

THE FILTHY DOLLAR.

[From the Cleveland Leader.]

I hold a dollar in my grasp— A ragged-looking thing! I gaze at it and wonder what Diseases it may bring. Perhaps that yesterday 'twas held By some one who was rich, Or by some wretched person with The jaundice or the itch!

MY FIANCE'S GLASS EYE.

He was tall, dark and to my taste, absolutely charming. Last evening for the first time we walked in the winding alley of the park; the straight avenue which stretched itself under the windows of the house had been until now the only witness to our confidences; I loved dearly this avenue with its great oak trees placed at regular distances apart, the benches for talking quite at one's ease, the green grass all around and beyond. When we wandered off a bit the huge window panes, which seemed by the light of the setting sun great wide open eyes, all smiling at our happiness.

gather up the reins, the horses pull together, the victors sway; in a word, so as not to see they were taking him away from me. Papa had gone with him to the station, while mamma and I breakfasted alone together. I was dismal in the extreme. Mamma ate as usual, which I couldn't understand; as for myself, I ate very little, just enough to sustain me, and even that with difficulty. Every mouthful stuck in my throat. In the midst of the breakfast Justine opened the door. "Madame, Monsieur de Valente has left his glass eye in his room. Shall it be sent to him?" Had the heavens been opened to let fall on the table the sun and the moon, I couldn't have felt a greater shock. The end of the world will perhaps be nothing to equal it. I repeated with horror: "His glass eye, Justine?" "Yes, mademoiselle; it is on the washstand." Mamma grew pale, but remained calm. "Very well, Justine; you may leave the room. We will see if it is necessary to send it to him."

like a luminous halo. My emotion for bade my speaking. Mamma, however, went quickly towards Justine. "Is that what you call a glass eye, Justine?" "Certainly, madame. It seems to me that's the name for it. In any case it doesn't suit Monsieur Raoul, and mademoiselle would do well to give him spectacles when they are married. It is strange to think that men of the present day think it pretty to look with one eye—like that; it must be very difficult to keep it in place, I should never know how." And Justine, with a comical grimace, stretching her mouth and turning up her nose, tried to introduce the monocle underneath her right eyebrow. I could contain myself no longer. My tears and sobs turned to idiotic laughter—I was so content! so happy! It is now twenty-five years since all that happened. Raoul has been an excellent husband—quite as unendurable as that order of individual always is. He has worn spectacles now for a long time, and when he wishes to see anything looks with his two eyes. The monocle is buried in a bureau drawer. I keep it as a relic of tears and laughter, and shall will it to my grand children, if God gives me any. My daughters are engaged, and I have already told them that the alleys in the park are cold and dangerous in the evening! Each one has his turn in this world—life passes, and very soon there will be nothing left of our household but my fiancé's glass eye.—From the French of André du Blainmont.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN. A lady called on a friend who was not at home, and finding the piano dusty, wrote upon it "slattern." They met next day, and the lady said: "I called on you yesterday." "Yes, I saw your card on the piano," was the reply. There is a cockney youth, who, every time he wishes to get a glimpse at his sweetheart, cries, "Fire," directly under her window. In the alarm of the moment she plunges her head out of the window and asks, "Where?" Then he poetically slaps himself on the bosom, and exclaims: "Fire, my Hangeline!"

A young and pretty girl stepped into a store where a smart young man, who had long been enamoured, but dare not speak, stood behind the counter, selling goods. In order to remain as long as possible, she cheapened everything. At last she said, "I believe you think I am cheating you." "Oh, no," said the young man, "to me you are always fair." "Well," whispered the young lady, blushing, as she laid emphasis on the word, "I would not stay so long bargaining if you were not so dear."

Willie: Give me a fistful of raisins mamma. Mamma: Take a fistful yourself, Willie. Willie: Ah, your fist is larger, mamma. First Stranger: It seems to me I have seen your face before. Second Stranger: Quite likely. That's where I carry it.

Mrs. Bowles: My contention is that women can do everything quite as well as men. James Fox: Oh, I don't quite see it. She could not be a fireman or a policeman or—or—a—auctioneer. Mrs. Bowles: Why not an auctioneer, pray? James Fox: Well fancy a woman before a crowd shouting, "Now, gentlemen, who will make me an offer?" eh.

Mrs. B.: Whatever anything will do, you must remain inside to day and look after the children. There is a beautiful level road running in my mind that I did not travel yet. Mr. B. (harshly): No, you did not since you got that infernal machine. It is the other road you are going—out of your mind.

Mistress: Not going to marry that sweep after all, Jane? Why, I thought it was all settled. Jane: So I was, mum; but the fact is I saw him with a clean face for the first time last night, and I can't marry him. You've no idea how ugly he is when he is washed, mum.

Fond Mother: What does it cost to have my baby photographed? Photographer: Six shillings, madam, but I make a reduction on a dozen. Fond Mother: Don't be rude, sir; this is my first. Photographer: I mean, ma'am—She leaves the shop in a terrible temper.

Deacon Hasbeen (laying down his paper): I have just been reading that alcohol will remove grass stains from the most delicate fabric. Mrs. Hasbeen (severely): There you go again, Jason, trying to find some excuse for tipping. Just remember that you have no grass stains in your stomach.

Break it Slowly—Young Woman (to telegraph clerk): Sir, do me the favor to wire to my sweetheart that mother is ill, but wire a bit slowly please, so as not to frighten him so badly. Parent: Who is the laziest boy in your class, Johnny? Johnny—I don't know. Parent: Then you ought to know. When all the others are industriously writing or studying their lessons, who is he that sits idly in his seat and watches the rest instead of working himself? Johnny: The teacher.

An amusing story is told about a professor. The learned gentleman has a wife and family, but, professorlike, his thoughts are always with his books. One evening his wife, who had been out for some hours, returned to find the house remarkably quiet. She had left the children playing about, but now they were nowhere to be seen. She demanded to be told what had become of them and the professor explained that as they had made a good deal of noise he had put them to bed without waiting for her or calling a maid. "I hope they gave you no trouble," she said. "No," replied the professor, "with the exception of the one in the cot here. He objected a good deal to my undressing him and putting him to bed." The wife went to inspect the cot. "Why," she exclaimed, "that's little Johnny Green from next door."

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