



Who Knows?

I grant her fair—passing fair,  
As lovely as the budding rose;  
But is there still behind the fair  
A heart that beats for love's embrace?  
Who knows—who knows?  
Does light of love beam from those eyes?  
Or is the light that lingers there  
A shadow of the heart's unrest?  
Who knows—who knows?  
Does that fair form a fairer charm,  
A smile that glows like a star?  
A heart whose love, like the vine,  
Would round the world and love it true?  
Who knows—who knows?

A MYSTERIOUS VALISE.

"Nobbs, will you kindly keep your eyes on my bag for a few minutes? I am going to have a plunge in the Serpentine," said a well-dressed, middle-aged gentleman to me, one warm summer morning a few years ago, as I was walking along the gate of Knightsbridge Cavalry barracks.

"All right, sir," I replied. "If I am relieved before you return, I shall hand it over to the next duty."

"Oh, I don't want more than half an hour," he said, as he stepped in to the city by nine. I prefer leaving my valise with you; there are so many vagabonds always swarming about Hyde Park, that it is quite likely that one of them might have a fancy to take it. I am taking it, it doesn't contain very valuable property—only a suit of clothes and a few documents of no use to anyone but the owner," as he said, he turned and walked briskly across the park in the direction of the Serpentine.

"The request to look after his property struck me as the least surprising one, as numerous robberies from the clothing of persons bathing had for some time been reported to the police. I lifted the bag—upon which the letters 'W. S. Brown' were prominently displayed in the battered condition indicative of having been much tumbled about—and placed it behind the low wall that lay between the barracks and the footpath.

"I glanced at the valise for about eight fully half an hour had elapsed, since the owner of the bag departed, and as yet there was no sign of him; the 'particulars' was checked from the neighboring clock, and still he did not appear. I have been very unwell since, and I thought to myself that it was time he was looking sharp if he really wished to be in half-jest by nine.

About half-past eight I perceived a great commotion in the park. Men were running about in a hazy way, in the direction of the Serpentine; and soon afterwards I ascertained from a passer-by that the excitement was caused by one of the numerous bathers having lost his valise. I immediately started in the direction of the Serpentine, and soon afterwards I ascertained from a passer-by that the excitement was caused by one of the numerous bathers having lost his valise.

"I had quite made up my mind that you were the gentleman who was drowned that morning; and when I discovered to my surprise that I was not, I was very sorry that I took you for the man who was apprehended on the charge of trying to plunder the drowned man's clothes."

"The gentleman smiled pleasantly and said: 'All I read in the newspaper was that you were a miserably poor fellow who had been charged with the crime of stealing a valise, and I was very sorry to hear of it. I presume you have it in safe-keeping at the barracks?'"

"It's much nearer at hand," I replied. "Just across the street from here," I said, as I pointed to the building in the custody of the police authorities at Scotland Yard.

"This information apparently disconcerted him. 'It is very awkward indeed,' he said. 'I have to catch the six train for Liverpool, and I wish to sail by the steamer that leaves to-morrow morning for New York. Couldn't you come across with me to get it?'"

"You forget that, on sentry," I replied. "I won't be relieved until four; and even then I can't leave the guard; nor would I care to ask permission to do so. You should go at once to the Captain, and explain the matter to him; and, under the circumstances, he will permit me to accompany you."

"Acting on my advice, he proceeded at once to the office in command of the valise. He was extremely anxious, and leaving a note to me regarding the valise, he was making about his bag, considering all that it was worth.

"Soon afterward he returned with a smiling face, and informed me that the Captain had accepted his promise, and that he was making about his bag, considering all that it was worth.

"Yes, I was threatened with the recurrence of my former complaint to visit the office of the valise."

"During the interval that elapsed until my period of duty was ended the gentleman paced about in a most impatient manner, and anon seemed to get impatiently impatient. 'I'm sure you'll let me see my bag,' he said, as he stepped in to the city by nine. I prefer leaving my valise with you; there are so many vagabonds always swarming about Hyde Park, that it is quite likely that one of them might have a fancy to take it. I am taking it, it doesn't contain very valuable property—only a suit of clothes and a few documents of no use to anyone but the owner," as he said, he turned and walked briskly across the park in the direction of the Serpentine.

OLD MRS. BUSYBODY.

Characteristics of a Female Meddler Who is to be Found Everywhere.

It is a strange idea some people have that they are sure they can manage the affairs of others much better than that person's self. They are, as a rule, those who are incompetent to conduct their own affairs, allowing them to get along as best they can at hap hazard. Nevertheless, they like to remark what they would do in regard to your business. 'If I were in your place,' they are fond of saying, 'I would do so and so,' where it is pretty certain they are in your place the affairs would be left to settle themselves, while they were busy about somebody else's business. They are sure to find out all that is happening among their neighbors, no matter how private it is supposed to be, and are fond of pitying them. Such expressions as 'My dear Mrs. —, she has such a hard time to get along,' or her husband or children have done something that they ought not to have done, and, of course, a person that knows everybody's business has heard of it, although it may not be known to any one else outside the family circle.

Few people care to have their family affairs discussed in public, and few still care for the pity of such a person as the above. Pity is all very well in some instances, but in this case, 'I pity you,' is generally equivalent for 'I'm glad to hear of it.' A person of this stamp would be astonished by being accused of making other people uncomfortable, for she really intends every thing for the best, and has an idea she is doing you a favor by advising you how she would manage your affairs. It does not make the slightest difference to her that you have not asked her advice; she feels in her own mind that you are in need of such, and she is just as sure to give it to you, for she is positive she understands all the workings of your household, and is the only one competent to advise you. A person of this stamp would be astonished by being accused of making other people uncomfortable, for she really intends every thing for the best, and has an idea she is doing you a favor by advising you how she would manage your affairs. It does not make the slightest difference to her that you have not asked her advice; she feels in her own mind that you are in need of such, and she is just as sure to give it to you, for she is positive she understands all the workings of your household, and is the only one competent to advise you.

During the first famine, when many died of hunger, the poor were found spending their last shilling for tea, tobacco and spirits. It has also been observed in New York, by those conversant with charitable institutions, that when money was paid to the poor, they often laid out every cent in tea or coffee, instead of procuring the more substantial food, such as meat, flour or potatoes. On being reproved for their apparent extravagance, they invariably replied: 'I have seen a penny's worth of tea, tobacco or liquor, would keep me longer than a penny's worth of any other kind of food. I don't know what the matter is with me; but I do know that I can't eat anything else. I have seen a penny's worth of tea, tobacco or liquor, would keep me longer than a penny's worth of any other kind of food. I don't know what the matter is with me; but I do know that I can't eat anything else.'

Members of a family were careful not to bring any little differences from home, in the way of complaints about some one with whom they have had a misunderstanding, but have all such things quietly settled in the home, and are seldom seen to quarrel with each other. They would leave family affairs alone, and contentedly turn to the caring for their own business. If things don't go just right in the home, they are patient. In a family of this stamp, the members are not quarrelsome, and are seldom seen to quarrel with each other. They would leave family affairs alone, and contentedly turn to the caring for their own business. If things don't go just right in the home, they are patient. In a family of this stamp, the members are not quarrelsome, and are seldom seen to quarrel with each other.

WHITE SLAVERY IN PERU.

Adventures of a Man Who Sought a Fortune in South America.

Joseph Rumbach is a German about thirty years of age. He is a gardener by trade, and has worked for some of the best people in San Francisco. About ten months ago he sailed for Callao, in Peru, thinking to better his fortune. He was disappointed, however, in that area, and he returned to his native land with a few dollars and a few cents. He had a few dollars and a few cents. He had a few dollars and a few cents.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Boston has a kindergarten for the blind.

—Collecting dog photographs is the latest craze.

—Buffalo Bill earned his title by killing 4,280 buffaloes.

—Mears are said to be plentiful in the swamp of Georgia.

—Huron, Dakota, has organized a 'Homely Man's Club.'

—Nebraska high license voters complain of 'holes-in-the-walls.'

—A Connecticut girl has gone insane from being kissed in the dark.

—A Maine lady has refused \$2,000 for her tresses, 8 foot 1 inch long.

—A perfectly petrified rooster has been found at Valley Head, Alabama.

—It is said there are more paper devils devoted to cycling than to any other sport.

—A rink in Harlem, New York, was sold of 1,000 pair of roller skates recently.

—A Littlefield, Connecticut, dame of 70 has got a divorce; he left her 51 years ago.

—A fifth wheel, for use on light vehicles, has been invented by a Keokuk (Iowa) man.

—A gambler, Iowa, is being done by a missionary of the 'converted gambler' kind.

—A single oyster opened the other day by a Fair Haven (Conn.) man contained 163 pearls.

—Among the little wars that Brooklyn, Dakota, wants strong is a hamburger cheese factory.

—Atlantic City, New Jersey is reported to be in the way of a \$1,000,000 year.

—Madrid society has been warmly discussing the question, 'Can a bull fighter be a gentleman?'

—A vineyardist in Napa Valley, California, has committed suicide by jumping into a cask of wine.

—Potomac was introduced in 1856. It was compounded of the pulp of apples, lard and rose water.

—Japan is manufacturing jackets of paper, linen thread being introduced to give them necessary strength.

—Twenty-one barrels of flour are used daily in making bread for the 100,000 convicts in Sing Sing prison.

—A Georgia convict recently killed himself by eating 110 grains of corn, 62 peanuts and a large quantity of dough.

—Carpets should never be shaken, as their weight inclines them to part; but should be laid on a rope and then beaten at the back.

—Fifty thousand tons of soot are stated to have been taken from London chimneys last year. Its value is set at \$200,000—as a fertilizer.

—A New York Central sleeping car porter says he has been on the road for twenty years, and has never been offered to pay him for his trouble.

—The great legal phenomenon at Jackson, Michigan, is a lawyer who eloquently defended in court, the other day, a man who had stolen from him an overcoat.

—The absorbing question at Ashton, Iowa, was the Town Council has refused to act on the question, is whether or not base ball playing on Sunday shall be allowed.

—The sparrows have taken possession of the tall pillars that support the elevated tracks in New York, and are nesting amidst the dirt of travel, thousands of little sparrows are yearly hatched out.

—In a fight between two drunken men at Washata, Minnesota, one of the men had his leg broken, and his head nearly broken. The other was arrested and fined \$15; which he paid, and departed.

—A lad in South Boston having handed his teacher a note reading 'I'm a fool,' which the boy got good; talk to him,' provoked an inquiry into the discovery that he had himself written the note.

—The harvest moon is the moon near the full at harvest time in England; or about the autumnal equinox when the moon rises nearly at the same hour for several years. The autumnal equinox occurs about the 23d of September.

—The sultan at Fort Adams, Rhode Island, is said to receive orders from the commandant not to furnish troops with whisky or other strong liquor. The order is due to a disturbance raised by a soldier to whom liquor was sold without a license.

—San Francisco papers complain of the extent to which the use of profane and vulgar language is permitted on the streets of that city, and charge that the police, instead of being champions of decency and good manners, often offend in the same way.

—A young man in Winston county, Mississippi, concluded he would marry in a new-way suit without paying for it. He went to a merchant, obtained the clothes on credit, stood up in it, and returned it the next day, claiming that it did not fit him.

—A girl in Shelby, Kentucky, was provoked by the bad play of her partner at croquet. She struck him on the head with a mallet, and caused a brain fever, of which he nearly died. She was kept in custody until he recovered, and then she married him.

—A curious cause of death is reported from Burlington, New Jersey. The deceased was a cook on a dredging machine. In opening a can of tomatoes his hands were cut by the tin. Blood poisoning and death followed.

—A most astonishing phenomenon of the Jaynes earthquake was the splitting of the Papadawing Mountain. In a flash of time it was split into seven parts. Where the lone mountain had stood loomed up seven peaks each some 7,000 feet high.

—On the Devonshire coast in England a great grass is boiled, chopped, mixed with a small proportion of oatmeal, and made into bread, which keeps from four to eight days, and is much used by the poor Welsh people, most of it being sent to Swansea.

—An English ethnologist has made an interesting discovery. Sir Samuel Baker notes as a curious fact that the negroes never take elephants or wild animals. The elephants used by the Carthaginians were trained by the Arabs and Carthaginians, but never by negroes.

—A dozen years after Henry Hudson had satisfied his Dutch employers that the river which bears his name was not a strait or arm of the sea, the impression prevailed in England among the educated people that it really was so, and that in consequence New England was an island.

THE WIFE'S STRATEGY.

And the Unsuspecting Husband Taken In.

The most brilliant stratagems of war often appear insignificant when compared with the devices practiced by women—particularly married women—to accomplish their aims. A gentleman residing on Superior street was a wife who goes into hysterics every time the fashion-plate changes, while her husband, on the contrary, has an intense antipathy for 'frills and flounces and flumadiddles of that sort.'

A few evenings ago he came home from his evening's work and found his wife sitting up on a chair, and looking at him with a look of intense interest. He was a little surprised, and asked her what she was up to. She told him she was going to have a party, and that she had just bought a new dress. He told her that he was going to have a party, and that he had just bought a new suit. She told him that she was going to have a party, and that she had just bought a new dress.

THE FAVORITE FOOD AT BUDA-PESTH.

The goose, as I have several times had occasion to remark, is a bird that, after it is dead, constantly attracts the attention of the stranger in Austria. Its apparition is frequent on the tables and hotels at Vienna, and it is reported to be sold as frequently on the Danube. It is the most chosen viand at Buda-Pesth. Here it achieves its apotheosis. But it is not so much the bird itself as to that important article, the liver, which is the object of attention. The local commerce in this delicacy is considerable. On certain streets the attention of the pedestrian is attracted by the counterfeited presentations of a goose liver. It is a very good piece of meat, and is sold as frequently on the Danube. It is the most chosen viand at Buda-Pesth. Here it achieves its apotheosis. But it is not so much the bird itself as to that important article, the liver, which is the object of attention. The local commerce in this delicacy is considerable.

Gypsy Manor.

The Gypsies are rarely wanting in a certain humor and power of repartee, which often disarms the anger they have justly provoked. A gypsy being in prison for having worn a costly, new suit, he was visited by the priest, who tried to convince him of the sinfulness of his conduct in swearing to what he had seen. 'You are loading a heavy sin on your suit,' said the priest.

WHISTLING AND WHISTLERS.

If a boy is allowed to whistle it will turn his attention to a great degree from the desire to become the possessor of a drum, and if paternal firmness be added, he can be kept satisfied without any such extravagance. A young boy of my acquaintance was sitting on a bench, and playing on a tin horn. He was whistling as he played, and was very much pleased with himself. He was whistling as he played, and was very much pleased with himself.

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