

graced, and I know he will ennoble it once more."

As Peter ceased speaking he waved his hand to his officers, and they bore the prisoners from the room. The priest said not a word, but Olga cursed loudly and bitterly.

When the dark villains had gone, Peter stepped forward and took Rosalind's hand. There was a tear in his eye, and his nether lip trembled.

"Fair cousin," he said in a low, soft tone, "I could not promise thee that thou shouldst not wed with the Duke of Tula, for I had even then planned that you should do that thing. But it will not be very hard, will it?"

The countess gazed up, and a murmur of thanks was upon her lips, but the gushing flood started forth anew, and she could only look the joyful blessings she could not speak. Peter imprinted a kiss upon her pure brow and then gave her hand to Ruric, and as he did so he said, with a warm smile:

"You must be her guardian hereafter, and should you tire of the duty your emperor will be ever ready to grant her the asylum she needs."

A week had passed away from the time of the strange scene just recorded. The former duke, Olga, had been convicted of treason and was now on his way to the eternal wilds of Siberia. But let me say here he never reached the land of his banishment. His proud horse broke on the road, and he died, unknown and uncared for, in a peasant's cot among the rugged mountains of Uralia. He had begged of the officer who guided him not to tell his station, and the peasants supposed they were burying a common traveler when they laid away the mortal remains of Olga in the cold grave they had prepared.

Savotano, the humpbacked priest, was executed as a common murderer, while his companions in crime were punished as their various degrees of guilt demanded.

And now comes the closing scene. Within the largest apartment of the ducal palace were assembled a brilliant company, and the emperor himself was master of the ceremonies.

Ruric Nevel, the gunmaker of Moscow, knelt at the emperor's feet, and Peter drew his sword and laid the glittering blade upon Ruric's shoulders, and as he did so he said:

"Arise, Sir Ruric, duke of Tula, and receive thy just titles and bonded instruments!"

The youth arose, pale and trembling with the strange excitement of the moment, and then the emperor handed him a broad parchment roll, with its heavy seals and vignette bearing the arms of the dukedom.

"Now," cried Peter, whose brow was flushed with the joy he himself was making, "let the rest of the work go on. Come, holy father, we need your help to perform the rest of the ceremony."

Ruric was pale no longer. As he felt the warm hand of Rosalind trembling within his own the rich blood mounted to his brow and temples, and in his dark eyes the strange love light danced like reflected sunbeams.

The word was spoken—the bond of union was made—and, after all, Rosalind Valda had become Duchess of Tula. The widowed mother was the first to bless them, and the emperor came next. Then came Paul and Zenobie, hand in hand.

"Aha!" spoke the happy duchess as she caught the new light of Zenobie's eye and then turned to the glowing face of Paul. "You are playing at the game of love."

"You will not object," whispered the fair girl, hiding her face upon the bosom of her mistress.

"No, no, Zenobie."

"And you, my master," spoke Paul, gazing eagerly into Ruric's face, "you will not say nay."

"No, no, my noble Paul. If you can win her, you have my consent."

But she was won already.

But there was yet one more to come. Conrad, Count Damonoff, somewhat pale and weak, but yet on the sure road to health, moved slowly forward and took the hand of the joyous bride. Then he reached forth the other hand and took the palm of Ruric, and as he thus held both their hands he said:

"My lord and lady, and, I must say, my best of friends, let this moment atone for all of darkness between us in the past. Be you happy both, and may God bless you. Let me be accounted among your friends, and let the future prove how grateful I can be."

he sometimes let the clouds of passion settle upon his soul he remembered that scene and that shout. It was one of his bright spots in the memory of his youth which he cherished always.

THE END.

His One Topic of Conversation.

Sir Walter Scott had a clever friend who was once utterly baffled by a stranger in a stagecoach. The friend, who wished to converse, assailed the stranger on all hands and at last expostulated. "I have talked to you, my friend," said he, "on all the ordinary subjects—literature, farming, merchandise, gaming, game laws, horse races, suits at law, politics and swindling, blasphemy and philosophy. Is there any one subject that you will favor me by objecting upon?" "Sir," said he in reply, "can you say anything clever about bend leather?" Most people, like Sir Walter, would confess they would have been as much nonplussed as his acquaintance. Perhaps the man who was only interested in "bend leather" was past hope for conversational purposes.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Be Sure of Your Yoke Fellow.

A farmer was training a precocious bull calf for the work of an ox and injudiciously put his own head through the other end of the yoke. Evidently the calf was not well pleased with his working mate, recognizing the disparity of the species or perhaps seeing an element of humor in the situation, and at once started on a wild dash down through the village. The farmer could not extricate himself, and balking was out of the question, therefore he kept to the pace of the calf and roared to the demizens of the hamlet: "Here we come, darra our fool—! Head us off, some-body!"—Field and Stream.

A Sewer on Wheels.

The handiest thing about our house is the kitchen drain. It is close beside the kitchen table and of about the same height. It is not connected with a sewer and has no long pipe to become clogged, so anything that will pass the inch pipe may safely be put into it, thus doing away entirely with that nuisance, the slop pail. The short pipe of the drain empties directly into a barrel that stands under it, outside the house. This barrel is in a frame to which a handle and wheels are attached, and once each day the barrel is wheeled away and emptied on to the garden. As much of the water that goes into it is warm, the contents do not freeze so but that it can be used in the coldest of Wisconsin winter weather if emptied at night.—Cor. Good Housekeeping.

Bookmarkers.

Bookmarkers are again to the fore, and these can be made with so little trouble. Take a yard of white or colored satin ribbon and embroider it with flowers and some such motto as "Petites fleurs parlez pour moi" in seed pearls or with the device of a cock in bright colored silks upon a white ground and beneath the words, "Quand ce coq chantera mon amitie finira." Plain narrow ribbons may have golden and silver hearts or initials fastened to the ends and the line, "The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from the other," written in gold or silver ink upon the ribbons. Turquoises, crystals, amethysts—any "name stone" may be pressed into service as a pendant.

To Remove Old Wall Paper.

To remove old wall paper wash the wall thoroughly with warm water, using a whitewash or large paint brush for the purpose. Then pull off all you can and scrape the rest with an old knife. All holes in the plaster should be carefully filled before the new paper is hung.

Parental Anxiety.

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"Aye," cried Ruric, grasping the count's hand more firmly, "let the future show how grateful we can all be for the blessings of this hour, and while we look to God for help we will not fail to remember in our prayers the author of our joys—our noble emperor, Peter of Russia."

And so closed the scene as it should—with one long, loud shout of—

"God bless our emperor!" Peter never forgot that moment. In the long years thereafter when

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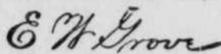
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NOTICE.

The undersigned having duly qualified as Executor on the estate of Nancy E. Wilson, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against the same to present the same to me for payment on or before the 1st day of August, 1902, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This July 27th, 1901. JOHN D. DUPRE, Executor.

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NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as Executor on the estate of Adam Richardson, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 16th day of August, 1902, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 9th day of August, 1901. JAS. A. WELLS, Executor.

NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as Executor on the estate of John Johnson, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 16th day of August, 1902, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 13th day of August, 1901. JNO. B. JOHNSON, Executor.

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Table with columns: Dated August 4, 1901, No. 35, No. 36, No. 37, No. 38, No. 39, No. 40, No. 41, No. 42. Rows include Lv. Weldon, Ar. Rocky Mt., Lv. Tarboro, Lv. Rocky Mt., Lv. Wilson, Lv. Selma, Ar. Fayetteville, Ar. Florence, Ar. Goldsboro, Lv. Goldsboro, Lv. Magnolia, Ar. Wilmington.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Table with columns: Dated July 22, 1899, No. 35, No. 36, No. 37, No. 38, No. 39, No. 40, No. 41, No. 42. Rows include Lv. Florence, Lv. Fayetteville, Lv. Selma, Ar. Fayetteville, Lv. Wilmington, Lv. Magnolia, Lv. Goldsboro, Ar. Weldon, Ar. Rocky Mt., Ar. Tarboro, Ar. Weldon.

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