

PATTY'S COUSINS.

A STORY OF KENTUCKY LIFE. She had done of them, and if this indefinite but comprehensive number could not be counted among the "home" cousins...

And Patty was their pet and pride. Not only Cousin Alice and Tom and Lynn and Walker and all the rest of the stalwart sons of the clan, but Cousin Jane and Mary and Henrietta and Ellen and she declared that Cousin Patty was the prettiest and dearest girl in all Kentucky.

Being an heiress as well as a beauty, it naturally followed that she was a belle, even outside the ranks of the cousins. It was occasionally said that she was also a bit of a flirt, but this charge she was wont to meet with such a guileless, reproachful look in her soft brown eyes that one glance sufficed to make the accuser withdraw the remark at once.

Now, this illustrious Cousin Tom was a Kentuckian of the true old type—six feet four inches tall, broad-shouldered and deep-chested in proportion, and he had a heart to match his giant frame. He was twenty-nine years old, and for nearly half his life he had been a soldier. Let us see what he did not do in his life. He had always been shy and quiet, doubtful of his own merits, and he was as hopeless of winning love for his cousin as though she were an empress and he a serf.

Sometimes, when in her gayest mood, she would catch a glimpse of the gray eyes—a glance sober with a thought that she did not understand—she would feel vaguely resentful, and would send back a glance for his to meet hers, and smile slightly. "The better to laugh than to sighing."

All this was forty years ago. Patty is an old woman to-day, but she remembers yet the moonlight evening of her nineteenth birthday. It is a sorrowful memory still, though the bitterness of it has long since passed, for some of her own dear friends, and from this Kentucky county went forth a goodly company to serve under "Old Rough-and-Ready's" banner.

A dozen of Patty's cousins had begged for a lock of her hair, or a knot of ribbon from her dress, or a flower she had worn, to carry with them to the distant battle-fields where the warcry was "Remember the Alamo!"

But no such request did Cousin Tom make, when on the birthday evening, he came to say good-bye. Only just before he went away, as they stood alone on the moonlight porch, he took her by the hand and said in such a strangely quiet voice: "You'll think of me sometimes, Cousin Patty."

"Sometimes!" All at once she realized that not only sometimes, but ever and always, he would be in her thoughts, that she could not tell him so—she looked up, and she knew that though she strove to hide it, her whole soul was for the moment in her eyes. But just at this instant there drifted a heavy cloud across the moon, so that their faces were in deep shadow. Patty could not speak for that tightness in her throat, and he stood silent waiting for her answer. But because no answer came he thought she did not care, and all the tenderness left his face, so that when the cloud passed and she saw his stern, grave look, it frightened her, and when he stooped toward her as if to kiss her she struck back.

"One kiss for good-bye," he said very quietly. "I ask only a cousin's privilege, you know." He smiled as he spoke, but would face death yonder by the Rio Grande with far less of bitterness than he felt then.

"Only a cousin—he is careful to remind me," she whispered a few moments later, listening to the dying echoes of his horse's hoof-beats on the turpentine. She lifted her hand and laid it against her cheek, while his bearded lips had lightly touched. Then, a strange quiver passing swiftly over her face, she turned and looked at him, while her eyes grew dark with pain as she watched the fast receding figure of her cousin until a turn in the road hid him from her. But she shed no tears, and presently when her father came out and spoke to her, she answered him in her old bright voice, and when he talked another visitor rode up to the gate.

"It is Cousin Walker," said Patty, as he came up the stone walk. "Come to say good-bye, eh?" said her father, shaking hands with the new comer. "What will you do without all your cousins, Patty? You lose all of them as you go."

"All my pretty ones, as one fell swoop," she said, smiling, and then, clasping her hands with a gesture of impatience, she cried out, "How can you laugh about it all! Don't I hate good-byes and farewells and partings?"

And Patty neither thought nor cared what interpretation Cousin Walker might put on her impetuous speech. But an hour later, when she was left alone with him, she was startled from an absent reverie to find him asking her promise that she would marry him when he came home from war.

"But I thought it was Cousin Henrietta you cared for!" she said, drawing her hand away when he laid his upon it. "What do you have you?" she asked wickedly. "Is that why you come to me?"

"Now, Cousin Patty," he exclaimed, reproachfully, "if this is the first time, or even the second, that I've asked you to marry me!"

"Oh, I'm fond of her, of course," he answered with well assumed indifference, "but it is you that I want for my wife." Now this speech was literally true. He was "fond of Cousin Henrietta." Not to exaggerate in the least, he loved her, with all his selfish heart. But Cousin Henrietta was "one of ten" like "Trudie" and "Suppie" and her father was only moderately well-to-do. And it was Cousin Patty, sole heiress to the finest estate in the county, whom Walker wished to marry. He was very much in earnest in his wooing, and Patty, when she listened seriously, knew that he was. Another time he would have had a different answer, but to-night Patty's brain was in a whirl. A little while ago her cheeks had burned with the thought that her Cousin Tom had read her heart and despised its unthought affection! She would know that she did not intend to wear the willow for him. And this was the notion that prompted her when she presently answered "Yes" to his question. "Yes, I am!" After a while Walker said: "I was almost afraid to ask you to-night, lest I should get the same answer I got before, but when—when I—then he hesitated a little at a loss for a phrase, "when you seemed to care—to mind saying 'good-bye.'"

"Yes," she said quickly, "I do mind—I can't bear to say it—to give up—all my cousins." "All?" Now, Patty, and Walker threw a very tender inflection into his tone, "is it all—or one—some particular cousin that it is hard to bid good-bye to?" "Oh, Cousin Walker!" and then at last her tears fell fast, and how was Walker to know that they were shed, not for him, but for Cousin Tom? Well—then that day the company marched away, but before they went Cousin Walker found time to see Patty and ask her to wear his ring openly. He did not say so,

but he felt that his prize would be more secure if he were the acknowledged winner. When she hesitated a little he thought she was unwilling to take the engagement known and again urged her to wear the ring. She let him slip it on her finger, and she had not put on her glove when, a little later, she said a word of good-bye, with a goodly number of mothers and aunts, stood watching the troops making ready to march. As they stood near by, she found herself presently face to face with Cousin Tom, and as all around them were talking and handshaking, in the confusion he spoke to her, standing down at the engaged hand.

"Cousin Patty, I wish you would tell me who gave you that ring." "This one? Oh, Cousin Walker," and she felt her cheeks glow. Tom repeated the name after her, and with an effort she lifted her eyes to his. He should not think she cared for him except as "only a cousin." And so she said, low and clear, blushing scarlet as she spoke, but blushing for the implied answer, not, as he thought, at speaking of her betrothal.

"You must take care of him for me, Cousin Tom!" "I will, Cousin Patty," he answered, lifting his right hand, "I will, so help me God!"

There was that in his tone that told her the truth—she felt it. The late indeed, for the next instant the orders were given, and the little company began their march. No time now for words of explanation; no time now for even backward glances. "Forward, march!" and who might look beyond to-morrow and to-morrow, and count the weary months that must pass before the remnant of the gallant band would return? Who might know which of them would come back to "the old Kentucky home" and which of them find namesless graves under tropic skies. "Forward and forward" down the road they marched, and the echoes of the drum and fife came back to that company of mothers and sisters and sweethearts, who strained eyes blurred with unshed tears to see the very last of the boys.

Sometimes, in the months that followed, Patty wondered if she had not simply imagined that tone in Tom's voice as he said that last promise to her. The rare letters that, after long weeks of travel, found their way home, told her of his farewells; and all the clan rejoiced as the assurance came that as yet the "soldier lad" they loved were safe. That the assurance was old when it came, and they could not know what had happened since.

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Walking down Broadway is very pleasant when you feel well, and Tom never felt better than when his friends asked him how he got on. He was very much of his so speedily. "Ah, my boy," said Tom, "G. M. D. did it! And his friend wondered what G. M. D. meant. He knew it did not mean a Good Man Doctor, for Tom had tried a dozen in vain. "I have it," said he, just hitting the nail on the head, "from man Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, or Gold Medal Deserved, as my friend J. S. always puts it." Sold by druggists.

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Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Percentage of Lapses, Name of Company, Percentage of Lapses. Includes companies like Aetna, Canada, Travelers, Confederation, T. Y. L., Union Mutual, and United States.

The following table gives the same information respecting the Companies named, as to their position in the matter of giving satisfaction to their members, as shown by the reports upon their merits as companies in the esteem of the people of Canada who have been insured with them.

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