THAT LITTLE OLD MAID.

Her Reward After Waiting for a Great Many Years.

"Oh! Aunt Fanny, how lovely! Are they for Laura, or for me?" The speaker, a pretty but rather insipid-looking blonde, held up, as she spoke, a cluster of fine gold ornaments for the hair, a sprig of wheat and striped grass, very graceful and pretty. "Where have you kept them hid?"

"They were a keepsake from an old friend, and have been among my treasures for thirteen years, Bertha."

"But now they are for me, 'said the young girl caressingly. "They will be so lovely for me to-morrow evening, and I must look my best, for the girls will all don their most fascinating attire in honor of the occasion."

"Is it not rather marked to be so very anxious? In my young days! ladies waited to be sought and courted, but to judge from what you told me this hero of yours may have any one in Silverdale for asking."

"Well, he don't know it. And, Aunt Fanny, he really is worth courting. He is so very rich."

"Is that all that is required, Bertha, in a husband?"

"Well, it is the main thing anyhow nowadays. Sir Lawrence Lane has more than riches. Before he went to Australia, report says, he was one of the most talented men of the day, and you know he has spent the last three years in Europe. That old Methodist, Lon Harding, always blesses him for a 'true Christian gentleman,' so I suppose he adds charity to the best of attractions, for she is not lavish of praise unless she is willing to assist her."

"A true Christian gentleman!" Aunt Fanny repeated the phrase in a musing tone, while a soft light came into her dark eyes and a smile hovered over her lips. Bertha, seeing that the gold ornaments were not to decorate her hair, went on singing, while, with tender touch, Aunt Fanny replaced her treasures in her jewel case.

The next evening Laura and Bertha, in fleecy white robes, with the flush roses and other delicate flowers in their hair and looping lace folds, here and there, stood before the long mirror in the drawing-room, pouting.

"I can't see what she wants to go for," said Laura, pettishly; "she hasn't been to a party before since ma died, and that's ten years ago! Little dried-up old maid!"

"I wonder if she's going husband-hunting at her age?" said Bertha. "Why, she's thirty, if she is a day," and the beauty of eighteen shook her curls contemptuously at the idea of such an advanced age being attractive.

And in the meantime the object of their ill-natured remarks, the gentle aunt, who for ten years had filled a mother's place to these, her sister's children, waited in her own room for the carriage. She had clad her small, slight figure in a black silk, whose severe simplicity was relieved by rich falls of black lace delicately embroidered with golden clusters of wheat. The round white arms and throat were not decked with jewels, but in the braids of black hair gleamed the golden ornaments which the little old maid had cherished for thirteen years. She was not beautiful, yet there was a charm in her sweet face a grace in her gentle movements and a music in her voice that was sought in vain in her more dashing nieces. As she twisted her eyes rested upon a letter, yellow and worn, which had been long hidden under her treasured ornaments, and she read:

"Shad you will not disobey your father and I cannot command the sum he demands to pay my dead father's debt to him, we must part. Part for a time only, for although some roll between and we may not write, your heart and mine can never be wholly severed. Trust me! trust me, darling, for though years may stand I will return true to my pledge to you. Will you keep the little gold sprigs I dared to offer on your birthday, that something of mine may be yours? Oh! my darling, how I linger, dreading to write farewell, but it must be done. Your resolution never to marry clandestinely commands my respect, as your gentle sweetness has long ago won my love. God guard you and keep you from further sorrow. Till we meet, pray for "LAWRENCE."

It was a brilliant party that Mrs. Haskins, the leader of fashion in Silverdale, gave to her returned nephew. He had left the village a poor lawyer, struggling against fortune, and burdened by a knowledge of his father's large debts. Vainly striving to pay these, he had lived meanly, dressed with economy, and been well known as one upon whom the iron hand of poverty was heavily. No farewell party had been made when he announced his intention of seeking his fortune in Australia. His relatives were rather glad to be rid of him, and of all Silverdale but one heart had ached for his loss, but one voice sent forth prayers for his safety, but one of all his friends watched for his return. No word had come to any, till a letter to his aunt announced his return after thirteen years of travel. All his father's debts were paid, and his lawyer spoke of large sums invested in various ways; so Mrs. Haskins consulted "her set," and the result was the brilliant assemblage which Laura and Bertha were to honor, and where the "little dried-up old maid," their aunt, was to appear in society after ten year's seclusion.

The hero of the evening had not appeared when the trio, under the escort of Mr. Leslie, Bertha and Laura's father, entered, but soon after our party the door announced his arrival. A tall, distinguished-looking man of thirty-five or six, with finished manners and a well modulated voice. A man to notice in any circle for the broad intellectual brow and large honest eyes that greeted yours, but now, with the glitter of his wealth gilding every grace and feature, a man, Silverdale thought, to fall down and worship.

He had greeted his hostess and made nearly the circle of the room, bowing to new friends, greeting with warm cordiality his old ones, when his eyes fell upon a golden ear of wheat, resting upon a broad braid of black hair. The light that sprang to his eyes, the smile upon his lips, carried such deep peace to one heart, gave one life of patient waiting such a new spring of happiness, that the words of polite greeting fell upon ears that scarcely heard them.

True! true! her trust repaid! her long constancy rewarded!

No one else noted more than the quiet greeting of old friends; but two hearts were full of deep joy, rest after weary longing.

One and another of the guests were invited by the returned Australian to a house-warming, learning for the first time that a new mansion, whose building and furnishing had long been a source of speculation, was to be the future home of Lawrence Lane.

Everybody accepted of course, and many a young heart fluttered at the thought that so splendid a mansion must soon need a mistress.

One little week soon glided away. Aunt Fanny was very kind in helping to trim new peach-colored silks for the sisters; but there was an odd smile on her lip when Lawrence Lane's matrimonial prospects were discussed.

The evening came at last. Carriage after carriage set down its load of fair beauties before the superb house, whose every window blazed with light. Merry voices ran through the hall and rooms, gay footsteps flew from one beautiful apartment to another till it was whispered—no one knew by whom—that the revellers were invited to a wedding. The closed doors which shut off a small room from the long drawing-room were watched eagerly, as the guests assembled and no host came to welcome them.

At last they opened. The tall, handsome lord of the hour, a small, white-robed figure, with a long veil of white concealing every feature, the good old clergyman of Silverdale, and Mr. Leslie formed the group disclosed. The short, impressive service was read, and every ear was strained to catch the name. More than one gasp of astonishment greeted the clearly pronounced "Frances Somers," and when the service concluded, and the bride's veil removed, more than one ill-natured whisper was directed at Lawrence Lane's taste in choosing, when all the beauty of Silverdale was before him, "That Little Old Maid."

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Wemaus, Control Yourself!

Sermon by Rev. Samuel Baker.

Study self-control. You will need it. Nine times out of ten he will try your patience, will be careless and provoking, or cross, or mean, or negligent, or incompetent, or lazy, and here comes the temptation to speak out; but don't do it. Don't scold. Don't criticise. Don't reply back. A wife who is constantly saying, "Don't put your feet in that chair," "don't leave your boots there," "don't wipe on that towel," "don't soil that table-cloth," "don't bring in that mud," "don't tear that dirty," "don't put your hands on that door," "don't make so much noise when you eat," "don't leave your coat on the sofa," "don't be out late"—such a wife will cool down and freeze up the most ardent man's love.

Honesty the Best Policy.

—An honest medicine is the noblest work of man, and we can assure our readers that Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry is not only reliable, but is almost infallible to cure cholera morbus, dysentery, looseness of the stomach and bowels, and the various summer complaints which at this season are often sudden and fatal. 246

What it Costs to Keep a Man for Seventy-five Years.

I met one of our old citizens on the street the other day, who is in the 76th year of his age. He said: "Do you know that it costs between $6,000 and $7,000 to raise a man at my age?" I answered no. He continued: "Well, it is the cost of seventy-five years to have partaken of 2,125 meals, consumed 61,595 pounds of solid food, drank 51,000 cups of tea and 16,250 cups of coffee. I have not lived extravagantly and my meals have cost me on an average eight cents each. Therefore, the 82,125 meals have cost me $6,570." Where is there an octogenarian who can figure closer than this?

—No person should go from home without a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial in their possession, as change of water, cooking, climate, etc., frequently brings on summer complaint, and there is nothing like being ready with a sure remedy at hand, which oftentimes saves great suffering, and frequently valuable lives. This Cordial has gained for itself a wide spread reputation for affording prompt relief from all summer complaints.

Lucky it Wasn't She.

She was sitting, we don't rocking chair and he swinging lightly in a hammock. He had on her sun hat with the ribbons tied under his chin, and every intelligent stray dog that went by would bark at him. They were talking about dancing.

"I am passionately fond of the valse," he said.

"Oh, my, yes," he replied. Then he leaned a little too far back and she knew that he told the truth."

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French National Airs.

Gen. Boulanger, as Minister of War, has decreed that henceforward the national air of the French army shall be "Mourir pour la Patrie," the opening lines of which, Englished, are:

To die for one's country,
Is the noblest and most enviable death.

Thus, it will be seen, it is an expansion of the classical apothegm "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori. The tune is not the most cheerful in the world, but trolled forth from lusty throats it is sufficiently resounding for all purposes. There are those who remember, however, when some of the uniformed sons of France were not so uproariously eager. This was particularly the case with the National Guard of Paris during the siege by the Germans in 1870. Then the mobs that shrieked "A Berlin," a few months before refused to be led beyond the walls of the city on the ground that they had been enlisted for her defense, and they sang as they marched through the streets:

Nous partons
Une, deux, trois, quatre,
Comme des moutons,
Comme des moutons,
Pour la boucherie,
Hé, hé,
On nous massacre,
Hé, hé,
Comme des rats,
Comme des rats,
Comme Bismarck nous tient!

Instead of welcoming the opportunity of driving back the invaders, they whined that in being ordered to die their duty they were to be driven like sheep to the slaughter-house, and massacred like rats, while Bismarck would grin at the result. But times have changed since 1870-71.

Eighth Wonder of the World.

It is demonstrated by history that the Ancients in many of the arts, notably architecture, far excelled the present age, but it is reserved for the present decade to produce the eighth wonder of the world, i.e., West's World's Wonder (Family Liniment, which is infallible for rheumatism, sprains, cuts, bruises, sores and all diseases requiring external application. 25c. and 50c. per bottle. All druggists.

One Who Would Mourn Him.

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Wife—Oh, darling, never!

Husband—Yes, love. And (with a sardonic chuckle) in that case I shall feel assured there will be at least one who will daily deplore my death.

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From the Chicago Herald.

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The Ballad of Corydon.

The shepherdess Phyllida,
A grasping little miss,
Claimed from the shepherd Corydon
Sheep thirty for one kiss.

Now, he had soft eyes, and his arts
Were many and were deep,
In affirming the maid gave thrice
Ten kisses for one sheep.

And once she murmured, "I know not
By what soft mood undone,
Give me a kiss—have back thy sheep,
Thy thirty—and thy one—"

Who in the end with her whole flock,
Dog added, would have bought,
The careless kiss that Corydon
To Daphne gave for naught.

—From the French.

—There is a wide difference between medicines which affect merely the symptoms of disease and those which affect its cause. The first are useful as palliatives, the second, if of genuine efficacy, produce a radical cure. To the latter class belongs Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. Thoroughness of operation is its special attribute in all cases of biliousness, costiveness, indigestion, kidney complaints, and female weakness

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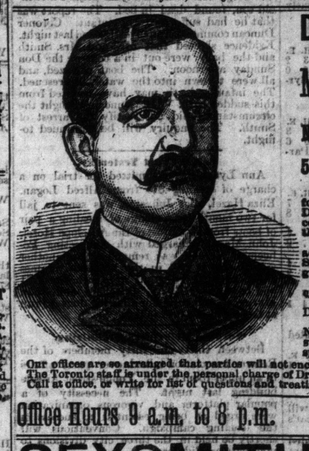

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