

affections had received to consent to marry Mihalé, and when her father fixed the date a month hence on the very day decided by the bargain she offered no objection, but she made one indispensable stipulation. She must receive a dowry of £200, to be paid her in hard cash before the ceremony, otherwise Mihalé, like the primest of his prime beef, "might go hang."

In vain her father expostulated and explained his position. He hadn't got two hundred cents in the world, let alone two hundred pounds, and didn't in the least know how he was going to pay for her *trousseau*.

It was all one to Euphrosyne. He might borrow it from Mihalé for all she cared, but that was her *ultimatum ultimatorum* and the sooner he made arrangements accordingly the better.

Giorgi took counsel with Mihalé. The latter didn't like it a bit. What on earth did the girl want with £200? It was absurd to spend that amount on her *trousseau* and Mihalé, who, as his accumulated savings amply demonstrated, had a frugal mind, would be no party to such extravagance.

Finally it was agreed that the money should be paid by Mihalé but only on his wedding day. He wasn't going to take any chances.

Euphrosyne demurred somewhat at this arrangement, but as a special concession to her father allowed