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a prisoner to Spain, where he astounded the people by his performances.

One day in Seville he was visited by a

brawny youth of La Mancha, who was

anxious to try a bout with him. "My good friend," said Adargema, "as we are going to wrestle together it is only

are going to wrestle together it is only reasonable that we should begin by drinking something."

A large bowl of wine having been brought, he took this in one hand and continued to address his challenger. "If with both your arms you can overpower one of mine so as to hinder me from

drinking every drop of this wine we will try our strength together; if not,

you may return to your home." The struggle took place, and Adargema by degrees drained the bowl in the coolest

manner without spilling a drop of the

wine. His one hand was more than a match for the other's two.

Why People Stammer.

Why People Stammer. Stammering depends on a want of harmony between the action of the muscles (chiefly abdominal) which ex-

pel air through the larynx and that of the museles which guard the orifice by which it escapes with that of those

which modulate the sound to the form of speech. Over either of the groups of muscles by itself a stammerer may

have as much power as other people

but he cannot harmoniously arrange their conjoint action. Nervousness is

a frequent cause of stammering. It is

possible that the defect in some in-stances may result from malformation

of the parts about the back of the mouth. The fact that stammering

people are able to sing their words better than to speak them has been usually explained on the supposition that in singing the glottis is kept open so that there is less liability to spas-

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The GRAMMAR OF LOVE

.... By S. MARIA TALBOT

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"You was the prettiest one at the ball last night, Priscilla."

"Oh, Dan!" "Hanged if you wasn't, pet!"

Priscilla put her hands over her ears and repeated the words "you wasn't" with outraged grammatical scorn.

"The deuce! It's that old language business again, is it, Pris? I can't break off old habits, not even the eternal one of loving you, wife."

Somewhat mollified by the tender

Somewhat mollined by the tender-tone of his words, Priscilla put on her trim riding habit and was adjusting her hat before the glass when Dan called up from the lower hall:

"Oh, Priscilla! Were it you who took my gloves from the hatrack?" Priscilla's reply, "It was not," was of so severe and stately a character that Dan down below shivered with silent glass while we have a silent glass with the severe severe and the severe sev lent glee, while up above the mirror reflected to his wife a countenance over the judicial sternness of which smile flickered like summer lightning.

They were soon cantering down the beautiful hedge lined country lanes, Dan's dog, Rev, bounding along be-"Will we go by Jackson's lane, Pris,

or across the glen pasture?"
"Will we go?" echoed the girl. "Dan, your grammar will kill me yet. "What's up now, Priscilla?" inquired Dan blandly.

"It is 'up' to you, Dan, to use your 'shalls' and 'wills' properly.' "Great Scott!" groaned her husband. 'She uses slang."

Ignoring the interruption, his wife persisted: "You should say 'Shall we go down

Jackson's lane?'"
"I see, Priscilla. You shall go down Jackson's lane whether you will or

"Dan, you are simply absurd," half laughed, half pouted his mentor, who was a bride just from Boston and doted on "language," such language as shuddered at the trenching of final letters upon the initial ones of the word following and to whom Italian "a" was fetish and the undefiled use of the futures a cult. Dan's childish associations had been

more with negro servants than with grammarians, all owing to the death of his mother and the indolent irre-sponsibility of his father. He was unable to change the habits of speech of a lifetime and even thought lightly of the "scrupulosity" of expression of the few Yankees he had known.

He fell in love with Priscilla "head over heels—boots and all," as he expressed it, when she came on a visit to an aunt of his living near his ancestral home. That he had been able to win the girl's heart showed that love laughs at grammars as well as at locksmiths.

She thought so trivial a matter as his verbal inaccuracies could be easily mended, and he believed that what to him was her puritanical primness of language would soon give way before the breezy ease and untrammeled freedom of manner and speech of his beloved south, disdainful of cramping rules and technical formalities. In short, he was an educated man in whom carelessness of expression was ingrained, yet whose vital and vigorous ideas were wont to put to rout his wife's valiant onslaughts in the line of rule and model.

His wife would attack him with Ruskin, to which he would listen with an impatience only kept within bounds by his love for her.

"Listen, Dan, to what he says: 'A well educated gentleman may not know many languages—may have read very few books. But whatever language he know he knows precisely; whatever word he pronounces he pro-nounces rightly; above all, he is learnnounces rightly; above all, he is learned in the peerage of words; knows the words of true descent and ancient blood at a glance from the words of modern canaille; remembers all their ancestry, their intermarriages, distant relationship and offices they held in any time and in any country. Now, isn't that fine, Dan?" pleaded Priscilla.

"And while this man of 'words' was

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"Some years ago I was almost a help-with the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect was an officery, and after I had taken the contents of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect was alrong and hearty, and after the contents of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect when second bottle I began to improve. Affect was strong and hearty, and affer I had taken the contents of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve. Affect of the second bottle I began to improve affect of the second bottle I began to improve affect of the second bottle I began to improve affect of the second bottle I began to improve affect of the second bottle I began to improve affect of the second bottle I began to improve affect of the second b "And while this man of 'words' was tracing up their peerage his bosom friend was stealing away the heart of his wife, and the foundations of his his wife, and the foundations of his home were crumbling beneath his feet.

I don't know the ancestry of many words, but there is one that is of my own descent. It is the word 'honor. You will always hear me speak that plainly with the true Carroll accent in our home, for myself, for you and for the children who may be ours, please God."

"Oh, Dan!" whispered his wife soft-ly. And they discussed grammar no

more that day.

Nevertheless when they were cantering along together Priscilla's ears were keen to mark what was said amiss by her husband, emboldened by his ever chivalrous patience with her grammatical excursions.

chivalrous patience with her grammatical excursions.

"I feel like I am the happiest man
alive today, Priscilla."

"Incorrect use of 'like,'" broke in his
wife, knowing better, but disregarding
the finer instinct.

"But, Pris, I don't feel 'as if'—it's
'like,' that I feel. And, now that I
think of it, I don't feel like I was the
happiest man alive. Have I corrected
myself?"

myself?"
Priscills knew she was venturing too
far. But when do we ever follow our
strongest leadings?
"Dan, if you love me as you say you
do you would take more pains to speak
correctly. Your 'shalls' and 'wills' put

\* in right would make me sleep better

in right would make me s.eep better nights. And your 'shoulds' and 'woulds' if they would fail into line and keep step my bliss would be complete."
"It isn't permitted to mortals to be perfectly happy, Priscilla. You know the ancients used to pray for some moderate reverse when things went too swimmingly. Let me be your 'moderate reverse,' little lady."

"You are my immoderate perverse Dan. You always say 'Hadn't I better go? when you know as well as I do that you should say 'Wouldn't I better

All of a sudden to their startled vi-All of a sudden to their startled vision appeared around a turn of the narrow hill road a team tearing with breakneck speed down the steep way up which their horses were climbing and on which it was impossible to pass them. The driver was thrown out as they rounded the curve and could be seen struggling up from a pile of rocks upon which he had been huried far below in the ravine which skirted the road.

The carriage was bounding violently from side to side. The two women and child in the back seat were at the mercy of the terrified horses that were madly running directly toward Priscilla and Dan. Another moment and they would be upon them. At the foot of the hill was a rocky ford waiting to engulf the fated occupants of the vehicle if they should reach it alive.

Paralyzed by fear, Priscilla knew in a maze of terror that Dan sprang from is horse, throwing her the bridle,

Then she saw him through a fear limmed haze rush just in time for the salvation of them all straight in front of the maddened brutes with arms out stretched to stop them. She heard his masterful command, "Whoa, boys; whoa!" as he made a dash for their foaming bits.

He sprang nimbly from side to side to avoid being trampled under their hoofs. Again and again it seemed that their brute strength would overwhelm him as they plunged forward straining to get free.

The man and the beasts strove, it emed to Priscilla eternal ages, until at last, at last, he was conquering them. With mouths dripping bloody foam, eyes starting from their sockets, they finally stood trembling, but still, have for an occasional trampling and champing of their bits. This, too, ceased at Dan's command:

"Whoa, boys! Steady, boys!" Their brute instinct responded to the master without fear. He stood at length stroking their manes.

Even then Priscilla realized in a dim, Even then Priscilla realized in a dim, unworded way a thing that was better than the subjection of signs and sym-bols to rule and law. She emerged from her crucible of

agony with an aching relief that her husband was alive, while her own soul, shriveled by the refining fire, saw him with a larger vision, a deeper under-

Proudly she marked his chivalrous bearing toward the unnerved, fright-ened women, who lauded his exploit in words of intensest gratitude.

She noted with a swelling heart his bluff kindness toward the bruised and sed driver, who came limping up to see the extent of the calamity, bloody and battered from his terrible

He made light of what he had done,

calling it "nothing."
When the trembling animals were quite pacified, greatly to Priscilla's apprehension, her husband turned the vehicle around about-a thing not done without much ado on the narrow shelf of a road-got into the carriage and took the reins with a firm hand to drive the ladies to their home, which was "but a mile or so back," they had told him. Priscilla led his horse for him until he could deposit his charges at

their own door.
"Your man is too knocked up to drive," he tactfully explained as he saw the ladies tremulous at the thought of being trusted again to their unlucky

"Dan, you are simply great!" Priscilla told him as they rode down the hill again toward home. "I'm proud of you through and through. But promse me never, never, never, again to take so dreadful a risk. It makes me faint but to think of it. What if those faint but to think of it. What it those awful runaway horses had killed you!"
And she shuddered.
"Then you could, should and would have been a widow, Priscilla!"
"I neither will nor shall nor could,

should or would be a widow! I'll die when you do, Dan!" sobbed Priscilla

"Never say die, little girl. We will be happy. Nothing shall prevent it,

my Priscilla!"
"You are a hero, Dan!" The girl reached out her hand to him, and in their clasp thrilled between husband and wife the love that is above and beyond all speech and language.

"Yes," said the man in the waiting room at the station, "above all other qualities I admire honesty. Your clever man is more often unscrupulous than not. Deeds of daring are invariably not. Deeds of daring are invariably prompted by a lucky impulse and the thirst for fame, while your brave man is never without his share of conceit. Philanthropy and pomposity, too, should in many cases be spelled the same way. No, my friend, there is nothing that will stand the rough wear and tear of this life like honesty, and my constant watchword to my little sons here is, 'Be honest, and you can snap your fingers

watchword to my little sons here is, 36e honest, and you can snap your fingers at the world and its verdict."

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"She told me that I might hope."
"Better look out I ive known girls to say that when they intended to accept a chap."—Puck.



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