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************* "It's affectation-nothing else!" exclaimed little Miss Grayson, dropping her morning paper to stare after the tall, slender figure following the path

to the beach. "She dropped her handkerchief this morning near the dining room door, and when I called her attention to the fact she merely said, 'Thank you,' and hurried on before I had a chance to say another word." This in an injured tone from Miss Berger, who was sorting embroidery silks.

"You should be grateful that she even thanked you," Dan Marlove re-

"She despises men-doesn't want to meet any one." "Imagine a summer girl who despises

men!" murmured Dan. "Perhaps she wants to bury herself from the world and nurse a bruised and tortured heart," suggested Miss Allen, who was tall, angular and tailor

made in carriage and dress. "Perhaps she has a past she wants to forget," suggested Miss Grayson, a bit maliciously. Walter Raymond hardly heard the gossip. He was back in the city. The sharp clang of the elevated trains rose above the laughter and murmur of voices on the porch. He was thinking of the girl who morning after morning had boarded the same train with him at One Hundred and Sixth street. He remembered how he had learned to watch for her, to study her little tricks of catching up vagrant locks of hair, of holding her skirt and swinging her purse. He re-

missed that train. She never missed it. Then he pushed back his hat. The figure was disappearing beyond the line of gray rocks leading to the cove. He wondered if, after all, it was not

membered how disappointed he had

been on several occasions when he had

Pretty Bessie Kavanagh was not a man hater on general principles; neither was she recovering from the after effects of a heart tragedy. She was simply exhausted by ten menths of unremitting, exacting service as private secretary to a prominent insurance man, who was more dependent than he cared to admit upon his capable stenographer.

Three days before, when the train



THE MESSENGER TOSSED HIM THE YELLOW ENVELOPE. anagh had given a gasp of delight and

had felt a wild desire to stretch her arms out to the waves beating in sullen solitude on the curving beach. "Think of it! Three long, beautiful weeks with that magnificent sea! Oh, I know it will sing me to sleep tonight!"

The hostess of Sea Cliff cottage followed the new arrival to her room in the "L." She was a tired, busy soul, and somehow she had liked the brief, businesslike letters Miss Kavanagh had written;

"I hope you'll be comfortable, Miss Kavanagh, and have a good night's rest. There's a sailing party starting out early tomorrow morning, and"-"Thank you, but I'm a wretched sailor. I think I'll be perfectly satisfied with the beach."

"Well, you'll get acquainted after a bit. There's some real nice young people here this year."

Miss Kavanagh hesitated a minute, then with a winning smile replied: "Thank you again, but I'll consider it a great favor, Mrs. Brown, if you don't introduce me to the other boarders. What I need is to be alone-away from people-if I am to go back to my work rested. You won't think me ungraclous, will you? But, really, if once I

meet them, you know, I'll be drawn into the swim." Tired little Mrs. Brown left the room feeling half dazed. Here was a new boarder who was satisfied with just the sea. She gave strict orders that no one was to share with Miss Kavanagh the small, round table in the bay window of the dining room, and the girl who wanted to be let alone was quite content until she caught Walter Raymond gravely regarding her from the farther end of the long dining room, Where had she seen that face before? Oh, yes, and she almost smiled as she remembered. It was the morning

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA | she lost her purse. He had followed her to the platform with the trifle of leather and silver mountings. He had nissed the train, too, and had been obliged to wait for the next one-alfor her purse.

Then she bent her head to catch the roar of the ocean and forgot Raymond and his courtesy.

The days rolled on happily, peacefully, for Bessie Kavanagh. For Walter Raymond it was a feverish proces sion of hours that brought him ever nearer to the end of his vacation, with no prospect of meeting Miss Kayanagh. He scorned the ordinary means of making a seaside acquaintance. The landlady had told him quietly, but firmly, that Miss Kavanagh did not care to be introduced to any one. He was beginning to feel that, after all. it was not fate when the telegram appeared.

Not that it was the first telegram Miss Kavanagh had received. Her employer had been obliged to consult her by wire on an average of once a day ever since her arrival.

Raymond was smoking on the shady side of the porch. The messenger tossed him the yellow envelope, saying: "Answer-an' tell her to be quick. Got another message here for the Bur-

ton cottage." Raymond's feet came down from the railing to the porch with a bang. The cottage was wonderfully quiet. He finally found Mrs. Brown in the kitch-

"Oh, dear, another telegram for Miss Kavanagh. And Albert's gone to the store. I can't leave this strawberry jam, or it 'll burn. Would you mind, Mr. Raymond, just to take that to her room?"

Would he mind? Perhaps it was fate, after all, in the form of a dusty messenger boy. A minute latter he was stalking down the cool, dark entry leading to Miss Kavanagh's door. His knock was answered by a gentle "Yes." "A telegram, and the boy is waiting for a reply," he called rather hoarsely, for he felt oddly nervous.

The door opened just wide enough for the message to be placed in a tanned, but graceful hand. There were a rustle of skirts, the scratch of a pen, then a quick step toward the door. The same hand, a prettily curved wrist and a half bare arm, over which fell a lace ruffle, were thrust through the narrow aperture.

"Thank you, Albert; there's the answer. The dime is for yourself." By desperate effort Raymond refrained from bending over to kiss the arm so temptingly close.

"Thank you, Miss Kavanagh, but this is not Albert. It's Mr. Raymond, but I'd like to keep the dime-if"-A gasp, and the door opened far enough to show a blushing face and

mass of tumbled, waving hair. "Oh. Mr. Raymond, I-I am so sorry I beg your pardon." Then rememberng her tumbled locks, she shut the loor fast, and whispered through the keyhole: "I-I'll see you some other

The messenger boy departed with wonder in his soul. Raymond had tipped him 50 cents, an unheard of extravagance at Pigeon Cove. But Miss Kavanagh's dime formed no part of the exorbitant tip, for, polished and emblazoned with a certain monogram. it now graces Raymond's watch chain. And Raymond says that Mrs. Brown of Sea Cliff cottage is surely coming to the wedding, for if she had not been stirring strawberry jam and sent him to deliver Miss Kayanagh's telegram it never would have happened. Which goes to show that Mr. Raymond has transferred his faith from fate to

Little as Tennyson cared for society, he was sometimes to be met in houses which interested him, and one of these was the Duchess of Bedford's, in Eaton square. It was at a party there one evening that he saw a certain great lady of whom he had heard, but whom

When Tennyson Was Rebuked.

he did not know. He desired to be introduced to her or perhaps-for his ways were squetimes regal-desired that she might be presented to him. In whichever way it was the ceremony took place, and Tennyson's second remark was this question: "Oh, Lady Blank, do I know Lord Blank?" The person about whom he thus inquired was a peer who, though young, had won much distinction in public life and was widely known in private.

His wife was devoted to him and jealous of any word which sounded like disparagement of his position or indifference to his renown. She looked Tennyson in the face and answered, with perfect composure of manner: "I am sure, Lord Tennyson, I can't say. I never heard him mention your name in my life." For a moment the poet was staggered by this straight hit from the shoulder, but he had the good sense and good temper to take it well,

Curious Picture Frames. In many churches of Provence and Italy, especially those near the sea, ex voto paintings placed on the walls in accordance with vows made by pilgrims in moments of danger are often remarkable for their frames. Among the curiosities may be enumerated laths formed of splinters from ships that have been wrecked, also frames made of pieces of heavy cables, occasionally painted bright hues, but sometimes left in their primitive gray color splashed with tar. Nailed to the laths surrounding a painting representing sailors fighting with fierce savages may be seen African or Polynesian spears and darts or swords made of hardwood, evidently mementos of terrible struggles. Sailors or landsmen who have made vows during times of peril at sea and who have no trophies to display will surround their paintings with broad bands of wood, heavily incrusted with shells and senweed not infrequently of rare and extremely



CLUBS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Queer Organizations In Several American Cities.

"Courtship without matrimony" is the motto of a club just formed in New York, says the Philadelphia North American. The members are sworn to make love only to damsels who are content with platonic affection and who will understand that no offer of marriage will ever come from the friendship. The members of the club are to take their chosen friends of the other sex to the theaters and places of amusement make them presents and act in every way as an enamoredswain should who intends to marry the girl of his choice in due time, but no marriage is to follow.

Should the couple decide that only by marriage can the principle of human happiness be attained a fine of \$50 is to be paid before the wedding can take place. With this money the members who have remained true to their vows dine together as sumptuously as the money will permit.

Chicago has an even more curious club. It is composed of young men whose Christian name is John, and every John is pledged to marry no girl other than one whose first name is Mary. The way the club originated is this: One day a number of young couples who were on a faunt in the country compared notes concerning the Christian names of those present, and it turned out that all the males were Johns and all the girls Marys. The club was started then and there.

At Aurora, Ill., the young men of the town have formed a club for the protection of the girls against the attentions of outsiders. Several brutal outrages have been credited to the members of this queer organization, who have assaulted young men who came poaching on their preserves and in some instances sent them back to their native villages more dead then alive.

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