FREE AND WELCOME.

The July sunshine cast its glittering sheen over Ivor Hall gilding the gray old tower with golden radiance. Out in the garden sits the owner of this antique splendor, lazily watching the frantic efforts of a little King Charles spaniel which is attempting to visit punishment on a large, blue-bottle fly, that, with the characteristic pertinacity of its race, is buzzing noisily about his majesty's ears.

Five years ago when Carl Trevanion was nineteen, a heartless flirt much older than himself, chose to beguile her tedious hours by laying seige to to his honest, boyish heart. After he had been led into giving her the full wealth of that romantic, passionate, unselfish love which youth alone has to bestow, she coolly laughed at his folly, and informed him that she was already engaged.

Shortly afterwards, Carl had gone abroad, and remained there four years. Now, after enjoying, or, rather, enduring London society for one year, he has come down to Ivor Hall, the old family mansion, hoping to find solitude and freedom from designing females.

Presently he hears the keel of a boat grating on the pebbly shore of the lake; then a slight, girlish figure springs to the land, and runs up the bank, calling in a half shrill, half sweet voice to the huge dog following. She reaches the door leading into the tower, pushes it open, and enters like one accustomed to the premises.

'Well, that's cool!' muses Carl. 'Monopolizes my boat, my tower, and perhaps intends to monopolize me!'

This last in some alarm, his mind reverting to the numerous innocent-looking dames who had laid seige to his heart and fortune without the slightest warrant for doing so.

Pretty soon, hearing the gardener's step approaching behind him, he rises and goes leisurely towards him, saying—

'Pat, I want that gate kept closed, and a placard put on it warning off tresspassers. Do not forget it, now.'

'Shure, an' it's the young leddy ye be's shuttin' out?'

'Yes, it's the 'young leddy,' or anyone else who dares disturb my quiet,' returns Carl, savagely, turning toward the lake.

A few yards from the deserted boat he comes across a small, dark object lying on the sand; he stoops and picks it up; it is a small, blue velvet case, containing two pictures; one, a strikingly handsome young man, under which is written in pencil, 'Harry Chester;' the other a lovely, young girl, with deep, limpid gray eyes looking earnestly out from the sweet, childish face.

He gazes at it thoughtfully for a few minutes, then pockets it, saying to himself—

'My young leddy's property, I presume.'

Soon after he enters the house, lights a cigar, and forgets the existence of the 'young leddy,' and everything else, except his own personal enjoyment.

A half-hour elapses, when the tower door opens, and the slender figure reappears and goes bounding down the path where gardener is at work. Pat's eyes glisten with fun as he perceives her coming.

'Shure, an' now, Miss Fern, you'll be gettin' arristed for tresspassin', and Masther Trevanian lookin' for all the world like a black thunder cloud when he seed ye going into the tower.'

'Mr. Trevanian! I thought he never came down here.'

'Faith, but he's here now; and what's more, he can't bear the sight of young leddies like yersel, more's the pity.'

'Is he old?' questions Fern, with increasing interest.

'Well, he ain't so young as he once was,' says Pat, contemplatively.

'Wears a wig, I suppose?'

Pat is busily engaged now cutting a stray branch, and probably does not hear her.

'Well, that is good!' remarks Fern presently, with a merry laugh. 'Arrest the rector's neice! We'll see about that, though! Perhaps he don't know that it takes two to make a bargain. Selfish, old thing!'

And Fern Huntley, the rector's wilful, young neice, departs with a rebellious air, calling to the dog to follow.

The next morning Carl sits in the Ivy twined porch, listening in sleepy peace to the humming of bees, and dreamily watching the velvet butterflies flitting idly among the honeysuckle bloom. Presently a clear, silvery laugh cuts athwart the stillness, then, just afterwards, he recognizes, emerging from a clump of lilacs, his visitor of yesterday, talking playfully to her dog. Carl closes his eyes hoping she will think him asleep, and so leave him peace. But Fern has no such intention, and trips fearlessly up the steps, holding Towser by the collar.

'Asleep! Well, I'll have a peep at him, and see if he looks as savage as he acts.'

Suiting the action to the words, she advanced to within a few feet of his chair, then stops short with a little dismayed, 'Oh!'

At this unlucky moment Towser gives a low growl, and Carl opens his eyes. Fern is transfixed; what shall she do?

Pat had told her Mr. Trevanian was old, wore a wig, and hated young ladies and she had come here for the express purpose of defying him, and then coaxing him over to reason, which to Fern, means letting her have unlimited sway overall his goods and chattels.

But this handsome young man, this faultless, blonde gentleman, looking at her with such an amused expression in his dark-blue eyes, surely surely, he is not Mr. Trevanian?

These thoughts flashed through her brain as she stands before him with down-dropped eyes and flaming cheeks.

'Well,' questions Carl, 'what can I do for you?'

'Nothing; I—I was looking for—my picture," with a sudden brightening, and a half shy, half saucy glance upward.

'What kind of a picture was it?' asks Carl, surprised at his eagerness to help her.

'There were two of them in a velvel case, one was myself, and the other was——'

'Your sweetheart,' asserts Carl, thinking of the picture in his breast pocket, and which he has no intention of removing.

She laugh merrily, but her pink cheeks grew a shade deeper.

'Some truth in that,' he muses secretly envying the dark, handsome Harry Chester.

Then a prolonged and fruitless search is made through the tower and grounds for the missing picture, during which time Carl becomes aware of his companion's identity, and her many former trespasses on his domain and Fern receives playful permission to trespass as much and often as she likes, only with the stipulation that Carl is allowed to accompany her.

Many walks and rides follow during the next fortnight, and Carl finds that life, after all, is endurable and finds also that the little, brown-haired companion of his pleasant summer days is dearer to him than anything he possesses in this wide world.

September comes, with its hazy, dreamy mists enveloping the blue clear-cut hills with a charmed halo; the drooping sun cast a scarlet flush over the waters of the lake and the gray tower; then the scarlet mixes with purple and gold, and fades slowly away, leaving the sky a confused mass of gray and silver.

Twilight deepens into darkness, and still Fern does not move, but stands leaning against one of the posts supporting the little wooden pier, looking out across the water with lovely, dreaming eyes, thinking half sadly of her happy summer, which is ended now, for to-morrow she goes back to her step-mother, her selfish, worldly step-mother, who intended to marry her to Harry Chester and his fortune.

It did not seem so impossible before she saw Carl—but now—and, breaking off suddenly, she added out loud—

'Will he come to say farewell? Better not; oh, a thousand times better not!'

'And why better not?' says Carl's voice beside her.

Then, percesving the quivering of the rose-red mouth, and the wistful longing of the gray eyes raised so shyly to his, he commences gravely and tenderly, taking the little, trembling hand in his—

'Dear Fern, I have been over to the rectory talking to Uncle Dick; and now that I have his consent to our union, nothing shall part us.'

'But, Carl, you do not know my step-mother. She will never consent—'

'Not know her?' breaks in Carl, passionately. 'Only too well do I know her—she who made my life a burden by her heartlessness!'

Then he explains to Fern that her step-mother is none other than his quandam inamorata.

'But Harry——' begins Fern, nervously.

'Vell,' answers Carl, mischievously, 'If Harry still insists upon marrying you when he knows you are head over ears in love with my humble self——'

This further uttearance is obstructed by a tiny hand held tightly over his lips. Then a great throb of tenderness stirs his heart, and she is clasped in a passionately fond embrace.

For a few moments neither of them speak; such moments are too full of rapture to allow of words.

Overhead the moon looks down in calm, majestic radiance, and, piercing through the branches of the overshadowing tress, sheds a long rift of silvery brightness on Fern's rippling brown hair, as her head rests passively against her lover's shoulder.

They see it all in dreams of wondrous happiness, and take it as a foreshadowing of their bright, unclouded futnre, in which Fern will be the loved and honored mistress of Ivor Hall, instead of the little, wayward trespasser.

All Fool's Day.

Harper's Weekly devotes several columns to the ancient practice of making fools on the 1st day of April. It says little or nothing seems to be known of its origin, and of the customs with which its celebration is attended. Various theories have been advanced to account for the origin of the custom, not one of which seems entirely satisfactory, though some of them are plausible. It dates back very far, mention being made of it as practiced among the Jews, the Germans, French, English, Scotch, Irish, &c., &c. One writer thinks Romulus' deception to obtain wives for his men, which was on the 1st of April, was probably the origin of the custom, and thus relates that historical incident:

The Romans, about the infancy of the city, wanting wives, and finding they could not obtain the neighboring women by their peaceful addresses, resolved to make use of stratagem and accordingly Romulus instituted certain games to be performed in the beginning of April (according the Roman calendar) in honor of Neptune. Upon notice thereof the bordering inhabitants, with their whole families, flocked to Rome to see this mighty celebration, when the Romans seized upon a great number of the Sabine virgins and forcibly espoused them as wives.

Prince Bismark resigned again last week, and again the German Emperor refused to accept. He has resigned several times in the course of fifteen years, and only employs the menace as a means of forcing his associates to allow him to have his own way. The present trouble is a vote in the Bundesrath on the question of whether receipts for postal money orders should require stamps. The negative majority numbered 30 votes, representing a population of 7,000,000, while the minority numbered 28 votes, but represented a population of over 30,000,000. The Bundesrath is the counterpart of the United States Senate, and has all the obvious inequalities as a representive body which belong to the upper branch of Congress. As Rhode Island, with less than 5 per cent., or as Nevada, with less than 2 per cent., of the population of New York, has as much influence as the Empire State in the Senate, so a score of Principalities, Duchies, and free towns, with less than 25 per cent. of the population of Prussia, outweigh the influence of the mother kingdom in the German Federal Council.

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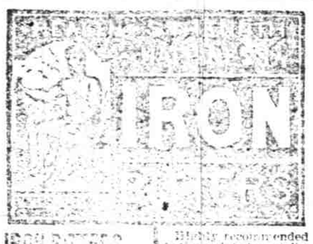

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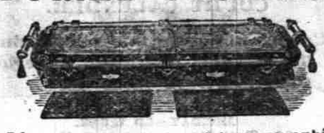

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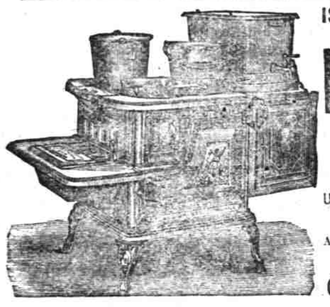

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