

LOVE AND FAME.

The poet said that had the honey pressed From nuptial bliss, and from the life, On eager wings had gone to seek her rest Far from earth's strife.

THE BANKER'S NICE.

It was quite late in the evening ere the banker's clerk, Pierre Dupont, was able to reach his engagement at the splendid ball-room of the Comtesse D. A noble-looking fellow, dressed with exquisite taste, and withal brimful of mirth and complacency, he was ever a desirable guest.

They were simple words, but they brought rich color to the maiden's cheek, and she had no power to speak. Her hands met softly, lightly, to exchange the buds, but somehow they could never tell, their fingers were entangled and in the ecstasy that thrilled them the floral gift was quite forgotten, and only brought to memory after the hour's delightful interchange of promises and love, by the words of the betrothed Louise—"The rose has ever been my favorite flower; I will wear it more than ever now; when the fallen buds were gathered up and borne away that night on human breath.

With a prou and many step she asked the next day sought the uncle and clerk his niece in marriage.—The banker seemed astonished. "You are too poor to marry, Pierre," he said, "but you are not to love. We will live on that."

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So Pierre went to his work again, and the uncle to see his niece, and they were long and close together. And when he came again to the counting room he whispered to the clerk: "The girl is as willful as yourself, and you may make your own way; but mind, should the honeymoon be a failure, you come not here with pining tale."

They were married five days afterward, with none but necessary witnesses. The banker gave his niece a diamond necklace, which Pierre took an unseemly gift for a portionless bride, and for a poor man's bride. But he forgot the grandeur of the dazzling radiance that flashed from her dark eyes, as side by side they drove out from the bustling city to spend a single day of leisure.

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Circus Folk in Winter.

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