

THE NAVAJO BLANKET.

Out in the land of little rain, Of canon-rift and cañon plain, An Indian woman, short and stout, This blanket wove with patient art...

For Old Love's Sake.

A SHORT STORY.

He had staked and lost. With his head whirling and brain on fire, Dick Welby stepped out of the brilliantly lighted Sunset club into the darkness of the deserted street, dazed and bewildered.

It was early morning when he opened the door of his modest flat. A pretty figure came running up the hall. "Oh, Dick! I am so glad you've come at last!"

"Were you frightened, dear?" and he gave her an affectionate hug. "Any letter?" he asked presently, when they were having supper, which she had waited for him.

"No, why?" "I expected Johnson would be waiting for the rent, that's all. He said he wouldn't wait after this week, and the worst of it is—stretching his legs before the fire—I can't pay him."

"So we should have, only I've been speculating—investing, and lost a heap of money. A fellow at the office put me on a good thing in gold mines, which hasn't turned up trumps, and there's at least \$50 gone."

His wife's face grew serious, but she did not tell him the landlord had called that morning for the last time. Mabel Welby was a woman in a thousand. She loved her husband with the intensity of affection which a woman can and will bestow upon a man, however worthless.

At last she resolved to take a bold step. Years ago, before she became engaged to Richard Welby, she was acquainted with a gentleman who had been exceedingly fond of her, who had proposed and been rejected, but who had told her more in sorrow than in anger that if ever she wanted help he would never refuse it.

A few minutes found Mabel, who had left little Tiny in charge of their one servant, speeding on to the great metropolises. She reached the building at last, and, discovering the name among 59 or more on the brass plates outside, went boldly up to the office.

"Mabel!" he cried. She sat down and tried bravely to speak, but her lips refused her. "Have you come to redeem my promise?"

"Yes; I want your help; oh, George! forgetting the years that had elapsed since they last met—you'll help us, won't you?" "The man looked up.

"Mabel, let us be frank with each other. You are married, perhaps?" "Yes." "Ah!"

He leaned back in his chair and read his chin musingly. "Well, one can't have all his desires in this world, and now—speaking in a more business like tone—the nature of the assistance you require?"

"To borrow a few dollars. My husband has lost money in speculation—gold mines, or something of that sort, and we need them badly just now." "After more conversation, the man handed her two crisp banknotes, and she rose to go.

"By the way, I don't know your name," he remarked. "Welby—Mrs. Richard Welby," she replied. The gentleman gave a start, but said nothing.

Smith & Grayson. Could there be any connection with one of them and the gambler of the club? With that thought in his head Dick made tracks for their offices; he would set his mind at rest on that point at once.

Mr. Grayson was in. Yes, he was a dual individual—a man of business in the daytime and a gambler by night. He looked up on seeing Welby, and Dick plunged into the matter at once.

"You're auditing Branson & Branson's accounts, and I've been appropriating money from the firm—in all about a thousand dollars. Mr. Grayson," and his voice trembled, "you hold the ruin of a man in your hands. What are you going to do?"

The man looked at the other calmly. "What if I do what you want me to do—prevent your exposure?" "I'll never touch a card again."

"Do you think that's possible? I've said that to myself scores of times, but the fever's got too tight a hold." "But I've a wife and child—I swear it, for their sakes!"

"Why didn't you think of that before?" He went to a desk, and from a drawer produced a pack of cards. "Sit down!" he cried. "You win, and the shortage is made good and your debt canceled, but on conditions only."

He looked straight into his companion's face. "And those conditions are that you never play a game of chance again, and take care of your wife."

He dealt out the cards, and the other not replying, the two commenced a battle to be fought under such terrible circumstances and with such momentous issues. Dick Welby's face became ghastly pale and his hands trembled as he turned up the cards mechanically.

For a few minutes—it seemed an hour, there was a deadly silence, and then Dick rose excitedly to his feet. "Thank heaven!" he had won. George Grayson gathered up the cards and carefully looked them in his deck again. He had crossed the room and shook his companion's hand.

"Well, I can't help thinking I've been assisting your ruin. You must look after your wife. You don't know the treasure you've got." Dick glanced at the speaker in astonishment.

"My wife! Do you know her?" "Yes. Were I in your place I should be a different man. Listen! Welby, you've usurped a position I once hoped to obtain. I reckoned on Mabel becoming my bride. But it wasn't to be. She sought me here yesterday as an old friend to assist her in some temporary difficulty. And now you know. Good-by, Dick, and heaven bless you!" stretching out his hand again.

Dick remained silent for a moment, unable to grasp the situation at first, and then replied: "You say you would be a different man had you been in my place. Come home with me tonight; we both owe you so much—let us thank you." The man hesitated, and then said: "Well, yes, I promise."

And Dick Welby left the office with a light heart. He is a wealthy man now, and has kept his promise never to gamble again; and Grayson himself, since that memorable afternoon in his office, never touched another card.—New York News.

SHERIFF AGGRIEVED.

Postmistress of Red Dog Handles Armament Flippanantly. The sheriff of Red Dog, who has been asking the postoffice department at Washington to "tone down some" the local postmistress for enforcing her idea of etiquette with a pistol, has written again urgently. He says:

There ain't no inspector showed up in these parts yet, and we'd like to know if one is coming. When I wrote you last week things wasn't exactly calm and peaceful, and since then the situation has become acute and unsatisfactory. This lady postmaster here found out in some way—we ain't yet decided how—that the mayor and me and the other leading citizens of this town was some vexed and annoyed with her, and since then the postoffice ain't done any business to speak of. If it was a man dealing out stamps and handing over our mail you can rest easy we wouldn't have to bother you. But we ain't making war on women, including this one, which can handle her armament quite casual and flippanantly. So we want you to do something.

This town respectfully protests to you against the way in which this accredited postmistress is urging her views on politeness; this town respectfully protests that it ain't got time to leave its hat outside the door when getting its mail this one respectfully protests that its duly elected mayor is important in the eyes of its citizens and that there ain't no call for him to act humble when he's getting his mail.

This mayor ain't felt right since he stepped out of the postoffice last week, some undignified and frisky, owing to the fact he forgot to take off his hat and bow, and he's going to resign if something ain't done. Please attend to it, for we are getting snippish and fretful in our tempers and are liable to do something we might regret. Tell the inspector he'd better come to see me first. She heard he's coming and there ain't no use of his being rash and careless.—New York Tribune.

Scotland has an area of 39,062,482 acres, of which 4,894,466 acres are under cultivation. One hundred and twelve persons own one-half of the total area and eighteen persons own one-fourth of it.

MARVELLOUS URALITE.

AN ABSOLUTE FIREPROOF SUBSTANCE INVENTED BY IMS-CHENETZKY.

It is Superior to Anything of the Kind That Has Yet Been Produced—Will Prove Most Useful for Building Purposes.

Have you ever heard of uralite? Probably not, for it is a new invention. Yet it is well worthy of your notice, since it is superior to anything of the kind that has yet been produced. It is the invention of a Russian artillery officer, and chemist, named Imshenetzky, and its claim to distinction lies in the fact that it is absolutely fireproof.

Uralite is composed of asbestos fibre with a proper proportion of silicate, bicarbonate of soda and chalk, and it is supplied in various finishes and colors, according to the purpose for which it is intended. In a soft form a sheet of uralite is like an asbestos board; when hard it resembles finely sawn stone and has a metallic ring. Besides being a non-conductor of heat and electricity, it is practically waterproof (and may be made entirely so by paint), and is not affected either by atmospheric influences or by the acids contained in smoke in large towns, which rapidly destroy galvanized iron.

Moreover, it can be cut by the usual carpenters' or wood workers' tools; it can be veneered to form paneling for walls or partitions; it can be painted, grained, polished and glued together like wood; it does not split when a nail is driven through it; it is not affected when exposed to moisture or great changes of temperature, and it can be given any desired color either during the process of manufacture or afterward.

Mr. Oliver J. D. Hughes, United States consul general at Coburg, thinks highly of it as a fireproof building material. Several tests, he says, have been made of it, and in each case the result has been most satisfactory. In order to carry out the tests, a small brick built house, an iron framed hut, lined and covered with uralite, and a duplicate platform were erected, and each was then fitted with pyrometers for the purpose of recording the temperatures electrically and was filled with highly inflammable material.

To the house were fixed four strong doors, of oak, steel and uralite, and as soon as a fire was lighted inside they were shut. The highest temperature reached was 2350 degrees Fahrenheit, and after the test it was found that in each case the doors had resisted the fire. In the hut was placed a deed box made of uralite and wood, and in the box were placed some papers, a book, a crucible containing paraffin wax and another holding a piece of easily fusible metal.

After being subjected to an external heat of 2030 degrees Fahrenheit, the papers and the book were not affected in the slightest degree, and though the wood nearest the fire was charred right through the uralite was sound and the paraffin wax had only melted slightly.

A novel restaurant at the world's fair will be one with the walls of the building made of glass tanks in which will swim fishes.

In Holland an unmarried lady invariably walks on the right of her escort, while a married one takes her husband's left arm.

In Sitka when a wife loses her husband she does not don widow's weeds; she simply paints the upper part of her face black.

In attending a Mexican theatre the admission is charged one act at a time; thus the rates are according to the number of acts in the play.

Enthusiastic members of London's Audubon society propose a law to authorize the confiscation of all hats decorated with the skins of song birds.

After the death of a reputed witch some peasants of Hungary mutilated the corpse in the belief that she would otherwise reappear and suck the blood of living persons.

The Rev. Mr. Cook of Concordia, Kas., has bought space in one of the papers published there, making a year's contract at regular advertising rates, and will print his sermons weekly.

The residents of the village of Solihull, a few miles from Birmingham, England, have so rooted an antipathy to the place being modernized that they have petitioned the district council against telephones.

The Tamest Birds. Naturalists commissioned by the United States government have discovered on the distant island of Laysan, in the Pacific, some new birds and many novel facts in regard to known species. The visiting scientists were perhaps the first human beings whom the myriads of birds that crowd this tiny speck of land had ever seen. In consequence, birds representing species which in other lands wing hurriedly away at the sight of man, came up to the naturalists, looked curiously into their faces, perched on their writing tables, wonderingly inspected the tripods and other accessories of the cameras and permitted themselves to be stroked. The fact that these birds are ordinarily regarded as the wildest species made a profound impression on the visiting scientists.

The world produces 1,000,000 pounds of silk a week.

THE WASHINGTON OF JAPAN.

General Viscount Katsuma is Famous for Courage.

It is generally believed that the Japs are brave soldiers, but few know who is the bravest and greatest of them all. The Washington of Japan is General Viscount Katsuma, who became prime minister two years ago. He began his fighting career in 1867, during the civil war which resulted in the overthrow of the old order of things in the Land of the Rising Sun and the adoption of western civilization.

Though only a lieutenant then, he became famous for extraordinary courage. He was always in the thickest of the fight, always the first to volunteer to lead a forlorn hope.

After the war his government sent Katsuma to Germany to study military matters. On his return he took a leading part in reorganizing the Japanese soldiery on the European model, and was practically creator of the modern Japanese army. In 1876 when a colonel, he was again sent to Germany. In company of the late General Kawakami, to inspect the German military system. The two officers were at that time regarded as the most promising men in the entire Japanese army.

Katsuma became a major general on his return home and was vice minister of the war office under Oyama. In 1891 he was made lieutenant general. In the Sino-Japanese war he led his army through Korea to Manchuria, and later, under General Norzi, won many victories. His name became a terror throughout the invaded country. In 1898 he was appointed war minister, which office he retained until the downfall of the Yamagata cabinet in 1900. He became premier in 1901.

Katsuma was born in 1849 in the province of Nagato, generally called Choshu, in the western part of the main island of Japan. This province has given birth to many illustrious statesmen and generals, among them Marquis Ito, Field Marshal Yamagata, and Count Inouye. The viscount believes the Japanese are the best soldiers in the world, and says he would not fear the result if he had to lead them against any white troops. One thing much in favor of the Japs is that they are so small the enemy can't find them. Nothing in Japan is too good for Katsuma. He is the idol of the people. All kinds of honors have been showered on him. At 55 he is ready to take the field.

What is to be the future of Japan? The Greeks and Romans built splendid temples of stone. All architecture was on a grand and imposing scale, designed to last as long as the world. Today the Greeks are a nation of harmless fruit vendors and saps artists. The Roman empire sustained by macaroni. Japan boasts no antiquities beyond coins and idols. Her temples and palaces are constructed of precious woods. There were no chairs or tables in the kingdom until in recent years. The people sat upon straw mats and ate out of small wooden saucers. What can be the future of a nation built upon straw?—New York Press.

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The Stomach Not Indispensable. At a meeting of medical men in Vienna the other day Dr. Ullmann presented a woman of 62 years whose entire stomach had been removed in an operation for cancer. Nevertheless she digests all her food and has gained weight since the operation. The doctor stated that the operation of removing the stomach had now been successfully performed over 20 times. The stomach really plays only a small part in the complex act of digestion, its principal use being that of a reservoir. Hence it is that without this organ meals have to be taken inconveniently often and unusually small. There are seven little organs, of complex chemical function, far more indispensable than the stomach, which are seldom heard of. We could not exist, for instance, without the suprarenal capsules and the pancreas. —Harper's Weekly.

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When Will Coal Give Out.

It appears that there is coal in the United Kingdom to a depth of 4,000 feet, sufficient, at about the present rate of output, to suffice for 871 years, but that this period will be considerably extended, seeing that there is every probability that mining can be carried on to a depth of 7,000 feet, though at this depth there will not be anything like the area of coal that there is at the former limit. And it further seems probable to expect that this period of supply may be still further extended by the more economical use of fuel, due to the establishment of central electrical supply stations, and the utilization of Mond and other gas-producing processes, and of gas-driven engines, as well as other means of obtaining a higher percentage of the heat value of the fuel.—Engineering Magazine.

Care of Jewels. People who have jewels should remember that if turquoises are wet they are apt to lose color. Pearls should be exposed to light and air as much as possible, but not to dampness. Opals must never be exposed to great heat, or they may crack and fall from their setting. Don't forget this when warming your hands at the fire if you happen to wear an opal ring.

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Many a well informed woman has her servant girl to thank for it.

The Editor of the Rural New Yorker, Than whom there is no better Potato Expert in the Country, says, "Salzer's Earliest Potato is the earliest of 28 earliest sorts, tried by me, yielding 464 bu. per acre." It describes Salzer's Potato, yielding 150,000 lbs. per acre of rich green fodder, Salzer's Victoria Rape, yielding 60,000 lbs. of sheep and hog food per acre, together with Salzer's New National Oats, which has a record of 300 bu. per acre, in 30 States, so also full description of Alfalfa Clover, Giant Incarnat Clover, Alsike, Timothy, and thousands of other fodder plants, Grasses, Wheat, Speltz, Barley, etc.

It's a pity that a miser who has money to burn can't take it with him when he dies. Pileo's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

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LABOR WORLD. Waitresses in Philadelphia will form a union. Glassblowers are on a strike at San Francisco, Cal. Engravers of the country are soon to have an international union.

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An Indian Menu. The skin bones of a deer broken up and mixed with parched corn meal and cooked all night over a slow fire in a dirt oven. Jerked deer meat pounded in a mortar with a pestle until it looks like finecut tobacco. Jerked deer meat with warm bear grease. Bog potatoes with mashed nuts smothered in white acorn oil. Kootec powder, soured in wild turkey grease. Bear's paws cooked with corn until very tender. Tuck-hep-it-ho hominy seasoned with lye, scented with a beaver's tail and boiled in petroleum. Skunk, roset, ragout or fricasseed. Here is the recipe for catching this animal before cooking him: "Shoot his head off when he is thinking you are over in Europe having a time, dig a nice little ditch right where he falls and bury him, wipe your gun out, tie the rags you clean your gun with on a switch and stick the switch in the mound above the skunk and go about your business. The powder smell on the rag will keep off the varmints until you go to dig him up in the morning. Clean him slowly but surely, cook him a la possum and you will swear that it is the best meat you ever ate in your whole life."—Kansas City Journal.