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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 Lituria to that of Pomaria. Your majesty is well aware that the area of Pomaria is three times that of Lituria. 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

"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 princess has your son in thrall. To win him from her we must invel-gle 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 This interview between Van der Don-ken 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 Lituria to seat its rightful sovereign on the

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 re-ceiving a refusal to King Hubert's plans the wily Van der Donken pro-posed to Carl and Catherine a compromise. He suggested that Carl mar-ry some girl of low degree. His fa-ther, 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 Lituria 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 widow whose daughter had consented

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aw her she gave her consent to the marriage, which took place in her presence and that of Van der Donken and Anneke's mother. Then Carl went back to Pomaria with Catherine.

Meanwhile King Hubert had kept himself in seclusion, but as soon as his minister announced to him that his son had been married he appeared again in public apparently as well as ever. Catherine, hearing of his recovery, was quite taken aback, fearing that she had been tricked. But, remembering the wedding with the homely Dutch girl, she took heart.

Then came Van der Donken to the prince with an order from his father to appear at court and prepare to go on a visit to the Princess Xenia, with whom a marriage for him had been contracted. The prince and Catherine after consultation agreed that the time had come for making known to his father his marriage and refusing to be divorced unless he were permitted to marry Catherine and inherit the crown as well. But Van der Donken said that King Hubert's mind was set on the Princess Xenia, and he believed that if she could be persuaded to decline Prince Carl the matter would be simplified. He suggested that Carl pay the visit to Xenia, but so made up that

he would appear unattractive to her, and he could treat her so indifferently or even rudely that she would refus to marry him. The minister finally persuaded Cath erine to agree to this, and the prince went back to Lituria with Van der Donken. Then, having made his prep arations for the journey, taking with him only two friends who were in his secret, he set out for the capital of Brentino. On the way he darkened his complexion. One of his friends, an

artist, painted little pimples all over his face, and the prince put on a red wig. He had been much repelled by these features on the part of Anneke and thought they might repel the Prin When the formal introduction took

place the princess raised her fan to her face-what for no one knew, but Prince Carl presumed that it was to conceal her disgust for him. But it seemed rather to conceal a smile, for she offered her hand to him most cor-He bowed and kissed it, the looked up at a very beautiful girl. There was that in her appearance to remind him of some one he had seen before, but he could not place the person. He tried to say something disagreeable, but the words stuck in his throat. The princess slipped her hand on his arm and drew him away from the others into an apartment where they would be alone together.

From the moment the prince saw the Princess Xenia he was attracted to her, and it was not long before he re gretted having disobeyed his father in refusing to marry her. The saying "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" did not pertain to him. The Princess Catherine being out of sight was out of mind. Nevertheless he had been so long dominated by her superior will that the idea of being unfaithful to he filled him with terror. At the same time the influence of the woman present became steadily stronger. The Princess Xenia did everything needful to concentrate his mind upon herself. She gave fetes in her honor, and in each her costume was designed to enhance her beauty.

Prince Carl had promised Catherine that every day he would send her a message telling her how he was getting on in repelling the Princess Xenia. The day after his arrival at Brentino he wrote that he was acting as brutally as possible. But those about him no-ticed that his pimples had suddenly been healed. The second day he wrote that he had offended the princess. But while dressing in the morning he wash ed off his dark complexion. The third day he wrote that he was very near being sent away. This he really believed to be true, for when sitting by Xenia she pulled off his wig and ap-

peared to be very much displeased with him for coming to court disguised. On the fourth day Carl wrote Catherine that something especial had happened; he would write her a full account of it soon. This is what he re-

ferred to: When he joined the Princess Xenia he found in her stead his wife. Anneke,

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, would agree to a plan to defeat this other woman devised by his prime minister he hoped all would be well. 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 her bodice came 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 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

kingdoms of Lituria 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

As for the Princess Catherine, 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

Languages.

The principal languages of the world are listed in order as follows: English, spoken by more than 150,000,000 peoole; German, more than 120,000,000; Russian, more than 90,000,000; French more than 60,000,000; Spanish, more than 55,000,000: Italian, more than 30. 000,000, and Portuguese, more than 30, 000,000. These seven are the principal languages of Europe and America. There are said to be 3,424 spoken lan guages or dialects in the world-1.624 n America, 937 in Asia, 587 in Europe and 276 in Africa. Among other important languages are the Chinese, Japanese, Scandinavian branches, Sla vonic speeches and dialects and the va-rious languages of India, Persia, Arabia and modern Greece.

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grievance to his nurse. "You see, old Smith was next me in the trenches. Now, the bullet that took me in the shoulder and laid me out went into 'im and made a bit of a flesh wound in his arm. Of course I'm glad he wasn't 'urt bad. But he's stuck to my bullet and given it his girl. Now, I don't think that's fair. I'd a right to it. I'd never give a girl o' mine a second 'and bullet."—Exchange.

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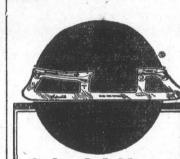
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