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WHEREIN FORTUNE IS AS NOTHING. WAS A HEAVY STORM.

Herman Temple was the only child of a banker, who enjoyed the possession of a princely fortune. There came a time when social frivolities pulled upon him, and he grew weary of the smiles of beautiful young women.

Late one afternoon of a sultry day, he was sitting in a bowery of wild grape, far up the steep hillside, when a low rumble of distant thunder startled him. Great masses of clouds were rolling up from the north, and they swept in inky blackness over the setting sun.

When he was half-way down there was a sudden calm, and then a burst of lightning shg illuminated the place with a flood of blue flame. In the unearthly splendor, he saw a girlish figure all in white, with thick, golden hair falling to her waist, and her hands full of wild flowers, speeding down the path.

"Are you hurt?" he asked, bending over her. "Not at all," she replied. Then the rain began to come down, pelting the great trees till the bowed branches shut them from the path, and struck against them like whiplashes.

"There is a little grove among the bowdies a few yards from here," said Herman; "if we cannot get home, you and I must not get wet."

A moment later they were beneath the welcome shade. "I am indebted to Mr. Herman, I believe," observed the young girl. "And I have the pleasure of serving Golden Belle," returned Herman.

For he had been many a time dashing along the valley road on a shaggy little pony, with the wonderful hair that had gained her the poetic appellation of "Golden Belle," floating like a yellow banner over her black riding habit.

"The home of Golden Belle was a little cottage at the farther end of the village street. Here she had lived with her Aunt and Uncle Leo since she was a child. There was a mystery about the birth of Rosabelle Lee," the gossip declared.

Herman found her companionably sweet, and as weeks went by, learned the rapturous lesson of a woman's heart-love. He came one evening and found her standing among the roses on the portico. "I am going home," he said.

"Home?" she repeated, in a whisper, tearing the blood-red petals of a fragrant rose into shreds. "Do you care?" he asked, in a low, fond voice.

The vivid blush that followed her sudden pallor answered him. "My darling," he cried, in delight, "I love you! I want you for my wife! You love me, do you not, my Golden Belle?"

"Yes," she answered, with innocent frankness. Herman led her to a rustic seat. "My dear one," he began quite gravely, "I can have no secrets from one who is to be my trusted wife, and I shall tell you one now. I am no wandering artist, I am a wealthy man of leisure, and can give you every luxury you can desire. I am not plain Mr. Herman, I am Herman Temple, only son of James Temple, banker."

"Why did you deceive me?" she demanded, drawing from his embrace and rising before him, pale and proud. "Why? Surely, my darling, you are not angry?" he said, looking at her in wonder. "It was my wish to travel incognito, and when I met you I was only too well gratified to be loved for myself alone."

"I choose not to believe you," she said, at length, passionately. "The son of James Temple does not want an unknown country girl to share with him his expected wealth."

"How did you know my father's Christian name, if I may ask?" returned Herman, marvelling. "I have heard uncle speak of him," she replied, "and my uncle will never permit me to be your wife. Good-by, Mr. Temple."

And so they parted. Herman reached home none too soon. His father, who had been taken seriously ill, was falling rapidly. "I cannot die, my boy," the banker gasped forth in his last hour, "with a burden on my conscience. Herman, my life has been a living cheat, and yet it was for you I sinned, that you might have a happier youth than mine had been. My son, the property I have held for 25 years belongs rightfully to another. Too pained and amazed to speak, the young man bowed his head in silence.

"I can work," answered Herman, sternly. The banker groaned and turned uneasily on his pillow. "Was this device destroyed?" inquired the young man. "It was not. My better feelings prompted me from time to time to confess my sin and give it up. But I was too cowardly, and I could not bring disgrace upon you, my poor, motherless boy.

A spasm shook his frame, his eyes closed, and the next instant the young man knew that he was alone in the world to make restitution for a sin that was not his. As soon as practicable, he placed the matter in the hands of a trusty legal adviser, and sailed for Brazil.

It was three years before he returned. Then he had the satisfaction of knowing that the heiress had been found, and her possessions restored to her. "Miss Temple is generous," the lawyer said to him; "she wishes you to retain half of what you so long considered your own."

"I will never accept a penny of it," was the decided answer. "You will change your mind when you see her," smiled his friend. "I have no wish to see her," replied Herman. "She must hate me."

"She does not, indeed." She left this note for you this morning. Herman broke the seal indifferently, and read a delicately and kindly written invitation for him to call that afternoon. "I suppose it's best for us to be friends," he thought, and so concluded to accept it. How familiar the old house looked. He rang the bell and was admitted into the reception room. Presently he heard a light footstep and the soft sweep of a silk train.

He arose to meet her, but as he looked into her large, proud eyes he grew white and cold. "Golden Belle?" he exclaimed. She smiled and gave him her hand courteously. "Rosabelle Temple," she responded. "I lived with uncle so long that everybody considered me a Lee, and as—"

She paused, blushing deeply. "And as you had been debarred of your rights as Temple, you did not care to retain the name," observed Herman, finishing her broken speech. "Oh, no—no!" she remonstrated. "But about this unfortunate affair—half of the property must be returned to you."

"Impossible, Miss Temple," he answered, firmly. He yearned to take that beautiful girl in his arms, and tell her that the Golden Belle of that summer romance was as madly loved now as then; that money was nothing if he could have her to hold and cherish forever as his wife.

"You will not refuse?" she asked at length, anxiously and kindly. He glanced up quickly. Her sweet face wore the same look he saw upon it that evening long ago when he found her among the roses. He left his seat and went over to where she stood. "If Golden Belle will consent to a proposal I made to her three years ago, I will devote my life to the sweet task of pleasing her in everything."

"By this sweet kiss, I do," he replied, holding her closely to his bosom. "My own—my wife!"

Nebraska has been termed the "Black-water state." The explanation of this poetical nickname is found in the fact that the water of the principal streams is as dark as that of the rivers flowing from the logs of Ireland.

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Seven Inches of Snow Fell in St. John.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 22.—The southern states, from Texas to the Atlantic coast, were given their first taste of winter last night and today, snow falling in many places from Charleston, S. C., to Central and Northern Texas and almost to the Gulf.

The storm which was over the west Gulf coast last night, moved rapidly to the southeast tonight and was centered today over Northern Florida. The line of freezing temperature, as reported by the local weather bureau today, extended to the southern border of Georgia and to the coast of Alabama and Louisiana. In some portions of the south the snow storm served in a measure to avert a complete suspension of service.

The heaviest snowfall recorded was at LaGrange, Ga., where the precipitation was 7.5 inches. At Birmingham, Ala., there was about six inches; Montgomery reported a similar depth and very cold weather. Southern Mississippi reported the first snow in some places in two years.

The precipitation reported at Dallas was three inches and in Northwestern Texas from three to six inches. The snow in great quantities on the growing wheat, but it is feared will cause severe loss to live stock.

In St. John. Seven inches of snow fell in St. John since Saturday afternoon. The storm came in two sections with a brief intermission of fine weather, and according to official measurements, it snowed about two inches of the beautiful came down in the first instance, while the contribution of the second was 5 1/2 inches. Commencing at 10 o'clock today the snowing continued until the clearing of early yesterday afternoon.

The most severe period of the storm was between 3 and 3 o'clock Sunday morning when the wind blew nearly 30 miles an hour. Between 1 a. m. and 2 p. m. the thermometer fell rapidly but after the latter hour the ascent was also rapid.

While there was considerable drifting, the quality of the snow was so light that the street railway line was opened, and traffic carried on with but little difficulty.

Moncton, Feb. 24.—(Special)—A fierce snow storm has raged all day and extends all the way to the C. P., being more severe between Moncton and Campbellton and on the northern division. The special trains have been stopped, and the regular Canadian prime white Silver Star, 0.15 to 0.16 1/2.

Debec Agricultural Society. Meeting Relative to Purchase of Seeds—Report of Farmers' Association.

Debec, Carleton county, Feb. 21.—Debec Agricultural Society held a special meeting last night to purchase seeds, and for the coming season and receive the report of the delegate to Farmers' Association.

PASTOR REMEMBERED. Over \$300 Presented to Dr. Steel of Amherst.

Amherst, Feb. 23.—The residence of Rev. D. A. Steel, D. D., was taken charge of last evening by leading citizens and had organized an informal meeting to pay their respects and compliments to Dr. Steel.

After the business was transacted, Mr. W. S. Tompkins, who was present, was called on. Mr. Tompkins gave an interesting address on seed selection, the preparation of the seed bed and the results of a better system of cultivation. A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker, after which the meeting adjourned.

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St. John Markets. Country Market—Wholesale.

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