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A RAINY DAY.

A dull grey sky and dull brown earth. And the steady rain. The streets grow dark within the room. A fly creeps over the pane. The trees stand still and lifeless and dull. The raindrops cling to the leaves. A lonely sparrow, coiled up in a hall. Chirps drearily under the eaves. The sweet blue roses hang their heads. Heavy and dripping with rain. A butterfly trails the limp, white wings. Heavy with the weight of rain. The longish grass, with foam-like fringes. Lies tangled on the ground. And the rain's sad, tinkling spell has hushed. Each tiny insect sound.

A dull grey sky and a steady rain. And shadows dim and cold. And out of the darkness and sadness rings. The laugh of a little child.

A WOMAN'S WIT.

Well, good-by, old fellow. Enjoy yourself and don't lose heart to the pretty fair girls. "Good-by, Ted, dear. Please write to me often and let me hear from you as well as you shall be able to." The speaker was my friend Ralph Shirley, head clerk at Messrs. Carter's bank, a careworn man of five and forty, with grizzled hair and a pre-occupied expression, and his pretty little step-sister, Kate, aged 34, my friend's wife.

The time was 10 o'clock on an August morning, the Charing Cross station, the departure platform of the Folkestone train, in which Edward Pierpoint, aged twenty-five, was seated, on his way to enjoy his brief holiday at the "beautiful" Bocking, the place for the stranger who's done something wrong.

In this case, however, I myself had done nothing wrong. At the moment I was a good deal troubled concerning the wrong-doing of others. Two nights before Ralph had communicated to me, and under oath of secrecy, a very startling piece of information. A certain fast young nobleman, the margin of a bank, and as his closest friend, had procured from Messrs. Carter's bank an advance of twenty-five thousand pounds, upon the security of certain famous pearls, which he had inherited from his mother, a Russian princess.

The pearls were reported to be worth fifty thousand, and were duly lodged in Messrs. Carter's strong room, with every possible precaution. Within the past fortnight, however, Carter, by an extraordinary exercise of ingenuity and cunning the locks of the strong room and safes had been tampered with, and a portion of the jewelry, amounting to between fifteen and twenty thousand pounds, had disappeared.

The loss was not, so far, known to the remainder of the staff. But Ralph Shirley, who had entered the bank as a boy, and had grown gray in its service, was admitted into the secrets of the firm. I had for three years lodged in Ralph's house at Chatham, and as his closest friend and his step-sister's future husband, Ralph had, somewhat unwisely perhaps, confided the secret of the loss of the pearls to me.

The shock had affected him strongly. He considered the honor of the bank as his own, as was natural after his long service. He was even somewhat shocked and pained at my determination, in the face of such news, to take my annual holiday as though nothing had happened.

He himself was going down to Somersetshire. But that was in order to make private inquiries concerning the missing pearls. Of all this Kate knew not a word. She was a very pretty girl, with trustful brown eyes and a good figure; but her frocks did not fit her properly, and she had no conversation; and I, a foolish young fellow with extravagant tastes and a liking for French novels, and who then told myself that, although my fiancée was a dear girl and much attached to me, she was far from being my ideal of womanhood.

Just as the train was about to start, the door opened and a woman, whose face was completely hidden by her black crape veil. I had hardly time to notice her before she was in my arms, and after a hurried kiss to Kate and handshake with my brother, I settled myself into a corner of the compartment to read Guy de Maupassant's "Bel Ami."

In about a quarter of an hour the train drew up to a station. She had raised her veil, and was staring out of the window with a look of pensive sadness, which, in one so beautiful, went straight to my heart.

For she was beautiful; thin almost to emaciation, and perhaps, from a woman's point of view, just her first, her very first, youth, but all the more interesting for that. She looked like the heroine of a French novel, the "intense" order. Her hair, under her very becoming widow's bonnet, was of a peculiar bright auburn; her eyes were gray and singularly brilliant, her lashes long and jetty black. Her complexion was extremely pale and transparent, and her voice, when she spoke, was presently whether I minded having the window down, completed my subjection. It was a most delicious voice, of a particularly interesting quality that at once appealed to the softest side of a young man's nature.

Poor thing! Her tale was a sad one, as I soon learned. Left a widow six months ago by the sudden death of her husband, a hard-working East End clerk, she was now on her way to Paris, in order to take a position as governess to a wealthy French family, acquaintances of the Rochet's.

How different from Kate, who had never read anything stronger than "East Lynne," and thought "Ole Ole!" She had realized my ideal of womanhood. The interest she took in me was extraordinary. She seemed never tired of asking me the minutest questions as to how I spent my time, who were my chief companions, etc. As an excuse for her curiosity she owned, with modest timidity, that I had inspired in her a very deep interest. She wished, she playfully told me, being several years older than I, to be my step-mother, and she very speedily got out of me all that there was to tell, with which, however, she seemed hardly satisfied.

I want your father's confidence, dear Edward," she said, with an angelic smile. Of course I accompanied her to Paris. I could not let anyone so beautiful travel alone. She was not due at her employer's house for three days. Meanwhile, she remained in my company.

General Porter, died at New York last Friday. ENGLISH SPANISH LITERATURE removes all hard, soft or calloused hands and blisters from hands, blood spavin, curbs, splints, and swellings. It is a most valuable remedy for all such ailments. It is a most valuable remedy for all such ailments. It is a most valuable remedy for all such ailments. It is a most valuable remedy for all such ailments. It is a most valuable remedy for all such ailments.

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