to

the boatman. "We cannot go back," answered the boatman. "We couldn't budge an inch in the face of this wind. If we ever come out of this alive, we'll do well. Blame me if ever I listen to a

fool again." And now not only the girl, but also her fiery-hearted, rash lover, and even very penitent George Garnett, to manage the boat. Natty lay down in a heap in the bottom of the boat, and neither spoke nor looked up, she was so frightened. At length the moon went down, and it was terrible for a little while, beating about in the un-certain blackness. Nobody spoke, only when the boatman gave orders to George Garnett. The most grievous troubles and the most perilous situa-tiions in this life are ended at last, how-They went out into the bay, rising and falling with the moon-lit waves.

Garnett eternity, the blackness began to brighten into gray, and star after star blinked, a little, and then suddenly popped out of sight entirely. Off to their right could be dimly perceived something which looked like the shadowy outline of houses and schooners.

> "We'll run her in safe enough now, I guess," said the boatman, "But blame me if I'm fond of this fun!" George Garnett crept very humbly

"But I love you too," said Natty. In half an hour more they were

walking up the venerable Sandusky whari together. "What was the use," said Natty, "of gentleman. But for all the effect her says I am the only relative he has left bringing me across the lake and nearbewitching ways had on him, he might in this country, except his daughter, a ly drowning me to tell me that you

The steamer from Sandusky that Mr. Garnett asked little Rose to go daughter and myself should be mu- morning carried to Put-in-Bay a very meek and subdued young lady and whom he would more gladly trust his for material and make-up, was most young daughter's happiness than to bazarre. It is not neccessary to say me. So to-morrow I must leave these that the tremendous linen duster covpleasant islands, and go to the fair ered a ball-dress. And the two peo-young cousin whom I have never seen. ple had not much to say for themselves.

George Garnett'sfather rallied sufficiently to be present, clothed in his George Garnett bent over her, and right mind and in decent garments, drew her hands away from her face. three months after that, at a wedding, with the approval of all their friends, He looked at her for a moment, and George and Natty were united in holy his own face looked pale in the moon- matrimony, in the orthodox fashion,

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