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#### AFTER ALL!

BY EMILY J. MACKINTOSH:

He had been a bachelor for forty years, this same Mr. Ellis Harvey, about whom I am writing a story, and he was known among his friends as a "very particular" man, and "hard to please," which last phrase generally means one thing-hard to please in a matrimonial way.

He was sitting before a blazing coal-fire, thinking how dismally cold it must be outside; and he was eating very leisurely his late dinner, and thinking how excessively comfortable it was in his sanctum, when the door opened, and a tall, stylish lady, whose likeness to himself spoke her relationship,

"Ellis!" she exclaimed, at dinner? Why, it is nine e'clock, and I am ready for the ball at Mrs. Jameson's.".

"So I perceive, he said, lazily, looking at her s ately figure in its rich evening dress .-"I cannot go for an hour, Hattie, so sit down and be comfortable. Ten o'clock is early enough, just right for a sensation."

"But what makes you dine at this hour ?" rections to wait for me. Let me offer you bites, and he knew that the whiteness over something."

the house, you would have to come to your dinner at a civilized hour."

"Let us be thankful then that she does not rule the house! Where is Lawrence?" "In Washington! Went this morning, which accounts for my calling for you. But, Ellis, seriously, do you never intend to give me a sister? I gave you Lawrence for a brother years ago, and as there are only you ton, and I'm kinder surprised myself, for I and I left in the family, it is but fair you should return the favor. You are getting old, too, sir !"

"Am I? How? Hair turning?"

"No, you conceited fellow, you are as handsome as ever; but you grow more fussy and bachelory every day. Smith spoils you !" married man, and none of the bother. I will wager that Lawrence himself is not bet I told Linkin I was all ready, but that my cases, and got a magnifyin glass and put be ter cared for than I am."

some time

"Oh, yes! if I ever find anybody to suit

"There is Fannie Hays, you were very attentive to her at one time."

"Hattie," said Ellis, solemnly, "she paints, I saw it come off, one warm evening, on her handkerchief. Don't teil, but it is a fact !-I was so glad I had not actually proposed." " Well, Ellis, I am sure Jane Hunter didn't

"But, Hattie, she was so fearfully ugly. I tried in vain to be sensible and prefer mind intellect, and talent, to mere beauty; but she was so frightfully strong-minded, and made such terrific speeches about equal rights and male tyranny, that she fairly frightened me away."

"Well, Louise Holden was not strong-

minded !" "Milk and water!" said Ellis, contemptu

ously.

" Dressed so shockingly. Venus herself could not look well in an enormous red and green plaid, with a blue bonnet. Ugh!"

" Mary Willis had exquisite taste in dress." " But she had such a voice! She addressed you with tender eloquence, and told her most cherished secrets in the voice of a fish

woman crying shad." "Well, Ellis, one more. Welhelmina

"Ah! Hattie, there I was touched. Beauty, talent, feminine graces, every attraction; but she lived next door to a grocery store." "Now, Ellis, what could that have to do

with it ?" "It was in the summer, and we were at point of offering myself, when the wind blew a strong whiff of salt mackeral between us. You know my aversion to mackerel. The smell made me sick, and I forgot sentiment Heft, and the next day Moore proposed and was accepted."

"You had better have a wife made to order, Ellis Particular, for I am sure the paragon does not exist who will fill your ideas of Mrs. Harvey. I shouldn't wonder if you married Smith, after all."

"Not a bit of danger. If I ever marry. my wife must be refined in manner, ladylike in appearance, pretty enough to escape the charge of positive ugliness, at least thirty years of age, and of good birth and position.' " And with sufficient good taste to appre-

ciate your condescension and say, 'Yes, if you will be good enough to have me,' when you propose. Come, you have finished your dinner. Go dress yourself."

Six hours later Ellis was a doomed man. How it came about he never knew. After all . his his resolutions never to marry in haste, to weigh well all her perfections and Cotton !" "Now," ses I "Kernel, what an imperfections befo e addressing any lady; in idee that is! Don't you suppose it would be fact, to walk slowly and deliberately into a dangerous for him to live down in Secesh

word, and he was gone.

eyes, a maze of white lace, and a tinny, deli- licker, and loyal too. cately gloved hand. These were the first

her father was a wholesale grocer, and found salt mackerel, because she sat opposite to sun-bonnet blue, while a red shawl of her sister's hung over her arm. He heard her scream with terror over her little nephew who fell into the horse pond, and dragged frantically sprang in after him. He never noticed that a shriek is not melodious. He "I was detained, and gave Mrs. Smith di- saw her lovely face covered with musquito them was powder, and yet-he "You savage! You want a wife, Ellis, to never knew how, he proposed, was accepted, keep you in order. If Mrs. Harvey ruled and, as Hattie said, "Married a darling lit. look at the Constitushun thru constitushuntle chit of sixteen AFTER ALL !"

#### LETTER FROM MAJOR JACK DOWN-ING.

WASHINGTON, June 18th, 1862. To the Editors of the Cawcashin:

Suns :- I expect you'll be struck all aback to git anuther letter from me, dated Washingexpected to be in Downingville long afore this. But you'll see, by the time you git through this letter, that it was impossibul the White House, and asked him ef he'd sen it? He said he hadn't. Then I reckmeetin the night before, and it struck me with it. So Linkin sent the feller around to see. After he'd gone, I told Linkin ef any of 'em had it that I'd bet it was Stantin, for ses I, "Kernel, ever sence he tried to get on your trowsers down to Fort Monrow, he's acted jest as ef he wanted to play Ginneral Jackson, and ef he can git a piece of hickery that the old Ginneral has handled, he'd think that he was on the way to glory. Sure enuf he had it, but pretended it was all a mistake, jest as he did when I caught him in the Kernel's trowsers. Depend upon it, Stantin needs watchin, for he is one of them kind of fellers who's got it into ther head that they are for-ordained for somethin, and they don't

The loss of my hickery kept me over one day longer, and the next morning I got the bottle of Borebon whiskey which you sent to me. A feller by the name of Adams fetched it, and he wouldn't take any pay for his trubble either. I asked him if he was eny relashin to Phil Adams, who used to keep a tan yard in Downingsville, as he was a very clever man and used to do enything for his naybors for nothin. The chap laughed rite out loud at this, and sed "he didn't see it. Ses I. " what don't you see ?" " Well," sed he, "never mind, old feller, about telling stories, but jest put your name rite idowu there," and he handed out a big book full of writin. Ses 1, "Mr. Adams, I never put my name to enything that I don't understand." the open parlor window. I was just on the I know." Ses the feller, ses he, "Git out! this is only a receipt for that bottle."\_ "Wall," ses I, " ef that's all, then here goes." So I got my spectacles and a quill pen, fir I never rite with eny of the new fangled kinds. and I jest rote out "Major Jack Downing" in a stile that made the feller stare. Ses I "Mr. Adams, you have some awful poor riters among the fellers you deal with, but I ain't ashamed of that ritin eny where." The chap he looked at it a moment and then he looked at me, and finally says he "Bully for you," and in a jiffy he was off, without

even shakin hands or sayin good by. After he was gone I took the bottle into Linkin's room and opened it. " Now," ses I. Kernel, let's try this licker." " Wall," ses he, "Majer, I'm a good judge of Borebon, for it comes from my old State of Kentuck." Wen Linkin saw the name on the bottle, "Mr. Cotton, 306 Washington street, N. Y., ses he, "Major do you think that this is loval wiskey?" "Why," ses I, "Kernel, what makes you ask that questshin?" "Wall." ses he, "don't you see the man's name is

cool, sensible state of affection, he suddenly where they are burning cotton as fast as it all apart. I found the box all rite; there throughout his life, up to the very hour of found himself deeply in love. One look, one they kin?" "Wal, never mind the name, warn't enything in the tube, and I was puzzlin his death, we find the ultra wing of the "Miss Lois Jones, the hated the name of soon tell whether it's loyal or not." So I slipped up the magifying glass and rite back ing a resolution implying that if Douglas Jones,) let me introduce Mr. Harvey. He opened the bottle and poured out some, and bowed to Miss Jones, and looked at her. the Kernel took a good swig. I also took a A little delicate figure, a pair of soft blue snifter, and we both pronounced it a No. 1

"Now," ses I, Kernel, can you tell me impressions. A voice, low and sweet, mod- why this whiskey is like the Constitution of ulated like music, well chosen phrases, and the United States ?" "No," ses he, "I don't ter I took the nigger out, it was all rite agin. a modest yet self-possessed manner, and a see eny simularity." "Wal," ses I, "Ker graceful deportment finished the fascination. nel, this whiskey was made for White Men In a sort of misty pleasure, Ellis waltzed jest as the Constitushin was." Ses he. "Mawith this wee fairy who had somehow come | jer, how do you know it was made for white right into his heart, whose door he fancied men?" "Wal," ses I, "it is jest as plain to so strongly fortified. He called, and found me as daylight. You see, Kernel, the licker his fascinator in a neat wrapper, teaching agrees with you. It tastes good. It won't two little sisters grammer. He learned that hurt you; in a word, it corresponds with natur. That's a sign it was made for you .she had three strong-minded sisters. He Jest so it was with the Constitushin. It apspent a week with her married brother on a plies to white men exactly, and they've al- I'll leave you this Teliskope so you can take country farm, and breakfasted every day on ways got along together with it fust rate .-Now you give this whiskey to the niggers, him and did the same. He helped her over and they get drunk on it, and cut up all sorts a stile when her wrapper was green and her of scrapes, but white men, whom it was made for, know jest how to use it, and it don't do them eny hurt. Jest so with the Constitushin; you apply it to niggers and it is jest as bad for 'em as whiskey. They don't know her out, with the boy in her arms, when she how to use it, an they'll destroy everything. an make themselves an everybody else ten times worse off."

"Wal," ses the Kernel, ses he, "Major, I wish I could see how it is that the Constitushin don't apply to niggers jest as much as to white men." Ses I, "Kernel, you don't al spectacles. That Chicago Platform bothers you. "Now," ses I, "Kernel, ef I'll make you a Constitutishunal Teliskope will you promise me to use it? If you will, it will be about as good a guide to you as ef I staid here all summer myself." Ses I, "it will show 'the Constitushin as it is, an the Union as it was." When I spoke of this, Linkin sed he'd be tickled eenamost to deth ef Iwould make him one: So I told him I could do it in one day, an that although I was very anxus to get hum, yet I'd fix this for me to leave. I got my trunks all packed up before I started. So I jest went up to up and ready to start, when lo! and behold, my room and began to plan. I had a pair my hickery that Ginneral Jackson give me of old spectacles which Gineral Jackson was missin! Now, I couldn't no more trav- give me, an I knew that the glasses were "Smith gives me all the comforts of a il without my hickery cane than I could sod- jest as sound constitushunal glasses as were der up this broken Union with skim milk. ever looked thru. So I took 'em out of the hickery was missin. So he called the feller tween 'em an fixed 'em in a long narrer box-"But, Ellis, surely you intend to marry in purty bad close; who does chores around It took me about all day before I got it fin-

> When it was all done, I looked thru it, an ollected that there had been a Cabbynet you never see such a glorions site. I could see jest as ef it was the hull Union lavin out that some of the members had walked off before me. There was the Stars and Stripes, an the eagle, and thirty millions of white people, all happy and contented, an joy an prosperity smilin everywhere. An the sky seemed to be bendin down so as to almost tech the arth, an away up in the clouds I could see rais of light streemin forth, and I thought I could even see the angil robes of Washington, an Jefferson, an Maddison, an the old Gineral lookin down, an rite over the hull was the words, "Glory and Peace," in grate big letters. It was raley beautiful. I got a lookin at it an forgot all about myself, in a efforts to put down the rebellion," This is, sort of reverce, and wen I cum to, I found I'd virtually, charging that lamented statesmen been cryin, because you see, that was the Union as it was, an not as it is now. In fact, wen I got awake I found it was eenamost pitch dark, an so Linkin couldn't look thru the Teliskope that nite. Then I got a piece of chalk an marked in "Linkin Teliscope," and took it to him.

"There," ses I, "Kernel, that Teliskope is done an to-morrow you kin take a look at the Union as it was, and the Constitution as it is." Ses I, " the scene is a glorious one." So I. left the Teliskope in Linkins room that nite

an went to bed. The next mornin, after I got my breakfast, went in, "and now," ses I, "Kernel, we we must try the Teliskope." So I thought I'd look thru fust to see if the glasses were set all rite, wen I never was took aback so in my life. Instead of the joy and happiness, and the smilin faces, and the thirty millions "Ses I, that may be secesh docyment for all of white people, the rais of light in the sky with "GLORY and PEACE" on em, all was dark and dismal. All I could see was some 4,000,000 of niggers, and war, and bloodshed. and misery, camps full of sick sojers and broken waggins, wimmin and children cryin, and the sky was black, and away up on a black cloud, in letters still blacker, I could see the words "NEGRO FREEDOM and WAR."

> I jumped back as ef I was hit wen I saw, it. Ses Linkin, "What's the matter, Maier ?" Ses I "Kernel that Teliskope is all out of or der. It ain't rite." But Linkin sed he hadn't teched it, so I was puzzled. So atter thinkin awhile, ses I, "Kernel, was there envbody here last nite after I went away?"

> "Yes," ses he. Boss Seward cum for a while an talked over matters." Ses I, " Did he tech this ?,' "Wal he was lookin kinder inquirin at it, and I telled him what is was, and he seemed to be greatly strck, and examined it very clus."

"Now," ses I, that ackounts for it. The pesky critrer has been playin one of his cunnin tricks on me; but my name ain't Jack Downing ef I don't expose him. No true Constitutional Teliskope will give such a view as that of the Union." So I sot down and took out my jack knife and went to take facts as to the sentiments of Mr. Douglas

once ackounted for the hull trubbel, for the magnifin glass reflected the nigger instead of in the same category with Forney !--- Evening what it would naterally, the white man. Af Journal and wen Linkin looked thru it he was perfectly astonished.

"Now," ses I, "Kernel, you see that it is tryin to put the nigger where he don't belong that is the cause of all our troubbel .- He don't belong in the Constitution, and wen we undertake to put him there he won't work. This trick of Seward's jist shows you what he's up to. Now, Kernel, I'm going to start for Downingville arly to morrow mornin, and a look at the Union as it was, and don't you let Seward or Sumner, or eny of them fellers, get hold of it. Wen you get puzzled, jest go and look thru that, and you may depend upon it it will lead you strate. Ef you get inter eny deep troubel, write me and I'll give you advice, or ef you can't get along without me. I'll come back after the Fourth is over and stay with you till you get out of this scrape with the rebils. I told you I would stick to you, and I will." So I bid good bye to the Kernel and his wife, that uite, reddy to start

in the morning. I intend to give you a full acknownt of the celebrashun of the Fourth at Downingville Insine Stebbins, of the Downingsville Insensibles, who writ the piece of poetry on Mrs. Linkin's ball and who was wounded at Chickenhominy and cum hum with a furlong, is to be orator of the occashin. Jerusha Matilda Jenkins, the darter of Deacon Jenkins, and who went down to Port Roile to tech the contrarybands their primers, will also be there. The Insine is a very smart chap, ef he is a niggerite; and I expeck he'll do himself creditable.

Excuse this long letter, and believe me Yours till deth, MAJER JACK DOWNING.

#### SLANDERING THE ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD.

The Republican Convention, held in this city on Monday, passed the following resolution, as a bait to catch gudgeons :-

Resolved, That we resognize not only the loyalty of the organization known as the People's Party," but that of all Democratic citizens who, like the late Senator Douglas, give their cordial and unqualified support to the Government in its efforts to put down re bellion, and desire that they also be fully represented on any ticket this Convention

This affectionate reference to Douglas by men who, for ten years previous to his death, spert their days and nights in reviling him. would be amusing if it were not infamously hypocritical. But in one respect this resolution assumes a more serious character. It implies that, if living, Douglas would join the Black Republicans, and subscribe to their plan of "supporting the Government in its with an inclination to plunder the treasury. arm the Southern slaves, annihilate a dozen or more State Governments, and ruin the country.-We regard this as a vile slander upon the illustrious dead, unwarranted by anything ever said or done by Douglas. His whole record attests his bitter hatred of the principles of this party, which after traducing him as a traitor for years, now, that he is dead is, claiming him as its own.

Even at the very threshold of the world to which his spirit has departed, he desired that his children should be taught to love the Con stitution which these Republicans repudiate, and which some of their leaders declare to be hell;" and, in his last public speech, he denounced the policy of the Republican party in respect to arming the slaves. He was for the preservation of the Union, but declared that savages must not be let loose" upon the women and children of the South. On the 3d of January, 1861, Mr. Douglas, in the U. S. Senate declared and proved the Republicans to be responsible for the failure of Crittenden's Compromise. He said :---

"I believe this to be a fair basis of amicable adjustments. If you of the Republican side are not willing to accept this, nor the proposition of the Senator from Kentucky, [Mr Crittenden, pray tell us what you are will

"I address the inquiry to Republicans alone, for the reason that in the Committee of Thirteen, a few days ago, every member from the South, including those from Cotton States [Messrs. Davis and Toombs,] expressed their readiness to accept the proposition of my venerable friend from Kentucky, [Mr. Crittenden,] as a final settlement of the controversy, if tendered and sustained by the Republican

"Hence the sole responsibility," (mark the language,) "of our disagreement, and the only difficulty in the way of amicable adjustment, is with the Republican party."

But, notwithstanding those well-known

Major, let us taste of the whiskey. I can myself what could be the matter, when I Black Republican party of Philadelphia passof it was a little bit of paper nigger, black as were alive, he would now be acting with that the ace of spades, that that feller Seward had altra portion of that ultra party!, We know cunnifly slipped in there! You see, that at not how a greater reproach could have been cast upon the dead prtriot. It is placing him

> At the meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee, held the 29th ult the following resolution was adopted:

> Resolved, That the Chairman call upon the loyal men of Pennsylvania, through the Democratic Standing Committees of the several counties, to meet in the several cities and counties of the State, at such places as shall be designated by the said standing Committees respectively, on the 17th of September next; to celebrate that day as the anniversary of the day of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States.

> Pursuant to these resolutions, I call upon the Democratic Standing Committees respectively in the several cities and counties of Pennsylvania to request the Democrats and all other loyal citizens to convene in mass meetings at such places and at such hours as they respectively may designate, on the 17th of September next, to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America.

> Since the 17th of September, 1787, there has been no period in the history of America when it was so eminently fitting and important as the present to bring to the attention of the American people great fundamental principles, which must underlie any Government. where civil and religious liberty exist, and especially those that underlie the Government of this Union -a Union which rests for its foundation upon that Constitution which affirms and proposes to make sacred and perpetual those principles. That Constitution and that Union one and inseparable-are flow assailed by foes throughout the whole land, by Secessionists in the South and Abolitionists in the North. The former by a bold organized armed movement, strike directly and avowedly at the whole sovereignty and existence of our Constitutional Government. The latter by equally direct efforts but from nn der the cloak of recently declared friendship and patriotism, are seeking to thrust their traitorous stillettoes into the heart's blood of

The people of this land are the soffree of all power. They made Constitution they can, and, (unless they would become the victims of despotism or anarchy) must uphold them. The great fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty asserted in the American Constitution are essential to secure, us in the enjoyment of life and property, and in the pursuit of happiness. Among these are he freedom of speech and of the Press, the right of the people peacebly to assemble, the ight of the people to be secure in their perons, houses, papers and effects againt unreasonable searches and seizures, that no warrant shall issue but upon probable cause apported by oath or affirmation, that no erson shall be held to answer for a capital or ther infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury except in cases arising in the land and naval forces, or in the militia when in actual service in time of war or public danger, that no citizen shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law that in all criminal prosecuions, the accursed shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury f the State or District where the crime shall ave teen committed, which District shall, have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have .compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assictance of counsel for his defence-That the powers not delegated to the United 'a covenant with death and a league with States, by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Among the powers not delegated to the United States, but reserved to the States respectively or to the people, as the right to hold elections and to determine upon and fix the qualifications of vot. rs. With the people of Pennsylvania this great right is fixed by the Constitution, of the State, and no power but that Constitution, had laws enacted in pursuance thereof can prohibit the exercise of : or limit or restrain that right :- a right most inestimable to our people, and formidable to tyrants only.

Fellow countrymen, on the coming anniversary of the day of the adoption of the American Constitution, in the exercise of the right of the people peaceably to assemble," let us all solemnly and reverently, in the face of ail men and before Heaven, declare our firm determination " to pledge our lives. our fortunes, and our sacred, honors," " to preserve protect and defend the Constitution of the United States " Let us afford to President Lincoln the most indubitable evidence. that in the observance of his oath of office to do the same thing, we will uphold and support hun, just as readily as we have alreade stown him tha in filling up from our ranks the great bulk of the army, now and heretofore in the field, we have always been ready at whatever sacrifice to strike down open and