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THE MUTUAL TRUST FUND Life Association. GOLDSDORO, N. C., Feb. 20, 1886. Dr. C. R. Rice, Southern Manager of the Mutual Trust Fund Life Association, Atlanta, Ga. DEAR SIR--I have been a member of your Association for near twelve months, and am satisfied with its operations. I have accepted a directorship in the Association and will attend the meetings of the Board when I can conveniently do so. I think the company entitled to the confidence and patronage of the public and should I at any time come to a different conclusion will make the fact known to the public. Very respectfully, WM. T. DORTCH. feb29-4f

ALL QUIET ALONG THE POTOMAC. ETHEL LYNN BEERS. "All quiet along the Potomac," they say, "Except now and then a stray picket is shot, as he walks on his beat to and fro. By a rifleman hid in the bushes. 'Tis nothing--a private or two now and then will not count in the news of the day. Not an officer lost--only one of the men. Moaning out, all alone, his death-rattle."

All quiet along the Potomac to-night. Where the soldiers lie peacefully dreaming: Their tents in the rays of the autumn moon. Or the light of the watch-fires are gleaming. A tremulous sigh as the gentle night wind. Through the forest leaves softly is creeping: While stars up above with glittering eyes. Keep guard--for the army is sleeping.

There's only the sound of the lone sentry's tread. As he tramps from the rock to the fountain. And thinks of the two in the low trundle-bed. Far away in the cot on the mountain. His musket falls slack--his face dark and grim. Grows gentle with memories tender. As he mutters a prayer for the children asleep. For their mother--may heaven defend her!

The room seems to shine just as brightly as then. That night, when the love yet unspoken Leaped up to his lips--when low-murmured vows Were pledged to be ever unbroken. Then drawing his sleeve roughly over his eyes. He dashes off tears that are welling. And fathers his gun closer up to its place. As if to keep down the heart-swellings.

He passes the fountain, the blasted pine tree-- The footstep is lagging and weary: Yet onward he goes, through the broad belt of light. Toward the shades of the forest so dreary. Hark! was it the night-wind that rustles the leaves? Was it moonlight so suddenly flashing? It looked like a rifle. "Ha! My gun, good-bye!" And the life-blood is ebbing and pulsing.

All quiet along the Potomac to-night: No sound save the rush of the river: While soft falls the dew on the face of the dead-- The picket's off duty forever!

THE PRIZE GOOSE. I was on my way home, but it was late and New-Year's Eve, when, in turning a corner of Sixth avenue sharply, I ran into Lester. "You're just the man I want to see," he said, smiling all over. "I'm in luck to-day. This morning I was presented with a case of amber sherry, and this afternoon I won--but come and see," and he dragged me into a neighboring saloon, where it appeared there had been a raffle and he had gained a prize--a goose!

"Jim, we'll take the goose home," he said, after it had been duly christened; "you shall taste my sherry, and Mrs. Lester will be delighted to see you."

"Agreed," I answered and took the bird. We left the house, took a cab, and drove for Harry's house, which was one of those little brown stone affairs near the Park, and all the way there he kept on assuring me how delighted Mrs. Lester would be to see me when we got there.

However, that happiness was not yet to be mine, for passing up the avenue he noticed two friends just entering a hotel.

"Why," said Harry, "there goes Jimmy and Wixham, the vegetarian theorist, the fellow with ridiculous ideas of human nature in connection with carrots and turnips?"

"Yes, and Jimmy, the disappointed one, who is always cursing his bad luck. He'll be glad to know of my good luck. Stop!"--to the cabman.

We got out, and being told to bring the goose, I followed him into the cafe.

"By all the gods!" exclaimed Jimmy in a tragic voice, pointing to the goose, "why bring that bird of ill-omen here?"

"It's a harbinger of joy," said Harry; "a prize I've won to-day."

"A prize?" said the other. "I never won anything in my life but a cradle, and what good is that to a bachelor?"

"Ah! a premium for you to get married," said Lester. "Perhaps if you did your fortune would change. See what luck I've had to-day as a specimen."

"Pshaw! Nothing would change mine. I never make a hit save when I play billiards, and then I'm so unlucky that if I was to make a miss I'm sure to hit the ball."

"You want to eat more vegetables," said Wixham.

"No," said Lester. "Rather become a sharer of my luck and dine with me to-morrow."

"I will," said the other, "by all--but no; I must not make cocksure, for if I do some dire mischance is sure to happen to the goose."

"Nonsense," laughed Harry. "You'll dine off him, and Wixham, too."

"What?" exclaimed the last gentleman referred to. "Me dine off that bile-engendering wretch! Not much. I will eat with you, drink with you, but I will not dissect a goose with you! Still, I suppose you'll have plenty of vegetables--so I don't mind."

"Just then the clock struck something. I had a vague idea what it did strike, and I prevailed on Harry to leave with me. Jimmy bore the goose to the cab, "determined," while Wixham, in accepting the invitation, to dine off the bird, impressed Lester to provide "vegetables galore" for the feast.

The cab rolled off. We joked, if we slept, until we reached our goal. We had paid our "cabby" and were going off when he called us back. "Stop!" he cried. "Are you going to leave your New-Years in my cab?"

Good heavens! we had forgotten the goose. The cabman fished the lone bird out from under the cushions and gave it into my hands, and then drove off, emitting gurgling sounds that were not unlike bottled-up laughter. Why he made them I don't know. We looked up at the house. The lights were all out.

"I am going home," I said.

"Not until you've tasted my amber sherry," he insisted. "Besides my wife, who I know is still up, will be most delighted to see you."

He tried the key--all over the door but the keyhole--and then kicked the panels. "O Lord! A barking and the rushing, it seemed of a dozen dogs. "Hush, hush!" he cried, above his breath. "Go down!" and off they went.

"It's my three pets," he said, as he finally got the door open and stood inside where it was dark as pitch. "She's gone to bed," he said. I must go and ask her for the keys and get a light."

He left me then and presently I heard him speaking to his wife, saying: "Darling, I want the keys of the cellar--friend Jimmy is here."

"So he?" said the indignant reply. "Well, let him stay there. How dare he keep you from your home and now disgrace my house!"

I dropped the goose and was going for the door when Harry, descending, called my name. I answered, "Let me out."

"No! You must taste my amber sherry, and you shall. I know how to get at it. Where's the goose?"

"He's somewhere about here," I said sulkily.

"He must be found," he replied. We rummaged around on the floor in the dark and found the goose after we had tripped over a few times.

"Now wait," he said. "You'll see the effect," and off he went again, but was soon heard exclaiming: "Give me joy, dear wife! I've won the goose, and there, my darling, it is."

A sudden scream and then a thud upon the floor. He'd thrown the goose upon the bed and she hurled it off.

And now the room shook over my head, a voice above said "There!" and something then came bumping down the stairs. I mentally exclaimed, "the goose!"

The dogs rustled barking up the kitchen stairs as I shrieked. "Pretty creatures, down!" and Harry hastened from above commanding them to be still. They did obey. The dogs were very quiet, but not so Harry's wife.

She was "incensed at such a disgraceful scene," and Harry said "the fault was hers. She should have given the keys and not made him appear so inhospitable in the eyes of his dearest friend, whom she now thrust into the cold without a bit to eat or sup, especially to sup."

Then I heard a rattling of keys and something that sounded very much like a kiss, and then my friend appeared with a light. I followed him to his room and partook of the much-braised amber sherry.

"I am very sorry," I began "that Mrs. Lester--"

"Nonsense!" he interrupted. "Come to breakfast. Here's a happy New-Year to you, Jimmy," raising his glass aloft, and we clinked our glasses. Suddenly a noise as though a kennel had broken loose. All Harry's dogs were fighting below. Down went our glasses. He clasped his hands and cried: "I guess--the dogs have got the goose!"

He rushed away. There was a lull in the noise, and when he came back there was something in his hand. "What's that?" I asked in wonderment.

He shook his head and sighed: "My prize--look at him. He's like the property bird after the raid of a Christmas pantomime. Dan!" and he threw it down.

"Don't," I said. "You can easily wash him."

"Wash him--yes. But I'm blamed if I'll eat him. He must not be seen near the Park, and all the way there he kept on assuring me how delighted Mrs. Lester would be to see me when we got there."

"Some poor fellows playing for pennies. I'll give it to them. Yes, and a glass of amber sherry, too."

He took the drink and I the bird then out we went and called the men.

"Here, drink your luck unto yourselves on New-Year's day."

"Ah, sir," said one of the men. "New-Year's ain't much of a day to us, barrin' we may see a joint."

"And do you never see a goose? Look at this. What would you do if it was yours?" said Harry.

"Do? Why, we'd go on a buster on New-Year's Day."

"And you'll dine together?"

"Yes; his old woman and mine, and all the kids."

"Then," said Lester, relinquishing his prize, "go on a buster New-Year's Day!"

Once more the goose was placed upon the ground, while the jolly fellows played "For He's a Grand Good Fellow," etc., during which time I took occasion to bid Harry "Good-night."

So ends the affair of the goose, but Mrs. Lester says the next time Harry wins such a prize he had better send it home.--New York Journal.

Abnormal Animals. The expedition undertaken by Mr. Caldwell (who was aided in his equipment by funds from the Government Grant Committee of the Royal Society) is perhaps the most interesting, because the animals which he has gone to study are of large size and already more or less familiar. The Ornithorhynchus and the Echidna are hairy quadrupeds (mammals) peculiar to Australasia, which differ from all other hairy quadrupeds in having, like birds, but a single aperture to the exterior for the intestine and the ruminant genital canal, and in having the skeleton of the shoulder girdle, and some other features of structure so similar to those of reptiles. Like those of reptiles, their bodies are comparatively cold, instead of being kept in a definite "blood heat" (100 degrees Fahr.) as are those of all other mammals. It had often been reported, and some kind of evidence had been given to support the statement, that these strange beasts lay their eggs like birds and reptiles, instead of retaining the egg-like structure within the body and allowing it to develop to a certain condition of maturity as do all other hairy quadrupeds. One of Mr. Caldwell's objects was definitely to ascertain whether these animals lay eggs or not, and, of more importance than that, to examine minutely the whole history of the growth in the egg, and to compare it on the one hand with the corresponding development of birds and reptiles, on the other with that of ordinary hairy quadrupeds or mammals. Mr. Caldwell has found out all about these animals and collected them in quantities. The Echidna lays a single egg, which she then carries about her in a pouch formed by a fold of skin on the ventral surface of the body, similar to the kangaroo's pouch. The duck-mole, on the other hand, lays two eggs at a time and does not carry them about, but deposits them in her nest, an underground burrow like that of the mole. Naturalists are awaiting with great interest Mr. Caldwell's account of what goes on inside these eggs while the young is growing there; that is to say, an account of the differences and resemblances between the structures which gradually arise in these mammal's eggs and those which are familiar to us as occurring in the case of the common fowl.--E. Ray Lankester, in Popular Science Monthly for September.

The fact that a commercial agency has been beaten in a suit to collect damages for an injurious report and ordered by a Montreal court to pay \$4,000 ought to have a wholesome effect on concerns of the sort. Mercantile agencies are useful institutions beyond doubt, but they blunder miserably at times and ought to suffer for it when they injure business reputations.--Chicago Tribune.

Forty cents a hundred is the contract price for washing towels in the Treasury Department.

Thirty Elements. It may sound strange if I mention the fact that, notwithstanding the low marriageable age fixed by law, elopements are common. It is true they are of a quite peculiar sort, and they might be divided into elopements with and elopements without the consent of the parents on either side. This custom so illustrates the character of the peasantry of all regions, that I must not dismiss it with too brief a mention. Elopement with consent is an important matter. The young pair are agreed and have the full acquiescence of the parents on both sides. But every marriage calls for a wedding, and a farmer's wedding is, under ordinary circumstances, no child's play. The relatives and friends must be invited from distances extending to fifty or a hundred miles. The substantial part of the feast is rather a secondary affair to the former rite provided with farm products and cattle, but then drink must be furnished, and the national drink is dear, and will be consumed on such occasions in immense quantities. In order to escape the expense of this provision, which would be borne equally by both families, the parents of the bridegroom advise him to elope with his beloved, and her parents advise her to consent to the elopement. After receiving the blessings of the crafty parents, the young people steal away into the bush. On the next day the friends set up a cry as of murder, beat around for a while, and laugh in their sleeves. The young couple must of course come back after a little while and receive forgiveness, but there can't be wedding-feast after such a "scandal." The latter is confined to a narrow circle, and the brandy is saved.--"Siberia and the Eskies," by Dr. Alfred Urehan.

About a Young Lady from St. Louis. By all odds the best watering-place story comes from the Northwest, where a young lady from St. Louis, summering at Lake Minnetonka, created a sensation last week by disabling a young man from Minneapolis. The latter is a fastidious periodical and seeks indiscriminate attachment. Among others he became enamored of Miss P., who detests all boys under the age of 29 years. She allowed the attentions of this particular youth on the occasion of a ball last Friday evening, and he mistaking her kindness endeavored to kiss her in the dark hallway. The young lady, who obtained a gymnastic education at Mary Institute, so as even to have been able to hang by her teeth from a suspended bar, struck the impudent one squarely in the mouth. The latter unfortunately fell into an open cellarway, and, beside losing several teeth by the contact with the steps, was plunged into a fresh-water bath. A summer hotel with a ball room built over a cellar filled with water must comment to the public. The author of the "House on the Marsh" should look into this.--One month Commercial Gazette.

A Touching Instance. A touching instance of insect instinct has just been sent to us. The writer says: "I found a cockroach struggling in a bowl of water. I took half a peanut shell for a boat. I put him into it, gave him two wooden toothpicks for oars, and left him. The next morning I visited him, and he had put a piece of white cotton thread on one of the toothpicks, and set the toothpick on one end as a signal of distress. He had his hair on the other toothpick, and there that cockroach sat a-dishing. The cockroach, exhausted, had fallen asleep. The sight melted me to tears. I had never to chew leather to get a son; I was born with one. I took that cockroach out, gave him a spoonful of water, and he would have never forgot my kindness, and now my nose is clogged full of cockroaches."

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