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HOW WE GOT MARRIED.

A Curate's Story.

It is curious to reflect how the majority of married couples may be said to have drifted into the wedded state. Some chance meeting, some trifling circumstances, is in many cases the commencement of an acquaintance that ripens into a life-long union.

"That not impossible she

Who shall command my heart and me." s rarely (save in France) introduced to crawling in at the door, nor was discov-We tumble on our fate unexpectedly in kkely to reassure her. As for myself- another Rose. nine cases out of ten; a visit to a country- a German author has noted in his diary that at a certain date he "behaved as a house; a journey by a public conveyance -all these may be the first steps on the foal"-I certainly passed a similar menroad that leads us into the proverbial tal verdict upon myself. I had evident-"lane which has no turning." ly intered a wrong house by mistake, We shaller a young lady from a and played what looked like a practical "lane which has no turning."

was standing beside us in the full glory novels,) I should, if a single man, fully matters to the frightened and irate old affected his courage. nurse, and eventually become my wife.

After all, it was through an accident I did get married. Not the orthodox fall from a horse, or injury from a train, but an accident of another kind. Twenty years ago I went to my first curacy. I was young, then, and, except for my school and university career, had never left home before. I found myself terribly lonely at first, at Martin-on-Sands. It was a dull, respectable little watering-place, on the east coast, with the usual row of white houses and green blinds, facing the sea, the usual "esplanade," the usual little shops where shell ornaments were sold. It was an intense ly quiet place; its inhabitants proudly boasted that "no excursionists ever came there:" indeed, there was nothing to attract them. There are two types of English seaside resorts: the gay and the noisy, where donkeys, bands and negroes flourish, and the quiet spots, like Martin-on-Sands, where existence is peaceful, not to say stagnant.

People with large families came to us ing and provisions being reasonable, and the sands affording capital play-ground for the children; but the town was not a lively residence at the best of times. an sure the maximum tal on your part." The vicar was an old man, greatly afflicted with gout, and the chief work of the parish devolved on his curate; but there was not very arduous toil for either of us. Most of the townspeople had real-

Stunned for a moment, I bastily be- doubts about my steadiness of conduct, gan to disengage the bear-dress; and but, although only a curate, I had a when I got the length of my knees with comfortable private income to affer my hand free, I, to my diamay, found Rose, who had hitherto been a penaion

myself in a strange room, with two er, on her aunt, and this circumstance strange ladies standing opposite; one may have weighed in my favor. young and very pretty, the other a much It is a long time. since our It is a long time. since our wed older one, who stood intremched behind day; but as I look back I feel grateful to the accident which was so instrumenpeacefully dozing until disturbed by my tal in bestowing upon me the sweetest abrupt entry. It must have been a and dearest wife that ever blessed a shock to her to be awoke from tranquil man's home.

repose by the sight of a strange animal At the same time I would not advise my readers to enter strange houses wrapus in orthedox form as our future wife. ery that the animal was a strange man ped in rugs, on the chance of finding

> IN THE CAB. Some Strange Shadows Under the Headlight.

There are living in Detroit to-day per- and self-devoted-she consciously orshower of hail, at a flower show, and lit- joke on an entire stranger. It was a haps fifty men who have left the cab of gamizes and puts in operation a set of inshower of hall, at a nower show, and ne dignified and pleasant position for the the locomotive for some other employ- fluences that do more to mould the des-Mrs. Brown. When we assisted that curate of the parish to find himself in ! ment, and in some cases the reasons for tiny of the nation than any man unold gentleman and his daughter at the If the story spread to the rector's ears ! leaving are curious enough. It is hard crowned by power of eloquence can posrailway-station, nothing was further from Mr. Gray was a starched specimen of to find a drinker who will admit that sibly effect. The men of the nation are our thoughts than matrimony; yet in the old school of frigid politeness, who another twelve months that young lady abominated levity of demeanor, and I who will agree with the doctors that nice and the voice that these men speak in an sure would not have crawled on all-otine slowly and surely shatters the the expression of power is the voice of of white satin and orange-blossoms. As fours had his life depended upon it. I nervous system. And it is harder still the women who bore and bred them. for accidents, if I met with one by road was young and shy, and my absurd posi- to find an engine driver who admits that There can be no substitute for this. or rail, and was conveyed to private tion was no joke to me. As soon as I the long hours, ceaseless vigils and rough There is no other possible way in which house for recovery (people always are in could find breath. I essayed to explain riding have weakened his nerves or the women of the nation can organize

novels,) I should, if a single man, fully induce to the lady. I apologized most humbly for my "He was an excellent man for years," their induced and power that it will tell so beneficially upon society and the house would undertake the post of sick- intrusion, explaining my mistake; but said a depot official as he pointed to a re- state. - Scribner's Monthly. my efforts were ill-received. I found tired engineer lounging around the my ally, however, in the shape of the Union Depot, "but the time came when sweet-looking girl, who endeavored to he saw phantoms, and we had to retire mollify the old lady's wrath, accepted him.

> my apologies smilingly, and joined me in "Phantoms ?"

every possibly way in trying to sooth her "Yes. They seemed realities to him; class existed, for the sake of society at angry relative. "It's all a mistake, auntie," she whis- shadows and phantoms. In the last some, though possessed of a quiet attractpered. "Don't you see it's Mr. Morley, year of his run I was on his train one iveness all her own. Her wardrobe i our curate ?"

"And more shame for him to play such a vulgar, ungentlemanly trick !" retorted the old dame, not to be so easily mollified. "Madam, you cannot think I inten-

ded to alarm you thus." I stammered, train and run back to investigate." wishing I could sink into the floor. "I unfortunately mistook the house; I was the same way ?" intending to make a little diversion for

my nephews and nieces." "Is there not a number on my door, as they were when they entered the cab slow, but glides along with a natural and sir ? Could you not have ascertained fifteen or twenty years ago. It is ac- graceful step which is very becoming that you had entered the right house be- cording to the temperament. The con- recognizing her friends by a polite bow fore commencing this buffoonery ? Very stant vigilance and burden of responsi- or welcome grasp of the hand; but there

in my judgment.' "O, auntie !" whispered the young of an engine alone would break down When any question is being discussed during the summer and autumn, lodg- lady, her face flushing. Then, turning some men. The engineer who takes out and her opinion is asked, she gives it to me, she said, gently, "My aunt is not the Pacific express grows fat over his hesitatingly, not doubtfully and, if not strong, and this has startled her; but I hard work, and twenty years' service accepted, never allows herself to utter a am sure the mistake was quite acciden- would not break him down. His prede- contradiction, but calmly and quietly How grateful I felt to her for those had been at the throttle six years."

kind words ! "Sir," said the old lady, eying me

severely through her spectacles, "as my stance. Three or four years ago the en- acts and words are unobtrusive, but her niece appears to know you, and states gineer of a Lake Shore train began to influence-is great in the home which it is ized the Wise Man's wish, and possessthat you are the curate of this parish, I chase a horse. One night after leaving her happiness to adorn. ed "neither poverty nor riches." Ex-

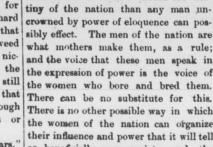
"Only by repute. She comes here

man or woman living, who does not feel that the sweetest consolation and the best rewards of life are found in the love and delights of home. There are very few who do not feel themselves indebted to the influences that clustered around their cradles for whatever good

Home and its Ancen

There is probably not an unperverted

there may be in their character and con dition. Home based upon Christian marriage is so evidently an institution of God, that a man must become profane before he can deny it. Wherever it is pure and true to the Christian idea. there lives an institution constructed of all the nobler instincts of society. Of this realm woman is queen. It takes the cue and hue from her. If she is in the best sense womanly-if she is true and tender, loving and heroic, patient



A Model Girl. Do you want to read this word-picture of a modest girl? I wish more of her of course, but to others they were large. She is not what is called hand-

night when he stopped twice in seven chosen for quality according to her miles for obstructions on the track, and financial circumstances; the colors are yet there wasn't so much as a straw on selected with care suitable to each other the rails. Another night he would im- and favorable to her complexion (you agine that the locomotive had struck a may call this taste, so it is, "modest farmer's wagon, and he would halt the taste"); the style must, of course, be an near the popular fashion as she dare ap-"Do all engineers become affected in proach, but never quite up to the height ? When out calling or shopping "No. There are men on the roads she dresses with neatness and care; if centering here who are as good to-day walking, she neither moves too fast nor unbecoming for a clergyman in any case, bility are a terrible worry to some and are no demonstrative embraces or gushno burden at all to others. The motion ing words She is strictly truthful.

cessor broke down and died before he withdraws from the discussion, although her opinion is not lost or defeated by so doing; on the contrary it almost al-"Yes; and let me tell you of an in- ways carries weight and effect. Her



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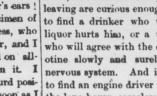
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cent season visitors, we had few gentry hard working people, and seemed able families in fair comfort. Of course work, church services and school, sick and aged people to visit, but I found my time certainly not too well filled. Mr. Gray, the incumbent, disliked anyleave us." thing new, and would not have permitted any additions to the usual rounds of my parochial labors; so I found plenty fallen, though the young lady bowed eagerness to get closer to the animal ran of leisure in which to be dull. We were a large, merry family at home, and sometimes, sitting by myself in my

was not offended. Helen received the news of my advenlodgings, evening-time went slowly ture with peals of laughter. enough. A few months after my instal-"Charlie, Charlie ! that you should ment in my new post, I succeeded in have selected old Mrs. Piggot of all peopersuading a married sister to come to ple to play this trick upon? You are an Martin-on-Sands with her children. unlucky fellow !" This was, indeed, a pleasant change "Do you know the old lady, then ?"

for me, and nearly every evening I used to go round to her lodgings to enjoy a every year, and has often lodged with chat with her and a romp with the childmy land-lady. She is really a kindren, with whom I was a great favorite. hearted old soul, I believe, but has a

One dark autumn evening I had start- very crusty old temper." ed out later than usual-a visit to a sick "I can youch for that," I 'answered man had detained me-but I was ruefully. anxious to not omit my usual call, as

Helen was to return to London next Helen, going off into fresh peals of it with revolvers? They actually did, houses which formed the aristocratic laughter. "Poor, dear Charlie crawling and one night over run their time and quarter of our town, and rapped at the in, and old Mrs. Piggot's wrath-what brought up against a freight train making well-known door. "You need not an- an introduction to one of your parish- a terrible mess of it. The engineer of a nounce me," I said, passing the neat ioners ! I won ler if the old lady will train running out of this depot walked maid-servant; "I am expected; and I ever forgive you."

hurried up stairs. Just outside the She did one day. Probably the rea- asked for a lay off for three months. At drawing-room door lay a large black fur der guesses the sequal of my story. I first he would give no excuse, but rug, which I had never observad beforc. made Helen call on the offended dame finally admitted that he was killing too As Hooked at it the idea struck me that next day, and she succeeded in making many men on his run. He was break-I might make a brilliant entrance into my peace so well that I was allowed to ing down, and instead of racing with the room on this farewell visit. It was present my apologies in person after- imaginary horses he was running over past seven o'clock; all the children would wards.

be assembled in the drawing-room after Then I called occasionally; of course driver I ever knew to admit his nervoustheir tea. I would enter in the charac- on each occasion seeing Miss Rose, the ness, but this admission will be his salter of a bear. Wrapping myself in the old lady's niece. Then, as Fate willed vation. He will get a rest for three rug, I opened the door and crawled in it, Mrs. Piggot fell ill, and took a fancy months and go back to the cab with his on all-fours, emitting sundry growling to winter at Martin-on-Sands. Of old nerve restored. - [M. Quad.

on all-fours, emitting sundry growning to winter as band in met frequently during sounds. A scream greeted me-that course Rose and I met frequently during laughter that ought to have succeeded it, I was terrified to hear a shrill female between us; friendship often ripens into deeper feelings. Just a year after my abrupt entrance into Mis. Piggot's draw-time, store and Line as the store and line and line and line as the store and line as the store and line and line as the store as the store as the store and line as the store as the store as the store and line as the store as th lady agreed at last-I think she had her Rhynas special agent for Goderich. help

suppose I am bound to acquit you of in- the Junctiona black horse jumped on the tentions of robbery, which your extraor- track ahead of him and led him a race of SEE TO IT ?-ZOPESA, (from Brazil) among us, small lodging-house keepers, shop-keepers and fisher-folk making up the bulk of our pupulation. At the the bulk of our population. At the stand any gentleman in your position mind that he saw what he did not see, ers, and its peculiar action upon same time we had hardly any actual stand any gentleman in your position and up of the stand and Digestive Organs. poor. The fishers were, as a class, quiet, latives, in the foolish, the undignified He did not only quarrel with his con- positive and absolute cure for Costivemanner in which you entered this room. ductor about the matter, but he insisted to earn enough to keep themselves and I should have imagined that Mr. Gray that the Superintendent should send off impurities. As a Liver regulator its would have selected an assistant of less some official to verify his statement. I actions are most remarkable. there was the usual routine of parish levity of character. My nerves have re- was selected to go out in the cab. Soon and stimulates the Liver to action, it ceived a severe shock, and as you are after leaving the Junction the horse apnow aware that this is not the house peared-not to my eyes but to the bowels. A few doses will surprise you, you intend to visit, perhaps you will driver's. Lear withing the traction the horse apyou intend to visit, perhaps you will driver's. I saw nothing but the black

rails and the smooth road bed, but he I blundered through a few more saw the horse. He identified the color apologies, and went out terribly crest- marks and other particulars, and in his

and smiled as we parted. Evidently she the train past one of the stopping stations at the rate of fifty miles an hour. We Stomach and Constipation Bitters are had to take him off the engine and give him other work, but he did not live long. are equally effectual, do not gripe, weakhim other work, but he did not live long. We have almost a parallel case to-day.' "Who is it ?"

And some of them see phantoms, eh ?"

"It is an old driver from the Grand Goderich. Trunk who left here several years ago

and took an engine on the Illinois Central. He held out five or six years, and then he began to race with a phantom. It was with an Indian warrior mounted on a white horse and speeding

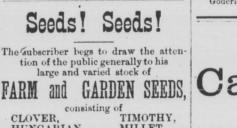
along the prairie beside the track. In this instance the fireman's superstition was excited, and he too saw the phantom. Would you believe that they flung "O, if I had only been there ?" cried lumps of coal at the shadow and fired at

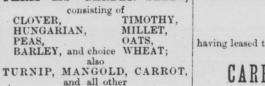
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