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The Unknown Bridegroom.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

"I should have perhaps stated before," Mr. Leighton continued, "that as soon as I was able, I would up my father's affairs in Sidney, as well as I could, and then started immediately for London, to ascertain what settlement I could make there. I was kindly received by the firm with whom we had been dealing, had a long talk with them, stating plainly the predicament in which I found myself, and asking for their forbearance until I had time to recover from my ill-luck. I found them most courteous and considerate—yonder they sit—Messrs. Sanderson, Richards, wool merchants of London," the narrator explained, and indicating by a gesture the strangers who entered with the attorney.

"They commissioned me to go to America and ascertain what terms I could make with the New York branch, giving me letters of introduction and recommendation to them, and encouraging me to believe that the whole business could be amicably and satisfactorily settled. I accordingly sailed immediately and arrived in New York late in June last year. I interviewed the members of that branch, but was told that they must have time to consider the proposition made by the London firm. I then occurred to the fact that I was waiting. I would look up the daughter of my father's old friend and former partner. Not, I assure you," interposed the young man, "daring a young girl named Florence, with the intention of referring, even in the remotest manner to the plans that our parents had once entertained for us; for my position at that time did not warrant any thought of marriage, and my pride would have revolted against the idea of aspiring to the hand of any one for the sake of money; but I had desired to meet Miss Richardson, simply because she was the child of my father's old friend.

and save the poor, misguided little bride if I could, I stepped forth from my place of concealment, when to my amazement, they seized upon me as the belated bridegroom, and hurried me inside the gloomy church, and straight to the altar.

"I learned that her guardian, Mr. Seaver, lived some miles out of town, and one evening I started for him, and started for him to make my call. The day had been intensely warm, and the air was still heavy and lifeless, and before I was aware of it, I fell asleep in my carriage, and was carried several miles beyond my destination.

laugh that brought the hot blood in a quick flood to Florence's brow. Whereupon Mr. Seaver marched straight across the room, took the insulting maid by the arm, and with a grip that made her wince, and led her out into the hall.

"Go! leave this house immediately," he thundered. "If you show your face in any way again, I will have you arrested as the accomplice of that villain yonder."

"The girl was thoroughly frightened, and well she might be, for the night was something terrible; and having been paid her wages only three days before, she hurriedly packed her trunk and proceeded to the Towers, not Florence nor the Seavers ever seeing her again.

Mr. Seaver here observed, as the narrator paused. "Yes," the young man replied, "for it was my mother who was sister to Lady Page's father; there is not a drop of Vincent blood in Andrew's veins. O. M. retn. a to N.W. York on the evening of the interview with the judge—w. I found, on glancing over the World, the names of Mr. and Mrs. Seaver and Miss Florence Richardson as booked to sail for Europe upon the same steamer in which I contemplated taking passage. Now, I thought I would have a fine opportunity to ascertain what the daughter of my father's former partner was like. But I resolved that I would not force myself upon her at all; I was poor, she was rich; and she should learn to do as she pleased. Besides, I reasoned, she might possibly have met the man who claimed my name, and that might occasion unpleasant complications. Accordingly, I engaged my passage under the assumed name of rather by simply transposing my names and calling myself W. L. Carroll. Miss Richardson and I did not become acquainted until the morning of our departure, when she never dreamed that she was the poor little bride who had stood beside me in Rosedale chapel. That incident was becoming like a dream to me, and I was about to go to bed, when I discovered that I had been connected with it in any way. But I was destined to be disappointed in this, for almost the next morning the steamer was Mr. Merrill, yonder, who had acted as best man, and we instantly recognized each other."

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MONSTER BOAT. A Craft to Take the Place of a \$3,000,000 Bridge Soon to be Built.

What is beyond doubt the largest ferryboat in the world, says J. B. Moore in the American Engineer, is owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and is used in transferring trains across Carquinez Strait in Contra Costa County, Cal., between Benicia and Port Costa.

THE OUTLOOK FOR SEED CORN.

The difficulty of getting reliable seed corn of the best types and varieties during the last two years and the expensive lessons learned by many corn growers who used seed of unknown vitality make the question of reliable seed for 1905 of more than ordinary interest.

A survey of the available supply of northern grown seed of this important fodder crop indicates that the difficulties of getting good seed will be even greater this year than during the two previous years. The best varieties for northern limit of the corn belt in Canada, are undoubtedly the "Flint" type. In the latitude of Ottawa only a few special strains of the "Dent" varieties give good results for ensilage in the average year.

The severe frost during the early part of last year, however, has done much to reduce the bulk of the corn crop in Ontario absolutely useless for the purpose of seed. A belt about a mile in width along the northern shore of Lake Erie was affected only slightly, and from some sections in that district there is a supply of very good seed.

The cost of the small quantity of seed corn that is required to plant an acre, in comparison with the cost for labor in cultivating and handling the same, is a time value of a good crop, and would seem to make it clear that the best available seed of the most satisfactory type and variety should be obtained at any reasonable cost.

FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY. Pretty Entertainment That Can be Given With Little Trouble.

You do not have to coax and threaten to get the little ones to take Baby's Own Tablets. The ease with which they are given as compared with liquid medicines will appeal to every mother. None is spoiled or wasted; you know just how big a dose has reached the little stomach.

unless the conditions for storage have been exceptionally good. The average vitality of seed corn, tested in the Seed Laboratory last year were, for corn received in the ear, 85 per cent, and for shelled corn, 68 per cent.

It is much to be recommended then that, wherever possible, farmers obtain their supplies of seed corn in the ear only. To meet the demand for seed corn in this condition growers would do well to adopt the style of shipping crates that is used for this purpose in the States of Iowa and Illinois. This crate is two feet nine inches long, one foot wide, and one foot deep, and is made of half inch lumber three inches in width.

Seed Testing on the Farm. To find out whether seeds are capable of producing plants requires neither expert knowledge nor special apparatus. Satisfactory material is to be found in every farm home, for making germination tests of practically any kind of seed used on the farm. The simplest and most convenient way to test seed corn and other cereal grains and most of the root crop and large vegetable seeds is to place a number of them—say one hundred—between pieces of moistened blotting paper, caution cleaned or cloth, set them in an ordinary dinner plate and invert another plate to cover them.

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TREES BUT LITTLE KNOWN. Tropical Forests so Dense it is Difficult to Explore Them.

According to an expert in the bureau of forestry of the Department of Agriculture there is, comparatively speaking, little known concerning tropical trees, and this despite the fact that naturalists and botanists are constantly exploring the regions near the equator. Indeed, there must be many hundreds of varieties that have been little known and that are unidentified by name.

FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY. Pretty Entertainment That Can be Given With Little Trouble.

A clever entertainment for March is to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a unique house affair, which can be arranged without much fuss and feathers or on an elaborate scale as desired. A church or charity entertainment can reap a harvest by charging a small fee and additional for meals, or a larger one might include refreshments, says Elizabeth W. Morrison, in the March Housekeeper.