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A QUEER VALENTINE.

"Plushkin, plushkin, pelican goose, We think no birds so fluffy as we; Plushkin, plushkin, pelican gill, We think so then—we thought so still." Gertrude Winthrop looked rather bewildered as these sounds issued from the door which the servant opened for her. "They're run ones," whispered the girl.

"Well, Eric, what are you about?" cried a merry voice. "Going to wool! Rod! I'll go for that, as he used up a good bottle of my Frangipani in his last incantation." And a little dark, brilliant-looking creature, in black gauze and amber, fluttered in, and stared rather superciliously at Gertrude. She reminded our heroine somehow, of some brilliant South American insect, there was so much flash and color about her.

Her ride in the cars lasted only half an hour, and she found herself before the little brown cottage which was the only house she remembered, as she had been left an orphan to this aunt's care in her earliest childhood. Poor and plain as everything appeared a thrill came over her at sight of it, and she hurried with real anxiety into the house, whose door stood open.

"You see, my love, the action to foreclose the mortgage has just commenced, and I could not rest a moment till this business was arranged. You can do it for me, and Bess here will keep me company." Gertrude was quite relieved to find that it was anxiety more than illness which had prostrated her aunt; and she at once set about performing her task, which she did by calling on an old friend—a lawyer—to aid her. She had the satisfaction of leaving the old lady calm and comfortable in the evening.

"Well, look out! Bad boys gets swallowed the first thing," said Francis. "This, however, is a financial one. They've lost ten thousand dollars in coupons." Gertrude, with her ready sympathy, was on the point of asking several questions, when she noticed the open-eyed children.

Mrs. Chumleigh faltered and turned pale. "My son, what have you to do with this young person?" "I have this to do with her," he cried, impetuously. "I wish to make her my wife, if she can care enough for me."

"I should say you dreamed it, auntie." "Look in the top bureau drawer, and you will see the check. I think the surprise and joy of it has been too much for me. To think Jamie has remembered me now that his fortune is made in India! My godson, you know." Gertrude had the check in her hands, and viewed it with delight.

"Thank you, Rod," cried Gertrude, with a sob in her throat as she stooped to give the boy a kiss. "I do not expect any other valentine." And she smiled through the tears that dimmed her eyes as she looked at the huge envelope with its official-looking seals, to which Rod had confided his treasure.

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