### Love at Long Range \$ e was an encount and encountered to

Charles O'Meara was an operator in New York on one side of a quadruplexed wire running to Chicago. The Chicago was Miss Amy Davidson. Both were expert, and the manner in which they kept their message hooks clear excited the admiration of the chief in their respective offices. O'Meara was a handsome and intelligent young Irishman, with jet black hair and mustache and great, soulful blue eyes-one of the kind of men who seem almost unconsciously to possess the power of fascination over women.

After having worked the wire together a few months O'Meara and Miss Davidson became well acquainted, although, of course, neither had ever seen the other. They had abundant opportunities for conversation in the early morning before the rush of business for the day began and in the late afternoon when the rush was over.

There is a sort of telepathy in telegraphy, as all telegraphers admit, and there certainly was in this case. Long before any word of love had passed over the wire between them each had become conscious of a tender regard for the other. O'Mears could recognize in an instant the touch of a strange hand on the key in Chicago, and Miss Davidson was as quickly conscious of the change when any other than O'Meara's hand manipulated the transmitter in There is as much that is distinctly characteristic in the manner in which telegraphers form the dots and dashes as there is in the manifold forms of chirography.

One morning Amy complained of feeling ill. "I am afraid," she said, "that I will have to give up and go home. I would do so surely if I could afford to lose the time. My head aches dreadfully. Dear me! What would my mother and sister do if I should become really side! They have holody to take care of them but me."

There was a tremulousness in the dots and disables which plainly indicated to O'Meara that the girl, a thousand miles away, was weeping softly, as indeed she was, with her head resting wearily against the resonator containing the There was a tremulousness in the dots and disappeared within. Gordon sat in his chair, deep in thought, while his cigar burned itself out between his fingers.

At last he got up and shook his broad shoulders as though freeing himself of the East, South and Southwest will find this a great describe ratio. There was a tremulousness in the dots sounder. He replied:

"Try to stick it out today, dear. We will take it easy, and perhaps you will feel better by tomorrow. At any rate, don't worry.

It was the first time he had used any term of endearment in their intercourse, and she was much affected. But she brightened up a little and managed to struggle through the day's work.

Next morning O'Meara found a strange operator at the Chicago end of the wire, and when he inquired for Miss Davidson he was told that she was very ill. The poor fellow realized now, if he never had before, that he was deeply in love with a woman he had never seen. He became so fretful and irritable as to excite comment among the others in the office.

"What on earth is the matter with on the opposite side of the "quad" of inside. the man who sat at the next instru- "What in the world are you looking

"I guess he's in love with that Chicago girl who is sick." was the reply. One morning the answer made by the as to Miss Davidson's condition contained but one word-"Dead!"

O'Meara uttered a kind of moan, and his head fell upon his desk. When one of the chiefs aroused him, he found the young man's face flushed and his eyes bloodshot. O'Meara was sent home, where he remained for weeks suffering from a severe attack of brain fever. When at last he had recovered and returned to the office to report for duty. the chief told him to take his usual seat at the Chicago quadruplex.

"If you'd just as lief give me another wire, I'd rather have it." O'Meara said. "I don't think I care to work with Chicago any more.

There was a twinkle in the eye of the chief as he said:

"You used to do some fine work on that Chicago wire.

"Perhaps so," O'Meara replied sadly. "but I had a fine operator to work

with. "Well," said the chief, "that's a fine operator there yet—the same one. I be-

lieve, that was there before." "That cannot be—for she is dead!

This with a great sob. "I think you had better return to the old wire, for the present at least," the chief said. "Then, if you are not satisfied. I will transfer you to some other

O'Meara walked slowly over to his old place to relieve the man who was at the moment receiving some messages from Chicago. As he neared the instrument and heard the characters coming with a dearly loved and familiar sound his heart almost stopped beating so overwhelming was the surge of emotion. He listened a moment until at the

beginning of another message came the signal of the sending operator, "A. D." "Who, in heaven's name, is there in Chicago," he almost shouted, "that dares to sign 'A. D. ?' "

"Amy Davidson, of course," was his friend's reply. "Don't trifle with me," O'Mears

cried. "Amy Davidson is dead!" "Not by a long shot," said the operator, making way for O'Meara. was only a rumor that some chuckle headed ass accepted as a fact. She has been back at work for two weeks or more. From the manner in which she has inquired about you every day I should imagine that she takes an interest in you.

When he sat down before the instrument, his hand trembled so that he could scarcely form the dots and dashes

I had to be dragged at its heels. Yet don't accuse me of any responsibility for your father's taking off. He was the author of my existence. Like Frankenstein, he built me up, bone by bone, and was not content until he had made a gigantic monster and had breathed into my bony breast the breath of life. Then, in order that I might not afflict his sight, he stowed me away in that closet. Suppose I became the instruoperator on the corresponding side in ment of his own undoing. Is it not true that he was nevertheless the author of

his own downfall?" "Your logic seems to be as merciless as it is correct," answered Gordon, with knitted brows. "Still, there are some points relating to your history on which my mind is a trifle obscure. What possessed my father to call into being a creature of your disagreeable character?

"The almighty dollar, young man. He created me in order that you might inherit a little more wealth. He did not think, then, how I should one day sit astride his shoulders like an Old Man of the Sea, nor did he think that it was possible for me to afflict his son. For abvious reasons, my relations with you are not so intimate as they were with your worthy father. I was evolved out of the wheat pit of the board of trade. Your father was a bull, and he mercilessly gored both life and fortune out of a certain bear who was not nimble enough to get out of his way."

"And who was this bear?" asked

"A man named Hepburn." "Amy Hepburn's father?" murmured the young man, rubbing his hand across

his brow in an effort to remember. "Yes. Hepburn lost every penny he had in the world through that disastrous wheat deal. He was forced into bankruptey and, unable to bear the disgrace, took his own life. His money went to increase the stere your father left you, my boy, and it is now possible for you to live in luxury while Hepburn's wife and cibbiren must struggle on as best they can. However." and its closet, "it is not for me to moralize. all Druggists. Now that I've caught myself deliver ing a homily. I'll just take my depart-Au revoir, my dear fellow!

Halting at the closet door, the skele-

shoulders as though freeing himself of

a disagrecable burden. "Society has dared me," he muttered, "but I know my heart, now, and I'll do as I please!"

After Harry Gordon and Amy Hepburn had been married and had returned from their honeymoon Marry brought his bride up stairs to his old bachelor's den and seated her in a chair.

"My dear." he said, "I have a confession to make to you. My father once a week. You can devote all or your did your father a grievous wrong, and I have made myself the happiest fellow ticulars. Address, The Bell Comin the world by undoing it. However, as we are not to have any secrets from each other, you must know about this."

A look of astonishment came into Amy's blue eyes as she watched her husband proceed to the closet, throw O'Meara?" asked one of the operators open the door and go rummaging about

for, Harry to her side.

"I'm looking for something that does not seem to be there—the Gordon fam-Chicago operator to O'Meara's inquiry ily skeleton, Amy. For the first time in 15 years it is not to be found in that closet.

Just then a clanking tread was heard in the hallway without, the door was pushed slowly ajar and the skeleton limped in, supporting itself on a crutch and looking very much the worse for

"There it is!" cried Gordon. "What's the matter with you, old chap? Here, sit down. I want to make you acquainted with my wife.

The family skeleton dropped into a chair and shook until it rattled like a score of castanets.

"I'm done for," it groaned. "You've fixed me, young man. I just dropped in to say goodby forever. But don't introduce me to your wife. We've met before

know all about this family skeleton of yours. Don't let it worry you, my dear," and she threw her soft arms about his neck. "Let the dead past bury its dead. If we are happy, isn't that enough?"

"Enough, yes!" And he pressed a rapturous kiss upon her fair cheek.

That kiss pronounced the doom of the Gordon family skeleton. Forthwith it began to fade into thin air, finally vanishing and leaving not a wrack behind.

Playing Poker by Wire.

Few outside the brotherhood of the key are aware that operators often play poker over the wire. It is, nevertheless, a fact, and the diversion is fairly common.

"When I was working on the Blankety-blank line at a little railroad station in Illinois," said an ex-operator the other day, "business was very slack toward early morning, and we used to get up a four handed game regularly. The players were myself and three other operators at different points along the line. We would call each other up, and then every man would deal himself a hand, making his discards and 'helping' as desired. Of course, we had to trust to mutual honor as to cheating. but I think everybody was on the square. All played freeze out, and the loser had to treat when we got together at headquarters, which was about once a month. I must confess that the action was a little slow, but the game was more exciting than one might imagine. Almost all the old operators

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London, Dec. 12.-No further official news has been received to remove the mystery overhanging General Gatacre's retreat from Stormberg. He has you tried the new food drink called not yet forwarded the promised ad-GRAIN O? It is delicious and nour- ditional message, and the censorship ishing and takes the place of coffee. has prevented the correspondents from The more Grain O you give the chil-explaining the matter. While it appears to be generally admitted that General Gatacre is inclined to over-work his men, it is felt that considerable allowance must be made for the extreme difficulty of getting intelligence in a country whose inhabitants are in strong sympathy with the enemy.

According to reports thus far received General Gatacre left Putters Kraal by train for Molteno, and then proceeded by forced march 12 miles toward Stormberg. He had 4,000 men, including the Northumberland Fusilters, the Royal Irish Rifles and two batteries of field artillery.

The British were unmolested by the Boers until the Boer position was reached, when a hot fire was unexpectedly opened upon the advancing

The engagement began at 4:15 a.m. At 7 a, m., after a sharp artillery duel, the British retired to Moltenor General Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable. It was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Boers. The British losses were two men killed, nine officers and 17 men wounded and 672 captured. The Boers also captured three British guns.

Stormberg is described as a stronger position than Laines Nek. The only road winds through lofty hills and flanking is impossible. Colesberg is also said to be an almost impregnable position, and as no troops are available to reinforce the columns acting in those directions, it becomes evi-dent that General Gatacre's misfortune or error will delay the invasion of the Free State perhaps some weeks. It is exceedingly probable that he will be compelled to retire on Queenstown and to wait for reinforcements, which can hardly reach him until Sir Charles Warren's division arrives at the cape. The first detachments will sail Saturday next. Even if General French i not compelled to retreat he will be obliged to pause in his advance.

It is announced from Cape Town that the Boers have succeeded in repairing the Leuwfontein bridge, between Stormberg and Burghersdorp, which the British had destroyed on retiring.

Details are expected from the Boer

outposts in the direction of Modder River. There is a report that the British are advancing on the plain, and heavy fighting is anticipated. General Prins Loo and General Cronje com-mand the Boer forces. The following dispatch has been re-

ceived at Lorenzo Marquese from the Boer laager near Ladysmith: Several kaffir runners from Ladysmith to Estcourt have been captured. They received from £15 to £40 for the trip The intercepted messages show what men and horses in Ladysmith are now on half rations, that whishy is £1 a bottle and that beer is exhausted.

The Transvaal government has decided to consider Mr. Winston Church-III, who was captured Nov. 15 between Estcourt and Chieveley, a combatant officer, and to retain him as a prisoner. Mr. Churchill has applied to General Buller with a view of getting an exchange.

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