A LIFE'S LESSON.

The Story of a Darned Stocking.

"Don't scowl so, Ellen," said my grandmother, mildly, as I very reluctantly commenced mending a pair of hose. "What would Fred Grahame say if he could see your dimples lost in such a cloud?"

I did not care what Fred Grahame would think, I pouted, or any one else. I was an exception, truly! I had no doubt that every one of the girls was glad that it rained, so we could not go to the picnic, only that they might stay at home to enjoy the exquisite felicity of darning old hose. Oh, of course! how delightful! And I began to cry.

My grandmother looked quietly over the rims of her spectacles, but said nothing. I avoided her gaze and jerked the needle indignantly through the rent and broke it. This was too much, so I tossed the offending stocking aside and walked to the window.

I seated myself and threaded my needle in a worse humor than before. I knew the alternative—that I must either darn my stockings or go without hose—so I darned away. At last I finished and could not refrain from a muttered "Thank heaven!"

"Are you through?" said my grandmother. "I have a little story to tell you.

"You have often seen your cousin Mary, Edward's wife; they were here in the spring. Her many good qualities won your admiration; still, I remember one day that you expressed your surprise that a man so handsome and so nobly gifted could marry one who was almost unmistakably plain—one, too, who admired beauty so intensely as he did. Let me gratify your curiosity.

"Once upon a time, years ago, when he was handsomer than now; and a rising young lawyer, he loved Caroline Willoughby; she was extremely beautiful, accomplished, fascinating, and a great belle. He worshipped her with all the enthusiasm of his gifted nature. One summer evening they were riding down the shady road alone and in silence. He had determined to tell her of his devotion, but could find no words. Her horse shied unexpectedly and she fell; he was at her side in an instant, pale with fright. He conveyed her to the nearest house and sent a servant in hot haste for a physician. He came, and, fearing her limb was fractured, signed to a servant to remove her stocking. Off came the dainty little boot that Edward had so tenderly held as she mounted, and revealed a tattered stocking.

"The physician smiled, assured him no bones were broken, and sent a carriage to convey them home. Entering the house he briefly explained to her mother the circumstances, expressed his regrets, and turned to leave; then, suddenly pausing, he added: 'In the hurry of the moment I had almost forgotten it—Miss Willoughby's stocking,' and, bowing, placed it on the table. The poor girl fainted, and was sick for some time afterward. She really loved him, and 'twas a great blow to her. She married old Goldthwaithe, the millionaire.

"As for Edward, this cold bath to his imagination cured his love. He avoided ladies' society, and rapidly rose to eminence in his profession. 'Twas six years after this when he met your cousin Mary. Her good qualities, her self-sacrificing care of her invalid mother, her warm heart and native sense, interested him deeply; still, his former experience had made him distrustful. Accident decided him. Her former governess was living in very destitute circumstances, in an obscure part of the town, and one wet day she went to see her.

"The carriage not returning, she set out alone and met Edward. He offered his services, and at a muddy crossing her light slipper was left in the mud. He stooped to fit it on; there was no one in sight, and she timidly advanced a pretty foot, with the cleanest of stockings, and one of the daintiest of little darns. He could resist no longer, and, when he told me the story, showed me the identical stocking.

"And now," said my grandmother, kissing me, "this rain is over, the sun shining, and there is Fred Grahame at the door."

The Cause of Consumption.

—Scrofula, manifesting itself in blotches, pimples, eruptions, salt-rheum and other blemishes of the skin, is but too apt by and by to infect the delicate tissues of the lungs also, and result in ulceration thus ending in consumption. Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" will meet and vanquish the enemy in its stronghold of the blood and cast it out of the system. All druggists.

How to Get Rid of a Wife.

They do these things better in Persia. No man thinks of murdering a wife of whom he is tired, but he sends her as a gift to some bachelor friend whom she has taught to admire her and who is too courteous to refuse. The shah sets this example, and by this means his beloved spouse of the time being is young, handsome and loving and his married life is a perpetual honeymoon. There is no sewing up in sacks, no poison, no bowstring. The favorite cabinet minister or general is informed that he will be favored with a wife from the royal harem, and he smiles and accepts. The Persians have always been reputed a wise people and their wisdom in the matrimonial line is suggestive.

—M. Sheehan, of Oscoda, Mich., writes: I have used Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil on horses for different diseases, and found it to be just as you recommended. It has done justice to me every time, and it is the best oil for horses I ever used.

An English Colonel's Will.

William Robert Brudenell Smith, late colonel in Her Majesty's army, died at his home in Middlesex County, England, April 8 last. He died testate and left a personality in York County of 122 shares in the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto, valued at $6100. The will was drawn in England Sept. 15, 1885, and was proved there. The testator's son, Lieut. Wm. Charles Smith, and his son-in-law, Augustus Edmund Warren, being the executors as well as the legatees. They ask for probate in the Surrogate Court of the County.

—Mr. R. A. Harrison, Chemist and Druggist, Dunnville, Ont., writes: "I can with confidence recommend Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure for Dyspepsia, Impure Blood, Pimples on the Face, Biliousness and Constipation—such cases having come under my personal observation."

The Latest About Carlotta.

Brussels Letter to the Paris Figaro.

The news from Tervueren reports a painful scene which took place at the chateau where the widow of the unfortunate Maximilian resides. The entourage of the Empress Carlotta seek by every possible means to keep her attention engaged and her mind busy. One of the means most frequently employed is to have a pile of newspapers under her eyes. The other day somebody of the household unfortunately placed in her work-basket a journal containing a notice of "Juarez," a drama, by M. Gassier. The ex-Empress took up the journal and glanced at it with her wonted indifference, but all at once her eyes sparkled and she shrieked, "Juarez! Juarez! Look at them together—Maximilian, Juarez, Bazaine. Quick! Quick! I want to save my husband."

The women-in-waiting and the physicians to Her Majesty rushed in and tried to calm her, but she would not be comforted. She wanted her trunks packed at once to go and save her husband before he would be shot. The trunks were packed and she was told that a special train had been ordered. The Empress wished to start at once, but by much persuasion consented to take a cup of coffee before going on the "special train." A potion was stealthily infused into the coffee by one of the physicians and the Empress at once dropped to sleep. She did not wake till the following morning, when she had forgotten all about the affair, and she has not talked of her husband since.

—Do not neglect a cold or cough, as it frequently results in consumption. You will find a never-failing remedy in West's Cough Syrup. All druggists. ed

Capital Punishment by Electricity.

From the Electrician.

There is now being exhibited at Leipsic an apparatus for putting criminals to death by electricity. So long as it is found necessary to retain capital punishment on our statute books it may well be that the electric method is the most merciful and least repulsive process that could be devised for carrying the sentence into effect. But if such means are ever adopted in this country the details will certainly not be carried out in the theatrical manner which commends itself to the Leipsic amateur. In this apparatus, behind the chair in which the condemned man is to take his seat—and by means of which, as we need not explain in detail, his body is placed in circuit with a powerful coil—there stands a conventional figure of Justice with bandaged eyes, holding the balance in her left hand and the sword in her right. The criminal having taken his seat, the proper functionary is supposed to read over the record of his crimes and the sentence of the law. This ceremony completed, he folds up the document and places it in the scale pan, the arm of the balance descends, closes the circuit, and all is over.

The Leading Brands.

—The "Poudry," the "Sweet Lilac," the "General Middleton," and "Our Brave Boys," brands of cigars are now the leading article in the market. All smokers who love a delicious, full, well-flavored cigar use them. W. E. Dobson, St. Lawrence Hall, Toronto. x246

Riding Trousers for Women.

Clara Belle in Cincinnati Enquirer.

Speaking of masculine apparel on women reminds me that the fashionable English tailor in New York for women asks them $35 for trousers to wear under equestrian costumes. The riding habits are of Melton or else of a peculiar ribbed material, both coming in light and heavy grades. The basque has a postillion back, and the skirt is made to fit the figure when in the saddle. The same styles that obtained last year are in favor this season, the popular color being the only change. Blue is now the choice, though a dark brown is also in favor. The basques are made with or without stays, as the wearer chooses. If the fair equestrienne cares for patent-leather boots she must pay $25 for them, and with them, of course, wear jersey breeches that fit very tight. This is the style that Sarah Bernhardt introduced in "Fron-Fron." If boots and breeches are not worn, then pantaloons, snugly fitting, held at the foot with a strap, and ordinary laced or buttoned shoes are used. The reader may wonder how on earth trousers are fitted to girls by men makers. Hold! there is nothing immodest about it. Women employes do the close adjusting of the tight breeches. But there are exceptions.

"Will you call on Tuesday to be fitted?" my very scrawniest friend was asked.

"Well, no," she naively replied; "you shape them in symmetrical harmony with the top-boots and I'll fit myself to them."

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Organization Necessary.

From Omaha World.

First little King—"What's the matter in Bulgaria?" Second little King—"Prince Alexander has been deposed." "Was he given any warning?" "No." "Not even a week's notice?" "No, just kicked out." "Well, I think it's time us Kings had a trades-union."

—World's best West's Liver Pills cure liver complaint, dyspepsia, sick headache and indigestion. Sugar coated. 30 pills, 25c. All druggists. ed

Lots of Partners Do It.

From the Wall street News.

One of the partners in an Indiana grist-mill which has been closed up by the sheriff was explaining to a New Yorker the other day that it all came about through the good management of his partner.

"Good management in a failure," queried the Yorker.

"Exactly. We kept no books and no cashier. The one who was around the most pocketed the most money, and he managed to be around the most."

—So rapidly does lung irritation spread and deepen, that often in a few weeks a simple cough culminates in tubercular consumption. Give heed to a cough, there is always danger in delay, get a bottle of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, and cure yourself. It is compounded from several herbs, each one of which stands at the head of the list as exerting a wonderful influence in curing consumption and all lung diseases.

Only One Inducement.

One of Pinkerton's men, who had followed a Chicago defaulter to Montreal, and was anxious to get him to return to the States, held out many promises in vain, and finally said:

"I not only think the case can be compromised, but you will be looked upon as an honest man."

"My dear sir, I was figuring for twelve long years to get hold of this boodle," was the reply, "and the only inducement you can hold out to me would be the promise to help me steal the portion I overlooked in my hurry to get away."

—West's World's Wonder or Family Liniment, a sure cure for rheumatism, neuralgia, cuts, burns, wounds and bruises. 25c and 50c. All druggists. ed

A Coming Pleasure.

From the New York Sun.

"Mr. Featherly," said Bobby, ignoring his mother's signal to keep still, "did you ever hear pa whistle?" "No, Bobby," laughed Featherly: "I never have had that pleasure." "Well, you will," went on Bobby; "he told me that he lent you $5 last night and that he expected to whistle for it."

—Is there anything more annoying than having your corn stepped upon? Is there anything more delightful than getting rid of it? Holloway's Corn Cure will do it. Try it and be convinced.

Overheard in Canada.

First American Exile—There was a new arrival last night.

Second American Exile—Where from?

"New York."

"How much did he st—er—hypothecate?"

"About $2000."

"Is that all? The half-hearted creature! Well, we can't recognize him."

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A New Complaint.

From Youth's Companion.

Edith, 3 year's old, is sitting in the corner leaning her head on her hands and looking very miserable. Her mother inquires: "Aren't you well, Edith?" "Not very well, I dess." "What is the matter?" "I dot a tolic in my head, mamma."

—Skin diseases cannot be successfully treated by external applications. The proper way to cure such complaints is to purify the blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Under the vitalizing influences of this medicine all the functions of the body are brought into healthy action. d

Wiggins.

From the Savannah News.

His name is Wiggins, as it rhymes with Spriggins and the Milesian Higgins and such like fry;
He could beat an Ogeechee nigger in scientific figgerin' on the social status of a quadrilateral lie.

In solar science he could bid defiance to Sir Humphrey Davy or Guy Lussac;
He could form conjunction or other function without compunction, with Mars and Venus, that would beat Medina's, and other planets in the solar track.

His stock commercial was Hind and Herschel, Humboldt, Strabo, Kepler, Marius;
Astrology, biology, demonology, cyclonology, and the nebula in Sagittarius.

With well-planned fictions and shrewd restrictions he'd make predictions of wind and weather;
But all his guessing turned out distressing and as depressing as a much-soaked feather.

Now, heat telluric, and gas sulphuric, and throes usuric rend earth and rock;
So, Wiggins trying, his prophesying, his long tongue lying sets women crying, and strong men flying to avoid the shock.

But this seismologist, this Perkinitecologist, has now no apologist for his foolish prank;
His egregious blunder is a nine-days' wonder. He may go to thunder, the Canadian crank!

—Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant, sure, and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

FIRED LIKE A HORSE.

Tom White's Broken Back and How It Was Cured.

Modern doctors say there is no cure for a broken back, and few would care to try the remedy that Jemmy Butler, the farrier, applied to Tom White, the whipper-in of Squire Bagelly of County Cork, about a hundred years ago, says the Asian. Tom had crushed his back leaping his horse into a gravel pit; the bone-setter said he was past all human skill, and Tom prayed that the priest might be sent for that he might confess his sins, as he had been a very great "tief." "Ah, don't be botherin' about your sowl," said Jemmy, "and I'll make your body whole again, and give you a better greasing than all the priests in the county if they should be seven years anointing you with the best salvation oil ever invented." Hearing this, Tom submitted to be bound stark naked, face downward, on the kitchen table in the form of the cross of St. Andrew, so that he could not stir a quarter of an inch. Then the horse doctor kneaded the spine as though he had been making dough, and marked the tenderest parts with chalk, the patient all the while roaring like a bull. After which he proceeded to apply a couple of red-hot irons, such as horses are fired with, upon the chalk marks. Nor were they used superficially, for the doctor took care that all the lines should be even and of the same depth, and he walked round and round admiring his handiwork, and putting a finishing touch where there was anything ragged in the outline. This part being finished to his satisfaction, he next used what was called the cold charge—that is to say, Burgundy pitch, black pitch, diachylum, Spanish fly, turpentine, whisky and other horrible compounds melted in an iron ladle, and laid on hot with a painter's brush, as they caulk a boat. On the top of four coats of this was sprinkled lambs' wool as thick as it would stick, until the patient's back looked like a sheep's, and on this was fixed a thin ash board, which was secured by nails driven into the charge, which was about an inch and a half thick. He was to sit stiff for seven days, till the charge dried upon him, and then lie down, if he could. After enduring the most diabolical torture for four months the charge detached itself, the cure was complete, and Tom White never felt the worse for the accident from that time. The narrator of this story says that seventy or eighty years ago it was a common occurrence for human beings in Ireland to be fired like horses for severe injuries to the back and spine, and were mostly cured by the operation.

—Hundreds of persons who have used Ayer's Hair Vigor attest its value, as a stimulant and tonic, for preventing and curing baldness, cleansing the scalp, and restoring the youthful color to faded and gray hair. d

Her Money.

From Youth's Companion.

Said a little school girl to her teacher: "Mamma gives me two cents a day for taking a dose of thoroughwort tea without making any fuss about it." "Indeed!" And what do you do with so much money?" "Oh, mamma takes care of it for me and uses it to buy more thoroughwort tea!"

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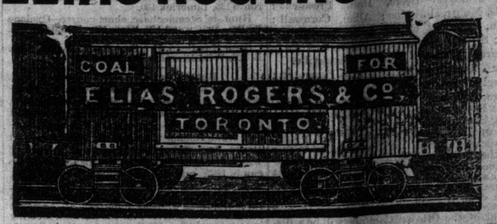

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