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Remember thy Creator now When youth is shining clear. While early days come not, nor thou She moments drawing near.

The Secret of a Life.

Clarence Kane sat in his sumptuously furnished library, lost in thought, evidently unwelcome to him, for his handsome face was clouded, and the stern lines firmly compressed, as he gazed vacantly into the grate.

Three months before that bleak December evening when he is seated in the library of his magnificent Baltimore home, Clarence Kane had returned from a wandering life which had lasted for two years, and the circumstances that had brought him home again is the subject of this sketch.

Striving there in silent meditation, he was awaiting the coming of one man who was very dear to him; though no wife or sister had ever brightened his doorway, or made happy his bachelor home, Clarence Kane held the responsible position of guardian over a young girl of seventeen, and having received from the fair maiden a telegram that afternoon that she would be with him during the evening, having left her boarding-school for the Christmas holidays, he had remained away from the Club to greet her.

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lovely woman before, but he that as it may be appeared a perfect novice on this occasion, and was as awkward a school-boy, for his face flushed painfully and then turned deathly pale.

But recovering himself, he extended a warm welcome to the maiden, and then aided her in unbandaging herself from wraps, hats and hat, and his surprise was evident as he beheld what a metamorphosed form his ward was.

"What! was this the girl of fourteen he had left at boarding-school a few years before?" he thought, while the object of his gaze, flushing crimson, said half timidly: "Don't I please you, my dear guardian?"

"Thanks; but your angelic ideas will have a fall, for I'll astonish you by proving what affluence earthly angels can possess, for do you know, I am most starved!"

"True, I had forgotten the politeness of a host in my joy at your arrival; but I will now atone for it."

The merry days were soon over, and once more Juanita returned to her school duties, but not for long; as in the commencement of the summer she was graduated and appear before the world's foot-lights as a young lady, and with joy she looked forward to the day when again she would be back at the old homestead, which Clarence found to be strangely dark and dismal without her fair presence.

But the months rolled away at last, and once again Juanita gladdened the mansion with her sunny smile and silvery voice, to the joy of her guardian and the delight of the servants, for one and all of them loved her dearly.

"Juanita, I am glad I find you alone, for I have something to tell you."

"Do not be alarmed, little girl; I merely meant to say that Chasper Hastings and Colonel Hughes have both asked me to-day to allow them to lay themselves, their hearts and fortunes at your pretty feet; and Clarence spoke playfully."

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up at an inn, by the roadside, where were stationed a number of Spanish officers.

"While enjoying my supper in quiet, a conversation occurred at a table near me, between several officers, that was most interesting to my own mind, and every vice-op (that was heaped upon America and America, until, unable to stand, I rose to my feet, and crossing over to the table threw a glass of wine into the face of a young man, attired in a captain's uniform, and who had been particularly insulting in all that he had said."

"Instantly there was a commotion, and making known my nationality, the young captain demanded that I should meet him in a duel, and nothing loth, I accepted the challenge, and promised to meet him the next day, but one, in a spot designated in the mountains, and some twelve miles distant, the captain promising to leave a gentleman friend present who would act as my second, for I was a stranger in a strange land, and knew not whom to call upon; but do not be impatient, Juanita, for all this bears upon your life."

"To be in time, I procured a guide the next afternoon, and thoroughly armed and well mounted, we started for the rendezvous; but a terrific storm set in, we lost our way, darkness came on, and after wandering for hours, a friendly light caught our eyes, and eagerly we sought it, and found a small mountain farm-house, from the inmates of which we received a warm welcome."

"I liked not the appearance of the place, and neither did my guide, for we felt assured that there had been some half a dozen men in the house when we called at the gate, for distinctly we heard voices, and yet, only an old man and woman had greeted us."

"But a good supper was given us. My guide looked after the horses and was assigned a place in the barn to sleep, while I was shown up stairs to a small room possessing but a single door and window, besides the trap through which I had entered the chamber."

"Dressed as I was, I threw myself upon the lower bed, but not to sleep, for strange thoughts came over me, and soon I heard the hum of voices, and through a crack in the floor I discovered in the room below a half-dozen fierce looking men in earnest conversation."

"At once I knew all—I was in the house of a band of robbers, and well I knew my fate."

"While I looked, the men started forth, and I distinctly heard the words: 'We'll first finish the guide in the stable!'"

"Rising to my feet, I softly let around the room until I found the door I had observed, and after a few efforts it opened, and I discovered that it led down a narrow passageway, which following some distance, I came upon a window opening out upon a shed, which led off toward the ground at the back of the house."

be such as his, see; there are a dozen of them," cried the Spaniard.

"And leading the way I dashed through the window opening upon the shed, just as a cry arose among the bandits to seek me."

"Out upon the roof, off upon the ground, we hastily scrambled, and at full speed rushed on in the darkness, mile after mile, until my poor companion was broken down and could go no further; but then daylight broke, and I discovered, a small cot near by, and arousing the inmates, we asked for shelter, which was cheerfully given, although death there met our gaze; for upon a snow-white bed lay a young and beautiful woman, who had been thrown from her horse the evening before and killed."

"One glance, and my companion recognized her. She was the wife of the young officer with whom I was to engage in a duel."

"Her story had been told to the inmates of the cottage ere she died, which was, that her husband had gone to fight a duel, and she was hastening after him to prevent it, accompanied only by a guide, when her horse had fallen and crushed her beneath his weight."

"Juanita, never did I suffer as then, and to atone for my having been the cause of this misery, I had the body of the beautiful woman borne back to her home, and from there buried in state, beside the grave of her beloved husband, for the following day the young officer had taken with him a number of soldiers and gone to the house of the bandits and though he had found the place deserted, except by the dead, he had brought back with him the corpses of his friends and my unfortunate guide."

"And, Juanita, to atone yet the more for my sin, I took to my heart the baby child—a little girl of one year—of the dead parents, and bringing her with me to America, reared her as my ward."

"And I am she that was that little orphan girl!" asked Juanita, in a low whisper.

"Yes, Juanita; and each year, as you have grown to womanhood, the tendrils of my heart have clung more closely around you, until, now, my future without your love be a dreary blank; but yet, I fear it must be so, for now that you know the story of your life, I feel that you will—"

"Love you ten-fold more, my dear, noble guardian, and never, never, leave you!" And with the passionate vehemence of her nature, Juanita sprang forward and clung closely around the neck of the man who had so well endeavored to atone for his past.

Princely Income. ENORMOUS WEALTH OF THE OWNERS OF THE GREAT SILVER MINES.

VIENNA, May 23.—The yield of the Consolidated Virginia mine in March last was \$3,634,298 25. These figures are official, as I got them from Mr. Taylor, principal book-keeper. Since this mine commenced paying dividends its stockholders have received \$30,000,000 in round numbers. The California mine, the richest known mine in the world, paid its first monthly dividend on the 15th instant, \$1,930,000, or \$2 per share for each of its 965,000 shares. These two mines pay monthly dividends of \$2,100,000. Beginning in July, the California mine is expected to pay a monthly dividend of \$3 per share, or \$2,000,000. The present price per share of these stocks is respectively: California, \$30; Consolidated Virginia, \$73. Like all mining stocks they are subject to startling fluctuations. The knowing ones, however, do not look for any material changes in the price of these two stocks this Summer. It is not altogether a matter of speculation with regard to these mines. What one they contain is pretty closely ascertained. At present there is enough first-class ore therein to keep the mines going for at least three years.

Col. Fair, Superintendent, is now erecting a \$500,000 mill, in addition to the numerous mills already possessed by himself and partners. When this is finished, you'll hear of some unparalleled results from the Bonanza mines. Fair expects to turn out \$5,000,000 a month. He can do it. It is only a question of milling facilities. There is no lack of ore. In view of the stupendous wealth of these mines the question often occurs to me: What will be the eventual limit of the wealth of the four gentlemen popularly known as the "Bonanza Kings?" People who have watched their fortunes with critical eyes say that they are now worth in money and property upward of \$100,000,000. It is a common remark here that Mackay has an income of \$800,000, a month. Since the California mine commenced paying dividends it must have added at least \$150,000 to his monthly income. I think I may say that his monthly income is in round numbers a million of dollars. See what the San Francisco News Letter, March 4, says:

"It has been calculated in regard to the total income of this youngest of the quartette of Bonanza Princes that each minute of the day and night 25 golden dollars drop into his pockets with mechanical and monotonous regularity. Mr. Mackay owes three-nights of the famous Bonanza mines, from which his income is estimated to be over \$800,000 per month."

James G. Fair's income is not less than \$600,000 a month; Flood's, \$750,000; O'Brien's, \$500,000. Now, here are four men with an income of nearly \$3,000,000 a month—every one of them hard-working, practical business men. With \$100,000,000 ahead already, and a yearly income of \$30,000,000, I think it is safe to put them down in January, 1875, as the richest quartette in the world. The question is frequently asked: What will Mackay do with his fortune? People seem to forget that the more money a man has, the more uses he finds for it.

[A good and kind-hearted man would build a town, people it with deserving widows and orphans, educate the children, and thereby make a little heaven on earth. That's what we would do, if we had his money.]

TO TAN HIDES SO AS TO PRESERVE THE FUR.—Cut off the useless parts and soften the skin by soaking. Then remove the fatty and fleshy matter, and soak it in warm water for an hour. Mix equal parts of borax, saltpetre, and sulphate of soda with sufficient water to make a thin paste, spread this paste over the inside of the skin with a brush, applying more on the thicker portions of the skin, than on the thinner. D. J. B. the skin together, flesh inwards, and put in a cool place; let it remain twenty-four hours and then wash clean, and apply a mixture of one ounce of sal soda, half an ounce of borax and two ounces of hard white soap, melted together slowly but not allowed to boil; fold the skin again and lay it in a cool place twenty-four hours. Now dissolve four ounces alum, eight ounces saleratus in enough hot rain water to saturate the skin. When the water is cool enough not to scald the hands, put the skin in and let it soak for twelve hours. Repeat this soaking two or three times. Then smooth the inside of the skin with sand paper and pumice stone.—Prairie Farmer.

Extortion on the part of the remnants of the Centennial grounds is already attracting the attention of the press. The New York Tribune puts the French restaurant, the "Trois Freres," as conspicuous in this course. A late letter of its correspondent says: "A distinguished member of Congress, with a party of friends, took a light lunch there. There were five of them, and they drank wine. The bill was twelve dollars. Two bunches of lettuce, that cost three cents each, were charged one dollar. A Philadelphia journalist went with a lady to the temple of high living and paid four dollars for a small chicken, a little bread and butter, and a bottle of Claret that would have ranked in France as vin ordinaire, and been included in the menu without charge. A New Yorker went in, and surrounded at the charge of ninety cents for a cup of coffee and two cakes, refused positively to pay. After a consultation between the garçon and the restaurateur the bill was reduced to thirty-one cents."

Wanted, a life-boat that will float on a sea of troubles.

During the revolution of Poland which followed the revolution of Luddeus Kosciuszko, many of the trust and best of the sons of that blessed country were forced to flee for their lives forsaking home and friends. Of those who had been most eager for the liberty of Poland, and most bitter in the enemy against Russia and Prussia, was Michael Sobieski, whose ancestor had been a king a hundred and fifty years before.

Sobieski had two sons in the patriot ranks, and father and sons had been of those who persisted in what the Russians had been pleased to call a rebellion, and a price had been set upon their heads.

The Archduke Constantine was eager to apprehend Michael Sobieski, and learned that the wife of the Polish hero was at home in Cracow, and he called upon her. "Madame," he said, speaking politely, for the lady was beautiful and queenly, "I think you know where your husband and sons are hiding?"

"I know, sir." "If you will tell me where your husband is, your sons shall be pardoned." "And shall be safe?" "Yes, madame, I swear it. Tell me where your husband is concealed, and both you and your sons shall be safe and unharmed."

"Then, sir," answered the noble woman, rising with a dignity sublime, and laying her hand upon her bosom, "he lies concealed here in the heart of his wife—and you will have to tear this heart out to find him."

Tyrant as he was, the Archduke admired the answer and the spirit which had inspired it, and deeming the good-will of such a woman worth counting he forthwith published a pardon of the father and sons.

A Man Claims to be the Coming Christ. A special correspondent to the Ottawa (Ontario) Citizen says: A man named Charles Hennick came before Recorder Boston under strange circumstances, charged with insanity. Hennick hails from Isle au Nois, and has a wife and six children. He has been in Montreal for a few weeks, and lately became possessed of the idea that he was the coming Christ. He stated that he had been called by God if he could abstain for forty days. He said he could, and on the 14th of the present month he entered upon the fulfillment of the promise, and since then has eaten nothing, simply taking a drink of water. His board-mistress writes the following note, regarding the patient, this being the first time she thought there was something wrong. When Hennick was asked how he felt, he said he was as strong as he was before, and was regularly fed by angels, and well fed too. He did not fast of his own accord—he knew he could not do it of himself; he would not be such a fool; but he had drunk faith in God and knew the world he was able to fulfill his promise. He claims to have already put in seventeen days, and that he is strong as ever. Being asked if he would like to have beef-steak, he said he would not touch it. He has a brother residing in Point St. Charles. The man speaks rationally on all subjects, and seems quite hearty, although those who had seen him several weeks ago said that he is somewhat reduced in flesh. He said that he is a sober, steady man, and would insist on paying his way during the time he was fasting, but refused food.—Montreal Citizen (Quebec) Citizen.

A Quick Judge. We heard His Honor Judge Gibson, on Tuesday, tell an amusing story of the way a juror went for a conviction. It says he was trying a murder case a few days ago, and one of the witnesses was a country fellow, who had been in the witness box for some time, and had been asked a number of questions, and had answered them in a very satisfactory manner. The juror then asked him a question, and he answered it in a very satisfactory manner. The juror then asked him another question, and he answered it in a very satisfactory manner. The juror then asked him a third question, and he answered it in a very satisfactory manner. The juror then asked him a fourth question, and he answered it in a very satisfactory manner. The juror then asked him a fifth question, and he answered it in a very satisfactory manner. The juror then asked him a sixth question, and he answered it in a very satisfactory manner. 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A Jury Bill requiring that no man shall act as a juror in Texas who cannot read and write the English language, has passed the Senate of that State with only six dissenting votes. The Texas papers say it will pass the lower house of the Legislature in the same shape in which it was passed by the Senate.