

a respite, for it would give him time to blow that much-affected nose of his once more. The morning air was sharp, for the sun was only just touching the horizon, and—confound it all! here was another fit of sneezing coming on!

Where was his handkerchief? Now, where had he put it in the bustle of dressing?

He felt in the cuff of each sleeve. It was not there. He stuck his fingers in the breast of his tunic; of course it was not there; he never carried it in such a place. He looked round at his horsekeeper. No, he did not remember having given it to him to hold.

Horror of horrors! He had come without it! What was he to do?

The knowledge that he had no handkerchief seemed to increase his cold, bad as it already was. The sneezing became more frequent, and, dash it all, his nose began to run!

What would the General say. Never did there exist a sharper eye for appearance than his. The slightest speck would be detected, and the scarlet uniform would show every spot.

It was most distressing, absurd though it may seem. Each moment the value of handkerchiefs rose in his eyes. There is no telling what sum he would have given for one at that moment. His eyes were affected now, and the landscape was blurred by his influenza-bred tears.

He was riding slowly past the Seventieth N. I. (to get his men he would have to pass all the sepoy's), and he saw Colonel Smyth at the head of his officers. He rode up to him.

"Can you lend me such a thing as a handkerchief?" he asked in his most conciliatory tones. "I have come without mine, and I have got the most infernal cold in my head."

Colonel Smyth looked a little surprised at such a strange request.

"I have only one my dear fellow, and, as I have a slight cold also, I really daren't part with it. Have you one, Major?" he said, turning to a fellow officer.

"Very sorry; I haven't one to spare."

Colonel Baring's dislike to the staff corps was well known, and none of the men asked felt inclined to make a sacrifice on his behalf. And it would have been a sacrifice to have parted with one's handkerchief on such a cold morning.

Another and yet another officer was asked, but with no better success.

In the distance the General might be seen approaching. It was time—handkerchief or no handkerchief—that Colonel Baring took up his position, for it was to him that the General would first come.

Disheartened by his want of success, and distressed by his constant sneezing, he was passing the Fiftieth without a word. A familiar voice at his elbow cried:

"Good morning, Colonel. A happy New Year to you! How is your cold?"

"Oh, Hamilton, is that you? Thanks; I'm not well at all. I think I must have the real thing—the real influenza this time. I don't know when I have forgotten my pocket-handkerchief. I suppose you couldn't lend me such a thing?"

There was not much hope in the words as he uttered them. He had been very short and ungracious with the young man over night, even though he was his guest. It was hardly likely that he would feel very good-naturedly disposed toward him this morning.

"I can't exactly give it to you, for I have only one. But I tell you what I'll do, I'll share it with you."

And Captain Hamilton drew out of his sleeve a large, soft, comforting silk handkerchief, the very sight of which was soothing to the afflicted man.

"Here! be quick; catch hold." And the smart young Adjutant reigned his horse close up to Colonel Baring's side.

He drew his sword, and, as the Colonel clutched the coveted article, he sliced it in two, leaving by far the larger share in the hands of the grateful man.

"My good fellow, how shall I ever thank you?" he cried, in between-trumpet-like blasts.

"Ask me to breakfast this morning," returned George, with unbounded assurance.

The Colonel eyed him for a moment, blew his nose again, and nipped the last dislocating sneeze in its bud.

"You cheeky young dog! I know what you mean and what I let myself in for when I say yes. You may come, and you may think yourself lucky to have won her so easily."

He galloped off, and as he went he said to himself:

"He's a smart young fellow, that. A man of such resources must come to the fore sooner or later. Not another in the field—including myself, and the General—would have thought of halving a pocket-handkerchief; and with his sword, too. Yes, I shan't be far wrong, though it is not exactly what I wished for. Aimee. Pity he belongs to that confounded old staff corps. Why couldn't he have stuck to the regiment?"

The review passed off well. The General was pleased to compliment Colonel Baring on his men and he also had a few words of praise to bestow on the Adjutant of the Fiftieth.

Aimee rode on to the field in time to see the march past.

When the last volley had been fired and business of the morning was finished, Captain Hamilton managed to get a few words with her.

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They shook hands and exchanged the usual New Year greetings.

"Oh, you need not look at your father in that terrified fashion. He has given his consent, and I'm invited to breakfast."

She gave him a startled glance and then turned away incredulous.

"Don't tease me, George. You know I can't bear it." And her lips actually trembled.

"My darling, I'm not teasing you. It is perfectly true. It was a bargain. Your father sold you to me this morning just before the General came."

"Sold me!"

She began to think that he had taken leave of his senses.

"Yes, sold you for a silk rag—for half a pocket handkerchief. See here is the other half," and he pulled the remnant out of his sleeve.

Her troubled face cleared a little, but showed no sign of enlightenment.

"I must go now," he exclaimed, "I'll tell you all about it if you will invite me into that snug little morning room of yours after breakfast."

And with a happy smile he trotted back to his post, for the men were preparing to march to their lines.

When George wants to tease his wife now he tells her that she isn't worth much, for she was "Sold for a Silk Rag."—London Society.

"The Blessed Hand"

The following poem is by Mr. Wallis, jurist, prose writer and poet, to whom a statue has just been erected in Baltimore. The poem tells of a monk, who had copied and illuminated many books, hoping to be rewarded in heaven and whose hand was miraculously preserved from decay:

For you and me, who love the light
Of God's uncloistered day,
It were, indeed, a dreary lot
To shut ourselves away
From every glad and sunny thing
And pleasant sight and sound,
And pass, from out a silent cell,
Into the silent ground.

Not so the good monk Anselm thought,
For in his cloister's shade
The cheerful faith that lit his heart
Its own sweet sunshine made;
And in its glow he prayed and wrote,
From matin-song till even,
And trusted in the Book of Life
To read his name in heaven.

What holy books his gentle art
Filled full of saintly lore!
What pages brightened by his hand
The splendid missals bore!
What blossoms, almost fragrant,
twined
Around each blessed name,
And how his Saviour's cross and crown
Shone out from cloud and flame!

But unto clerk as unto clown,
One summons comes away,
And Brother Anselm heard the call
At Vesper-chime one day.
His busy pen was in his hand,
His parchment by his side—
He bent him o'er the half-writ prayer,
Kissed Jesus' name and died.

They laid him where a window's blaze
Flashed o'er the graven stone,
And seemed to touch his simple name
With pencil like his own;
And there he slept, and, one by one,
His brothers died the while,
And troopings years went by and trod
His name from off the aisle.

And lifting up the pavement, then,
An Abbot's couch to spread,
They let the jeweled sunlight in
Where once lay Anselm's head.
No crumbling bone was there, no trace
Of human dust that told,
But, all alone, a warm right hand
Lay, fresh, upon the mold.

It was not stiff, as dead men's are,
But, with a tender clasp,
It seemed to hold an unseen hand
Within its living grasp,
And ere the trembling monks could turn
To hide their dazzled eyes
It rose as with the sound of wings
Right up into the skies.

Oh loving, open hands that give!
Soft hands the tears that dry!
Oh patient hands that toil to bless!
How can ye ever die?
Ten thousand vows from yearning hearts
To heaven's own gates shall soar,
And hear ye up, as Anselm's hand
Those unseen angels bore.

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Illusions leave us one by one, long ere
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Doing cheerfully the duties that are near,
Trusting in God, guided by Christ,
Fear shall not confound us in the way,
and death shall find us ready.—Henry Giles.

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cross is ourselves. We shall get out
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look upon ourselves simply as a
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when we come closer to it, provided
always that we did not exaggerate it
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