MR. RAYNOR'S WIFE.

BY JOHN TURNER.

Hanna hMeade was in the kitchen making pies. The bright June sunshine trayed in at the open window, trailing its golden rays through the pink and purple morning glories, and paving a little tremulous pathway over the snow-white floor.

Bess buzzed in the clover blossoms outside, and the robin redbreast, which had built its nest in the tall poplar tree near the kitchen window, was rehearsing for a grand concert.

Hannah's dark, piquant face was full of discontent as she mixed her pastry and rolled it out, working away as though her life depended upon her efforts.

"I'm tired," she burst forth, impetuously, though whom she was addressing it was difficult to tell, for she was all alone in the great breezy kitchen—"tired of the drudgery and confinement! So little time for study and to write. Yet I know that if I had only the leisure I could make money enough, writing for story papers, to help father a great deal!"

"Ha! ha!"

The laugh, which rang out sweet and silvery in the doorway, was sarcastic and stinging.

Hannah closed the oven door on her pies with a bang, and turned to face the intruder.

A lovely blonde vision greeted her eyes—a girl of 18, attired in floating white muslin, with cardinal ribbons, one moss rose in her braid of golden hair, and another fastening the lace at her white throat.

"Listen!" cried the merry voice. "Come, mamma, and hear Hannah, the kitchen girl, lecture on a woman's rights, becoming an authoress and making money—actually a fortune—writing for the press! Oh, it's too funny for anything! Hannah, the cook, an authoress!"

Hannah Mead's slim figure was drawn up proudly to its full height, her clear eyes flashed, her red lips curled.

"Kitchen girl, cook!" she repeated, "Belle West, who made a house-drudge of me but your own mother? I was happy here with papa, and never had to work until he, poor man, was foolish enough to take a second wife. On the day that he married your own mother, the widow West, and you and she came here to live, our servant was dismissed and I was installed in her place. The burden of the housework is laid upon my shoulders that you may keep your hands white and pass your time angling for a rich husband."

"Hush! How dare you speak to my daughter in that coarse manner?"

A tall, angular woman, in a tawdry wrapper, sailed into the kitchen.

"I'll teach you to air your insolence here!"

And she struck the astonished girl a heavy blow upon the cheek.

For a moment Hannah stood too bewildered to utter a word, the red blood crimsoning her cheek and marking the spot where her stepmother's insult had fallen.

With the majesty of an outraged empress she turned to leave the room.

"Mrs. Meade," she said, in a low, clear tone, which somehow made the irate stepmother pause, "I am going to leave this house. First I shall see my father and tell him of this outrage, and then I am going away. You can procure another servant in my place, and your daughter will have no one to comment on her strenuous effort to marry Mr. Rayner!"

"As if I ever tried," she began indignantly.

But Hannah did not wait to hear more; she walked quietly from the room and sought her father.

"There, mother," cried Belle, as soon as the two were alone; "see what you have done. Hannah will go away and you will have to get a servant, which will make an extra hole in our spending money; and I tell you I have to put fourth every effort if I ever expect to win Ernest Raynor."

"You shall win him!" returned the mother decidedly. "He is rich, and there is not another such a party to be had. Do your best, Belle, and be glad that we are safely rid of that girl. To tell the truth I have fancied lately that Mr. Raynor admired her."

"Mother, you are mistaken! What an idea!"

"No, I am sure I am correct. You ought to seem him look at her. Well, run and get your hat now; it is quite time for him to be here if he is coming to take you to the picnic."

Hardly had the two left the kitchen when a tall, graceful form arose from a bench under the poplar tree, a man with a scornful look upon his handsome face.

"By Jove!" he exclaimed, indignantly, "I know Belle West as she is at last. So she's trying to catch my fortune? It's lucky that old Farmer Meade brought me out here where I might find a cool spot to smoke my cigar, while Miss Belle prepared for the picnic. I suppose I must make a martyr of myself and attend her, but thank heaven! my eyes are open at last! Poor little Hannah!"

In the meantime Hannah had found her father and told him all, and that she was going away—going to earn her own living by writing for the press. Then she showed him the pretty little sketches which she had written from time to time, and the crisp bank notes which she had received as a compensation therefor, and which she had hidden carefully away for such an emergency as this. Her father saw that she was right, so he consented to let her go to the city of T——, some 20 miles distant, to the house of a distant relative, where, for a reasonable sum, she could procure board, and be able to devote her time to the cultivation of the talent which God had given her.

Hannah packed her small wardrobe, and her father placed her on board the train, and like the heroes of old, she went forth "to seek her fortune."

Time passed, and under the modest nom de plume of "Nemo," Hannah Meade was earning both fame and fortune. She was pleasantly situated in the town of T——, and her father came sometimes to see her, but the stepmother and sister did not dream that the poor kitchen girl and the popular young authoress were one and the same person. Mr. Raynor still called occasionally upon Belle; yet, though he called still more frequently, when in T——, upon the authoress, he never mentioned that fact to Belle West, and the name of Hannah Meade never passed his lips.

One evening he sat listening to Belle's silly nonsense, for she was one of those women not infrequently encountered, who can express the least idea with the most words, when suddenly he turned his handsome, dark eyes gravely upon her pretty, insipid face.

"Miss Belle," he began earnestly, "I want to tell you something very near my heart."

She blushed, or tried it, and her head drooped, for she knew she was going to propose.

"What is it?" she asked softly, wondering meanwhile if it would not be more effective for her to faint as soon as the longed for words should be spoken.

"I wanted to tell you," he repeated, "for you are a true friend to me, how dearly I love a certain young lady, whom I hope to make my wife."

Belle laid her hand in his.

"I am sure she would not refuse you, she remarked sweetly.

"No," he returned quietly, "she will not, I have already asked her to be my wife, and she consented. The lady is 'Nemo,' the famous young authoress."

Belle came near fainting in earnest, though it was not exactly as she had imagined.

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It was an elegant reception at the mansion of Mrs. Delechaise that Belle West, glancing across the drawing room, caught a glimpse of Hannah Meade, handsome as a picture and elegantly attired.

"Mrs. Danton," Belle turned to a friend standing near, "how came that—that girl here? Why, she once did our kitchen work."

Mrs. Danton arched her black eyebrows wonderingly.

"Don't you know," she returned. "Why, she is the celebrity of T——. Everybody in the room is clamoring for an introduction. She is quite the belle of the season, and they say that——"

She hesitated, and both glanced up, for Hannah was standing before them, leaning on the arm of Ernest Raynor.

"Miss Belle," said the gentleman, blandly, "I wish to present to you the authoress, 'Nemo,' and my wife!"

"Your wife, Mr. Raynor? Impossible!"

"We have been married a full week," he went on, laughingly, "and have been engaged ever since the day the cruel conduct of yourself and mother drove her from her own home."

For a moment Belle West stood white and wrathful before the queen of society; then she choked down her jealous wrath, like a sensible woman, and sweetly congratulated them; and now she refers to "my sister, Mrs. Raynor, the authoress—quite a celebrity, you know!"

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"Dear, dear!" exclaimed a charming blonde at one of these intellectual gatherings the other day, "what a horrid little doggie mine is!"

"What has he done?"

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Noting that some genius has discovered that Q resembles a bicycle, the Chicago Inter Ocean is moved to remark that O is allied with the roller skate. Yes, verily, and is not A of a similar similitude to the rider thereof?—Somerville Journal. And if you tried it, brother, the result would probably be U.

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" " Thursday		2.30		

TORONTO RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Departure and Arrival of Trains from and at Union Station.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Departures, Main Line East.

7.15 a. m.—Mixed for Belleville.
8.30 a. m.—Fast express for Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal Quebec, Portland, Boston, etc.
1 p.m.—Mixed for Kingston and intermediate stations.
5.30 p.m.—Localfor Belleville and intermediate stations.
8.00 p.m.—Express for main points, Ottawa Montreal, etc., runs daily.

Arrivals, Main Line East.

9.18 a.m.—Express from Montreal Ottawa and main local points.
10.18 a.m.—Local from Belleville.
6.48 p.m.—Mixed from all points ea
10.35 p.m.—Express from Boston, Quebec, Portland, Montreal, Ottawa, etc.

Departures, Main Line West.

7.55 a.m.—Local for all points west to Detroit.
1 p.m.—Express for Port Huron, Detroit, Chicago and all western points.
4.00 p.m.—For Stratford and London.
6.25 p.m.—Mixed for Stratford and Sarnia.
11.15 p.m.—Express for Sarnia and western points; sleeping car for Detroit.

Arrivals, Main Line West.

8.55 a.m.—Mixed from Sarnia and intermediate points.
8.10 a.m.—Express from Chicago, Detroit, Port Huron, and all western points.
12.30 p.m.—Local from London, Goderich, etc.
7.10 p.m.—Express from all points west, Chicago, Detroit, etc.
11.15 p.m.—Local from London Stratford, etc.

Departures, Great Western Division.

a.m.—For Niagara Falls, Buffalo and local stations between Niagara Falls and Windsor.
9.25 a.m.—For Detroit, St. Louis and points in the southwest.
12.20 p.m.—For Detroit, Chicago and the west and all points east from Hamilton; runs daily.
5.55 p.m.—For Niagara Falls, Buffalo, New York, Boston and local stations between Hamilton and London, and Brantford, St. Thomas, etc.
6.30 p.m.—Local stations between Toronto and Niagara Falls.
11 p.m.—For Niagara Falls, Buffalo, New York, Boston and all points east and west of Hamilton

Arrivals, Great Western Division.

8.25 a.m.—Express from Chicago, Detroit, Hamilton, etc.
10.15 a.m.—Express from London, St. Catharines, Hamilton, etc.
1.45 p.m.—Express from New York, Boston Buffalo and all points east.
4.30 p.m.—Express from New York, Boston Chicago, Detroit, London, etc., runs daily.
7.05 p.m.—Mail from Buffalo, Detroit London, Hamilton and intermediate stations.
7.45 p.m.—Express from Detroit, St. Louis, etc.
11.10 p.m.—Local from London and intermediate stations.

Suburban Trains Great Western Division.

Leave Toronto at 7.35, 10.55 a.m., and 2, 4.20 and 5.30 p.m.

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Sunday Trains, G. W. Division.

Trains leaving Toronto for Hamilton at 12.20 and arriving from Hamilton at 4.30 p.m., run on Sundays, but do not stop at intermediate stations.

Departures, Midland Division.

9.15 a.m.—Mixed—Peterboro and intermediate stations.
7.35 a.m.—Mail—Sutton, Midland, Orillia, Coboconk, Haliburton, Lindsay, Port Perry, Whitby, Peterboro, Lakefield, Port Hope, Madoc, Belleville, Hastings, Campbellford and intermediate stations.
4.35 p.m.—Mail—Sutton, Midland, Orillia, Coboconk, Lindsay, Port Perry, Whitby, Peterboro, Port Hope and intermediate stations.
3.15 p.m.—Mixed—Sutton and intermediate stations.

Arrivals, Midland Division.

12.25 p.m.—Express, 10.15 a.m.—Mixed from Sutton and intermediate stations. 9.20 p.m.—Mail. 5.05 p.m.—Mixed from Peterboro.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Departures Credit Valley Section.

8.10 a.m.—St. Louis express, for principal stations on main line and branches, and for Detroit, Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas city.
1.25 p.m.—Pacific express, for Galt, Woodstock, Ingersoll, St. Thomas, Detroit, Chicago, and all points west and north-west.
4.10 p.m.—Local express for all points on main line, Orangeville and Elora branches.

Arrivals, Credit Valley Section.

8.45 a.m.—Express from all stations on main line and branches.
5.35 p.m.—Atlantic express from Chicago and all points west and stations on main line.
8.10 p.m.—Montreal express from all stations on main line and branches.
10.55 a.m.—Mixed from St. Thomas.

Departures, Toronto, Grey and Bruce Section.

7.20 a.m.—Mail for Orangeville, Owen Sound, Teeswater and all intermediate stations.
4.40 p.m.—Express for Orangeville, Owen Sound and Teeswater.
8.15 a.m.—Mixed from Toronto Junction.

Arrivals, Toronto, Grey and Bruce Section.

10.45 a.m.—Express from Owen Sound and Teeswater.
8.30 p.m.—Mail from Owen Sound and Teeswater.
4.45 p.m.—Mixed arrives at Toronto Junction

Departures, Ontario and Quebec Section.

8.25 a.m.—Limited express for Peterboro, Norwood, Perth, Smith's Falls, Ottawa, Montreal, and intermediate points.
3.35 p.m.—Mixed for Peterboro, Norwood and all intermediate stations.
7.55 p.m.—Montreal express for Peterboro, Norwood, Perth, Smith's Falls, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and all points east.

Arrivals, Ontario and Quebec Section.

8.30 a.m.—St. Louis express from Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Brockville, Peterboro, and intermediate points.
11.25 p.m.—Mixed from Peterboro, Norwood and intermediate points.
9.55 p.m.—Toronto express from Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Brockville, Peterboro and intermediate points.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Trains depart from and arrive at City hall station, stopping at Union and Brock street stations.

Departures.

7.55 a.m.—Mail for Muskoka wharf, Orillia, Meaford, Penetang and intermediate stations.
11.45 a.m.—Accommodation for Barrie, Gravenhurst, Meaford and intermediate stations.
5.05 p.m.—Express for Collingwood, Penetang, Orillia and Barrie.

Arrivals.

10.05 a.m.—Express from Collingwood, Orillia, Barrie and intermediate points.
3 p.m.—Accommodation from Meaford Collingwood, Penetang, Muskoka wharf Orillia, Barrie and intermediate points.
8.45 p.m.—Mail from Penetang, Gravenhurst, Orillia, Barrie and intermediate stations.

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