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Thy violin sobs low or sings,
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Meshed in the halo of thy hair
Those sweet notes seem to nestle there,
In gladsome praise or pleading prayer.

Lit by the love-lamps of thine eyes,
Within whose glow and gladness lies
The altar light of home I prize.

In its clear tones come back to me
Those happy evenings by the sea,
When I received love's claim to thee.

With sunset crimsoning the west,
A red light on each tossing crest,
The sea-bird hurrying to its nest,

O'erhead the kindly watching stars,
The sea all silver spears and bars,
The ships aglow like fairy cars,

I see us walking on the sands,
Close clasped our souls as were our hands,
God's peace enfolding lakes and lands;

The perfectness of all thy charms,
Within thy fond encircling arms
No place for ills nor rude alarms,

A magic circle lit with love,
With peace on earth and God above,
Thou nestling by me like a dove.

And now despite the world's loud din,
All hate shut out and love within,
These scenes etched by thy violin,

And blooming in each vibrant tone,
By thy soul in its music sown,
Some sounds for me and me alone.

Perhaps, when we are old and gray,
With life's sunset not far away,
Love of my life, thou still will play;

And life's last lingering deep twilight
Shall see us both contented quite,
God's peace upon us as to-night.

I. EDGAR JONES.

## Sister Todd's Delegate

By J. L. Harbeer.

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THE Widow Todd was making "pound for pound" quince preserves in her spotlessly clean and sunny little kitchen, and the aroma from the gently bubbling compound in her shining brass preserving kettle filled the kitchen and some of the adjoining rooms with a delightful fragrance. Mrs. Todd was about to begin the concoction of a Lady Washington cake she had promised to contribute to a church supper when her front doorbell rang. Hastily throwing aside her gingham kitchen apron and putting on in its stead a crisp and spotless white apron, she went to the door, where she found two comfortable-looking, middle-aged sisters of the church of which Mrs. Todd was a member.

"Well, I do declare, if it ain't Sister Brush and Sister Phelps!" said the Widow Todd. "Come right in! I'm real pleased to see you. It's been longer than it ought to of been since either of you darkened my door."

"We ain't come to make a visit now, Sister Todd," said Sister Brush. "I dunno as we ought to set down at all, for if we do we'll git to talkin' and land knows when we'll git away."

"That's true," said Sister Phelps.

"You come in, just the same," said Sister Todd.

"Well, you mustn't keep us long if we do. You see we are around getting places for the delegates who are comin' to the association meetin' in our church next week. You know that the delegates from other places have to be entertained, and Sister Brush and I have been appointed a committee to see who will take the delegates for the two days and nights the association is to last. We felt sure we could put you down for one delegate, anyhow."

SISTER TODD AND THE DELEGATE.

"Why, yes, I don't know but you may," said Sister Todd. "I ain't got but the one spare room, but I'll take two ladies or a man and wife, just which you want to send me. I've felt real lonesome ever since my niece left me to be married and go to her own home, and mebbe entertainin' delegates will kind o' take my mind off my trouble and cheer me up some, speshly if they happen to be real nice people."

"La, you wouldn't expect our church folks to be anything else, would you?"

"Oh, of course I know they would be good folks, but then some good folks are pleasanter to entertain than others. But, as I say, it'll take my mind off my trouble to entertain any one."

Sister Todd's "trouble" was not of as recent origin as one might have supposed it to have been from her remarks. She referred to the death of her husband, which event had occurred two years before the time of the opening of this story. The fact that the departed Silas Todd had left his widow "well fixed," as her neighbors expressed it, had not consoled her for his taking off, and her references to her "trouble" were frequent and sometimes tearful.

"But just them kind of widders are the very kind that up and marry the soonest," said Sister Phelps to Sister Brush as the two women, having completed arrangements for the entertainment of the delegate or delegates, went on their way. "Mind you, I don't mean no disrespect to Sister Todd, and I'd be the last person to blame her if she took a second pardner. No one can say that she ain't mourned Silas Todd faithful."

"That's a fact, Sister Phelps. And that, too, when ev'rybody knows that he wa'n't all that he might of been in the way of a husband, but we'll let that rest, seein' that it ain't becomin' to speak ill of the dead. If the minister from Zion and his wife come to the association I think we'd better send them to Sister Todd's. It'll be a real nice place for any delegate, for Sister Todd is such a good cook and the best housekeeper in town."

It was about ten o'clock in the morning on Tuesday of the next week when Sister Todd heard her doorbell ring, and her mental comment was:

"There! I reckon that's my delegate! I do hope it ain't some fussy old maid, or, worse still, a pair of 'em like those I had to entertain the last time the association met here. They was a trial, even if they was sisters in our own church."

But a second trial of this sort was not in store for Sister Todd, for when she opened the door she saw on the little porch in front of her house a kindly-looking, bright eyed and smiling little man of about 60 years. He had a satchel in his hands, and Sister Todd was not surprised when he said, in a singularly soft and gentle voice:

"I suppose I am at this is Sister Todd? I am Mr. Matthew Rolfe, one of the deacons in the church over in Hebron. I have been sent as a delegate to the association and the committee have sent me here for entertainment."

Sister Todd said afterward that she had it "on the tip of her tongue" to say that she did not expect to entertain a man, but she checked this inhospitable remark and said, in some confusion:

"Well, come in and set down. I—I—I have friends in the Hebron church—the Tylers. Mebbe you know them?"

"Oh, yes, indeed. They are among our most useful and active members. I have known them for years."

That "broke the ice," and Sister Todd soon found herself chatting freely and easily with her delegate. When he had gone to his room her mental comment was:

"Well, he's a real pleasant person, and if he knows the Tylers so well he must be a real nice man. I'd no idea the committee would send me a man delegate, but I can't turn him out now that he's here, and I'm too well known in this town for anyone to pass any remarks about me entertainin' a gentleman delegate single or married. I wonder which he is?"

She found out at the dinner table, for when she referred to her "trouble" and explained the nature of the "trouble" the delegate said with real kindliness and sympathy:

"I know just how to feel for you, Sister Todd. I lost my own dear companion three years ago. I broke up housekeeping and went to live with a sister of mine, but she died in the spring and I have boarded since then, but boarding is mighty unsatisfactory to a man who has always had a home of his own. I am a real home body and I'll never be satisfied until I have a home my own once more."

"I shouldn't think you would be. I should fly if I had to go to boarding. There's nothing like a home of one's own."

"I feel just that way. I'm sorry I sold off my things. I planned to have a niece of mine come and keep house for me, but she died suddenly three months ago. I feel like a fish out of water without a home. And I ain't been able to find a good boarding place in Hebron. Hardly any one takes boarders there. Fact is I've been thinking of leaving Hebron and coming over this way to live. I have heard of a chance to buy a half interest in a shoe store over here, and I know all about the shoe business. If things are favorable I think I'll buy and settle here."

"You'd find this a real pleasant place to live, and you'd like our minister and all our church people here."

"I know I would. I don't know when I have been so taken with a place as I am with this place. What a pleasant little home you have here."

"Yes, it is real pleasant, but I have spent many a lonely hour in it since my trouble."

"I ain't a doubt of it. I know just how you have felt. But I have come to the conclusion that the Lord don't want us to dwell too long on any kind of trouble."

"No, I suppose He don't."

It was two weeks later when Sister Phelps hurried over to the home of Sister Brush in a state of manifest excitement and said almost as soon as the door was opened:

"What do you think, Sister Brush? I have been over to Sister Todd's to carry back a waist pattern she loaned me, and you'd never guess what she told me! She's engaged!"

"You don't mean it!"

"It's so! And to that delegate we sent her! Did you ever! I guess she is going to do real well! Didn't I tell you that the wimmen that talked most about such 'trouble' as Sister Todd has had was the first to up and marry the soonest? Not that I blame Sister Todd none! I'm just glad she is to marry such a nice man! I reckon she didn't collate on takin' a delegate to entertain for life, but that's just what she's done. Don't it beat all?!"

### His Grateful Young Friends.

"A Georgia legislator wants to have all the schools of that state closed for a year."

"I'll bet the Georgia schoolboys will erect a monument to that fellow before they get through."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### VAUDEVILLE THEATERS.

**Sixty-Seven of Them in the United States Requiring Seven Hundred Acts.**

In the United States there are about 67 theaters devoted to vaudeville. There are two in Canada; and two are in process of being in London. With the exception of a few parks, where performances are given only in summer, almost all these theaters are open the year round, says Richard Duffy, in Ainslee's.

Of such theaters, 12 are in Greater New York; seven are in Chicago; in the eastern states there are 34; in the middle west and south, 24, and on the Pacific coast there are two. There is none between Omaha and San Francisco.

In order to keep these houses supplied with performers, from 650 to 700 acts are required. An act may be a sweet girl singing tearful ballads of love and parting; it may be a pair of knockabout comedians; it may be a well-known legitimate actor and his company of three or four; or it may be a man with trained elephants. In answer to this demand there is a supply of 1,500 acts. Half of this number is made up of people that get along indifferently or not at all. You may be sure that the latter consider the vaudeville business to be in a very bad way.

As a fact, several millions stand invested in vaudeville to-day. Of the managers, at least one is a millionaire, and he has this advantage over many millionaires in that he passes nearly all of his time on his yacht. His wife has spent a small fortune in collecting pictures of the Madonna and of the Holy Family by old masters. At least ten others have made enough money to convince them of the utter fallacy of the income tax. As a cap of cream to this pudding is the security of a fortune made in vaudeville. In the legitimate a manager has to risk a large slice of his capital frequently twice and sometimes three times in a season of about 30 weeks. Once a vaudeville business has been built the enterprise takes much of the stability of a department store.

### ONE RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

**An Old California Church Where Worship Is Held But Once a Year.**

An old Spanish church at Santa Cruz, Cal., has long since been abandoned to the bats and the rats. No religious service is held there except once a year—on Christmas eve. Externally the church looks like a stable and has no furniture except a magnificent brass chandelier. The floor and walls are of stone and on the eastern side there is a manger, looking through the bars of which one sees the scenes of nativity, with the towers of castles and palaces in the distance. In the foreground the Virgin sits by the manger holding the infant Saviour, with St. Joseph leaning over her, and the wise men offering sheep, oxen and various precious gifts.

Outside this interior stable there are figures of men carrying sheep and calves on their shoulders, hastening to the sacred scene.

In this chapel worshipers remain all night on their knees. This manger side of the old church is against the east wall, high upon which is the only window in the edifice, so that the first rays of the morning sun irradiate the scenes of the nativity, which come as a roseate glow, and as soon as this reaches the worshipers they leave the church, light cigarettes and begin their festivities.

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Germany has launched one battleship, one armored cruiser and three torpedo boat destroyers.

Japan has launched one armored cruiser, two torpedo boat destroyers and one torpedo gunboat.

The United States has launched the two double-turreted battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky—the most powerful of their kind in the world, and she has three more battleships that can be made ready for service within a month if they should be needed.

Within the year there has been sent into the water by the various powers fully a hundred million dollars' worth of fighting craft, and a great deal more than a hundred million dollars' worth is now under construction.

### A New Republic.

During the past 15 months a new republic, known by the name of Acre, has sprung up in the forest country lying partly in Brazil and partly in Bolivia. It has been established by a rich Brazilian banker and rubber dealer named Aries, who has set himself up as president over a community of about 20,000 people, all of whom are in his employ. Demonstrations have been made against the little country by both Brazil and Bolivia, but it holds its own.

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