

THE PRODIGAL SON.

Yes, we were really married. The clergyman, with impressive solemnity, announced that we were now one, and sanctioned our union with the blessing of the church.

Then came the wedding-guests, one after the other, to congratulate us. There was quite a procession. The sixth person in the procession was Aunt Caroline.

I kissed Eleonore when I helped her from the carriage, and murmured: "Welcome home, dear wife."

She returned my caress rather hastily, and, running past me into the house, said: "Now we shall see what it is."

Alas! we learned only too soon. Martha, our little maid-of-all-work, had illuminated the little drawing-room for our reception.

It is quite certain, however, that dear Aunt Caroline, knowing my own and Eleonore's fondness for pictures, and her heart overflowing with benevolence and affection, had purchased the huge canvas at some auction, paying for it a good round sum, and consoling herself for the extravagance with thoughts of the pleasure the picture would give us.

ed to buy a painting, or engraving, he first consulted me; consequently the fact that I had the "Prodigal Son" hanging on my wall was sufficient to convince even those of our friends who really thought the picture an abominable dabb, that there must be "something in it," and they exerted themselves manfully to discover this something.

When I came home in the evening, and found Eleonore almost worn out, and would inquire tenderly what wearied her, she would sigh: "Oh those 'Prodigals.'"

But I reckoned without my "Prodigals." Although the picture gave us less annoyance in its present position, we covered it with gauze—on account of the flies.

It happened that the distinguished botanist, Dr. S—, visited our town during the holidays.

There were no flies at that time. Our guest was a most amiable man, and the friends whom we had invited to dine with him did their best to help entertain him.

During the soup he related a highly amusing adventure he had had in Egypt, upon the "Prodigals" were directly opposite to him—and, well-bred though he was, he could not help a look of wondering surprise at sight of such a travesty on art.

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Naturally every glance was directed toward the object which had so confused the learned gentleman. Eleonore declared that from that moment his eyes fell on the "Prodigals," the doctor talked to her as he would to a child; and she is certain that it was because of that unfortunate canvas that he did not pay us a farewell call, notwithstanding my assurance that he was hastily summoned away by a telegram.

Healthy, Happy, Hearty— NESTLE'S FOOD BABIES. They receive nourishment which is STRENGTH GIVING, PLEASANT TO TAKE, SURE AND SAFE. Physicians, Traditions and Common Sense all urge mothers to avoid the use of disease-laden cows' milk at all times and especially in hot weather by adding water only.

Fortunately, there were some very warm days in March—quite warm enough to bring back the flies in my study. Once I should have put an end to their premature existence. I did not do so now. I fetched the gauze veil and draped it securely over the prodigals. The next day Aunt Caroline called. Said I to her when she came into the study?

I should not be adhering strictly to the truth were I to say that we were not perfectly happy in our little home. We were indeed happy in our little home. We were indeed happy in our little home.

I summoned my poor little wife, to whom I communicated as gently as possible our great loss. We began at once to prepare for our return journey; and as our train would not leave until the afternoon, I wired a friend for further particulars of the fire.

DIED. Lindsay, Aug. 20, John Fraser, 83. St. John, Aug. 21, Thomas Evans, 40. Halifax, Aug. 20, Thomas O'Brien, 59.

BORN. Halifax, Aug. 21, to the wife of H. B. Harris, a son. Digby, Aug. 16, to the wife of John Hayden, a daughter.

MARRIED. Windsor, Aug. 22, Charles H. Dobar to Alva M. Blaine. St. John, Aug. 27, by Rev. J. W. Clark, Manford Day to Addie Chase.

WANTED! — People to Understand That — BASS'S ALE, GUINNESS'S STOUT are the finest brewed. But in order to obtain them at their best it is indispensable that they be matured and bottled by experienced firms who possess the knowledge and have the capital to enable them to carry the goods until they are matured.

STEAMER CLIFTON will leave her wharf at Indiantown MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY afternoons at 4 o'clock for Chapel Cove, West Glen Clifton, Reed's Point, Murphy's Landing, Hampton and other points on the river.

1894. SEASON 1894. ST. JOHN, GRAND LAKE and SALMON RIVER. The reliable steamer "MAY QUEEN," C. W. BRANNEN, Master, having recently been thoroughly overhauled, he will enterably re-built, strictly under Dominion inspection, will sail under notice, run between the above-named places, leaving her wharf at Indiantown, every MONDAY and SATURDAY morning at 8.30 o'clock, local time.

STAR LINE STEAMERS. For Fredericton and Woodstock. MAIL STEAMERS, David Weston and Oliveette, leave St. John, every day, (except Sunday) at 9 a. m. for Fredericton and Woodstock, and will leave Fredericton every day (except Sunday) at 8 a. m. and Woodstock every day (except Sunday) at 6 a. m.

INTERNATIONAL S. S. CO. Summer Arrangement. Daily Service, (SUNDAY EXCEPTED) BETWEEN ST. JOHN AND BOSTON. Utilize further notice the steamers of this company will leave St. John for Boston every Monday and Wednesday morning at 11.45 a. m. and arrive at Boston at 6.10 p. m.

YARMOUTH & ANNAPOLIS RY. SUMMER ARRANGEMENT. On and after Monday, June 25th, 1894, trains will run daily (Sunday excepted) as follows: LEAVE YARMOUTH—Express daily at 8.10 a. m. Passengers and Freight Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11.45 a. m. arrive at Annapolis at 6.10 p. m.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY 1894-SUMMER ARRANGEMENT-1894 On and after MONDAY, the 25th JUNE, 1894, the trains of this Railway will run daily (Sunday excepted) as follows: TRAINS WILL LEAVE ST. JOHN: Express for Campbellton, Furuvast, Ft. Carleton and Halifax..... 7.00 Accommodation for Point du Chene..... 10.10 Express for Halifax..... 12.50 Express for Quebec, and Monday at 12.50 Commencing 2nd July, Express for Halifax 21.50