

A LITTLE COWARD.

"Such a little coward!" The words came floating up to me from a group of children playing under my window and carry me back two years, to the summer I spent in Westonville and the "little coward" I met there. I had been in practice as a physician for several years, when Aunt Jane, the rich aunt of the Hutchinson family, wrote to invite me to spend a few weeks with her. I was rather amazed at the invitation, as Aunt Jane has never had the slightest affection for me; but the letter was cordial enough to tempt me. "I have three young ladies visiting me," she wrote, "and you may fall in love with any of them, with my consent. They are all well-bred and well-bred, which is more than can be said of most girls nowadays. Serena Maybury is just the woman for a physician's wife, self-possessed, calm, courageous and yet perfectly womanly. She is very handsome, too. Julia Strong is a literary girl and writes for the newspapers. She is pretty, but abstracted, lives in a poetic region above my reach. Susy Markham is scarcely more than a child, eighteen years old, and small as a girl of twelve, fair-haired, blue-eyed, gentle and loving; but will not attract you, as she is the worst little coward I ever saw—screams at a mouse, faints at a mouse, clings to the boat when on the water and gets as white as a ghost if a horse prances. But come and see me and the girls, and stop poisoning patients, saving bones and prancing about sick rooms, for a month at least." So I went. I had been at Aunt Jane's in my boyish days, and the large, beautiful house, with its wide, high-ceilinged rooms, its broad porches and airy halls, was quite familiar to me. Lying near a river and in the shadow of a mountain, Westonville was a most charming summer residence, and Aunt Jane had visitors from the first warm day to the last one, so that I was not surprised to find others beside those mentioned in my letter of invitation. Pleasant days were the rule in that sunny July weather, and we boated, rode, drove, clambered up the mountain for picnic parties, played lawn-tennis and croquet and enjoyed life as youth only can enjoy it in summer days free from toil or care. Aunt Jane gave me a most cordial welcome, and the first time she was alone with me, said: "It is time you were married, Harry. I have thought it all over, and I mean to give you a home well furnished as soon as you introduce me to Mrs. Hutchinson. No! You needn't gush about it. I can afford it, and you deserve it! But don't imagine from my letter that the girls know of my match-making intentions. They would pack up and leave at five minutes' notice, if they suspected it. And they are all popular in society, making a sacrifice of other pleasant invitations to come to Westonville. Serena is the wife for you, if you can win her." And I cordially admired Serena. Certainly she was the most quietly, self-sustained, beautiful girl I ever met. Nothing flattered her, or moved her from a calm composure. It was impossible to imagine Serena in hysterics, and her health was absolutely perfect. I devoted myself to Serena, and found her mind as attractive as her face. She was well-read, and had a keen interest in the current topics of the day. I never met any one who so thoroughly read and understood a newspaper, and she could converse well on all the political, foreign and domestic affairs. Julia was in agonies of composition, gathering scenes and incidents for her first novel, and going about as if asleep with her eyes open. And Susy, the first time I saw Susy she was in the orchard in something blue and thin, all ruffles and bows. She was standing under an apple-tree absolutely paralyzed with terror, and gazing at a huge caterpillar creeping up her arm. Hearing my step, she raised a colorless face, with stained blue eyes and quivering lips, to say: "Oh, take it off! Oh, please take it off!" Another minute found her sobbing hysterically, and with a choking word of thanks she ran away. It all passed so quickly that she was gone before I saw how pretty she was, leaving behind a half-picture of short golden curls and frightened baby blue eyes. The next time I saw those eyes were full of tearful gratitude for my heroic handling of caterpillars. It was odd how they haunted me. Quite resolved to win Serena, if persistent wooing would accomplish it, I sought her on all occasions, but, being a united party of friends, we were not often *tele-a-tele*. And it was to me, always, that Susy turned, in hours of peril, when a toad sat upon the white dress, when the boat tipped a hair's breadth more than usual, when horrible crawling things crossed our paths, and crows lifted their heads to contemplate us. On all such occasions, two tiny hands, white as milk, soft as satin, suddenly clasped my arm, and "oh! oh!" called my attention to the terror. And it was not done for effect. You cannot deceive a physician to that extent, and my professional eyes noted how the pretty face blanched, the pulse quickened and the whole little figure trembled. She really was the worst little coward I ever saw. And yet, although I chided myself for it, I could not share Serena's openly expressed contempt, or sufficiently admire her own scornful indifference to toads and grasshoppers, boat-tipping or fractious horses. She rode well, a magnificent figure on horseback, while Susy trembled and shivered and clung to the gentle animal she rode with desperate energy. It was late in the season and all of my Aunt Jane's guests had departed excepting Serena, Susy and myself, when one morning we were seated in the sitting-room, discussing an important matter. A far-away cousin of Aunt Jane's had been a collector of rare jewelry and plate, and had left his valuable treasures, the result of years of purchase and selections, to her. "And the whole lot has been sent here," said Aunt Jane. "I am not a coward, but I have let it be well understood in Westonville that I never keep money in the house, have very little plate and few jewels. There is nothing discourages a burglar more than a certainty that there is nothing to steal." "Does any one know?" I asked. "The editor of the Westonville Gazette published the whole story on Saturday. He must have seen some of the servants

IS MARRIAGE POPULAR?

HOW A BOLD INVESTIGATOR COLLECTED EVIDENCE.

Howard Fielding interviewed a Number of Spinners on the subject, and is involved in a Breach of Promise Proceedings Amounting to \$300,000. Maude was sitting at my desk when I entered the room, and the big tears were falling from her eyes upon a manuscript which I had recently prepared. "My dear," said I, in a somewhat acid voice, "you needn't complicate the obscurities of my chirography by crying over that. It was intended to be funny. The facts in that article of mine came from the unmarried women who called on you after your friend Millie Smith's engagement to Tom Harris was announced. I overheard Millie as a designing person whose conduct was altogether reprehensible. They all thought that Tom was a fool. Every one of them had refused at least half a dozen offers from men much more desirable than Tom, though he's young, rich and handsome. Many of them had refused Tom himself, and they were all single from preference and from no other reason whatever. With such evidence as that before me I was able to answer the question 'Is marriage becoming unpopular?' decidedly in the affirmative."

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HER FATHER SAVED ME.

Maude was laughing now. "You dear old goose," she said, "I hadn't read anything but the title of your article. If it contains what you say it does, I should advise you not to print it at all." I couldn't quite make her out. She seemed to believe that the women I had quoted were not wholly sincere, although they were among her most intimate associates. She made so much fun of them that I resolved to supplement their testimony by further investigation. I made up a list of the names of twelve unmarried women living in the suburban towns. Most of them wrote a little but appeared to be otherwise of sound mind. I intended to interview these ladies on the subject of marriage, without letting them know that their views were intended for publication. Of course in placing these innocent victims before the public I shall be obliged to provide them with fictitious names. I slipped over to Morrisania to see Miss Lottie Linden. I introduced the subject of marriage and begged her to tell me calmly what she thought of it, but she immediately branched off to something quite different. She burst into tears, and asked me if I did not think that a deep, strong love was better than money. I was forced to reply that I didn't, if it was a question of running a newspaper with one or the other of them. She said that I was sordid and mercenary and a number of other unpleasant things, in fact, I obtained much valuable information regarding my own character, but very little concerning the question which I was trying to get points on.



INTERVIEW WITH LOTTIE LINDEN.

I began to fear that I had lost my old knack as an interviewer. My questions seemed to be unnecessarily exciting. Even my own nerves had suffered in my talk with Miss Linden. I endeavored to quiet them by a dinner in the annexed district; and when I called on Miss Dora Sykes Brown, in the edge of the evening, I believed that I could make her talk intelligibly. I knew her to be of a somewhat emotional nature, but I had prepared a formula of questions, which ought to be more soothing than chloroform. First, what was her general opinion of marriage, the presence of mind of her father, who dropped me out of the parlor window, saved me from strangulation. I conducted the remaining interviews by correspondence. Poor little Maude! She received all the replies. They came by return mail. Maude doesn't usually open my letters, but the handwriting on those of her father, who dropped me out of the parlor window, and so she ventured to peep inside. She found a modest but firm acceptance of my offer of marriage, accompanied by an invitation to call, and a railroad time table with the express train underlined in pencil. I had an awful time explaining the case to her. Our flat had never witnessed so fearful a scene. Her treaty of peace included the stipulation that Maude should dictate my reply to the letters. If the recipients do not care for it as a literary

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production, they can use it to freeze ice cream.

But it didn't do much good. That was over a month ago. Yesterday I was idly turning over my manuscripts in search of something which would pay the gas bill. "Maude," said I, "where is the copy of that article which proves that 'Marriage is Becoming Unpopular.' " "It may be under those papers on your desk," she replied. I picked up the papers to which she referred. They were notifications of twelve suits for breach of promise with broken hearts ranging in value from ten thousand to a fifty thousand dollars. The total is a little over \$300,000. I am sorry for these ladies, but this is more money than I can spare. If they win their cases they will have to attach my salary, which will suffice to settle their claims within two or three thousand years. I turned from these dreary legal documents to my own brilliant discussion of the unpopularity of marriage. It is much more interesting than the laborious composition of the lawyers, and yet theirs seem to be stronger argumentatively. "I shall not publish this article," said I to Maude; "my conclusions appear to have been hasty." HOWARD FIELDING.

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