



"But," he began eagerly, "Barton may not be—"

"Oh, all right, Mr. Imcounn, Barton Stath is also my port. I am lodging with my married sister and her husband; they do nothing but stupid fishing at a farm close by—'Rose Tree Farm'."

"Why, that is where I came to lodge to-day!" exclaimed the other, in joyful surprise. "Some friends of mine recommended it, and I came on the chance of finding a vacancy. My name is Dare, if I may introduce myself."

"Thank you, and mine is Alf Hesselidine. I was baptized Alfreda, but I've always been called Alf."

"No wonder," said Dare, laughing. "It is peculiar, but the very name for you, I should say."

"Hah! hah! that's what they all say. Now I'll try to get off, but I'm afraid your boat must be left to its fate till to-morrow. Towing it—"

"Left—of course, Miss Hesselidine! Its loss or not is a mere question of paying its value," said Dare, agitated at the very idea of her having to tow it. "It makes me wild enough to tax a girl at all for me."

"Mr. Dare, are we to be friends or foes, please?" demanded Alf, severely—at which he laughed and humbly begged forgiveness. Well, he would steer.

"You'll pain your wrist, which I'll doctor for you at home."

"You are too kind. No, I'll use my right hand. Stay—I can give a shove against my boat in lieu of shore so that your soul can get a dip."

Between them, with much difficulty, they got the boat clear of the lee shore of rushes on which the wind roared to drive her back. Alf got her nose round and then in good earnest began the hard-fought and even perilous voyage across the Broad, in the very teeth of the strong gale that simply poured over the expanse of flat land and water.

"A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together," said Alf, bending to her oars with all her strength; but the man, forced to sit inactive, set his teeth hard, as he saw that the boat "inched along," simply moving whilst the oars were dragged through the water; dead still while they were carried back for the next pull. The work would have taxed his man's powers—he had done such work often—much more, therefore, a girl's, however strong and skilled. Alf had to, to increase the actual distance in reaching the channel up to Barton Stath, so as to avoid the submerged reefs which abound, and also to avoid getting full broadside to the gale.

"You are getting fagged," Dare said at last.

"No, it's all right; we're in the channel now."

She pulled on doggedly. All the way across she had scarcely spoken, for such hard rowing needs one's breath husbanded all the time—a solid forty minutes from start to finish. The rolls of distant thunder and gleams of sheet lightning had increased, but the latter served them well in the dark night, especially in reaching the stath.

"Thank goodness—here we are," Alf said, as with one last long pull that ran the boat up alongside the rude landing place, she shipped her sculls and sat still, whilst Dare sprang ashore and lashed the painter to an iron ring in the ground, then held out his right hand to her.

"You are dead fagged, I'm afraid," he said, anxiously, as she stepped out, her boat-look in hand.

"Only a bit tired," said she, pluckily, "though it was tough, I'll allow, and I've been a good way to-day. Don't you worry about me. I'm all right, thanks." For, of course, he took her boat-look and offered his arm, which she took in tactful courtesy, and so feeling quite like old comrades already

they walked on to the farm, where her relatives and the landlady received both with acclamation. They had been so anxious, alike for Alf and the new lodger who had arrived and gone out in their absence. How odd that Alf should have come to the rescue—how fortunate! Of course, he must be their guest to supper. And Alf, after examining his wrist, said it was only a strain, and deftly bound it with linen soaked in arnica, and promised that in two or three days he should "pull to kingdom come if he liked."

He didn't do that exactly, but it is needless to say that the fraternization begun in such a gale went on in glorious sunshine—metaphorically, at any rate—and the happiest three weeks went by, the married couple—Alf's sister and brother-in-law—fishing, the unwedded couple in their boat, "all over the Broad like regular water-birds," declared the landlady of the farm.

One evening when after dark they landed at the stath, after a long stiff pull, both rowing, Alf, as she stepped ashore to his side, said, laughingly: "Well, Rex, this time it was really a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together."

"For life, Alf?" finished Dare, and stole his arm round her waist, bending down.

"Oh, Rex!—yes, for life, then," whispered Alf.

—Reason to Be Proud.—Mr. Chestnut Spruce (native of Philadelphia, but now a resident of New York).—"Yes, I came from Philadelphia, and I'm proud of it, too." Mr. Barclay Place (patronizingly).—"Well, you should be. Why, some people live there all their lives and never even try to get away!"—Puck.

Time Is Money.

Merchant.—The article is first-class, madam, and at one dollar and a half per yard is very cheap. If we hadn't got four months' time on it—if we hadn't bought it on credit—we couldn't sell it to you at that price. If we had paid cash, it would cost you two dollars a yard, madam.

Mrs. Yergler.—Yes, I know, it must be cheaper to buy on time. My husband always tells me to purchase all I can get on credit. I think I'll take sixteen yards, and you can charge it to Col. Yergler.—Texas Sittings.

It Was Colored at Last.

"Where in blazes is my moerschmaun pipe?" asked Mr. Meanwell, prowling around his library angrily.

"Here it is, dear," replied Mrs. Meanwell, offering him a dark colored object. "You know I knew how long you'd been trying to color it and how anxious you were about it, and so today I went to work and painted it beautifully with oils and a little gilding. I knew you'd be glad!"—Chicago Record.

In the Cause of Charity.

Spokesman of Relief Committee.—Now, Mr. Pillsburger, the wealthy merchants are assisting us in our work, not only by contributions, but, some of them, by selling the necessities of life, such as tea, bread, coal and wood, at cost. What can you do for us?

Pillsburger (the druggist).—You will find me ready to help der unselfed. Put me down as der man vat sells postage stamps at cost!—Puck.

A Regular Thing.

The Hostess (apologetically at luncheon).—This being Friday, Mr. Castleton, we don't have as much as on other days.

Castleton.—Neither do I, as a rule.

The Hostess.—Why, do you fast on Friday because you think it right to do so?

Castleton (going).—Oh, no. Because I'm broke.—N. Y. Herald.

Trusting to Signs.

He (to himself, in a dark corner of the conservatory).—She has sat by my side for half an hour without saying a word. I will hesitate no longer. "A woman is silent with the man she loves," says Ovid. She loves me, and I will.

She (suddenly).—Oh, I beg your pardon, sir. I really believe I have been asleep.—N. Y. Weekly.

A Conscientious Professor.

Judge.—Have you hypnotized the prisoner?

Professor.—I have.

"Well, what are you waiting for?"

"I am waiting for you to decide whether I shall make him confess that he did it, or make him confess that he didn't."—N. Y. Weekly.

At the Torture Show.

Lecturer.—Another torture was to sprinkle the sole of the foot with salt and let the lion lick it off. The lion has the roughest tongue in the world.

Auditor.—Ah! You don't know my mother-in-law!—Hallo.

Rapid Progress.

"How is Johnny getting along with his writing?"

"Rapidly," replied the teacher. "I think he is already competent to write his own excuses."—Indianapolis Journal.

Marriage for Spite.

"She married to spite somebody, I believe."

"Whom? Do you know?"

"I don't know; but it looks as if I were her husband."—Texas Sittings.

Casual and Feign.

"I don't like cats," said the lawyer, as he kicked his wife's tabby out of his way.

"Strange you should dislike anything in the feline line!"—Hallo.

May and I remember Again.

She.—Before we were married you used to call me an angel.

He.—And now I wish you were one. Isn't that just as well?—Truth.

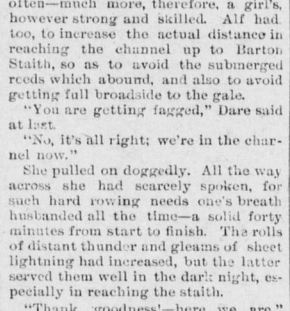
We've Vested.

When we were sailing, one can see she knew what the other appeared. Without a word we from the smiles and stily takes the reins. —Lifts.

NEEDLEWORK BAGS.

Very Pretty Ones May Be Made at a Trifling Expense.

Embroidery companions, besides fulfilling the mission implied by the name, are made to grace the room in the shape of sachet bags. The triangular fancy is intended only for light needle work. It is made of chamois, nine inches square, embroidered with single blossoms and sprigs of forget-me-nots in pale blue ribbon work. Line with eroline above a layer of scented sheet-wadding, and face with gathered blue satin. The gathered lining is extended and turned down an inch—



Colors of Flowers.

An Easy Method of Preserving Them for an Indefinite Period.

It is over a quarter of a century since the following appeared in the Gardeners' Monthly. Coming back again to America after its long travel, it is still worth republishing.

"The following ancient method, which comes from America as new, may be worth repeating and trying: Take very fine sand, wash it perfectly clean, and when dry sift it through a fine sieve into a pan. When the sand is deep enough to hold the flowers in an upright position, take some more sifted sand and carefully cover them. A spoon is a good thing to take for this, as it fills in every chink and cranny without breaking or bending the leaves. When the pan is filled solidly, leave the flowers to dry for several days. It is a good plan to warm the sand in the oven before using it, as the flowers will then dry more thoroughly. In taking the sand off, great care must be taken not to break the leaves, as they are now dry and brittle. Pansies preserved in this way will keep their shape and brilliancy of color all winter, and many other flowers can be equally successfully treated—anything, in fact, where the full pressure of the sand comes on both sides of the leaf, otherwise they will shrivel. To fill in flowers with cup-like shapes it is better to lay them on the sand, and with small spoon fill in and around each flower. Ferns when preserved in this way have a more natural look than when pressed, and the maiden hair fern looks almost as well as when it is freshly gathered."

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CHARMING BEDROOM.

A Plan and Blue Arrangement of Remarkable Attractiveness.

I had set my heart upon having such an apartment, and fortunately the paper of my room was a neutral tint. Not being satisfied with the border I bought two pieces of a decided blue paper at a cost of forty cents. This I cut in half, the paper being too wide to suit my idea. I then pasted it over the old border, being careful that the edge of my blue paper should touch the edge of the ceiling, and this I finished with a narrow gilt border which I pasted on the ceiling. A carpet covered the floor, as the boards were unequal in width.

I procured from the manufacturers a plain bedstead, bureau, wardrobe with nickel-plated knobs and locks, and two of the plainest kitchen chairs, without painting or finishing of any kind. I gave each piece in the set two coats of blue paint and a coat of varnish, and had the glass in the bureau changed to French plate. An old wicker rocking chair was painted white and ornamented with pink and blue ribbons. The bedspread and bolster case were made from ordinary twelve-cent serim, having baby ribbon run through the lace stripes. The stationary washstand was hidden by a common three-fold screen. The covering for this, as was also the window drapery and chair cushions, was of fine China silk of pink and blue. The shade for the standing lamp, made from crinkled paper, the bureau scarf and glove case were all of the shades of pink and blue. The beauty of this room, completed at a cost of seventy-five dollars, can hardly be imagined.—Laurie Duckett, in Ladies' Home Journal.

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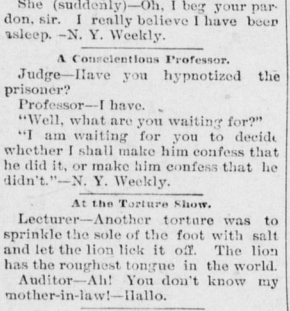
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