

Wilkin's Proposal

Wilkins gazed at the photograph and sighed. For the hundredth time he had failed. Ever since he had come to Beaton he had sought Frances Kelton's love, and while it was not difficult to see that Miss Kelton returned his interest he had been 15 months in his new home and no ring adorned the proper finger on Miss Kelton's daily hand.

More than once he had been tempted to assassinate her small brother, who was largely responsible for the condition of affairs, but he was held back from his murderous intention by the realization that the fault in part, lay with his own rash nature.

Lower as a boy Willie Wilkins had been noted for his shyness. It was he who at the school exercises always forgot his recitation in an access of embarrassment and fled weeping from the platform.

Now that he had exchanged his "Willie" for the more dignified "William," and appended D. S. to the Wilkins, he was still the same bashful person that he had been as a boy.

Strong as was his love for Miss Kelton it did not overpower his shyness, and more than once bringing lead to a proposal had been blocked through a sudden accession of nervous fear.

This very evening he had been on the point of a declaration of his love, and had slipped clumsily to his knees before her, when a motherly single had entered him of the presence in the room of Bobby Kelton, and by the time that tormenting youth had been ejected Wilkins had lost his courage and his opportunity.

Wilkins turned into bed with the firm determination that he would know his fate on the morrow, but again his bedroom confidence vanished when he approached the house. Bobby, sitting on the piazza, saw him coming and slipped discreetly away, but Frances welcomed him with a smile and led the way to her room. There was much to like about Wilkins, and she felt only pity for his affliction.

For an hour they chatted disconnectedly on general topics, and then, summing up to his aid all his fortitude, Wilkins meditated on the situation.

"There was something I started to say last night," he began, "something that I wanted to say when we were interrupted."

"Something that I have been trying to tell you for some time," he went on, "something that perhaps you may have guessed, though, of course, well—I you know."

The preparation stood out in beads upon his forehead, and as he wiped his brow, Wilkins stated the object of his visit. Frances was regarding him with encouraging attention, but her very interest seemed to drive his courage from him.

"I was going to say," he began, "when we were interrupted, that I meant that I was going to say—"

"What is it?" demanded Frances. "What was it you wished to say, William?"

"I—I can't remember just what it was," was the lame reply. "It was something but—but—"

Before he could think up an excuse, Bobby furnished a diversion by rolling out from behind the window curtains.

"I knew it," he shrieked in an ecstatic glee, "he has been waiting for me to see the fun. I ain't spilling nothing, for Mr. Wilkins ain't got spunk enough to say nothing."

"I don't know what to do with him," said Frances, dolefully. "Father has whipped him repeatedly, and we have even tried locking him in his room."

Gleanings From the Podunk Palladium.

When Sam Brown married a widow whose first husband had been hanged, he naturally expected to come off scot free from the usual odious comparisons. Vain dream; she tells him that hanging's too good for him.

Bow-legged Deacon Jones was in town the other day looking for some one to introduce his right knee to his left, as they have never met. By last accounts the necessary mutual friend willing to undertake the job had not been found.

There was such an infernal din in our Magisterial Court the other day that we were obliged to commit four persons to custody without hearing a word of the testimony. Don't let this occur again. No doubt the accused were guilty and, anyway, we needed the fees, but we have a little pardonable curiosity to hear something of the facts.

Juror Jones was excused from duty by our honorable Judge this week owing to the fact that Jones was so deaf in one ear he could not hear both sides of the case.

We met Dr. Squills driving toward the graveyard yesterday to visit some of his patients who have moved out that way. Considerable criticism is extant in regard to our never having become a member of the local fire company, of which the town is justly proud. They have destroyed more property in the last five years than any two fire companies in the State, bar none.

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Farmer Jones' bay mare ran away yesterday, threw his wife out of the wagon and broke her neck. Farmer Jones had received seven good offers for his mare by 6 o'clock this morning.

We are unalterably opposed to parental tyranny over a daughter's affections. So long as our daughter marries the man of our choice we don't care who she loves.

The world may be full of change, but we haven't seen much of it. We don't believe in capital punishment except as a penalty for suicide.

PUTNAM'S CORN EXTRACTOR DISPELS CORN SORENESS. The real corn remedy, the one that always does cure, is Putnam's Corn Extractor, which makes Corns and callouses go quickly and without the least bit of pain.

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The Street Preacher. He stepped to the curb of the street and stood where a weary tramp was struggling with fog and damp, where the pulse of a city beat.

She WAS SURPRISED. When Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills Cured her Chronic Liver Complaint. Mrs. R. Smith, of Winnipeg, Man., tells an interesting story of relief from almost intolerable suffering.

LUTHER'S GREATEST SERVICE. Luther's greatest service to the modern world, says Dr. McGiffert in the September Century, was his "Moral Reform and His Work."

FILTERING SOUND. For several years Professor J. G. McKendrick has been experimenting with the gramophone in order to eliminate the hissing and grating noises that interfere with the reproduction of musical notes.

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PUFFINESS UNDER EYES—HAD SWELLING FEET

These Symptoms Are Among the Surest Indications of Real Kidney Disease.

For nearly a year my kidneys failed to do their work, writes William F. Plankett, a well-known dairyman residing in Britannia. "I had swollen feet so badly that at times I could scarcely walk, my skin grew yellowish, and a general puffiness under the eyes gave my face a very unnatural appearance."

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CURIOS ESKIMO LIVING. "Furniture is quite unknown in a common Eskimo home," writes the wife of the Danish governor of Greenland, Anna Blstrup, in an article on "Eskimo Women in Greenland" in the September

SALT. Salt production is about the oldest industry in the world. In Italy, the cradle of the salt industry, it has been manufactured commercially for 2,500 years.

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HONOR IN POLITICS. Representative Longworth, of Ohio, tells of a negro who brought his three sons to town on election day in a border town in Ohio.

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STEAM HEATED GARDENS

How Paris Market Gardeners Manufacture a Suitable Climate.

The market gardeners around Paris do not dream of waiting for spring before they raise spring vegetables. As one man put it, they move the climate of Monte Carlo to the suburbs of Paris.

This they do at enormous expense in money and in time. The gardens whenever possible are placed on land with a slope to the south and are well protected by walls on the north and east, walls built to reflect light as well as to give protection from the northeast winds.

The ground is practically covered with glass, not as in a greenhouse but by glass frames in the open, three light frames of uniform size, twelve feet by four and a half, and also by glass bells. These, too, are of a uniform size about the shape of a chapei bell, a little less than 17 inches in diameter and from 14 to 15 inches high. The French call them cloches. You may often see over a thousand frames and over ten thousand glass bells in one two acre plot in the suburbs of Paris.

A more recent innovation, according to Success, is the employment of hot water pipes run under the soil, making of the earth a veritable steam heated hotel, with this essential difference, that the hotel keeper here is desperately eager not to keep his guests, but to persuade them to leave on the earliest possible day.

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NOT TO BE FOOLED. A mission worker in New York tells of a youngster who had never been to the country until the occasion of a "fresh-air" excursion whereof he was a member.

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