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—Mary F. Butts in Youth's Companion.

### STRATEGY.

"Did you have a good time in own?

"No-o. Beastly hole; bores one to death."

"But there is such a lot going on now. Did you not go to any thea-

"Yes, to every one; music halls. too; saw everything there was to be seen. I suppose I did enjoy myself, but I have forgotten it."

The girl looked at the man steadily for a moment, but he walked moodily on, unconscious of her gaze. "Who were those people you wrote about? Those people you were with o much?"

"Oh, they were Irish." Dead silence. The man and the girl sauntered along the beach, each

intent on his or her own thoughts. "What charming people the Irish are as a rule," said the girl, at length.

"Yes, awfully jolly," enthusiasticilly.

"Were these?"

"Oh, yes. They weren't had." "How many were there, and of yourself a little and try to be a trifle more entertaining."

"What shall I tell you? About the Irish poople I met? Well, there was a father, also a mother-awfully tine old lady she was-and a daughter." "Was the daughter pretty? Irich

girls are levely, as a rule, I think. Their eyes are so beautiful. Had this girl beautiful eyes?" Ye-es, I suppose so."

"Was she a nice girl, clever, and so on? Tell me all about her." "Ob, there is nothing to tell." The girl sanntered on more slowly. She was a little paler than she had been,

but a slightly mocking smile played round the corners of her mouth. "How pretty those brown sails ook out there," she said presently, pointing to a little fleet of fishing

boats far out on the glittering sea. 'Mark, I should like to go out sail-

"Would you?" he rejoined indif-

"Yes. Let us go and have a nice ong day. I will get some provisions while you got the boat. Shall we 30?"

"I should like it if you would." Out at sea there was a soft breeze plowing, a little breeze that made the hot sun bearable and put new life and spirits into the two in tho boat. There was something so exillarating, so free, so invigorating, in the very feeling of flying along over the smooth, sparkling waters.

"Shall we have lunch now?" The girl was leaning back in a perfect nest of cushions, looking unspeakably comfortable and very pretty. Her pink sunshado gave a lelicate flush to her cheeks, which vere otherwise pale.

The breeze flapped the wide brim of her hat and blew her soft hair in suris about her forehead.

The man looked round from the sail ropes he had been intent on, and in involuntary gleam of admiration shone from his eyes.

"You look so comfortable it is a pity you should move," he said, in less melodramatic manner than he had hitherto spoken. "I will unpack the things and hand you all you want."

"My dear boy, I could not possibly eat in this position, and loath as I am to disturb myself, my spirit longeth for sustenance. I am going to sit in the bottom of the boat. she said. "Will you arrange some oushions at my back for me?"

Essily and deftly he arranged her nest. There was something strangely fascinating in taking care of this dainty, graceful maiden.

The girl seemed to divine his feelings, for she colored a little and roused herself so as to dispense with bis attentions.

"This is awfully fine," said the man, leaning back, with his hands clasped behind his head, and looking first at the girl, then at the sky and then back at the girl again. "This is splendid. I could go on sailing away forever. One seems to leave all worries behind, and forget all disagree-

ables." "I do not know that I should care for it-for the rost of my existence,"

she said at length. "You are a very agreeable companion, Mark; at least, you can be," with a little rising of her eyebrows, "but I think it would be very stupid to pass one's whole life with one friend"-"With one what?"

"Friend," answered the girl, calm ly unfurling her sunshade and settling more comfortably into her cushions.

The man stared at her for a few seconds, then he followed her gaze at the brown sails, and for a moment they appeared to find something of surpassing interest in them.

"I think it would be very jolly to bring out Mina Armstrong one day, and her brother, don't you?" asked the girl.

"Ye-es, perhaps they would like it," indifferently.

"Oh, Jack Armstrong told me yestorday that he is devoted to sailing. He wanted me to go with himthem today, but I said you were coming and you would think it odd if you found no one at home."

'You were very kind," he answered a little sulkily. "I am sorry to have kept you at home."

"Oh, it does not matter, I can go another day; I wanted to see you, you know.'

For minutes silence reigned in the boat. The man was wondering if it could really be possible that the girl regarded him simply as one of her many friends and was quite indifferent as to whether he cared more for another girl or not.

In an instant it all flashed across him. She was infatuated by this newcomer, this other friend, who wanted to take her out sailing, and she wanted to pack him, Mark, off with the sister.

Perhaps her thoughts were with that other fellow! While he was try ing to discover why he so disliked that other fellow, Ruth gave a little sigh, and the sadness vanished from her face.

"How perfectly idyllic this is," "What a comfort it is to be able to sit silent when one feels inclined, and not feel one is playing the bore. It is a sign of true friendwhat sort and condition? Do rouse ship, Mark. I could not do so with any one but you, but you under-

"'Friend' always seems to me such an inadequate, cold word," he said. "Friends and acquaintances are the same to me.

"Oh, no! Oh, no!" she cried. "Acquaintances mean so little, they are nothing. I have so many, but of friends so fow. You are one of my chiefest, and"-"I always thought we were more

than friends," he said. "You silly boy, how could we

but the laugh did not ring true. Later that day it occurred to him think of her until the moon rose, ed to make her aware of the fact.

. . . . . During the last week or two he had found that she did not jump at his suggestions with her old alscrity -in fact, it had taken all his time and all bis tact to secure her company at all, and so occupied had he been that he had had no time to think at all of the Irish girl. Today, however, Ruth willingly consented to accompany him.

So they strolled along the narrow lane inland, until they came to the moor, where the low hedges were draped with festoons of honeysuckle and "old man's beard."

"Mark, this is an earthly paradise," she exclaimed, as she leaned back against a soft cushion of sweet scented thyme. "If I was superstitions, I should say it was too good to last."

"I think it is," said Mark, rather mournfully. "We seldom have a walk or anything else together now,

"No?" She was not prepared for this sudden attack, and grew-confusod.

The man noticed it, and determined to make the most of it. "Ruth, dear, you have changed lately. We are not such good friends as we used to be. Why is it? Tell me."

"Don't be silly," she said, studiously averting ber eyes. "Get into a more comfortable position," she soid, smiling down at him, "and talk to me. I must be amused."

So the man, with a sigh, lay down on his heather couch and began to

"And those Irish people?" said the girl unconcernedly, idly slicking pieces of heather in his curls, while she looked keenly down on his face. "Why do you not ask them down here? You were so much with them and liked them so, Lam sure you would be glad to have thom."

No answer. "I am sure I should have liked to have met them. I think I should have liked the girl awfully." "I am sure you would not. She to

not your style at all." "What style is she?"

"Oh, I don't know. She is an aw ful firs, and not good form at all " "Oh!" A silence ensued for about Ive minutes; then the man rolled successful brokers on the exchange.

over, and planting his elbows in the heather looked up determinedly in his companion's face. An inkling of the truth had reached his brain.

"Ruth, I must know. It is only fair that you should tell me why you have changed so to me? You are making me very miserable, dear." "I am? Oh, Mark, how can I make

you unhappy?" "Because I love you, Ruth, and I cannot bear this something that has risen between us. It drives me mad. Ruth, my dear little girl, don't you know how I love you, and that I want you to be something very, very much nearer than a friend?"

"But, Mark, how about that other girl, that Irish girl? Aren't youdon't you-care for her?"

"Pooh!" said the man, with unfeigned scorn. "Care for her? I never did. One may flirt with a girl like that, but as to loving her, or-or marrying her, well, I pity the poor fool who does. She flirts abominably."

Then the girl smiled again, a triumphant little smile, quite unintelligible to the man. She knew that her course of treatment had been successful; the cure was complete. "Why do you smile?" asked the

man perplexed. "Because-oh-because I am so happy.

"Happy! Do you mean that?" catching one of her hands and kiss-

ing it passionately. Still she looked away, intent on tearing up the unfortunate heather by her side. The man watched her in silent dismay. He could not understand her in this variable mood. "You do not care," he said at last,

able. "You do not care, and you cannot make yourself." He turned over, and propped himself on one elbow, with his face well

when the silence had become unbear-

away from bers. "Don't try, dear," he went on, but the words came haltingly. "Don't try. Either you do or you do not, and I would not have"-

"Mark," she said softly. "What is it, Ruth?" He obeyed her, and turned a very

miserable pair of eyes toward her. "Never mind, little woman," he said bravely. "I know you can't care"-

"You are making a mistake. I do care very, very much," she said earnestly, and leaning toward him she took his face between her two hands and kissed him gently on the forehead .- Mabel Quiller-Couch in Gentlewoman.

A Tiera and Its Fortunes. In 1789 Pins VI had his tiars altered, and it was reset by Carlo Sarbe?" she replied, with a little laugh, tori, the pope's jeweler, with the addition of three diamonds of large size, 36 smaller ones, 24 large balas that he had not thought of the Irish | rubies from Mogul, 22 large oriental girl for several hours. He did not sapphires, 12 rubies and a large number of pearls, with this inscripand he went out on the headland and tion in diamonds, "Ex munificentia set alone with his pipe, and he long- Pii VI. P. O. M." Pius VI was, as is well known, forced by the French to dispose of this tiara, as well as of most of his treasures, to pay in part the 6,000,000 france required by the treaty of Tolontino in 1797. Napoleon I, in the month of June, 1805, sent as a gift to Pius VII a new and magnificent tiars, on the summit of which again appeared the celebrated emerald of Gregory XIII. It was presented to the pope by Cardinal Fesch, the emperor's minister plenipotentiary, and the pope, in his letter of thanks, dated June 23, 1805, informed the emperor of his intention to use it for the first time at the papal mass on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. When the pope was of servants. They are supposed to taken prisoner in 1809 by the emperor, this tiara was seized by General Miollis, together with other trensure, and taken back to Paris, but on the restoration of the monarchy and the return of the pope to Rome, it was restored to him by Louis XVIII. -Notes and Queries.

> Sharp Enough to Take the Eint. A good story of Lord Rothschild is going the rounds, and it deserves

to be recorded: A young man once came to him with letters of introduction, which stated that he was thrown entirely on his own resources on account of the death of his father, a much respected man, who died from grief on account of his bankruptcy. It was further stated that the young man was very clever and smart, and Lord Rothschild was asked if ho could do something for him.

The millionaire took him by the orm and marched him through the city and past the Stock Exchange, introducing him to several well known brokers on the way, and then bade him farewell. "But," said the young man, who

expected great things, "are you not going to do something for me?" "My dear fellow," replied the other, "if you are as clover as I am told you are you will know what to do

yourself. The young man was smart enough to take the hint, and by the prestige his apparent friendship with Lord Rothschild gave him obtained nolimited credit. He soon made headway, and is now one of the most

THE MOONSHINER OF FACT. He Is Vastly Different From the Wild

He is neither a bandit nor a highwayman, a disturber of the peace, nor, in respect to formularies other than the revenue statutes, a law breaker. Least of all, perhaps, is he a desperado. Within a month of the present writing a traveler on one of the Tennessee railways entered the smoking car of the train. In the rear seat sat an officer in charge of

a "covey" of moonshiners flushed by him on the mountain the night before. There were 12 in the party. They had yielded without resistance to one man, and, most singular circumstance of all in the south, the deputy had not found it necessary to put them in irons.

At their trial the members of this party will doubtless plead guilty to a man, though a little hard swearing would probably clear half of them, They will beg for mercy or for light sentences, and those of them who promise amendment will most likely never be again brought in on the same charge, for the mountaineer is prone to keep his promises.

A venerable judge, in whom judicial severity is tempered by a generous admixture of loving kindness and mercy, and whose humane decisions have made his name a word to conjure with among the dwellers in the waste places, tells a story which emphasizes the promise keeping trait in the mountain character. A hardened sinher of the stills. whose first and second offenses were already recorded against him, was once again brought to book by the vigilance of the revenue men. As an old offender, who had neither promised nor repented, it was likely to go hard with him, and he begged not for liberty, but for a commutation of his sentence which would send him to jail instead of the penitentiary, promising that so long as the judge remained upon the bench he would neither make nor meddle with

illicit whisky: He won his case and was sent to jail for a term of 11 months. This was in summer, and six months later, when the first snow began to powder the bleak summits of Chilhowee, the judge received a letter from the convict. It was a simple hearted petition for a "furlough" of ten days, pathetic and eloquent in its primitive English and quaint misspelling. Would the good judge let him off for just ten days? Winter was coming on, and the wife and children were alone in the cabin on the mountain, with no one to make provision for their wants. He would not overstay the time, and he would "certain shore" come back.

His petition was granted, and, true to his word, the mountaineer returned on the tenth day and gave himself up to the sheriff. He served the remainder of his sentence, and, after his release, kept his pledge so long as the judge remained on the bench.-Lippincott's.

One of the Evils of Wealth. The family of one of the richest men in New York was visited not long ago by a contagious disease. A health inspector was obliged to go through the magnificent mansion on the Fifth avenue, and a pretty state of affairs, as he privately told his wife, he found there. "It almost makes one contented with one's modest home," he added, "and with the knowledge that you and I are not too busy, nor too fashionable, nor too elegant to look after our own household matters. There naturally everything is left in the hands be most competent, but they are only servants, after all, and not so deeply interested as the owner would be. Such a cellar as stands under that splendid pilo I never saw outside of a tenement house in the slummiest slums. It was piled high with indescribable refuse and filth, rotting there and breeding inexpressible disaster and menace. It is a wonder that there is a sound life in that house. I tell you I made the mistress of that home pale with borror before I had finished my explanation of causes and my threats as to what effects she might anticipate unless a new regime was inaugurated."-Philadelphia Press.

He Moved the Cattle.

Here is an incident in the life of Dr. Herber Evans, who, about 15 years ago, broke down in bealth, and was sent to Buxton with instructions from his medical advisor not to he had got so downcast at not being able to preach for such a prolonged period that he doubted his own powers of ever again being of any use. In this frame of mind be went far away into the fields one fine Sunday morning and gave out an old Welsh | ering over it. hymn at the very top of his voice. Suddenly the sheep and cattle, which were quietly browsing by, looked up and ran to bim from all parts of the field. Herber returned thanks to Providence that he still had the powar at least of moving cattle and sheep, and from this point he regained confidence in himself, and his recovery was rapid.-London

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# ABSOLUTELY PURE

He Was Baptized Baldheaded. It was proved at a baptizing in Kentucky that it is well to go well prepared if you are to be baptized, says the Albany (Ky.) Courier. A citizen who was immersed can testify to this effect. This gentleman

had long intended to be baptized, but it took him a long time to make up his mind. At last, however, he came to a decision, and the minister led him into the pool. So far all was well. The trouble commenced as soon as the minister tried to put BURLINGTON, - = - N. C. the citizen's head under the water. The citizen apparently did not object to standing in the water up to his ears, but further, or rather deeper, he did not wish to go. Finally, as a last resort, the minister placed his hand on his head and began to bear down. As he did so the citizen's mass of hair slipped from his head and the minister found himself standing with a wig in his hand, while the bald head loomed up con-

spicuously. After this there was no

water. The citizen had always care-

fully concealed the fact that he was

ly and staid so long that the spec-

trouble getting that head under the

taken out very much ashamed of himself.

Mrs. Radeliffe's Successor. Maturin, the author of "Montorio," who died in 1824, was perhaps the purest representative of the decadent followers of Mrs. Radeliffe. His appearance and his character write the epitaph of the extinction of the school to which he belonged. When engaged in composition, he placed a black wafer on the center must not be interrupted. Often in Ar Greensbero... Elon College... of his forehead as a sign that he rowed £50 of Lady Morgan. He spent the money at a reception to which he invited all his friends. At the end of a large, empty, hired room was placed a dais surmounted by a crimson canopy, under which sat Mr. and Mrs. Maturin. Bewick, who visited him at Dublin in the early part of the present century, has left a graphic picture of his appearance. He found Maturin dressed to receive him, "pacing his drawing room in elegant full dress, a splendidly bound book laid open upon a cambric pocket handkerchief -laced round the edges, and scented with cau de cologne-and held upon both hands; a stylish new black wig curled over his temples, his shirt collar reaching half way up his face, and his attenuated cheeks rouged up to the very eyes."

This Boy Will Bear Watching. There is a boy in Bradford who should rival Lord Russell of Killowen as a cross examiner when he grows up. In the police court there he and four others were charged with stone throwing, and he thus cross examined the constable:

-Quarterly Review.

vere broken?"

"Four." "And how many stones did you find inside?" "Three."

"How many windows did you say

"But how can you charge five boys with breaking four windows with three stones?" Given boys, stones, and windows, almost anything might happen, but

the query puzzled the policeman and

Life" Miss North describes many of

her young enthusiasms, and among

the boys got off. - London Tit-Bits. Eapld Growing Fungus. In "Recollections of a Happy

others that of collecting and painting English fungt On one outing, she says, I came upon a fungus about the size of a large turkey's egg. Eager to see it develop, I took it up earefully and carried it home. I put it under a tumbler on the window sill of my

bedroom at night.

At daylight I was awakened by a horrible crash of splintering glass. Behold the tumbler had fallen to the floor and broken to bits. The fungus was standing five inches tall, having hatched itself free from its restraining ergoke shell, and in preach for 15 months. It seems that having hatched itself free from its restraining eggiske shell, and in growing had raised the tumbler and tiltel it shlewise until it fell over

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