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What Was His Creed?

He left a load of anthracite In front of a poor widow's door, When the deep snow, frozen and white, Wrapped street and square, mountain and moor.

THE STOLEN LOCKET.

In the elegantly furnished drawing-room of a West-end mansion sat a young man, whose gentle bearing, broad, noble brow, from which his chestnut hair was tossed back in graceful carelessness, and large, thoughtful eyes bespoke him to be one of nature's noblemen.

Rising as the footman entered with her message, and scarcely able to conceal the pleasure it afforded him at this moment, when he was still trembling with the fear of having been seen as he hastily hid the shining bauble in his bosom, he left his compliments and departed.

Fred watched him pass on with a sardonic smile on his handsome yet sinister face, and thought to himself, "Ah, my fine fellow, there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip, as you may find to your cost; and then you will know the consequences of standing in the way of Fred Acton!"

That evening, in her luxurious home, Nellie watched and listened in vain for the familiar footsteps she had learned to know so well; and she retired to rest at last, sad and despondent, and with a dim sense of impending trouble, that was yet too vague to shape itself into connected thought.

The next morning, as the family were gathered around the breakfast table, a servant entered the room with a note addressed to "Miss Pomeroy."

Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy, occupied in their own conversation, had not noticed the sudden paling of their daughter's face, as she hurriedly scanned the familiar writing, till, as she reached the fatal termination, her eyes closed, and with a low moan of agony she sank to the floor in a death-like swoon.

For five years Guy wandered through Europe; for five years he vainly strove to find forgetfulness and happiness in constant excitement and change of scene; but failing in this he had at last resolved to visit again the land of his birth, if only to mark the ravages which time had made among his old friends.

Not once had a suspicion of Fred Acton's treachery crossed his mind, for to Guy he had always shown the better part of his nature; besides the proof of Nellie's duplicity had seemed too conclusive to admit of any lingering doubt his love might have suggested.

And Nellie? Thrown into a nervous fever by the cruel note from Guy, she wavered long between life and death; but finally her perfect constitution gained the victory, and she again mingled in the gay world of fashion; but a certain sadness was perceptible in her manner, and a weary look in her blue eyes showed that her heart was not interested in the gay scenes by which she was surrounded.

Vainly had Fred Acton sued for her hand. Feeling that he was in some manner connected with Guy's mysterious behavior, she had only scorn to give him. At first she had hoped that some trivial act of hers had displeased Guy and he would soon return, but as the weeks rolled on and no word came from the absent one, she finally ceased to expect him.

Fred Acton, after repeated refusals from Nellie, had at last given up all hopes of winning her hand; but, loving her still, as much as his selfish nature was capable of loving, he attempted to drown his sorrow in the wine cup; and with drinking and fast horses, was rapidly eating up the handsome property left him by his father.

threw him. When the hastily-summoned physician had examined his wounds, he pronounced him mortally injured.

Knowing, then, that for him all thoughts of revenge on Guy were useless, and that he must soon render up an account of his evil deeds, his thoughts turned to Nellie, with a feeble wish that he could undo the wrong he had done her. So he dictated a letter, confessing his sin, begging her forgiveness, and containing the locket, and dispatched it to the injured girl, who, true woman that she was, could not but pity the dying man, bitterly as he had wronged her, and that he might not die thinking himself unrepentant, sent a note to the hotel to which he had been carried, but the messenger reached there only in time to hear that the unhappy Fred Acton had breathed his last.

Guy had supposed that Nellie and Fred were long since married; but hardly had he set foot in London when he was recognized and accosted by one of his old friends, who, among the gossip he had to relate concerning Guy's old circle of acquaintances, mentioned the fact of Fred Acton's death, and also said that Miss Pomeroy was as beautiful as ever, but unmarried. At this Guy's heart throbbd wildly, and his brain almost reeled with the idea that perhaps his own rashness had dashed the cup of happiness from his lips.

Wildly he asked himself these questions while on the way to his hotel; and by the time he had arrived there he had resolved that he would at least see Nellie and have an explanation with her. Once more he turned his steps toward the well-known house where he had spent the happiest hours of his life; once more he was ushered into the familiar room, where even the pictures on the walls seemed to smile on him in friendly recognition. Bronzed by travel, the old family servant failed to remember him, so he gave no name, merely requesting to see Miss Pomeroy.

Nellie soon appeared; but hardly had she crossed the threshold when the eyes of love recognized him, and with a wild scream of "Guy, dear Guy!" she was folded to his heart.

Long explanations followed. Nellie told of the loss of her locket on the day of Guy's last visit, and how she had regretted it, being his gift. She also told of the dying confession of Fred Acton, and his restoration of her locket, which she showed him, worn on a blue ribbon about her neck.

Curious Swedish Ceremony.

A curious ceremony is performed every year in Zurich (Switzerland), on the eve of the so-called Sechselauten, the ancient spring festival of the Tugurines, as our forefathers often classically named the people of Zurich.

During the burning of the winter god this year the crown of the neighboring Uetliberg was white with snow, a sign that the hard Zurich winter was not over, so that the experiment with the Bogg was a little daring and venturesome. The execution of the Bogg has occasionally been put off until a later and less wintry day, in April, This was the case last year.

A Floating Hospital.

It is a strange story of the sea that comes from the bark Beatrice Haviner, which has just reached port after a voyage commenced on the 17th of December, during which three of the crew died from a disease which seems to baffie medical analysis. The bark came from Padang, one of the East India isles, and was laden with green Java coffee.

A Poor Town for Business.

He was a red-nosed, wild-eyed man from the head waters of Sage Run, and looked as if he had not been in town since oil was discovered.

At the post-office corner he met a South Side lady, and stopping her by holding the bunch of hides before her face, said:

"My dear, sir," replied the president, somewhat confused, "we don't want hides here. Take them somewhere else, please."

"Give me fifty cents for the lot," persisted the red-nosed man.

"And this is the boasted Old City, is it? Gre-a-a at Godfrey! If sealskin and sable were selling for cent a cart-load the hull town could not buy the sand-papered end of a rat's tail."

A Curious Remedial Agent.

In the course of a report which has just been published by order of the Inspector-General of Maritime Customs in China, Dr. F. Wong gives us some curious particulars respecting a strange remedial agent employed by the Chinese in cases of Cynanche tonillaris.

The specimens of the stone which have come under his notice appear like animal concretions and are of various sizes, some being smaller than pigeons' eggs, while others are as large as hens' eggs.

Medical Hints.

HOW TO SOFTEN THE HANDS.—Take equal portions of glycerine and alcohol; mix well; before retiring at night wash the hands in warm water and rub well with the lotion.

HAIR TONIC.—Bay rum, one pint; alcohol, half a pint; castor oil, half an ounce; carbonate of ammonia, a quarter of an ounce; tincture of cantharides, half an ounce. Mix them well.

FRECKLE AND TAN RECIPE.—Four pounds of good hard soap; shave fine and dissolve in ten quarts of boiling soft water; add one ounce of salts of tartar, three ounces borax. Then take away from the fire and set to cool; then add one ounce of liquid ammonia, two ounces glycerine and ten drops of oil of safflower.

NEURALGIA AND RHEUMATISM.—A very simple relief for neuralgia is to boil a small handful of lobelia in half a pint of water till the strength is out of the herb, then strain it off and add a teaspoonful of fine salt. Wring cloths out of the liquid as hot as possible, and spread over the part affected. It acts like a charm.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Interesting Scientific Notes. SPRINGS.—Springs are formed by the intervention of clay and sand strata, the former holding water, and the latter permitting its free passage.

SELF-WINDING CLOCK.—An inventor describes an automatic clock, in which the winding machinery is operated by the alternate expansion and contraction of glycerine, or other suitable liquid. A piston, on the surface of the glycerine, is so connected with ratchet wheels and toothed racks that motion in either direction will wind up the weight.

YELLOW GLASS FOR SPECTACLES.—Yellow glass gives greater rest to the eyes than either blue or green, and objects at a distance can be seen more distinctly with than without it.

PROCURING FRESH WATER FROM SEA WATER.—A method of procuring fresh water from sea water through the direct action of the sun's rays is among the foreign inventions. The apparatus consists of a box of wood one inch thick, about fourteen feet long, two feet wide, and of an average depth of six inches.

A CHEAP TELEPHONE.—Professor Barrett, in a recent lecture on the telephone, gave (says Nature) a recipe for making a cheap one. Take a wooden toothbrush and make a hole about the size of a half-crown in the lid and the bottom.

ARTIFICIAL GEMS.—What we popularly call paste is technically known as strass; this is also the French word for the same substance (from M. Strass, its reputed inventor). Paste, then, is a material with which diamonds are imitated, and by mixing up with it metallic oxides of different kinds, colors in great variety are imparted to the paste, by which it serves as a representative of the various colored gems.

The British Medical Journal, in speaking of the effect of the habit of smoking upon the general health of boys under 16 years of age, says: "A celebrated physician took for his purpose thirty-eight boys, aged from 9 to 15, and carefully examined them. In twenty-seven of them he discovered injurious traces of the habit. In twenty-two there were various disorders of the circulation and of digestion, palpitation of the heart, and a more or less marked taste for strong drink.

Artificial Ears and Eyes.

This discovery mania is really awe-inspiring in its tremendous possibilities. Mr. Thomas A. Edison, the phonograph inventor, has written to an acquaintance in Chicago a significant note which we find in the Tribune of that city:

MEMLO PARK, N. J., May 10.—DEAR SIR: The many letters that I have received on the subject of an apparatus for the deaf has convinced me that the demand would be enormous. So I have put two of my most skillful assistants at work testing my ideas. I feel sure that I will produce a practical apparatus within six months.

Mr. Edison's ingenuity may be stimulated by the fact that he himself is considerably deaf, so that he has to hold his hand to his ear and scoop in the voice, like a sailor in a hurricane. And really, there is no scientific deduction against the success of the attempt to create an artificial ear. The organ of hearing is a purely mechanical contrivance, and it may be possible to convey sensation to the auditory nerves by artificial methods.

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Items of Interest.

The early bird catches the worm; An attached couple—Oyster-shells. The fever and ague request—Shake! Many plants close on the approach of rain.

Labor in vein—Working a silver mine. The washerwoman's steed—A clothes-horse.

Boston consumes 6,000 barrels of flour per day. Great Britain exports 16,000,000 tons of coal annually.

A man must necessarily keep his word when no one will take it. "There is a skeleton in every horse," is the way the little boy read it.

More than 50,000 pounds of oleomargarine are used in New York weekly. The most sentimental exercises yet known is said to be women swimming in tears.

When married men complain of being in hot water at home, it turns out half the time that it's so.

Gardeners might not not like to part with their gardens, though they are always ready to fork over their grounds. It is calculated that, at the present rate of destruction, the pine forests of this country will be exhausted in thirty to fifty years.

The Greeks had little or no notion of butter, and the early Romans used it only as medicine—never as food; so that it is comparatively a modern article of diet.

Andre Gauthier is creating a sensation in Paris by painting a landscape in five minutes, a portrait in six, and also by painting two pictures simultaneously one with each hand.

England has 150,000 acres in orchards; Wales 2,536, and Scotland but 1,449. There are 35,264 acres of market gardens in England, against 2,881 in Scotland, and 712 in Wales.

"Take time by the forelock, young man," said a father to a son. "How can I," said the young hopeful, looking at a picture of bald-headed Time, "when he hasn't a bit of hair on his head?"

The name of the phonograph in German is unsergehausenkeiteigenfernesthaupftichtungensprecher. When you wind that up on the cylinder, and leave it till it gets cold, and then grind it out, it usually tears the machine to pieces and strikes the house with lightning.—Burlington Hawkeye.

The seeds of plants are their eggs. A sunflower produces 4,000, a poppy 30,000, a tobacco plant 300,000, and spleenwort 1,000,000. Some, as the sea pink, have but one seed, umbelliferous flowers two, and the surge and ranunculus three. The capsule of the white poppy contains 8,000 seeds.

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