TURNING THE LAUGH.

"Never stake your wits against a woman's," said Bob Wimple, as we sat sipping our tea one evening at his cosey little home.

"Why?" I asked, "are their wits so much sharper than ours?"

"I can't say exactly," Bob replied; "but they have so many more of them, you see. I could tell you a story anent that."

"Tell it," I said, putting another lump of sugar in my cup and settling myself to listen.

Bob slowly stirred his tea, took a sip and began:

"Kate Burgess, who was the handsomest ugly woman I ever saw—"

"A contradiction in terms that," I interrupted.

"Not in her case," insisted Bob; "you would have owned it yourself had you seen her. Though her features were irregular, their expression was perfect and they beamed with intelligence.

"I met her casually at a watering-place," he continued, "whither I had gone, partly on business, partly on pleasure, about a year after my marriage. She had the reputation, I found, of being a sort of female Democritus, a laugher at mankind and their follies. She had had a goodly number of suitors; some doubtless attracted by herself; others, perhaps, by her fortune. But, in turn, she had treated them all alike. One after another she had led them into the most extravagant flights only to laugh at them in the end, and make them the laughing-stock of others.

"Whether it was that a year's connubial bliss had not sufficed to render me quite insensible to the charms of flirtation, or whether I was actuated by the motive of avenging the wrongs of my sex, I leave to be inferred from my story. At any rate, the fact is, that after making Miss Burgess' acquaintance, and on detecting, as I thought, a lurking purpose to add me to her list of victims, I took no pains to conform her that, instead of being an eligible bachelor, I was a staid and steady benedict.

"Chance threw us a good deal together. We talked all sorts of sentimental nonsense, quoted the spoonest passages of the poets and made as great fools of ourselves as the two greenest lovers could have done.

"I thought Kate was flirting desperately; but, determined not to be outdone, I went as far as she. Not that I made downright love to her. Conscience, when I thought of Anna and the baby at home, wouldn't stand that.

"At times, when Kate's fine eyes—her eyes, it had to be confessed, were fine—looked languidly into mine, I had misgivings lest I had made an impression deeper than I had intended. Then I scouted the vanity which made me think myself more successful than dozens of others who had similarly flattered themselves. No, she was only laughing at me. But he laughs best who laughs last, says the proverb, and we'll see who that shall be, I said to myself.

"At last she grew, or seemed to grow, melancholy. The more vapid my twaddle, the more she appeared affected by it. It reminded me of Deacon Darbey, who was always most attentive at the dullest parts of the sermon.

"I called one evening and found Kate in a very dispirited mood. As she greeted me, there was sadness in her tone which could hardly have been feigned.

"I feared you were not coming this evening, Rob—Mr. Wimple, I mean," she sighed.

"'I assure you, Miss Burgess,' I began, 'nothing ever gives me more pleasure——'

"'Yes, yes,' she faltered, 'I know what you would say——'

"'Let me beg of you——' I interrupted, anxiously.

"'I know what you are going to ask,' she persisted; 'it is a question my heart has long since answered.'

"Here was a situation for a respectable husband and a father! Had my folly come to this? I had never dreamed of Kate's being more in earnest than myself. After all, it was likely to prove no laughing matter. Everybody would call me a villain; and Anna—what would she think? I dreaded to reflect upon it.

"'I beg you to permit me——' I exclaimed.

"'Yes, take my hand, Robert,' she whispered, reaching me one and covering her face with the other.

"I hung back confused for a moment. Then, in sheer desperation and with more than a lover's energy I seized the proffered hand and began an incoherent speech, intending to explain all and make what amends I could for my conduct. But the sound of an approaching footsteps cut me short in the exordium.

"I turned and saw—whom do you think?"

I confessed my inability to guess.

"My wife," said Bob, dramatically.

"You can imagine the scene," he continued. "A husband confronted by his wife, in the act of holding by the hand a strange lady, and addressing her in words of earnest appeal.

"'Strike, Anna, but hear me!' I cried, starting like a guilty thing.

"I had heard words to that effect, somewhere, and could think of nothing better to say.

"But she didn't strike—didn't even call me caitiff or villain, names I would have considered moderate under the circumstances. After giving herself time to take in the scene, with all its ludicrous details, she just burst out laughing, and she and Kate laughed a duet till both sank exhausted.

"When the explanation came all was made plain enough. Kate had known who I was from the start. She and Anna, it appeared, were old schoolmates, and the latter, in our courting days, had shown my miniature to her friend, who was thus enabled to recognize me at first sight. A letter from Kate, speaking of her new beau, and asking Anna to come and share in the fun she was having, was the cause of my wife's sudden appearance.

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Forty years ago Sergeant A—— enlisted in the U.S. infantry. He was a young man of good family, but his associations in early life had led him to dissipation and dissolute habits. A mother's tears and a father's good counsel were alike unheeded, and step by step he passed from a home of affluence to a life of debauchery and shame. Feeling his degredation most keenly, at times, in one of his hours of remorse he enlisted in the U.S. army to get rid of his associates, and temptations for strong drink.

The infantry corps to which he belonged was then stationed some miles from the city of Detroit. He enlisted as a private; but away from the evil influences of rum he became a faithful and obedient soldier, and in the course of two years he was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

His colonel was a man of heart and feeling, and learning from the lips of his sergeant his early life and his weakness, he counselled him in the path of duty and right, and kept his pay for him until the balance sheet showed nearly $700 in his favor.

"Colonel," said the sergeant one day, "what shall I do with my money now in your keeping? You know my weakness, and you know how earnestly and manfully I have struggled against temptation. If it comes into my possession I fear I am lost. I learn that our corps has been ordered away; and cannot I make some investment here which you deem safe? And if I ever return I will have at least the principal left to me."

"I have endeavored to be your friend, sergeant," replied the colonel. "Will you now follow the advice of a friend?"

"With heaven's help I will," he replied, while a tear trickled down his bronzed cheek.

"In the market and upon the suburbs of the growing city of Detroit," said the colonel, "is offered a tract of land for six hundred dollars. It must become very valuable in time, and may become so in a few years. Make the purchase. The money I hold for you will give you the deed and pay the taxes for some years to come. In a week we go to New Mexico, and if you live to return, your investment may have proved most profitable."

Sergeant A——obeyed the advice of his colonel and friend. The purchase was made and duly recorded, and a month later he was with his corps on duty in New Mexico.

Detroit grew rapidly, and especially in the latitude of the sergeant's purchase. New streets were being constantly opened, lots were in demand at almost fabulous prices, and inquiries were made by real estate speculators for the owner of the sergeant's purchase. His name was found on record, and letters came to him, offering him extravagant prices for his property. He consulted his tried friend always, who, with marked shrewdness, told him to retain the property. He had no use for the money. Furthermore, if it was worth that to others it was worth the same to him.

The sergeant steadily refused all offers while amazed at their magnitude. By good behavior he rose in the course of years from Sergeant A—to Captain A—, and had won the great battle over the enemy of his youth. He was both a faithful and a temperate soldier.

Returning to Detroit he found brick walls surrounding his purchase. Detroit had grown in power and wealth, and had spread its wings of brick and marble with amazing rapidity.

Captain A—— received an offer of $200,000 for his six hundred dollar purchase, which was accepted, and he immediately resigned his commission in the army.

Chicago then was rising like a young giant and offered an inviting field for capital and speculation. Captain A—— invested the proceeds of his lucky purchase in lots in the now wonderful city, and the harvest he reaped proved rich in the extreme.

In one of the most fashionable streets of that city now lives, formerly Sergeant A—— of the U. S. Infantry. He is honored and respected for his stern integrity, and zeal in the temperance cause. His friend and admirer now sleeps in an honored soldier's grave.

History always repeats itself and at the present time a similar chance is offered to the public to purchase building lots at West Toronto junction. Geo. Clark, Liquor Tea company, 295 Yonge street, can supply all information to intending purchasers. The investment is a good one.

Catarrh—A New Treatment.

Perhaps the most extraordinary success that has been achieved in modern science has been attained by the Dixon treatment for catarrh. Out of 2000 patients treated during the past six months, fully ninety per cent. have been cured of this stubborn malady. This is none the less startling when it is remembered that not five per cent. of the patients presenting themselves to the regular practitioner are benefitted, while the patent medicines and other advertised cures never record a cure at all. Starting with the claim now generally believed by the most scientific men that the disease is due to the presence of living parasites in the tissues, Mr. Dixon at once adapted his cure to their extermination; this accomplished, the catarrh is practically cured, and the permanency is unquestioned, as cures effected by him four years ago are cures still. No one else has ever attempted to cure catarrh in this manner, and no other treatment has ever cured catarrh. The application of the remedy is simple and can be done at home, and the present season of the year is the most favorable for a speedy and permanent cure, the majority of cases being cured at one treatment. Sufferers should correspond with Messrs. A. H. Dixon & Son, 305 King street west, Toronto, Canada, and enclose stamp for their treatise on catarrh.—Montreal Star. 46

—George Andrews of Lowell, although salt-rheum ulcers covered half his body, was cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

The grand jury at New York has found an indictment for grand larceny against Ferdinand Ward.

—West Toronto Junction is within a few minutes walk of the Union station by the trains of either the Ontario and Quebec and the Grand Trunk or the Northern. Real estate in the neighborhood has steadily risen in value and promises to advance still more rapidly. Some of the best lots in West Toronto are to be had from Geo. Clarke, 295 Yonge street.

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—H. A. McLaughlin, Norland, writes: "I am sold out of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. It sells well, and I find in every instance it has proven satisfactory. I have reason to believe it the best preparation of the kind in the market." It cures dyspepsia, biliousness and torpidity of the liver, constipation, and all diseases arising from impure blood, female complaints, etc.

The supreme lodge of United Workmen met at Des Moines, Iowa, on Tuesday. The report shows the order to be in a healthy condition.

—The good effects of Ayer's Sarsaparilla on a debilitated person are felt at once and a cure follows its use.

An aged woman, believed to be a witch, was dragged from her house at Etowah, Ala., and beaten to death while her house and effects were burned.

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Wm. Murphy attempted to kill a widow at Bozeman, Mon., named Allen because she would not marry him. He was pursued and shot at, but committed suicide before he was captured.

—A field of corns.—Thomas Sabin of Eglington, says: "I have used Holloway's Corn Cure with the best results, having removed ten corns from my feet. It is not a half way cure or reliever, but a complete extinguisher, leaving the skin smooth and clear from the least appearance of the corns."

The national convention of shoemakers at Philadelphia has adopted the title of "Executive council of shoemaker leather workers of Knights of Labor of America." The organization consists of 12,000 men.

—Joseph Rusan, Percy, writes: "I was induced to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil for a lameness which troubled me for three or four years, and found it the best article I ever tried. It has been a great blessing to me." Beware of similarly named articles; they are imitations of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil.

The window glass houses at Pittsburg, Pa., will shut down for the summer within the next two weeks, a fortnight earlier than usual, on account of dull times. The manufacturers will insist on a 25 per cent. reduction when work is resumed.

A strange and fatal malady has attacked the cattle at Tuscaloosa, Ala. The afflicted animals appear to be mad and blind, running against trees and fences or anything in their way. None of the cattle attacked recover. The malady resembles meningitis.

—James Cullen, Pool's Island, N.F., writes: I have been watching the progress of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil since its introduction to this place, and with much pleasure state that my anticipations of its success have been fully realized, it having cured me of bronchitis and soreness of nose; while not a few of my rheumatic neighbors' (one old lady in particular) pronounce it to be the best article of its kind that has ever been brought before the public. Your medicine does not require any longer a sponsor, but if you wish me to act as such, I shall be only too happy to have my name connected with your prosperous child.

A fight occurred yesterday at Yonkers, N. Y., between striking carpet weavers and those filling their places, in which stones were freely used. Four of the latter, including two girls, were seriously injured. Several arrests have been made.

The number of workmen affected by the strike in the iron and nail trade in the different states is as follows: Western Pennsylvania, 20,342; Ohio, 13,053; Indiana, 6284; Illinois, 14,594; West Virginia, 3454; Wisconsin, 1226; Michigan, 1000; Tennessee, 140; Kentucky, 151. A hundred iron mills and thirty-four nail factories have closed.

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G. W. R.	8.00	11.30	8.40	11.30
	p.m.	p.m.	10.30	4.40
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