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When we take the home bound steamer
And catch the home bound train;
There's nothing half so pleasant
As coming home again.

—Margaret E. Sangster in Harper's Bazar.

DID AS HE WAS BID.

How Horace Greeley Once Had a Little Fun With His Wife.

One of the favorite resorts of Horace Greeley in the days when he was a power in New York journalism was Iona Island, a picturesque and pleasant rural paradise surrounded by the placid waters of the Hudson in the vicinity of Peekskill, N. Y.

Iona Island at that time was owned by Messrs. Grant and Hasbrouck, both of whom were personal friends of Greeley. They carried on a large vineyard, besides other agricultural operations, on the island, and it was here, doubtless, that Greeley during his frequent visits picked up many of the ideas which he afterward used in his book, "What I Know of Farming." Mr. Hasbrouck, who survived Greeley for a number of years, was an enthusiastic admirer of the famous editor and was never tired of telling stories illustrative of his shrewdness and wit. He claimed that Greeley was one of the wittiest, wisest, oddest and most original of characters, and at the same time one of the most companionable to those who had the privilege of being within the inner circle of his acquaintanceship.

The farther he got away from Printing House square the higher his spirits rose, and a drive along the winding banks of the Hudson or a trip across the water to Iona Island he always enjoyed with the enthusiasm of a boy. Nothing worried him when he was in the country. All his cares and troubles were left behind him, locked up in his desk in The Tribune office.

Mrs. Greeley was different from her noted husband in this respect. She brought her cares along with her, and she used to spend considerable time reproving Horace for his thoughtlessness and in trying to keep him within bounds. One day she kept at him until he said: "All right, mother. Whatever you tell me to do the rest of the day I'll do."

A couple of hours later Mr. and Mrs. Greeley and Mr. Hasbrouck were getting into the rowboat for their usual daily trip to Iona Island. Mrs. Greeley stepped in first, sat down and placed her parasol with the handle resting on the seat and the other end on the bottom of the boat. Then, glancing up at Mr. Greeley, who was waiting to get into the boat, she called out:

"Now, Horace, be sure to step on my parasol and break it getting into the boat!"

"All right; just as you say," responded Horace cheerfully, and down came his foot on the parasol, completely wrecking it. Mrs. Greeley looked daggers at him all the way to the island, but a happier man than Greeley was during the rest of the trip would be hard to find, and ever and anon he could be heard chuckling softly to himself as if he had just thought of a good joke.

Mr. Greeley made matters right when they got back to the Peekskill side by buying Mrs. Greeley a new parasol and handing it to her with the bantering remark:

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