Leap Year Proposals

"Charlie, I do think it's a shame for from her." a good-looking, likely fellow like you to particular to get married."

Aunt Julia looked very severely over | hands. her spectacles at her refractory nephew, in the large easy arm-chair and laughed. "Yes, that is the way you always do.

It's a poor compliment to the sex to live for nearly a year in the same house with such a charming girl as your cousin Ella, and not fall in love with her." "I know it, aunt Julia. I consider

shoulder the responsibility of dressmakers' and milliners' bills just yet." "You mercenary scamp! You know Ella's not in the least extravagant; and young Thompson won't be coming here much longer without declaring his sentiments. I won't stand in her way for a moment, either; but I had set my heart upon forming this match between you

"There's no telling what may happen yet, Aunt Julia; so put off that solemn intenance, do, and look a little cheer-

"There'll be abundant reason for you to look solemn before long, let me tell you, sir. Are you aware that this is leap year ?"

"Quite aware, Auntie. I realize the hourly jeopardy in which I stand; but a week has now gone by in serenity, and I begin to have hopes; perhaps I am one of the more fortunate oues whom nobody wants."

"Don't delude yours'alf that way. There are any quantity of determined spinsters who would not let a chance to secure a rich young husband slip through the ir fingers." "Ha—ha—ha! how nice it is to be

appreciated. Suppose that you suggest to Ella to assert her prerogative in my behalf." "No, sir! Ella's not one of that

kind; but since you are so incorrigible I shall leave you to your fate, for Ella and I are going out." "Oh, aunt Julia ! can you deliberately desert me like this?" laughed

Charlie with a mock deprecating air. "Yes I can. And if you find your self saddled with an old shrew of a spinster you'll have only yourself to blame!" and aunt Julia relentlessly decamped, while Charlie threw himself back in the chair with a vawn.

"Ah, ha! a pretty prospect for me, to be sure! Ella is a little treasure, but somehow I can't bring mayself to the sticking point of a proposal, not not even in the face of this dread alternative. However, I've no fear of having my peace of mind disturbed this afternoon, for I don't believe any of the fair creatures brown that I'. up for a day or two with this unfortunate ankle of mine; and by evening Aunt Julia will be back again, and I can retreat for protection behind her ample skirts, if necessary." Our hero was deep in the delights of solitude and "Pickwick," when a decisive ring at the bell made him start a little ner-

"Hallo! I wonder who this is? Some of the fellows, I suppose, come to commiserate me on my misfortune. I'll know in a minute, though."

The minute elapsed: a murmur of voices was heard in the hall, and then as the parlor door opened, Charlie turned to look around.'

A tall bony figure, with an erect bearing and determined air, with her features concealed by a veil, advanced to his chair, and raised her veil, revealing a thin, hatchet for ace, lighted keen grey

"This is Mr. Charles Sherman, I believe?" she enquired.
"You are right, madam," Charlie answered heroically. "Excuse my not rising as I have a lame ankle." "I'll take a seat if you have no objec-

"None in the least, madam," Charlie answered, hiding a glimpse behind a pretended yawn.

"My name is Meggs, sir. We never year, and I heard you was home, to that assertion good, darling?" first one, here ain't I?"

things to such a-"

ings to such a—"
" Ding-a-ling-ling!" interposed the "What!" echoed Charlie, in be door bell; and before either had a wilderment, "you don't mean to say chance to say more, the door opened to that I've been asleep and dreamt it all?"

admit a second female, short and rather "I do? 'a guilty conscience, etc., stout this time, but wearing an equally | you know, and Jane declares that there "Good afternoon, sir," she said, ad- So you're not compromised at all, and vancing in a business-like manner. | there is no need of my help."

which this year accords to my sex, I what a treasure you are, at last, and "You might have spared yourself own, I want your help more than ever, that trouble !" interrupted Miss Meggs, my darling; your help to make my

late. I was here first."

valry," snapped the other, "Mr. Sher-"No I wont Charlie!" said Ella, reman is a gentleman of sufficient taste lenting; and Aunt Julia entered just and acuteness to make a proper selection, and I can guess pretty correctly gratulate herself upon the happy result what it would be !"

any other than Sarah Stone, of course! Well your guess is wrong for once, I am

you marry me ? Say 'Yes,' quick, before she comes in, and then you'll be safe

"Charlie Sherman, if you do!" exnsist upon remaining a bachelor. It's claimed Miss Meggs, shaking her fist as duty you owe to society in general the door opened to admit the threatened and yourself and some pretty girl in Jemima, who ignoring the two applicants, came forward with outstreched

"Good day, Mr. Sherman! I heard but that individual only gave his six that you was sick, and if there is any feet of humanity a more luxurious turn time when a man wants a wife it's just

"He's made arrangements for that already!" exclaimed Misses Meggs and Stone simultaneously.

"Hold your tongues," snapped Jemi ma. "Mr. Sherman, I understand all myself a lucky fellow to be privileged if I do say it myself, you won't find a about housekeeping and doctoring and, better match in town. Shall we consider it a bargain?"

But before our bewildered hero could reply, two more females entered, whose mmons at the outer door had been unheard through the din. "Mr. Sherman, my sister, Mis

Rosanna Myers," said one. "Mr. Sherman, my sister, Miss Lu cinda Myers," said the other, "Two at once, eh?" groaned Charlie ander his breath; "the saints preserve

us, this is gesting desperate!" "I came this afternoon, Mr. Sherman to offer you true connubial bliss in the cossession of my dear sister Lucinda,

"And I to urge dear Rosanna's claims your favor," added Lucinda. "Mr. Sherman, don't you listen to the audacious creatures!" exclaimed Miss Jemima.

"Such a sweet disposition; the very qualities for a wife !" recommended Lu-

"You'll have a perfect treasure of neatness in Lucinda," smiled Rosanna. "Rosanna's a splendid hand at doing up shirts and collars." "Lucinda'll keep your house like a new pin, she's so domestic."

"Charlie Sherman, send them away; be advised by your friends," interposed Meggs, remember my prior claim. "Oh, save me from my friends,"

groaned Charlie; "aunt Julia was right and how to get rid of these creatures i more than I know!" then as a happy Spruce, thought flashed across his mind, he extended his hands and said: "Ladies, ladies, if you'll listen a mo

ment I'll answer you all : "Of course you will?" exclaimed Miss Meggs triumphantly; "speak out boldly Charlie, don't be afraid. What do you want to say ?" "This: you're all a little too late

I'm already engaged !" "Already engaged !" shrieked the applicants in chorus; " and here you've holding out false hopes. We'll have

"It'll be a sorry disclosure for you, of the fair creatures know that I'm laid | Charlie | Sherman!" threatened Miss Meggs; I'll appeal to the law, and see if that won't bring you to terms! "And so will I! and I! exclaimed the others, "and you'll have a breach of promise case to stand, sir, for this!' and with wrathful looks and menacing gest ures they filed from the room, whi', e our hero hid his face in his hands w tha des. pairing groan.

"What's the matter, Cha' .lie ? a cherry voice said at his side, and he looked up to see Ella's pretty face bending solicitously over him. Charles grasped her hand with an ex-

clamation of relief. "Ella, I've comp romised myself and I want you to hel p me!" 'You do! out of it!"

"No, indeed . ! replied Charlie energetically, "or a bit of it, you little darling, but fourther into it!"
"Oh! replied Ella, with a roguish

dimple, "what can it possibly be!" "Ella, you know it's leap year, and the privilege of proposing is invested in the fair sex. Do ask me if I'll have you! I want so much to say 'yes.'"
"You do? well' I'll delegate the privilegge to you, for this time !"

"You darling, will you marry me?" "That depends. I must know the nature of that promise, first."

"Well, Ella, I've been besieged by the most awful lot of creatures this afternoon, as candidates for matrimony, had a formal introduction, but I know and the only way I could temporarily your name and reputation pretty well; get rid of them was by asserting that I and I called around, seeing it was leap was already engaged. Will you make make you an offer. I believe I am the Then Ella burst into a ringing peal of laughter.

"I believe you are, madam," replied "Well, I declare, so that was the our hero gravely.

"All right. Well, I've got a little faces! I came in about fifteen minutes faces! I came in about fifteen minutes money laid by as well as you, and we might as well unite our hearts and fortunes. .What do you say ?"

"Well really madam," Charle answered, beginning to feel a little nonwork work up. And so you were undergoing plussed, one might say a good many the ordeal of leap year, eh. Ha, ha,

have been no callers this afternoon

"Understanding that you was at home to-day and acting upon that privilege catching her hand. "I've learned Lime Juice, Vinegar, I'm determined to call that treasure my you've 'come to' just half an hour too life the happiest on earth. You know tte. I was here first."

"I've nothing to fear from your riyou won't refuse me this?"

hat it would be!"

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"Ladies—ladies!" remonstrated Charlie feebly, but at that moment another vigorous bell-pull served both as punctuation and exclamation point.

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