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BE GENTLE, HUSBAND.

Be gentle, husband, to thy wife, For seldom dost thou give me...

A HOSPITAL ROMANCE.

It is the height of the London season, and we are in the thick of it...

Upon this happy state of things a thunderbolt has fallen. I am ill, and Doctor Brown, my physician...

"Nothing to be alarmed about," cries my husband, "regardless of my feverish state, when this horrid fever will be passed through the system...

"You know nothing about it, child!" says my aunt, "I have tried to do so much to make you a little circle, and now that I have done so...

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but, if you wish it— "I do wish it. This young lady's friends would not approve of the arrangement at all."

I am soon in bed, Doctor Traill comes to say good bye, promising to see me soon; and I am left alone. I cry and laugh by turns, now overcome by my exceeding loneliness...

"Who are my fellow-sufferers? What are they like? Are they very ill?" So I inquire, and learn that the two private patients down-stairs are young...

"A great surging comes into my head, a blindness before my eyes. "Mrs. McDonald!" I say, in surprise. "There is a mischievous twinkle in the Doctor's eye."

"She is a beautiful woman," he says; "and it is only natural she should come to see him, is it not?" "Oh, yes," and I laugh idiotically...

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that which I have given him. I have it still, and hope that when I am in my coffin it will be laid upon my breast.

When next we meet, I am sitting in the garden, wrapped in shadows and cloaks, looking, I doubt not, a very fragile and insignificant piece of humanity.

"Major McDonald—Miss Rose Morley, she does not look much like the Zulu chieftain—do you, Major?" The young Doctor laughs and chatters for a few moments, and then strolls away towards the men's convalescent ward.

"Miss Morley," he says earnestly, "I have to thank you deeply for the courage which saved me from taking either of the two courses." "How brave of you!" I say, and he touches his breast.

"What does he mean? Is my rosebud next to his heart—is his next to mine? I do not know. I am only a silly girl of eighteen, and he is thirty-six, and a gallant soldier, above all such sentiment."

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But he is making fun of me. He rises, looks at his watch, and says—"I expect a visitor again to-day. Will you excuse me?" Then, seeing the cloud still on my face, he lays his hand for a moment on my arm.

"I cannot quite catch the last word; but it sounds like 'daring,' and my foolish heart throbs. I ought to be angry; but I am not. My touch has made me glow with momentary happiness."

"Half an hour passes, and he comes again, accompanied by a lady. I cannot see her face; but she has noble air and bearing and a queenly tread. Her name, I say, she is, as Doctor Brown said, beautiful, notwithstanding her sixty years."

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Brother Ben. I was in a hurry to reach home. No more for it was the wildest night I had ever known in all my life...

"Well he said, 'how now? Will you go home now, and have another night's sleep?' But hardly had the words escaped his lips, when a shriek broke on the air...

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NEWS IN BRIEF. —There are 1,750 languages or dialects spoken on this globe.

—London milkmen and newboys use tripolines in their daily rounds.

—The origin of borrowing money on pledges is referred to Perugia, Italy, about 1162.

—Over fourteen million dollars are invested in the manufacture of gas in Massachusetts.

—Germany has increased its beet crop in ten years from 3,000,000 to 8,500,000 tons.

—The Princess Louise of Wales is seventeen, but will not be presented at court this year.

—Rhode Island savings banks have \$2,450,265 entrusted to their care by 150,000 depositors.

—Munkresy, the great Hungarian painter has been made a baron by the emperor of Austria.

—London now receives from Italy flowers as fresh as if they had been cut only an hour before.

—Stanley says the Congo valley, Africa, has a dense and enterprising population of 40,000,000.

—A machine that makes seventy-two pretzels a minute is said to be run by a Lancaster county man.

—California is at present producing 200,000,000 of gold and silver bullion annually.

—Michigan now has 2,675 insane people in its asylums an increase of 162 over the same time last year.

—Half the sugar consumed last year in the United Kingdom was made, it is said, from European beets.

—Michigan is credited with raising one-half of the total supply of pepper, or about 75,000 pounds a year.

—The woods of the United States are estimated to cover 200,000,000 acres, or sixteen per cent. of the total area.

—It is said 6000 boys and 2000 girls under ten years of age are employed in Chicago factories in violation of law.

—Mr. Irving sailed for England recently. The receipts during his American engagement have been over \$400,000.

—When fifty four people dine at the White House the number of wineglasses on the table is 378, or seven for each person.

—In Sweden, it is said, there is a law taking away the right of suffrage from every man who has been drunk three times.

—Mrs. Dulany, of Pass Christian, daughter of General Wm. T. Sherman, is the owner of one of the loveliest rose gardens in Mississippi.

—The feat of transmitting two telegraph messages along a wire at one time was first accomplished by Doctor Gintl, an Austrian, in 1853.

—The whaling schooner Charles Colgate, of New Bedford, was wrecked on a beach near 1100 barrels of sea elephant oil from Desolations Island.

—The calico and printed goods made in Lowell, Mass., in 1882 would twice encircle the earth at the equator, and then all would not be used.

—The first voyage of a steamer brought to America by Columbus in 1492. They were first imported into Virginia in 1607, and into Massachusetts in 1621.

—The Romans introduced clock-making into England. It was introduced by Edward III. Henry VIII. and Cromwell, and by Queen Victoria in 1819.

—Dogs in Tennessee, it has been calculated, number 3,000, cost \$1,400,000 a year to keep, and prevent the raising of 2,000,000 sheep, mutton and wool would be worth \$5,000,000.

—The dress of the different orders of monks is the same as that of the lowest orders of the population at the time the orders were founded.

—Michigan cooperates as her black timber in the Washington monument a piece of polished mass copper, twenty-two inches long by six thick and a foot in width.

—A New London whaler has killed the largest whale ever caught. It yielded 100,000 pounds of oil, 2,500 pounds of whalebone. It was killed in Cumberland Inlet.

—Having lost his nose a Norwegian residing on Greenwich street, N. Y., advertised for the same the other day. It is made of silver, with steel spring, tastefully.

—Stanford, Conn., has living within its limits eighty persons over 90 years of age. Twelve are over 94 years of age. The last being headed by ex-United States Senator.

—A few days ago the Washington Monument had reached a height of 410 feet. The total height of the shaft will be 555 feet, which will make it the highest monument in the world.

—A Georgia gentleman whose son spent from \$40 to \$50 in a "gin palace" at Fore's Hill, Thomasville, recently bought from the bartender's license as a business investment.

—The Baltimore Fire Commissioners have forbidden the playing of cards in five engine-houses of that city, even for amusement, but allow chess, chess and dominoes.

—A single cattle ranch in Texas, at the head of Red River, is said to contain nearly 25,000 acres more than the entire State of Rhode Island contains in territory.

—The mines of the Black Hills, in Dakota, have mined and milled 1,524,637 tons of good ore, yielding \$10,434,116, an average of only \$5.78 per ton, making a profit and paying in dividends \$3,142.

—The first hats were made in Paris by Lewis in 1484, and became fashionable after 1490, when Charles VII., making a triumphant entry into Rouen, wore a red velvet hat with a plume of feathers.

—A reduction of 20 per cent. in their charges is reported to have resulted from a convention of Japanese inspectors, held some time ago, the decrease being based upon a fall in the prices of necessities of life.

—The police force of England and Wales consists of 682 superintendents, 1488 inspectors, 362 sergeants and 24,381 constables, while the Scottish force has 32 chief constables, 110 superintendents, 176 inspectors, 350 sergeants and 3267 constables.