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JIM'S WIFE.

He was leaning against old Beauty's stall, one hand grasped the hay-fork, the other was lost in the capacious pocket of his overalls. As usual, his coarse, brown hair was thickly decorated with oats and tiny wisps of straw, while a mouthful of the same dry material was being ground between his teeth. Now and then Beauty's head was thrust over his shoulders accompanied by a soft whinny, this being an invitation for a treat. Generally she received an apple or a carrot, but always something, so fond of his old mare was Jim.

A ray of sunshine came through the open door and fell at his feet, perhaps paying homage to his honest, unselfish nature.

"Tell ye what, Carlton, there ain't a pootier gal this side of Dolby than my Stelly. Fact is, she's too good for sich a big clod like me; a perfect angel, she be, Carl."

"But you haven't told me how the marriage came about, Jim?" I asked, interrupting a long catalogue of the lady's virtues.

"Just like me. Wal, ye see, Stelly's mother, Missus Travis, come down 'ere last summer and took a little shop up in the village—they'd a big place in N'York, but busted up—and set to makin' bonnets. I met Stelly at a church picnic. She was with Jack Dowell that 'ere day, but she wouldn't go with him arterwards. Arter that it was easier 'n fallin' off a log, so when spring come we got jined."

"I would like to see this paragon of yours, old fellow," I said.

"So ye shall; stay to supper and Stelly will sing a chune or two for us," he answered, his tanned face lighting up with pleasure.

The sun was going down beyond the stretch of woods skirting the meadows of Jim's farm as we went across the stable yard and through one of the loveliest gardens it has ever been my fate to see. Jim led the way to the front of the house to where upon the porch was seated a dainty little thing, who appeared at first sight to be all white muslin and yellow hair, and who seemed to be deeply interested in a book.

"That's her," whispered Jim, his mouth extended in a broad grin. "Stelly, my friend from N'York, Mr. Carlton."

The volume was hastily closed, and the vision of loveliness raised a pair of heavenly blue eyes to mine; the coral lips moved in some polite welcome, and I had met Jim's wife.

Well, I remained and had tea with them, but the promised "chune" was put off on the plea of headache; instead we all lounged out on the porch gossiping and laughing until Mrs. Kirland stopped us by saying:

"Jim, dear, I have such a bad headache, I really must leave our company and walk it away."

"Stelly, love! why didn't yer tell us 'fore an' we'd stopped our gabbling. Poor pet, hadn't ye better go to bed?"

"No, indeed, I could never rest. Stay here, Jim, with our friend until I come back. I hope he will excuse my ill-mannered headache, it is something I suffer a good deal with," and after a few more words spoken in a wonderfully sweet voice, she disappeared down the garden path.

"Fact, Carlton. My Stelly often gets them headaches, and goes off down 'ere to the little brook and sits 'ere till it goes 'way. Sometimes it takes a long time, an' I gits uneasy, but I know she wouldn't like me spyin' after her, so I wait 'ere till she comes. Dear Stelly!"

It was plainly to be seen that Jim Kirland was very much in love with his pretty little wife, since every throb of his loyal heart beat for this frivolous specimen of womankind. For frivolous she certainly was. Jim had assured me she did nawthing 'bout the farm; only read, sewed on canvas, played chunes and slept the live-long day. "But yer know, Carl, she's werry jelicate, an' heavy work would kill her." Her conversation was of the highest order, I may add.

Presently I arose to take my leave, Jim coming down to the gate with me.

"I can't go any further; she might come back any minute an' be disappointed at not finding me. Ye'll come over to-morrow, Carl, won't ye? I'd be glad to see ye, an' so'd Stelly." I promised and bid him good night.

"I was soon hidden among the oaks that formed an archway on either side of the lane; dreary and dark except where the moonbeams pierced the leafy wall and fell in shafts of silver across the path. Not long after I had entered this lonely retreat I heard footsteps preceding me on the wooden walk. There was more than one, for presently a wide opening allowed the moonlight to stream through, and I saw a man and woman walking arm in arm before me. The mellow light fell on the latter's golden hair and the folds of her white gown. As I drew near I recognized by the low but clear tones my friend's wife.

"So Jim followed his Stella after all? Whatever brought them here?" I asked myself.

But a moment later a mist covered my eyes; I staggered and fell against a tree, for the man's voice did not belong to Jim, but it was a stranger's I remembered hearing at the Dolby hotel. I could not resist listening to the conversation. Something impelled me to almost creep back of the couple. I now knew that the man's arm was clasping Stella's slight form.

"Must it be to-morrow night, Clarence?" she was saying.

"Certainly. It's not pleasant, Stella, to be moving about this dead and alive place, and—well, I must go back to town, and of course I want you to go."

"But it's so soon, dear, and it will hurt Jim so much. You can't imagine how fond he is of me." The voice was pleading.

"Bah! that country squash! You are so careful of his precious feelings, my dear, perhaps you had better return to his humble abode, and churn butter and pick potatoes, since you prefer his boorish love to mine."

"Oh, Clarence, dearest, how can you treat me so cruelly? I'll go with you any time, anywhere. What do I care for Jim when I have your love?"

I heard no more. How I reached my lodgings I never knew, but I perfectly remember plunging my head into cold water to ease its throbbing. Should I tell my friend at once, make miserable his life, and then nothing come of it, perhaps, or let his wife's despicable conduct take its own way and reap the consequences? What was I to do?

Had she gone? Was poor Jim enduring torments worse than mine? Or had she repented and withstood the tempter's wiles? I had heard that voice in New York, on the train, and somewhere else, and I knew to whom it belonged. Stella was lost.

One evening two days later a man, a madman, rushed into my room and flung himself on the floor. My friend, poor Jim, the same old, honest, manly Jim, throwing his hands about wildly in the misery that filled his heart, his brain. I stood for a moment horrified.

"Jim! Jim!" I cried, then hastening to him. "For God's sake, Jim, be a man!"

"A man!" he groaned. "Who's a man? I ain't a man." She mought o' made me one."

Another paroxysm of agony passed over him at this, and crying that false woman's name he rolled from one end of the room to the other. I cannot say how I felt.

Finally he was quiet, and I persuaded him to sit down.

"What is it, Jim?" I asked, falteringly, dreading the answer.

He made none; instead, he handed me an envelope, the contents of which were:

"Dear Jim: I am going away with Clarence. I fear that my departure will hurt you very much, but I am sure you would not prevent me from being happy. I could not be so in this dull little place, and anyway, I don't love you as a wife should. Clarence will take me away where I will see life. I ask you to forgive and forget me, for I believe I am better away.

"STELLA."

Before me sat the broken-hearted victim of this shallow, heartless woman.

After awhile he became more calm, and told me the story, his lips trembling in the effort.

"Lea' night she come home worried an' cried herself to sleep. This mornin' I stayed in an' left the men to do the work. But at noon she was all right, an' sent me 'bout my bus'ness. I never crossed her, Carlton, God knows I didn't, I wouldn't ha' let the wind blow rough on her, an' why couldn't she stald with me, my pooty one? I'd made her happy, ef it 'ud taken my life and soul. Oh, Stelly, Stelly, what will I do without you!"

What a pitiful sight that man was! The big, scalding tears running down his bronzed cheeks, his powerful frame in a tremor and choking sobs escaping him at intervals, but never a word of that "false perjured Clarence and his accomplice."

"Jim, rouse yourself, old man," I said, unable to bear it any longer. "You must take action at once. What will you do?"

"Nawthin'."

"I'll be hanged if you do." (I said something stronger). "Will you let that villain escape?"

"Make her unhappy?"

"I didn't say so."

"It would if I bring her back. I wouldn't tech that—that—him with a hayr'k. No, no; I loved my little girl, Carl. I'll go 'way an' forget I ever had one, and mebbe after while she'll—but good-bye, old friend, I'll never forget ye," and with a grip of the hand he was gone.

Poor Jim! he left the place on the following day for parts unknown. I went back to New York and tried to forget the part I had taken in the affair, for the doubt always clung to me that perhaps I could have averted the catastrophe.

Six months after I saw a woman, pale and attenuated, old before her time, come out of a third-class theatre and press her way through the crowd. I recognized the glorious golden hair and babyish blue eyes, and followed her to her home, a miserable tenement house, and making enquiries found that she had come there with a dark, handsome man, who a week afterward deserted her; and her name was Stella Travis (thank heaven, not Kirkland), and that she was a ballet dancer in the B——theatre, and, what my informant didn't know, she was once Jim Kirkland's wife.

How Women Would Vote.

—Were women allowed to vote, every one in the land who has used Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" would vote it to be an unfailing remedy for the diseases peculiar to her sex. By druggists.

At a recent meeting of the vestry of St. James', Piccadilly, a parish which includes a large portion of aristocratic London, a motion to present an address to the Prince of Wales, drawing his attention to the depression in trade in the west end of London consequent, in a large degree, on the absence of the court, was shelved by a majority of only one. It is remarked that from June 19, 1874, to June 20, 1875, the queen passed but 9½ days in London, and she has scarcely passed any more since. Even at the recent crisis she came no nearer than Windsor, although no town palace in Europe has such extensive gardens and offers such seclusion as that of Queen Victoria.

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—Mrs. M. Stephens of Albany, N.Y., writes us as follows: "My stomach was so weak that I could not eat anything sour or very sweet, even fruit at tea time would cause heartburn, fulness or oppression of the chest, short breath, restlessness during sleep and frightful dreams of disagreeable sights, so that I would often dread to go to sleep. With the use of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery this unpleasantness has all been removed, and I now can eat what suits my taste or fancy."

At Funfkirchen, in Hungary, a terrible explosion has just occurred, in which the inventor of a new sort of dynamite has fallen a victim to his own invention. The man, a German named Lisch, resided with his aged mother in an isolated house, in which he was accustomed to carry on his dangerous trade. He had sold the patents for his new explosive in America and elsewhere. Just prior to the explosion he was engaged in nailing up a box containing a consignment of the material, when suddenly the whole blew up, unroofing the house and burying the inventor and his mother under the falling ruins.

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A prudent woman at Fairfield, Mich., has provided herself with a full summer toilet of mourning, including a stylish bonnet, because "several of her folks are delicate."

—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.

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Mr. Kegan Paul, the London publisher, paid $26,250 for the manuscript of Gordon's diary.

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What is Catarrh?

From the Mail (Can.) Dec. 15.

Catarrh is a muco-purulent discharge caused by the presence and development of the vegetable parasite amœba in the internal lining membrane of the nose. This parasite is the simplest living form known that lives upon organs and is only developed under favorable circumstances, and these are: Morbid state of the blood, as the blighted corpuscle of tubercle, the germ poison of syphilis, mercury, toxomœa, from the retention of the effete matter of the skin, suppression, perspiration, badly ventilated sleeping apartments, and other poisons that are germinated in the blood. These poisons keep the internal lining membrane of the nose in a constant state of irritation, ever ready for the deposit of the seeds of these germs, which spread up the nostrils and down the fauces, or back of the throat causing ulceration of the throat; up the eustachian tubes, causing deafness; burrowing in the vocal cords, causing hoarseness; usurping the proper structure of the bronchial tubes, ending in pulmonary consumption and death.

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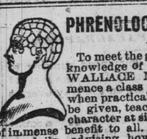

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