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DEAD LETTERS.

A short space of two days and his vacation would commence. Two weeks! But two weeks were two years of fon, two centuries of real enjoyment, two eternities of rest, compared to the constant drag, drag, in that lonely business which took up all his day hours in work, and all his night hours in dreams, Two weeks away from the constant reading of letters which were written for other eyes than his! How he ever got into the Dead Letter Office be couldn' say, and how he ever staid there without growing wild to the exramming pens into his brown eyes, he ouldn't for the life of him tell. He had staid on two years, and was much honored, in a small way, as a skillful clerk in the department. He couldn't tell why again. In fact, his career was a series of "couldn't-tell-whys," which, however, were the cogs to the wheels which kept his life agoing. Casual Observer might have told why he was considered one of the best clerks in the department, and said Observer might have remarked that it was because he- There! I've got just so far without using a name, and I hoped I'd get clear through the story without committing myself; but it's These pronouns are terribly exacting things, and I shall have to get a name for the "he" before the fast dash, or I shall be unable to proceed any further. Well, Tom will do, won't it? Tom's a name, and there are lots of Toms in Washington, and sev-al Toms in the Dead Letter Office. Now, then, we'll take another start with Tom and the Observer.

I say that the Observer would have remarked that it (go back a few lines for the explanation of the "it") was because Tom had a very tender heart in his possession. A sad thing to have a tender heart when you're dealing with persons, they say, Tom thought it was sadder when dealing with letters. He would choke fifty times each day while reading some earnest, heart-felt epistle which, despite the love and fidelity a mother's hand had buried in the lines, had miscarried, nor would over reach a dear son's eyes. Or perhaps it was a father's strong callstrong in tears and strong in lovewhich would never bring back to the home-fold a straying daughter.

The letters Tom read with a heartache, which spread like neuralgia, and somehow filted his whole body with an untold pain, were by the thousand a year; but his interest in the sad cases was never flagging, and he always made a good push to have the letters which came from loving hands for loved ones take one more chance of reaching their destination. If Tom's successes had each been a block of granite, the Washington Monument would have been completed over eleveu months ago.

Tom was to have two weeks vacation -two weeks, commencing in two days. He wasn't often idle; but this morning he held one of a batch of letthinking of any thing but his work. Where should he go in vacation? There was no mother or brother, or sister waiting for him to come home. There were no kisses of welcome waiting for him among green hills, or by pleasant, shining waters. Where should be go? Heigho! He couldn't make up his mind. With a shake, like a cat awaking, he came back to his work and gazed on the one letter from many in a pile before him he had semi-uuconsciously taken up. The direction of the letter was as follows:

Miss Clara F. Dennett, St. Albans, Vermont.

Providence, Rhode Island, and date ers. of July 20. On the other side of the envelope was a pretty monogram of three letters, F. H. W. or W. H. F., or H. W. F, or some combination, Tom could decide which. So he openthe letter and read:

"CLARA,—My heart is nigh break-ng. May I not come back? I was wholly wrong; but my love for you made me unreasonably exacting and unwilling to yield. Forgive me, for Heaven's sake, and say I may come to you. I will wait for one week more in Providence to hear from you. Do FRANK."

No date and no signature, "Just like a man in love!" said Tom. "The only thing settled is that the first letter of that monogram is an F., a blue F. That doesn't amount to any thing. "W I don't know the second letter—I man mean which it is." Somehow he was Tom. led to put the letter one side instead of throwing it in the waste receptacle. He thought he'd like to look at that monogram once more, it was such a

pretty one. Five, six, seven, eight, nine more bottles of the hotel. That wasn't letters read, and nothing in the shape of business yet. Number ten! Num-

ber ten was a small, delicate hand, directed as follows:

Mr. Frank H. Wendell,

St. Albans.

of a sudden he cried to himself, "Hut- ing-glass). While Tom's auburn locks "My DEAR FRANK, -I only hope have was dressed. Tom turned to take

may reach you. I take my only chance, it seems to me, left for happing on the table under the unatte-piece.

Nes. I must write since my heart "Now I must dry them, I suppose."

Just my cursed luck!" He took them my own sorr; w without breaking. Dear, since you went away from me ters, a d patted them gently with a on that sad, sad night, not one moment of peace, no day when a song cut open at one end, but the water had was pleasant to hear, no day when I loosened the flap, and it easily turned could sit silently glad, has come to back. me. Only longing for you I was proud, and angry that you could not trust me; and though I could easily have envelopes, paused to read the maker's name. On explained, I would not. I, for that the edge of the envelope in raised letters was the following, "W. A. Johnshort half hour, believed I could hear everything, since I hore harsh words (as they then seemed). Now I know of all the Howards!" cried Tom, I was wrong. Darling, will you not write to me?—just one word to you forgive me, and, if you can, say you still love me? Shall I never see you gram, he'd better sell out and go into again? Dear beart, I was never any thing but true to you, and that I can 51 Blank Street to-day." show you if you will come to me or let me write to you. Will you not write to me? Just one letter, and 1 will bless you each day I live, if God makes me live a thousand years.

"Always being, I am still, only "CLARA F. DENNETT, "Wallace St., Fitchburg.

"P. S.—I am with my cousin, passing the summer, and, unless I hear from you, trust I may never return to St. Albans.

"By Jove!" said Tom, "here are two which go together. Where's that other letter? Yes! As I'm a poor lonely mortal, I've got the two in a heap, and now I must deal them a new (Tom was rather given to hand." playing cards; therefore his language.) So he put the two aside, and left them in a closer union as letters than they had been as beings. If Tom had been a mesmerist or a believer in mesmerism, he would have probably wondered if the joining of those two letters would have any influence on the day's life of the two writers. As he wasn't, he didn't; i. e., wasu't a mesmerist or a believer, he didn't wonder; he only commenced to form a plan for his vacation. The commencing ended half an

hour after bis day's work was over. "I'm going to Providence day after to-morrow, Mrs. Wilkins," said Tom, that evening, to his landlady.

"On business, Mr. 1'om?" (Of course she didn't sav "Mr. Tom," but it will do just as well.)

"No'm; it's my vacation." "I hope you'll have a nice time." "My trust is in Providence," said

Tom, a little irreligiously, but he coold't resist the pun. "Aud I've always wanted a clam-bake, and they do say there's no spot on the earth for a clam-bake life the little back-yard they call Rhode Island."

Day after to-morrow became to-day,

and Tom started. Ere long Tom has smoked a whole cigar, and got several miles on his way to ward Providence, Rhode Island. A quest he calls t; an attempt to find out Frank H. Wendell, and then to re introduce him to Clara F. Dennett. He lived with these two all his journey. Clara had blue eyes and fair hair, he was confident; Frank wore a slight mustache and was rather thin, he was certain; and so he buit up two imaginary persons, and even found himself foolishly trying to fit The post-mark hore the name of his imaginations on two fellow travel-

Providence at last, Hotel a few moments after. Tea after dressing. Plenty of time, thought Tom; and he didn't go out that night. There was no harm in a brief perusal of the C'ty Directory, however; and so Tom stood at the hotel counter and monopolized the Directory chained to the marble. "W-a=W-e-W-e-W-e-n-d-Wendeil. Here it is," said Tom, mutter-ing to himself. There were a few Wendells, but no Frank or Francis H., not even a simple Frank or Fran-

"Do you know a Frank Wendell?" queried Tom of the hotel clerk. No, he didn't, that clerk answered,

after he had got through staring at "Who'd be likely to know a young man about the city?" again asked

Well (second long stare), the clerk thought he (the clerk) would, and be'd never heard of Frank Wendell or any other Wendell, except an old man who sometimes came round to buy bottles of the hotel. That wasn't the

Tom was manifestly brought up standing. So he went to bed.

Next morning he had another look at the letters. The delicately written This letter bore date of July 21, and post-mark Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Tom had quite forgotten for the moment the other St. Albans letter, but (a two-by-one and a half bit of n look-St. Albans is full of business to were being "fixed" a nice little gust of wind "unlixed" them; but at last his you have gone back to St. Albans, for I the letters and - "Confound it, if they Heaven alone knows how else this haven't tumbled into the pitcher of

"Mean 'stickum' they put on these gram, he'd better sell out and go into the fish trade. Peradventure I call at

Tom did call. Mr. Johnson was in?

"Yes," said a nice girl who waited on Tom, and he'd be down in a

Johnson came, and Tom asked him a question or two. Johnson said, in substance:

"I made that monogram for Mr. Wendell some time since, and he was then living with an uncle—I think he told me at" (consulting an old order book) "No. 17 So and so Street. At any rate, there's where the paper was

sent. Tom immediately ordered a mono gram for himself out of pure gratitude. He then cailed at No. 17. Mr. Wen deil had been staying there, but had left three days before for Boston. Servant didn't know whereabouts in Boston. She would inquire of misses. Coming back servant said misses thought at Tremont House, if he hadn't gone to New York.

"On the way to Fitchburg," sen-tentiously said Tom, and took the next train for Boston.

Mr. Wendell was stopping there, said the clerk of the Tremont House. Here! show the gentleman to No.

No one in. Tom waited around an hour, walk ed over the burned district, and came back. Mr. Wendell had returned and was in his room. Tom went to No. 85, and knocked.

"Come in!" and in he went, to find a young man with a full beard, tall, and quite stout. "So much for my faney," said Tom

to himself. "She'll be fat and a bru- say, "Joshua, I want thee to find me "This is Mr. Wendell?"

"Yes, Sir," was the reply. "Excuse my continuing my toilette."
"Mr. Frank Weudell?" asked Tom,

to make certain. "Yes, sir; Frank Wendell." Then Tom went to the very bottom

of the matter, and said:

"I come from a friend cours-Miss Dennett" (how Wender blushed, and then turned pale!); "she's also a particular friend of mine (though she don't know it," said Tom, sotto voce); "and she would like very much, if you can spare the time, to have you call on her. She's living at Fitchburg,

"For God's sake, when does the next train s'art?" and Wendell was rushing down stairs, and grabbing a "Dial" railroad sheet in less than four seconds. Time enough there was, and a little bag was soon racked. Tom thought he'd go down to Fitchburg too to see the thing out; and they went down together. They went over to Wallace Street, and hit the house after three trials. Tom would wait in the hall be thought. Tom heard one scream, two kisses, a rush, and several other things too numerous to mention, and was on the point of crawling out of the front door when the heavy hand of Wendell was laid

on his shoulder. "Come in and explain this thing, She says she never heard of you be-

"No more has she?" said Tom. laughing; and seating himself on the nots, he explained the whole affair.

I'm not, certain; but believe Claca kissed him. At all events, few days after he went back to Washington a happy fellow, having made others so

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wedding of F. H. Wendell and Clara F. Dennett, to come off a week from next Monday, and also that Tom had been corresponding for some time with Miss Emma Dennett, a sister of Clara's. Furthermore, Casual said, "If you want to hear two people rave in praise of another fellow, you should hear Miss Dennett and Mr. Wendell talk about

SHOWING THE BOYS HOW TO SHOOT.

Recently, at a saloon on the Divide, some men were discussing the shooting affray which occurred during the morning between the two brothers inlaw, Fallman and Smith, It was agreed on all hands that it was shocking bad shooting—a discredit to the country. At last a Pioche man ban-tered a Comstock man, whom he knew to be a good shot with a pistol, to go out in the back yard with him and do some shooting, just to show the "boys" how it should be done. In the saloon was a box of eggs, and what the Pincher proposed was that each shoot two eggs off the bare head of the other at the distance of ten paces, the one missing to treat the crowd. The Commissing to treat the crowd. The Coma man from the other end of the State,

so to the back yard all hands adjourned. Each man used his own six-shoot-er. The Comstocker first "busted" his egg on top of the Piocher's head, which exploit was loudly applanded by all present. It was then the Piocher's turn to shoot, and an egg was produced to be placed upon the head of the Comstocker, but when he removed his hat there was a great laugh, for the top of his head was as smooth as a billiard ball. For full ten minutes all hands tried in vain to make an egg stand on his head. It couldn't be done. The Pincher then taunted the Comstocker with having gone into the arrangement knowing that he was safe. The latter told him to set up an egg and it was all right—he was there. The Piocher went into the saoon, and a moment after came out with a small handful of flour, which he daubed upon the bald head of the Comstocker, and then triumphantly planted in it his egg, fell back ten teps, and then knocked it off. The Comstocker then told him to set up his second egg and shoot at it, as he didn't want to have his head chalked twice during the game. This was done and the wreck of a second egg streamed over the Comstocker's pate. The P.ocher now stood out with his last egg on his head. The Comstocker raised his pistol and fired. The Piocher bounded a yard into the air, and the egg bonneed whole from his head. Tve lost," si id the Comstocker, Let's all come and take a drink. By a slip I've put half the width of my bullet through the top of his left ear?" and so it proved upon measurement .-

"Henry," said one Quaker to another "thee knows I never call anybody names; but, Henry, if the Governor of the State should come to me and York, I would come to thee and say, 'Henry, the Governor wants to see thee particularly.'"

Virginia Enterprise.

A small boy called at a Detroit police station, and desired to steal comething, so that he might be sent to the refirm school. The accommodating sergeant laid down his pocket-book and went up stairs. The boy took the property and left, but has probably found a more congenial place than s reform school.

During a secret session of the Chithe members was astonished to see an augur-tip projecting through the car-pet, and, upon instituting an examination, found that a party of reporters had bored through from the cellar for the purpose of hearing what was said.

"Do you like to go to church?" said a lady to Mrs. Partington. "Law me, I do," replied Mrs P., "nothing does me so much good as to get up carly Sunday morning and go to church and hear a populous minister dispense with the gospel."

Girts, don't get up and get breakfast in the morning. A young lady attempted it one day last week, and was burned to death. Show this to your ma's.

"I want to know," said a creditor, fiercely, "when you are going to pay me what you owe me?" "I give it up," replied the debtor, "ask me something

A Cincinnati wife employs her husband as head clerk in her store, and she makes him toe the mark under threats of heing discharged.

In character, in manners, in etyle, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity.

That was a year ago nearly. Casual True friendship is like sound bealth. Observer told me a day or two since the value of it is seldon known until that Tom had received cards to the it is lest.