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A Secret Marriage

It Was Between a Prince and a Girl in Wooden Shoes.

By F. A. MITCHEL

"I see in this proposal, your majesty," said the prime minister, Van der Donken, to King Hubert, "a scheme to unite our kingdom of Litoria to that of Pomaria. Your majesty is well aware that the area of Pomaria is three times that of Litoria. If the Princess Catherine marries your son it will result in the annexation of your dominions to those of your hereditary enemies."

"That shall never be," said King Hubert, grinding his teeth.

"Unfortunately, the prince has met the princess, and she has captivated him."

"What sort of woman is she?"

"Inordinately ambitious. She is described by those of her suit as being avaricious, selfish and cruel."

"What can we do to turn the prince from her? I fear that to attack her will only enlist him in her defense."

"Your majesty is right. We must accomplish our ends by diplomacy. The prince has your son in thrall. To win him from her we must inveigle her into a trap, and once she has entered it we must exercise all our ingenuity to prevent her getting out."

"Have you a plan?"

"I have. It is this: Let us give out that your majesty has been attacked by a disease that must prove fatal within a few months; that you desire the prince, who will inherit the throne after you, to marry at once on pain of your naming his cousin, Oscar, to succeed you in his stead. Catherine will not marry him without his inheritance. But she will not hesitate to permit him to sacrifice it for revenge upon your majesty for not consenting to the match. I shall endeavor to make some compromise with her by which we may rescue the prince from her."

Van der Donken was a marvel of astuteness, being regarded as equal in chicanery even to a woman. The king gave him carte blanche to do as he liked, and he set out at once for the capital of Pomaria, where he found Prince Carl in dalliance with the Princess Catherine. The minister announced to the young man that his father had not long to live, that a proposal had been made by King Otto of the neighboring kingdom of Brentino that the two kingdoms should be united by the marriage of Carl and King Otto's daughter, Xenia, and that the marriage should be celebrated at once. If the prince refused the crown should pass at his father's death to his cousin.

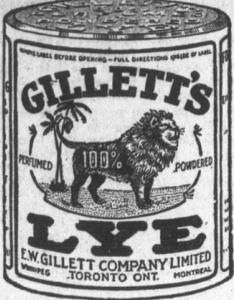
The interview between Van der Donken and Carl took place in the presence of Catherine. The prince looked at her for instructions as to his reply. She replied for him by stating that he was betrothed to her and would marry her. If any usurper took her place at his father's death the king of Pomaria would send an armed force to Litoria to send its rightful sovereign on the throne.

Now, the kingdom of Brentino was even more powerful than that of Pomaria. The hand of the Princess Xenia had indeed been offered to Carl, and doubtless if Carl had seen her he would have obeyed his father. On receiving a refusal to King Hubert's plans the wily Van der Donken proposed to Carl and Catherine a compromise. He suggested that Carl marry some girl of low degree. His father, to withdraw him from such a union, would consent to a divorce and his marriage with Catherine. Again the prince looked at the princess for instructions. She agreed to take the matter under consideration and after long reflection consented to the plan, making it a condition that she should approve of the girl the prince married. Van der Donken agreed to this, though he well knew that Catherine would not consent to the prince marrying any girl who was capable of drawing him away from her.

The prince returned to Litoria with Van der Donken. It having been arranged that the princess should follow to inspect the girl he would marry as soon as one could be found to do so on receiving a price and giving her consent to a subsequent divorce. In due time the princess was called for and introduced into the home of a poor woman whose daughter had consented to the terms.

Anneke was the name of the bride, a little Dutch girl in a number of petticoats and wooden shoes. Her complexion was brown, her face covered with pimples and her hair a fiery red. Her appearance was that of a half-witted person. As soon as Catherine

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She threw her arms around his neck, but he repelled her. Then she pulled off his red wig and, turning to a fountain, washed her face. Turning to him, he recognized the Princess Xenia.

"What does all this mean?" he asked.

"It means that your father, King Hubert, having received from my father an offer of my hand for you, informed us that so far as he was concerned the offer was accepted, but unfortunately you had fallen under the spell of another woman. If, however, I would agree to a plan to defeat this other woman devised by his prime minister he hoped all would be well. I assented and was married to you as a homely simpleton."

The princess kicked off her wooden shoes and displayed a pair of tiny feet incased in kid shoes. She unfastened her petticoats and appeared in a morning gown of silk and lace. Next she pulled off and showed a corsage to match her other apparel. Then the prince folded her in his arms.

The prince at once sent for Van der Donken, who came posthaste and was informed that Prince Carl and Princess Xenia, having been married secretly, desired that preparations for their public wedding should be made with as little delay as possible. The prince never wrote Catherine what had happened, having forgotten all about her. Van der Donken returned to King Hubert, and the king was so pleased with his management of the problem that he at once created him a duke.

An announcement made that the kingdoms of Litoria and Brentino would be united by the marriage of Prince Carl and the Princess Xenia filled the people of both kingdoms with delight. A few weeks later a public marriage took place at the capital of Brentino, at which there was great rejoicing. For many years Queen Xenia preserved the red wig and wooden shoes in which she had been privately married to King Carl, and after her death they were removed to the royal museum.

As for the Princess Catherine, she was so cut up by being tricked that she never married, and after her father's death the crown of Pomaria passed to another branch of the royal family.

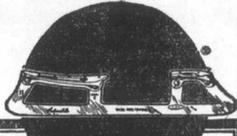
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MARRIED.
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DIED.
In Strathroy, on Jan. 2nd, 1916, James William Parker, in his 70th year.
In Forest, on Sunday, Jan. 9th, 1916, Mr. P. G. Bromley, in his 61st year.

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