

"But," said the Colonel, "that does not account for McLaren's presence. Can you explain that?"

Her face grew whiter at the question, but her answer was not withheld for a moment.

"Yes, sir. He liked me, and—and I let him come to see me once or twice when I was alone."

The Colonel looked grave and her father's brow darkened. She cast a frightened glance at their faces and went on, hurriedly: "It was wrong; but—but he was so gentle and kind that—"

Her voice broke. The strain was growing too great. They were silent, and with the strength of one urged on by desperation, she resumed:

"He must have come while Tom was there, and, seeing him, gone away without speaking."

"Ah, I see—jealousy," said the Colonel. "Now Miss Bain, one more question. Do you like him—McLaren?"

Her face flushed hotly as she answered: "I did not know till this morning; but when I heard that he was going to sacrifice everything—to be branded as a thief and put in prison rather than say one word to hurt me—then I determined to be as good as he is, and that cost me as it might, he should not suffer innocently for my sake. Like him! Yes, I like him—I love him, for he is better than I am."

It was nobly spoken, and as they heard it the faces of the two men broke up like clouds before the sun. Her father caught her to him and kissed her, while the Colonel broke out warmly:

"You are a brave girl; the bravest I ever knew. Not one woman in ten could have done what you have just done. McLaren shall be liberated at once. His innocence shall be published in regimental orders, and I will be a friend to you both. Now, run home, child, and calm yourself, while I talk to your father."

With a grateful glance at the face of the kind-hearted old soldier, the now tearful girl went from the room. As the door closed behind her, the Colonel spoke:

"You ought to be proud of that girl, Bain."

"I am proud of her, sir. She is a soldier's daughter."

"And what of your precious nephew?"

"If I can recover the watch without public exposure, sir, I will do so for my sister's sake; if not, it must go."

"Yes, that will be best. And, Bain—"

"Yes, sir."

"Not one rough word to that girl. I will have McLaren Color Sergeant as soon as may be, and then they can settle things for themselves."

They did. Color Sergeant McLaren has a wife, and no one knows exactly how he got her, except her father, Col. Macgregor and Bugler Scott.

The pipe-major recovered his watch and has not seen his nephew's face since. He does not fret over it.

What is Love?

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that He sent His only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. *The Beloved Disciple.*

What is love? It is Jesus coming from above:

This is love, Perfect love of love,

For the truly good, a friend might even dare to die—

But 'twas aliens, rebels, sinners brought Him from the sky.

Love's supremest grace

—Glorified—

Is the Heart of Jesus, yearning to redeem the human race.

Love, in deed,

Is the dying Christ, for human need.

What of creed? Love's divinest deed

—Which the after age of men in clearer light shall land—

Is the gift He gave to win humanity to God.

When our *'Days-Atan'* died

—Crucified—

All the gates of life and glory were for all men opened wide.

Love, in bloom,

Is *'The Shiloh'* rising from the tomb;

Sharon's Rose

In its fulness glows.

Reconciliation was provided when He died;

By His Resurrection are believers justified.

So His sainted order

—Over and over—

Rings the Easter: *'He is Risen'*. Love is crowned forevermore.

LLEWELLYN A. MORRISON

"The Elms", Toronto, Ont.

Why the Goat Pined Away.

Mrs. O'Geoghegan—That's the matter with yure goat, Mrs. Rourke? Sure the poor baste do be lookin' thin.

Mrs. Rourke—Yis, sorra's th' day! He swally'd a bottle of Anti-Fat, an' thin tumbled into an oxenavaytion an' knocked the cork out of it! Sure, he's pining away to a skillyton!

FALL FUN

A rattling game—dice.

An echo is a kind of holler mockery,

A pretty time of night—moonlight.

Money has some human characteristics.

It talks and it gets tight.

She started the fire in kerosene,

Blew up and hasn't since benzine!

There is a double significance in saying of a dead shoemaker that he has gone to his last home.

If the conceit was taken out of some people there wouldn't be enough of 'em left to hang clothes on.

"I loved you once," he said, in a reproachful tone. "Well," she responded, "I don't want the earth. Once is enough."

It is a sign that her husband is making money when a woman begins to get the look on her face of looking at you without seeing you.

The unsuccessful actress who married an architect had the satisfaction of knowing that she at least had a husband who could draw houses.

"What is the foremost ambition of a boy?" "To be a man." "And what is the leading ambition of a man?" "To be one of the boys."

Mable (relenting a little, but still a trifle angry)—"Anything I have of yours I will return at once." Charlie (giving her a kiss)—"Well, there's your opportunity."

The bootblack now appears less blue,

Nor mourns a luckless fate;

He's happy for the russet shoe

Is getting out of date.

Susie—"Papa, isn't it murder to kill a hog?" Papa (who is a lawyer)—"Not exactly. Murder is assaulting with intent to kill, the other is killing with intent to salt."

Landlord—"I want to tell you before you move in that I like to have the rent paid promptly on the first day of each month." Tenant—"That's my style. Either punctually or not at all."

Winter is cold and bleak and dreary,

Spring is Winter in thin disguise

Summer is hot and makes us weary:

On Autumn surely there are no flies.

"Do you know what Bismarck's scheme of the progress of creation is?" asked the Major. "No. What is it?" asked the Judge. "First there was the Creator, next germs, next Germans."

Friend—"You have only been married two weeks and you are fighting already, so I hear, Mrs. Young—" "Yes, life's too short to waste any time. I ought to have tackled him two weeks ago."

"And may I go to your father, darling, and ask him the same question?" "Oh, dear, no. He would refuse." "Refuse?" "Certainly. If you asked him to be your wife, what else could he say but no?"

Undeniable Evidence—

The weather seems pleased to give proof of its power

When most unprepared we may roam;

The man's always caught in the heaviest shower

Who leaves his umbrella at home.

Kiss me a Girl Without Having Been Shaved.

He passed last Sunday evening with a number of young lady friends.

"I felt sure," said he, "that there was one of them who wanted very badly to be kissed, and I made up my mind to accommodate her if I got a chance. It came when I got up to go. The lady went with me to the door. In the semi-darkness of the hall I put my arm around her gently, turned up her flower face to mine and, holding her fast, pressed my face to her cheeks, kissing her on the forehead, the eyes—such eyes they are—and the rose-red lips. There was a stifled scream and I saw that she was genuinely indignant."

"I—I beg your pardon!" I stammered.

"Mr. Jones," snapped she, "if you ever come here again without having been shaved for a week I'll never speak to you. My face is just raw."

Old sugar-bowls and cream-jugs of pierced silver are used for the after-dinner coffee.

The very latest style of box is a heavy ruff formed of tulle, white, gray or black, with a picot edge, and tied behind with long ends of ribbon.

Amy—"Fred, I hear that your engagement with Miss Blesser is broken?" Fred—"Yes, it is." Amy—"It must have been built on the sand to fall so soon." Fred—"I thought it was founded on rocks, but I discovered she hadn't any."

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