

bachelor or a widower! Have you ever been married before?"

"No, mum—never."

"Then you are a bachelor."

"No, mum, for I wish to get married, and"—sheepishly—"I have walked with another young woman before."

We need scarcely say that this applicant was not a sailor, whose notions of fidelity are less stringent than his chivalrous love for women. One day, a merchant-seaman, rich in pay, and reeling under the effects of his hospitality to his friends, was robbed in the street of his watch and purse. He detected the delinquent, a woman, in the fact, and securing her, transferred her to the custody of a policeman, who took her to the station. As they proceeded thither, her tears and cries so disturbed her captor, that he would have induced the policeman to set her at liberty at once; but the man, deaf to bribes and entreaties, refused, vouchsafing the sailor, however, the information, that if he did not appear against her before the magistrate the next morning, she would be set free. This was consolatory; but "Jack," dreadfully distressed at having caused pain to a woman, hovered round the police station all night, listening mournfully beneath the barred window to the cries of his prisoner within it. At last day dawned. The magistrate took his seat, and the prisoners of the night were brought before him. As no one appeared against our thievish damsel, she was set free, and found her victim awaiting her outside with a licence of marriage in his hand! He had been very early to the clerk, and fed him handsomely to go up to Doctors' Commons for a licence, being himself unable to leave the horrible fascination of the girl's cries; and now he stood waiting to offer her, humbly, his hand and heart, "because she was a woman, and he had been the cause of her punishment," as he naively explained to the clergyman, who, apprised of the circumstances, endeavoured to dissuade him from his purpose, but, as usual, vainly. They were married, and next day poor Jack went to sea. Some two or three years had elapsed, when one morning the clerk was startled by the sudden appearance of this chivalrous worshipper of womankind. He looked pale and sad, and came to proffer double the sum given for his licence to Barker. "If he would only get him unmarried again!"

But the humours of this class of the people are as various as fantastic. We can give an anecdote from the same parish exactly the reverse of the above. One day, a soldier, recently returned from the Crimea, stood before the altar with his bride; but on her name being asked, it was found to differ from that which had been entered in the bans-book. The curate, of course, demurred as to the legality of marrying them, though the bridegroom was very urgent in his entreaties, assuring him that "it was all right, and that this was the very young woman he wished to have, but the fact was, that he had asked a friend of his to put in the bans, and the man had played him a trick, and given the name of another young woman, with whom he had formerly walked, instead of the present one."

The explanation was not judged satisfactory; and he was told that he must either put in the bans again, or go up to Doctors' Commons and procure a licence. The former he could not do; he had to leave England for the Cape on the morrow; about the latter, he hesitated. They had meantime been brought to the parsonage by the curate for his incumbent to decide on the difficulty, and the bride, in a separate apartment, waited his decision. After some time, it was made thus: "He wouldn't be married at all! He should be obliged to go to the colonel for some money to buy a licence—all the way to Chelsea! and she must go too; and there would be the *grog* there, and the *grog* back again; and it would cost him more than a pound. He didn't care about marrying—not he; he only wanted a wife to wash and starch his master's shirts!" he was an officer's servant—"for when they were in the Crimea, and he had had to do them, he had always done them wrong."

In vain the clerk reminded him of the forsaken bride's feelings, hinting at London Bridge and a probable inquest. He was obdurate; and the clergyman, with feelings of real sympathy, good-naturedly went to break the tidings of her lover's recalcitancy to the girl. To his surprise, she started briskly from her seat, and replied:

"Well, I'm glad he's made up his mind; and I'm quite agreeable to it. The 'Baccaris' is expected every day, and I'd rather wait for her, and marry Jack Stubbs. I like a sailor better nor a soderger, after all." And the pair, meeting amicably in the hall, departed on their several ways.

Easter is the marrying season, and very grotesque and strange appearances about that time astonish the clerical eye. A solemn procession of gaily-dressed "folk" enter by the west door of the church, each bearing a long stick with a thick end, which, as they loiter up the aisle, is gravely put to the lips of the nearest person, reminding one of the flappers in the island of Laputa. The clerk is, of course, sent to discover the meaning of this strange ceremony—unusual even in that district—and also to bid them lay aside their

staves before they enter the chancel. But his speech is interrupted by the foremost person courteously putting the end of his stick to his mouth, and requesting him "to take a suck of sweets," whereupon he discovers, to his amazement, that they are sugar-sticks, with which the wedding-guests are interchanging these singular courtesies.

The poor clerk himself is a very high-priest of Hymen, for how, indeed, without him could the rubric be satisfied? He gives away brides by the dozen, being imaginary "father" to his thousands and tens of thousands; the pew-openers are witnesses; and all do their best to keep the register-book a record of common sense, which, undoubtedly, but for great watchfulness on their part and that of the clergyman, it scarcely could be. In these days of the school-master, the number of "marks," instead of signatures, is surprising; and the density manifested about signatures themselves still more so. Frequently, the bridegroom's "best friend"—when he has one—attempts to put his name in the bride's place. One day, a man resolutely refused to let his wife enter her maiden name, declaring that it would be an imposition, as she was Sarah Jennings no longer! and it was long before he could be brought to understand the sense of the proceeding.

Very gay toilets occasionally make the weddings remarkable. White kid gloves being considered essential, but withal expensive purchases for one day's wear only, are hired, and literally passed from hand to hand, as the clergyman learned from one of the wearers. Remonstrating with the man on such extravagance, when even his marriage expenses were being paid by the family, he replied, naively: "We didn't buy 'em, sir; we hired 'em, and you've a seen 'em a many times before." Sometimes the whole dress is hired, and the poor seamstress flaunts in the old white satin and dirty veil of the West End, or rather, of the sold-off wardrobe of some minor theatre. There is something painful, as well as ludicrous, in such an apparition.

How touching in their simple enjoyments are many of these people! Once, as my husband was signing the parish-register in this very church, the bridegroom—his honest face glowing with the exertion of achieving a signature—whispered, with confidential delight: "We're a-going to have sausages for dinner to-day, sir!"

Sometimes a labouring-man will leave his toil, and a washerwoman her soap-suds, for the brief period only of pronouncing their nuptial vows, their hands bearing the immediate traces of rude toil when pledged to each other at the altar. These are generally industrious folks, who have no time for idle amusement, and do not make a holiday even of their marriage-morning. In these cases the wooing has probably been longer, and the chances of domestic happiness are generally greater.

Certainly, if the world of the West End require and deserve the lash of a Thackeray on the subject of venal and calculating marriages, the Eastern denizens of the great city require some guidance and instruction on the reverse fault of improvident, rash, and hurried ones, and the great social see-saw is altogether pretty fairly balanced.

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[No. 1344.]

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Montreal, 4th July, 1870.

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Province of Quebec, }  
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In re

PIERRE LORTIE.

An Insolvent.

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Province of Quebec, }  
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[No. 1344.]

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eight hundred and seventy,  
DAME PHILOMENE ALLARD, heretofore of  
the Parish of St. Laurent, in the District of Montreal,  
and now of the Parish of Lachine, in said District,  
Plaintiff,

HERMENEGILDE VIAU, Farmer, heretofore of  
the said Parish of St. Laurent, said District, and  
now absent from this Province,  
Defendant.

IT IS ORDERED, on the motion of Mes-  
sieurs MUSSEAU & DAVID, Counsel for the  
Plaintiff, in as much as it appears by the return of  
PASCHAL LECLERC, one of the Bailiffs of the said  
Superior Court, on the writ of Summons in this cause  
issued, written, that the Defendant has left his domi-  
cile in the Province of Quebec in Canada, and cannot  
be found in the District of Montreal, that the said  
Defendant, by an advertisement to be twice inserted  
in the French language, in the newspaper of the City  
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the English language, in the newspaper of the said  
city, called the *Canadian Illustrated News*, be notified  
to appear before this Court, and there to answer the  
demand of the Plaintiff within two months after the  
last insertion of such advertisement, and upon the  
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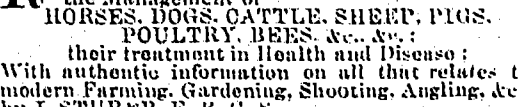
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