

PETER HORACE'S SPECULATION.

It had been for months a mooted question in the little village of Glendale who would fall heir to Aunt Martha Marvale's money when she died.

There were her two nieces, the nearest of kin, in the first place. One, Miss Bertha Marvale, an amiable young lady, who was immensely proper and respectable, and had been very dutiful in her attendance upon her invalid aunt.

Then there was the church of which she had been a life long member, with its many charities, missions, and relief works. The trustees fully expected to be remembered by Miss Marvale; but many of the neighbours knew too much of her "closeness" and pride of family, and were sure she would not give her money to charitable institutions.

And now the good, queer Miss Martha Marvale was dead, and buried with due solemnity and proper gloom. Soon it would be known who was the fortunate possessor of her fabulous wealth—for "fabulous" it had become, under the busy tongues of interested friends and acquaintances. To be sure, she had never made a display of riches and no one in Glendale had ever seen her money except in quite meagre sums.

The lawyer sat at the head of the room rattling the important document ominously. Miss Marvale sat in a high backed chair, looking pale, melancholy, and severe in her new and fashionable mourning dress.

Dot Marvale, a gentleman who was in his life had evinced a liking for anything but money until he met Miss Marvale, sat attentively near.

After the usual preliminaries it was found that all of Martha Marvale's real estate, moneys, and personal property were left unconditionally to her beloved niece Dot.

The whole fortune was not a munificent one, after all, and even Dot was not a rich woman. And she could only open her blue eyes in wonder while Willard Hayes smiled brightly upon her and whispered his congratulations.

"I hope, Cousin Bertha, you will always make this house your home," Dot began timidly. "You know this is a green as yet, and I am glad to see you in a home and comfort for mamma. I do not want you to be poor or homeless. Can't we all live together?"

"No, we can't all live together," snapped Bertha, coming out from behind her pocket handkerchief. "You are a little un-derhand cheat, and I wouldn't accept charity from you if I were starving. And it is not necessary, as I am engaged, and Mr. Horace is amply able to see that I do not come to want."

Dot retired, overcome by the stupendous intelligence, as Miss Marvale intended she should be.

"I am sure I congratulate you," she murmured. "And I hope, if ever you need a friend, you will not hesitate."

"Both your friendship," exclaimed the irate lady, rising. "I think we can dispense with each other's company, and as I cannot ask you to leave your own house, I will take the liberty of retiring myself."

That evening the will was discussed over a hundred tea-tables, and many queries, wonderings, and "I told you so's" passed to and fro.

What a donkey he had been! And how had it come about? Why was not Bertha Marvale the heiress, as he had calculated upon? The old lady's money seemed not entirely accounted for, either. Bertha had lived in the house for years, and he had deemed her a person of good sense; yet she must have bungled in her management somehow.

A Spring Reverie.

All things are full of labor.—Eccles. 1, 8. In the dull and dreary winter we are so often influenced by the surrounding gloom this life seems a burden hard to bear.

Mr. Horace rented a pretentious house, and furnished it completely, referring with beautiful deference to his betrothed's taste in everything.

"Be sure and bring your footstool," he said playfully, "and we will dedicate a whole corner to it. I would not keep house without it for the world."

They were married, and the wedding was the "event of the season." Dot was not invited, but she was busily engaged elsewhere, and did not mind the neglect, and when Bertha left the old house to enter her brand new home, Dot and her happy husband, Willard Hayes, moved in.

Mr. Horace bore his happiness quietly, and contained himself with patience. Perhaps he was a little irritable in the privacy of the domestic circle but he was only preparing for the grand moment when it would be appropriate to "kick that beastly stool clear across the room."

At last, one evening, he found it standing directly in his way. Bertha, looking apprehensively at her husband's stern countenance, hastened to remove it, but he was too quick for her.

What a horse can do. A horse will travel 400 yards in four and a half minutes at a walk, 400 yards in two minutes at a trot, 400 yards in one minute at a gallop.

Two Men Shot By a Sentry. A Berlin correspondent telegraphs:—A fresh case has occurred of a sentinel firing with ball cartridge in the middle of the town upon two civilians.

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