

TANGLED THREADS

Richard North conducted his sister up the stairs, the bridegroom following close on their steps. Ellen Adair and Captain Bohun, sitting behind, walked side by side. Bessy wore a pretty gray silk and plain white bonnet; she had a small bouquet in her hand. The gardener, Williams, had arranged for her. Ellen Adair was in a similar dress, and looked altogether lovely. Mr. Lee, the clergyman, stood ready, book in hand. The spectators in the church—for the event had got wind at the last moment, as these events almost always do, and many came—rose up with expectation.

Of all the party, the bridegroom alone seemed to suffer from nervousness. His answering voice was low, his words were abrupt. It was not remarkable, because he was in general so self-contained and calm a man. Bessy, always timid and yielding, spoke with gentle firmness; not a shade of doubt or agitation seemed to cross her. But there occurred a frightful contretemps.

"The ring if you please," whispered the officiating clergyman to the bridegroom at that part of the service where the ring was needed. The ring! Oliver Rane felt in his waistcoat-pocket, and went into an agony of consternation. The ring was not there. He must have left it on his dressing-table. The little golden symbol had been wrapped in white tissue paper, and he certainly remembered putting it into his waistcoat-pocket. It was as certainly not there now; and he supposed he must have put it out again.

"I have not got the ring!" he exclaimed hurriedly. To keep a marriage ceremony waiting while a messenger ran a mile off for the ring and then ran a mile back again, was a thing that had never been heard of by the clergyman or any other of the startled individuals around him. What was to be done? It was suggested that perhaps some one present could furnish a ring that might suffice. Ellen Adair, standing in her beauty behind the bride, gently laid down the glove and bouquet she was holding, took off her own glove, and gave Oliver Rane a plain gold ring from her finger; one she always wore there. Arthur Bohun alone knew the history of the ring; the rest had never taken sufficient interest in her to inquire it; perhaps had never noticed that she wore one.

The service proceeded to its end. Had Oliver Rane gone a pilgrimage to all the jewellers shops in Whiteborough, he could not have chosen a more perfectly fitting ring than this. When they went into the vestry, Bessy, agitated by the mishap and the emotional position altogether, burst into tears, asking Ellen how she came by a wedding ring.

The history was very simple. It arose—that is the possession of the ring—through the foolish romance of two young girls. Ellen and one of her schoolfellows named Maria Wane had formed a sincere and lasting attachment to each other. At the time of parting, when Ellen was leaving school for Mrs. Cumberland's, each had bought a plain gold ring to give the other, over which each had been so much vowed together, with an undertaking to wear the ring always. Alas, for time and change! In less than six months afterwards, Ellen Adair received notice of the death of Maria Wane. The ring had in consequence become really precious to Ellen; but in this emergency she had not refused to part with it.

As they came out of the vestry, Ellen found herself face to face with Mr. Lee, the clerk, and the two women pew-openers, and the sexton, considering themselves privileged people, pressed up where they chose; and, who of course—living with Mrs. Cumberland—could be at all confidential with the common spectators, chose to press with them. Her face was long and serious, as she caught hold of Miss Adair.

"How could you, Miss Ellen?" she whispered. "Don't you know that using is more unlucky than for a bride to be married with anybody else's wedding ring?"

"But it was not a wedding ring, Jelly. Only a plain gold one."

"Anyway it was unlucky for you. We have a superstition in these parts, Miss Ellen, that if a maid takes off a ring from her own finger to serve at a pin for a bride, she will never be a wife herself. I wouldn't have risked it."

Ellen laughed, but her face was so red and her face so grave. But there was no time for more. Richard held his arm out to her; and Oliver Rane was already taking out his bride. Close up against the door stood Mr. North's carriage, into which stepped the bride and bridegroom.

"My shawl! where's the shawl?" asked Bessy, looking round.

She sat down upon it; and laughed gaily when Oliver drew it out. This shawl and thin cashmere of quiet colors—was intended to be thrown on ere they reached the station. Her silk dress covered with that, and a black lace veil substituted for the white one on her bonnet, the most susceptible maid or matron who might happen to be traveling, would never take her for a bride.

Arthur Bohun deliberately flung an old white satin slipper after the carriage—it struck the old coachman's hat, and the spectators shouted cheerily. Richard was going to the works. He placed Ellen in the carriage that had brought her.

"Will you pardon me, if I deputate Captain Bohun to see you safely home instead of myself, Miss Adair? It is a very busy day at the works, and I must go there. Arthur, will you take charge of this young lady?"

What Ellen answered, she scarcely knew. Captain Bohun entered the carriage. The situation was wholly unexpected; but if their hearts beat a little faster in the tumult of the moment's happiness, Richard at least was unconscious of it.

"Is the first wedding I ever was at," began Ellen, feeling that she must talk to cover the embarrassment of the position. Both were feeling it; and moved as far apart from each other as if they had quarreled; she in one corner, he in the further one opposite. "Of course it had been arranged that I should go home with Mrs. Cumberland."

"Is she ill?"

"Dr. Rane thinks it is only nervousness; he said so as we came along. I had to come with him alone. I am sure the people we passed on the road, who had not heard about Bessy thought it was I who was going to be married to him; they stared so into the carriage."

Ellen laughed as she said it. Arthur Bohun, drinking in draughts of her wonderful beauty, glanced at her meaningly, his blue eyes involuntarily betraying his earnest love.

"It may be your turn next, Ellen."

She blushed vividly, and looked out from the window as though she saw something passing. He felt tempted there and then to speak of his love. But he had a keen sense of the fitness of time and place; and she had been needed for some few minutes. When buying call at Trafford's and you will find them. 95 and 97 King street.

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fully made up his mind not to speak until he saw his way clear to marry.

Ellen Adair brought her face round again. "Why is it in a terrible way about the ring, forgetting all sorts of ill luck to every one concerned, and is thankful it did not happen to her. Will Bessy keep my ring always, do you think? Perhaps she would not be legally married if she gave it to me back and took to her own—when it is found?"

Arthur Bohun's eyes danced a little. "Perhaps not," he replied in the gravest tones. "I don't know what they would have done without it, Ellen."

"I did not tell Bessy one thing, when she asked me about it in the vestry. I will never tell her if I can help it—that Maria Wane is dead. How was it Mr. North did not come?"

"Nervousness too, in my opinion. He said he was ill."

"Why should he be nervous?"

"Lest it should come to his wife's ears that he had so far countenanced the marriage as to be present at it."

"Can you tell why Mrs. North should set her face against it?"

"No. Unless it is because other people have wished it. I should only say as much to you, though, Ellen; she is my mother."

The implied confidence sounded very precious in her ears. She turned to the window again.

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Nothing but Dirt is taken away by Pearl-line. It won't make black white—it gives you a clean black, instead of a dirty black, that's all. Colors are restored and freshened by it, and look just as they did when new. They are cleaned, but they are never altered or changed. Safety comes first in washing.

The easiest and cheapest way to get things clean safely is to wash them with Pearl-line. Beware of peddlers and some unscrupulous grocers who will tell you that the same as Pearl-line. It's FALSE—Pearline is never peddled, and if your grocer sends you some cheap piece of Pearl-line, please to send it back. 88 JAMES FYLE, New York.

FAKE SPOOK.
Matter-of-Fact Building Spoils a Haunted House Story in Indiana and the Ghost as Well.

Shelbyville (Indiana) Correspondence Chicago Tribune.
Four months ago Harvey Spurlin's daughter died at St. Louis Crossing, a small town near this city. She was a favorite in the family, and it seemed no solace could be found for the bereaved parents. Six weeks ago Mrs. Spurlin reported that she saw a strange apparition at her window. She said it came in a long white robe as ghosts usually do and walked noiselessly through the yard and vanished in the air at midnight.

Finally Harvey told his brother George about the strange intruder. George agreed to assist in running the ghost down, and arranged to be on hand last night. Early in the evening George came and brought his bulldog, George, a beast, usually kept chained. The dog was fastened in a back room and the two brothers located themselves upstairs in a room overlooking the haunted room. George ran down stairs, leaped at 11 o'clock the white form was seen approaching the house. It glided over the fence and into the yard, apparently rising in the air as it approached the haunted room. George ran down stairs, leaped at 11 o'clock the white form was seen approaching the house. It glided over the fence and into the yard, apparently rising in the air as it approached the haunted room.

As the dog started towards the ghost it retreated to the rear of the yard where a gate usually stood open, leading into the barnyard, and thence to the crumpled. But the gate was closed and the spirit went pell-mell against it and fell to the ground. In a second the dog had the ghost by the throat and its screams brought George and his brother Harvey to the scene. George caught his dog and broke his hold from the prostrate form, but in doing so tore the white robe from its person, when Harvey recognized the object as the beautiful wife of Daniel Giner.

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for Infants and Children.

MOTHERS, Do You Know that Paregoric, Bateman's Drops, Godfrey's Cordial, many so-called Soothing Syrups, and most remedies for children are composed of opium or morphine?

Do You Know