

Her Love Revealed or True to Her Colors.

"I shall never dare say a word to her now," said Robert Dale to his sister. "I should have told you of my love. I had all the money left for her. How can I do it now?"

"Well, you were going to propose," said Florrie, "but I don't see why you should have been so foolish just because she has a little money left to her."

Mabel Wynne was the village school-teacher and Robert Dale and she had been intimate friends for years. The sudden accession of riches, however, did not turn her head or cause her to desert her old friends. She began, however, to build an elegant house that was the talk of the town.

One day she stopped at the old Dale farm, and Robert Dale was in a flutter of excitement, which he could hardly conceal.

"I want you to come up and see my new house to-morrow," said he as a very pretty place, you will find."

Mabel Wynne said and spent the evening at the Dale farm-house. She and Robert were seated on a lawn under the old apple tree, and they were talking of old times and new. And when at last Robert returned from seeing Mabel home Florrie clasped her hands gleefully.

"Oh, Bob," she cried, "isn't it nice to have Mabel here once more?"

And Bob's smile drew her heart good.

The next day, however, things assumed a new aspect. Robert and Florrie walked up the hillside, and they saw a magnificent new house whose stained-glass casement commanded so rare a view of hills, woods and distant winding river. Mabel was standing on the balcony.

"Now come in," she cried, radiantly. "Walk through all the rooms with me. Here is the library—I want to tell you the idea about fitting that up—and here are the drawing-rooms, Florrie and I must decide about these for you, tell you the truth—and the colored pinks than the heart of a rose—I am going to be married!"

"Flourrie started back with a little exclamation, Robert stood calm and quiet as one of the marble statues in the vestibule.

"Married!" Florrie cried; "and not to the man I love!"

"Tell me," said Mabel, "shall we furnish the drawing-rooms in blue and white, or pink and gold? And my rooms shall be the south one, or the suite looking out over the river?"

"Listen to me, I love this man to be with me to the end of my life. I am not going to look out over the river, but this is the room that I should like to have my husband choose when he comes." Will you give me your friendship? Oh, don't look so solemnly at me! I know I am asking a great deal, but I thought I could not do less.

"Come out and look at the sun-dial on the south lawn," advised Mabel. Florrie has run upstairs to see the river from the observatory. You want war for her, because, Bob, I want to tell you a secret."

"Where's your husband, if the proper person to confide in, May?" he asked.

"In this case, no, Bob," she cried. "Listen to me, I love this man to be with me to the end of my life. I am not going to look out over the river, but this is the room that I should like to have my husband choose when he comes."

"But he does not dare to tell me so. He thinks, don't you see, that I am an heiress, and he is afraid of me. I am a woman, nevertheless, and I love him! Is my wedding money to part us?"

"You have discovered our secret, little sister," said he. "Florrie uttered a cry of joy.

"Oh, May," she said, "is it Robert?"

"Would it be any other?" asked Mabel. Mabel whispered, her sweet eyes full of loving light.

And then Florrie, the "marvelous little sister," she said, "I know, and know it all along. It wasn't a bit of a surprise to her. Everybody had seen it; Bob; and Love was proverbially blind."

Where Diamonds are Polished.

One of the great industries of Amsterdam is the cutting and polishing of diamonds, and nearly all the finest diamonds in the world are brought here to be cut into shape.

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It is whispered in a New York paper that certain ladies of that city are very fond of playing poker. It's an iron poker, of course, and their husbands are the ones who get beaten in the game.

A company has been formed in San Francisco under the title of the "Sonora Antarctic and Developing Company," having for its object the development of the coal fields in Sonora, Mexico. The government has granted it a concession of 5,000 acres of mineral lands with all the contents, except gold and silver. These lands are located near Guaymas. The capital stock is \$10,000,000.

Hansell estimates the quantity of laminated springs at present required on the English, Scotch, and Welsh railways at 231,920 tons, and that 12,000 tons annually used Sheffield gives about 100,000 tons.

HOUSHOLD.

THE MASHIN-TSIN.
An Opium Den Throughout the Chinese Empire.
It is known throughout the length and breadth of the empire to the Chinese, and it helps to make Shanghai regarded as a city of sinners, an economic opportunity for pleasure and dissipation that Paris does the typical Frenchman. It is situated in the French concessions, Shanghai, within a stone's throw of the wall of the native city, within which no opium shops are supposed to exist. The character of the place could not be guessed from its external appearance, although the air of the people passing in and out might suggest it. The streets leading to the opium dens are narrow and crowded with people hanging round the door. Those who have not the requisite number of cash to procure the baneful pipe smoke it with a water pipe, and the more affluent pass in with a nervous hurried step, or totter out wearing their smoking-jackets. The character of the smoker's craving has been satisfied and his transient pleasure has passed away. One regular receipt for the pipe is the smoking of opium, with which the air inside is thickened. The clouds of smoke, the dim light from the numerous pipes, the smell of the reclining forms with disordered faces bent over the small flames at which the pipes are lit, cause no one to notice that the place is as soot as the eye became accustomed to the scene it is noticed that the place is got up on an expensive scale. In the corners of the room are the finest Chinese lamps, the ceiling is of richly carved wood, while the painted walls are thickly decorated with floral designs. The furniture is of the finest and most valuable materials, and the whole is a study of unfinished landscape sketches.

Numerous doors on all sides lead to the smokers' apartments. In the outer portion of the building stands a counter covered with little boxes of the drug ready for smoking, while two assistants are kept busy handing out to the servants who wait upon the smokers of the pipe.

The average daily receipt for opium is said to be about \$1,000. The smokers are divided into four classes. In the cheapest are coolies, who pay about four cents for a pipe of opium. The drug supplied in each class is much the same, both in quality and quantity. It is distinguished by the name that regulates the price. The best kinds are made of ivory, and are often incased with mother-of-pearl, and are made simply of hard wood. The rooms also are furnished according to the class of the smoker. In the most expensive are the rooms which the smokers residing in of fine velvet, with pillows of the same material. The furniture is of the finest and most valuable materials, and the whole is a study of unfinished landscape sketches.

To BRONZE FEATHERS.—Fashion has introduced gilt and bronzed feathers. To make these, the feathers of the largest stockbird therein, as Dr. H. V. Pierce, who, being fully satisfied with the feasibility of the plan from its own health, and soon received the funds for the prosecution of this enormously expensive work, and his confidence and liberality will soon meet its return.

The Doctor besides is President of the Buffalo Loan, Trust and Safe Deposit Company, one of the first and largest banks in the city of Buffalo. But he is perhaps best known as President of the "World's Dispensary Medical Association" and "Hospital for Invalids." His residence is situated on Main and Washington streets, Buffalo, N. Y., having the design to create a hospital for the suffering, and a private treatment of the most skilled class, especially to those suffering from chronic and surgical diseases.

To RELIEVE THE SICK.—Much unnecessary suffering is caused by allowing the skin of a sick person to become so tender by constant lying in bed, that it is difficult to get up, or to get through. If there is the least redness, or even before that, if there is fear that the skin may be tender, loathe the place where the patient lies, and cover it with a stiff froth, in which is mixed two teaspoonfuls of spirits of wine. You may also bathe the patient on the sides and back with a strong solution of tannin, or with a solution of starch, sifted through a muslin bag.

TO DESTROY RED ANTS.—Grease a piece with lard, and set it where ants congregate; place a strip of wood over the ants can climb on the plate easily; they will forsake any food for lard; when the plate is well covered with them, turn it over a hot fire of coals; they will drop into the fire, and you can then reset the plate for another catch. A few repetitions will clean them out.

A HUMOROUS CONFEDERATE.
As a squad of Confederate prisoners were being marched from the steamboat wharf to the Old Capitol prison toward the south, they were gazed at with managriaic interest and soon became acquainted with great interest. Finally the gigantic elephant Hannibal came along, dipping his trunk into the water, and then mounting on horseback, a young man claimed one of the boys in gray; "them us makes me think of Richmond last night when I was captured by the Federal forces, and Alex Stevens used to go about like that elephant and his keeper." As Marshall weighed over 300 pounds and was a man of great strength, for this comparison was good. It is noted, and I am inclined to think, truthfully that Mr. John P. Hale once said to Mr. Stevens, "Why, Stephens, if you don't look out I will swallow you."

"If you do," replied the Georgian, "you'll have more brains in your body than you ever had in your head."

FRENCH CRACKERS.—One pound of flour, one pound of sugar, three-fourths of a pound of butter, are mixed together, and then baked in water over the yolks of the eggs and dip in sugar.

The value of crushed eggs as dressing for burms and scalds, first pointed out by Dr. James Eschscholtz, is mentioned by Richardson. The ice, after being used by crushing or scraping to a fine state of division as dry as possible, is mixed with a little oil, and is placed in a thin paste, and laid upon the burn. This is said to banish all pain until the mixture has dried, and then a fresh dressing is necessary.

A fund is being raised by subscription in St. Petersburg for instituting a University five burials, dedicated to the memory of Charles Darwin, to be employed for the maintenance of such students in natural science.

A Gigantic Mining Enterprise.

Without doubt one of the greatest mining achievements of modern engineering is the construction of the Big Bend Tunnel on the Feather River, California. The river is formed by the North, Middle and South Forks, which rise in a conical cone as a guide. Over the scarp of tectonic mass, draw a scallop round them, taking half the circumference of a circle, and punch a hole in the center of each, and a shaft of iron will be driven through a small flower, which is now to be prepared by pressing them with a hot iron, and covering them with one or two sheets of blotting paper.

But the Big Bend of Feather River whose gravel deposits have been estimated at \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000, has little by little been man of man to rob it of its treasure. The vast amount of wealth has been guarded and preserved for ages by the numerous constant flow of one hundred thousand miners' inches of water rushing through a narrow canon of from 1,500 to 2,000 feet deep, which rendered it impossible to do any preparatory work of any kind. Only recently these obstacles could be overcome through the intervention of modern engineering.

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FARM NOTES.

FIGHTING INSECT ENEMIES.—No subject deserves more attention at the hands of farmers, and of horticulturists, than the study of insect enemies, or the study of insect friends and enemies. Insect transformation and habits are not only interesting, but a study of them is a most practical use to the agriculturist. Comparatively little is yet known of the insect world, although much of the insect world has been studied. The careful and observant farmer can add much to the science of economic entomology.

The important insecticides used in use are Paris green, pyrethrum (Persian insect powder) white bellerose, white-oil soap, carbolic acid, soft soap, arsenic, and kerosene. After careful and careful preparation of various native plants will be found to be as effective in certain cases as in pyrethrum. Many of these plants are, however, more or less species of insects. Decoctions made of bark and leaves are found in some cases to be excellent insecticides.

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NO "POPPY" FOR HIM.—A Montana girl came East and attended a fashionable boarding school for a year. On her return she flew into her father's arms, gasping out:

"Oh, papa! How is mamma and—" "The old Montana retreated until he backed up against the depot, then he shook one horny finger warningly toward the returned 'Sadie,' and said:

"Don't you go for to calling me 'pappy' and your mam 'mommy.' Sary Jane. We won't hev it. 'Dad' and 'mam' was good enuff for ye when ye left home, an' it's good enuff now that ye've come home, 'ar that in mind, Sary Jane, an' don't 'pappy' me again or I'll take a brush to ye."

THE VEIL LIFTED.—Family Physician—"You cure puzzles me exceedingly, Miss Bessie. After careful diagnosis I find you have symptoms of arsenical poisoning, malaria, a mild form of dyspepsia, slight indications of softening of the brain and—I regret to say it—a suspicion of gout."

Miss Bessie—"How horrid and the care I have taken of myself this winter. Why, doctor, you know I haven't been anywhere for two weeks excepting to our Cooking Club dinner night before last."

"So you think there is no danger about my going to the ball?" "Not a bit of it. You'll go to heaven fast enough."

"Well, it would be more satisfactory if one knew you had good grounds for your assertion."

"Oh, have. You're sure to go to heaven. You must, in obedience to the law of nature."

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