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## A HELPING HAND.

If I should see  
A brother languishing in sore distress  
And I should turn and leave him comfortless  
When I might be  
A messenger of hope and happiness,  
How could I ask what I denied  
If I kept silent when my brother grieved?

If I might sing  
A little song to cheer a fainting heart,  
And I should see my lips and sit apart  
When I might bring  
A bit of sunshine for life's ache and smart,  
How could I hope to have my grief relieved  
If I kept silent when my brother grieved?

And so I know  
That day is lost when I fail to lend  
A helping hand unto some wayward friend,  
But if it show  
A burden lightened by the cheer I sent,  
Then do I hold the golden hours well spent  
And lay me down to rest in content.

## CLIMBING BLARNEY CASTLE.

Accidents Which Have Happened to  
Its Famous Stone.

Blarney town is a small manufacturing place. The old castle, however, is well outside the village, in surroundings wholly rural. It stands on a low hill when it looks forth from amidst a grove of trees on a broad field that is used as a public pleasure ground. A slight wooden bridge spanning a swift, clean little river gives entrance to the field in which are many noble shade trees, with rustic seats about their base and in the open a number of framework swings.

The castle has suffered little from the ravages of time except that the roof and the wooden floors have fallen. You can climb winding stairs and follow delirious passages into vaulted chambers and chilly cells to your heart's content. All this is very romantic, but it is worth while remembering that in spite of historic charm and strong appeal to the fancy the castle is a relic of an age of barbarism, when the country was divided among many petty chiefs, each distrustful of the other even when on terms of nominal friendship.

The castle is many stories high, and in the topmost cornice is the far famed Blarney stone, that powerful talisman which you have only to kiss to be endowed with eloquence for life. But as the vertical measurement of the cornice is about six feet and its projection beyond the main wall fully three feet and as the stone is at the bottom of the cornice the kissing is not as easy as it might be. Formerly it was customary to lower the candidate for eloquence over the rampart head foremost, a friend clinging to either heel, but at such a dizzy height the proceeding smacked so seriously of danger that of late years a row of great spikes guards the parapet against further attempts of the sort.

The stone eloquent at one time dropped out. It was, however, promptly restored and is now fixed in place by two heavy iron rods, which clasp it to the cornice. Were it not that the Blarney stone comes opposite one of the frequent gaps which alternate with the outthrust of the supporting stones of the cornice it would be practically inaccessible. As things are, the only way to bestow the mystic kiss is to get down on your knees, double up like a jackknife and crane your neck about the yawning vacancy. I regard this as the stone with interest and wished I was more of an acrobat or more courageous, but I was deterred by that lofty hole which, though not much more than a foot broad and four long, was still plenty large enough to fall through, and I decided to get along without the eloquence.

The story of the stone dates back to the middle of the fifteenth century, when Cormac McCarthy the Strong, a descendant of the ancient kings of Munster and builder of the fortress, chanced one day to save an old woman from drowning. For a reward she offered Cormac a golden stone which should have the power to influence men and women, friends and foes, as he wished. She told him to mount and keep and kiss a certain stone in the wall five feet below the gallery running round the top. He followed her directions and obtained all the fluent persuasiveness she had promised. The tale of this new acquirement and its origin spread, and the Blarney stone has been drawing pilgrims to itself ever since.—Interior.

## Tobacco Stories.

The Westminster Gazette gives some interesting information concerning the use of tobacco by the clergy in different religious bodies. "John Wesley," it says, "forbade his preachers to smoke or chew tobacco or take snuff." This rule still obtains in the Wesleyan ministry. "The clergyman who would come when he would see a bishop lolling out the Athenaeum with a cigar in his mouth or at least a pipe stuck in his shovel hat. He did not live to see this, but the Bishop of Manchester has publicly proclaimed the virtues of tobacco as a bond of sympathy between man and man.

"At your idol again, Mr. Hall," exclaimed a lady on discovering Mr. Robert Hall, the celebrated divine, with a pipe in his mouth. "Yes," said the preacher, "burning it, ma'am."

## Dog Whipper—Sluggard Waker.

A dog whipper was an ancient parish official whose duty was to drive out all the dogs from the church. The Wakefield accounts contain the items:

1016. Paid to Gorry Stork for whipping dogs..... 2s. 6d.

1108. For bats shown to houses for action and dog whipper..... 15s. 1d.

Another official was the person appointed to arouse members of the congregation from their slumbers during divine service. The parish accounts of Castleford record:

172. Paid to Sluggard Waker..... 12s. 0d.

## It Wanted Explaining.

Two rival manufacturers of French coffee met before a judge. The latter took up one of the contestants' empty tins. "I do not consider," affirmed the judge, "that this is an honest label. On the front you place in large letters, 'French Coffee,' and on the back in small letters—in very small letters—you print, 'A Compound of Chicory,' etc."

The person thus addressed mused for a moment. Then he said, quizzically, "But will your lordship kindly explain to the jury by what means you distinguish between the front and the back of a round tin?"—London Tit-Bits.

## Unimpressible.

Bishop Trotter—Humble on the committee! Do you think so? I fear I fear the root of the matter is not in him.

Rev. Dr. Golly—I find him foremost in all good works, bishop.

"The man lacks reverence. Why, he shakes hands with me as if I were an assistant minister!"—Exchange.

## TWO WOMEN'S HUSBANDS.

Why One Was Doctile and the Other Was Rebellious.

Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Deming are neighbors and visit each other quite frequently, and Mrs. Fuller has noticed with surprise that Mrs. Deming's husband never scolds when he comes home and finds no supper ready. She asked Mrs. Deming about it and was told it was as easy as rolling off a log.

"You have only to use a little tact," she said. "Why, any man can be managed by a tactful wife."

Just then Deming came in, looking rather tired and cross, but his wife took his hat, whispered something in his ear and asked him if he was very hungry.

He said he didn't mind waiting, and at her suggestion he took his paper and went into the other room.

"There," whispered Mrs. Deming to her neighbor, "didn't I tell you it only required a little tact? And she went about getting supper while Mrs. Fuller went home to try how tact would work on her husband."

She found him with a thunder cloud brow and at once began the new treatment.

"Please go into the parlor and read the paper while I hurry up the supper."

"Well, you have nerve! Do you suppose I can satisfy my appetite with news from China? I like that. A man might as well be a bachelor and done with it as have a wife who is forever gadding to the neighbors."

"I was over to Mrs. Deming's a few minutes, and Mr. Deming came home while I was there, and he wasn't a bit cross, and her supper is late too."

"Of course it is. Gossiping round and hindering each other. I wonder you ever get anything done."

Mrs. Fuller had tried tact, but it didn't seem to work. Her feelings were hurt, and her temper was rising. She concluded to take heroic measures and see what would happen. She took off the white apron she had pinned on and turned as only a woman can.

"George Augustus Fuller, if you want any supper tonight you can get it for yourself. I'm going home to eat and will stay there until you know how to treat me. You should have married a cook."

"Maria," piped Fuller feebly, "don't go."

"Then will you be more reasonable?" "Why, of course. I was only bluffing."

They made it up and I got supper together like two turtledoves. Mrs. Fuller thinks it takes different kinds of tact for different men, but she doesn't know yet what it was that Mrs. Deming whispered so sweetly to her husband. It was this:

"If you say one cross word while she is here, I'll tell how much money you lost on that last deal in wheat!"

## SHE WAS YACHTING.

And She Explained to Her Friend How Delightful It Was.

First Lady—Going yachting? Second Lady—Oh, yes. I begin at Cowes. My husband is on the yacht already.

First Lady—It must be delightful. Second Lady—Yes, I suppose it is. It depends rather on your own taste.

First Lady—Yes, I suppose so. Some parts are much rougher than others. Second Lady—Oh, yes! But that doesn't matter. I mean—

First Lady—The scenery, of course. Yes, I can quite imagine how delightful it must be going with one's yacht up some awfully picturesque place like the Norway fjords.

Second Lady—I shouldn't dream of such a thing. I meant the hotels. First Lady—The hotels? Second Lady—The hotels, of course. One must have somewhere to stay, must one not? And it makes a deal of difference whether the hotel is a good or bad one.

First Lady—Of course. I see. The fact is that I am so ignorant of yachting that I thought you would sleep on board.

Second Lady—Not I. I like to be comfortable. My husband and other men do of course, but I go to the best hotel.

First Lady—Well, of course it must be nice change to go to a comfortable hotel after roughing it.

Second Lady—Roughing it? First Lady—Yes, when you are at sea, you know.

Second Lady—I don't go to sea except to cross to Cowes, which I can't help, and I do that by steamer. It's safer.

First Lady—But, then, how can earth do you go from place to place, or do you always stop at one place?

Second Lady—No, of course not. My husband takes round the yacht, and I join them by train.

First Lady—(Amazed)—And do you never go on board?

Second Lady—Oh, yes, every day when the yacht is in harbor and the water is not rough. Lunch and and some times dinner, you know. Delightful picnic.

First Lady—And you call that yachting?

Second Lady—Of course. What else should I call it? There is the yacht, you know.

## A Peculiar Girl.

"That Miss Brandish is one of the most peculiar girls I ever saw. She and I met in Florida last winter, and we've been very good friends ever since—until a couple of weeks ago. Now she barely speaks to me. I can't account for it. We were talking one evening about clever women. We both agreed that talented women are seldom beautiful."

"You probably made some break that she didn't like."

"No! I was careful about that, and she showed no sign of this unaccountable coldness until I asked her whether she could have her choice, she would prefer to be talented or beautiful. She never answered the question and has been different toward me ever since. Most peculiar girl I ever saw."

## A Misconception.

The father-in-law (sarcastically)—Isn't it pretty soon in the day to borrow money from me? Why, you've been back from your wedding trip only three days.

The bridegroom—I know it, sir, but when we started out I had no idea that the wedding trip would fall so near the end of the month.

As a rule the person who says he has no choice about the spring chicken never looks thoroughly satisfied with the piece he gets.

The deserts of Arabia are specially remarkable for the pillars of sand which are raised by the whirlwinds.



## SUNNY WOMEN.

Who has not known the woman whose disposition is described by that one word "sunny"? There's always a laugh lurking on her lips. Her cheeks are ever ready to dimple in smiles. Her household influence is as brightening and stimulating as the sunshine. Nothing can be crueler than to have this sunshine blotted out by disease. But this is a common cruelty. The young wife who was the sunshine of the home becomes its shadow. Every young wife should know the value of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription in the protection and preservation of the health. It promotes regularity, dries the drains which enfeeble body and mind, and cures inflammation, ulceration and female weakness. It nourishes the nervous system and gives to the body the balance and buoyancy of perfect health. It is a strictly temperance medicine.

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Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure constipation.

## THE COOKBOOK.

Stewed figs on rice with cream make an appetizing change for the breakfast cereal.

Whites of eggs in pumpkin pies make it watery. Use only the yolks of eggs and cream, not milk.

Crab apples make excellent timber for winter shortcakes. Pare, core and cook with as little water as will prevent burning. Sweeten for table use and cald.

Use place between thin shortcake, cover with frosting and serve. You will call it delicious.

Biscuit and rolls should be allowed to rise one-half longer than bread because the loaves of the former, being smaller, are more easily penetrated by the heat and the fermentation is more speedily arrested; therefore they do not rise so much in the oven.

Green bananas sliced very thin and fried like Saratoga chips are a favorite Cuban dish and might be adopted with advantage in American households. The Cubans slice ripe bananas in slanting crosswise slices about a half inch thick and fry them in deep fat or olive oil.

## SCRAPS OF SCIENCE.

A scientist says that a sigh is due to worry, but that a deeper cause is a lack of oxygen.

Careful experiments by M. Brunhes, in France, indicate that the X rays have a definite velocity which is of the same order as the velocity of light.

A French inventor has combined a phonograph with a telephone in such a manner that a message spoken into the telephone is impressed upon a wax register plate on the receiving end, in case the person to whom it is addressed happens to be absent. The registered message can at any time be turned into speech by setting the phonograph in operation.

## CHIPS FROM CHINA.

The integrity of China and the establishment of a stable government is more important than the decapitation of the anti-foreign princes and viceroys.—Chicago Tribune.

If Li Hung Chang's suggestion to provide the Chinese indemnity by doubling customs tariffs should be adopted, it is to be feared that the "open door" would receive a slam.—Washington Times.

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