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who occupy them, *Light* is as necessary to sound health as it is to a table life. Exclusion is from pain and the consequences are disastrous. They cannot be perfected without a villifying influence. It is a fatal mistake to certain and blind wisdom closely for fear of injuring the nature, by exposure to the sun's rays rooms positively gather elements of darkness, which engender disease. Let in the light often, and freshen out, or suffer the penalty of aches, pains, and long doctor's bills, might have been avoided.—*Ex.*

BREAD FEATHERS are made by bread-crumbs in milk over fire. In the morning add an egg and a very little flour, as the batter is made by the crumby doctor and more delicious than

Select Story.

The Frozen Bridegroom.

Unconscious of her own beauty seemed Alice Gray, the minister's daughter and belle of the town, as she sat in her room, looking out at the snow-covered landscape. A large black animal of the Newfoundland breed—she strolled along one morning in June, by the banks of the unimproved Red River, her hands clasped in prayer, her long, dark chestnut hair falling in natural curling ringlets to her low back, her oval cheeks glowing with rich warmth, her brown eyes beaming bright, and such a sweet expression beneath her arched brows.

With the keen pleasure of health, she watched the nimble squirrel darting up and down the trunks of the trees, the golden oriole flashing through the tinted mist, and the flocks of pretty pigeons shooting with whistling wings to the tall poplars.

Suddenly a blast of wind blew the girl's hair from her arm into the river. Brunt's spring after it, soon had it in its mouth, but while mounting the steep vine-covered bank, he was caught in some strong tangle. When striving vainly to extricate himself, he must have broken his legs but for a stranger, who, emerging from a mound not far off, ran and rescued him.

As the dog deposited the hair in the hand of his mistress, she blushed deeply, and thanked the stranger, who she noticed was a tall handsome fellow, with rich brown complexion, blue eyes, and coal black hair.

The girl's father, who had been attracted by the furious barking of the dog, now arriving, asked his thanks of the dog's daughter. During the conversation that followed, the young man gave his name as Henry Morion, and learning that he was an artist, out here from New York City to sketch northern scenery, Mr. Gray cordially invited him to his house. "Have you yet come upon anything of interest?" he inquired as they walked toward his dwelling.

"Oh, yes sir," answered the artist, looking straight at Alice, whom he thought the most interesting of anything he had yet seen.

Arrived at the house, he passed in the society of Mr. Gray and his daughter, the pleasant hours he had ever known. His visit was the prelude to many others, and in due time, the young people mutually attracted, he and Alice were engaged. This was in November; the wedding day was appointed for January, 1877.

On the morning of this day, Henry was up early in the little house, about five miles north of Georgetown, where he boarded. As the marriage service was to be performed at night, he intended to start for Georgetown during the afternoon.

On the previous day, however, having left the minister's house at four o'clock for a settlement a few miles to the south, where he had expected to be detained until the following day, he had probably been looking for that direction. He had, however, transacted his business much sooner than he anticipated, and had gained his lodging before dawn.

The wedding morning was cold and gloomy, the wind whistled dolefully and dark clouds presaged a storm.

At about ten o'clock the snow began to fall thick and fast.

At four o'clock, Harry left the public house for Georgetown. Along the road he now saw to his knees, while in some places it had drifted to the height of six or ten feet. As he proceeded the way became more difficult. He was often obliged to walk a long distance to get round "huge drifts," so that hours passed ere he had made the two first miles of his journey. The wind, blowing furiously, was keen and biting, seeming to pierce him to the very vitals. He felt chilled and benumbed, while the tremendous exertions he had already made nearly exhausted him.

Nevertheless, he passed on, almost smothered by the whirling clouds of snow, which, sweeping along before the icy cyclone, blinded and confused him.

Moving on as fast as his benumbed limbs would permit, a feeling of irresistible drowsiness stole over him, while now and then his brain seemed to go round and round, adding greatly to his confusion.

Here and there like sheeted specters, towered great drifts, which seemed to whirl about, mocking him, as he waded on through chills and riffs, up to his armpits.

Suddenly a terrific gust swept down upon him, hurling him prostrate, face downward, in several feet of snow. He staggered up, and pressed on, feeling, however, that his strength was fast leaving him, while that terrible, cold air—peculiar to the North West—seemed to turn to ice the very life-currents in his veins.

Wild and fierce raged the storm. Whirlwinds of snow and particles of ice, demons of the frost, as they were—circled round the wayfarer, seeming to shriek in his ears. But he still had sense enough left to realize that the danger he had in these stormy conditions, although strange noises and curious sights, foreign to the storm, would now and then intrude on his bewildered brain, until he would suddenly start, and realize, with a feeling of inexplicable horror, that he had been walking in a drowsy, doting half-dreamy state, which was fast getting the better of him.

At last, far ahead of him, he saw the twinkling light of the minister's dwelling. He pressed on, his half-benumbed limbs feeling almost like leaden weights which he was compelled to drag after him.

And now all the elements seemed to conspire against him. The snow and ice dashed furiously into his face, and it was only by superhuman exertions he could keep himself from falling down, and sinking at once into the cold sleep of the frozen.

He kept up, however, till within fifty feet of the minister's house, when he sank up to his armpits in snow piled hollow from which his little remaining strength refused to extricate him, and where he believed he must die.

Right then, through the lighted window he beheld some of the invited wedding guests moving to and fro, and could see beyond the tattered green wreath and other ornaments hung upon the wall in honor of the occasion. There, too, gleamed rosy and brightly, tantalizing his vision was the large Morning Glory stove, its nice windows showing plainly through the open doors leading into the back parlor.

Yes, all was light and warmth within, while the faces he saw were bright and happy, for no person there expecting him yet dreamed of his situation.

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