

WHY I DIDN'T MARRY.

You see I was nineteen years old before I thought of such a thing as marrying. I was too bashful by half. I never used to kiss a girl at huskings or quilting frolics without feeling as if some one was pouring hot water down my back; and once, when a neighbor's daughter stayed at our house till nine in the evening (I believe she did it on purpose, too), and my father insisted that I should go home with her, I went out in the barn and cried an hour before I could make up my mind to go in and ask her the awful question.

The girls used to laugh at me some; but after all they seemed very willing to help me along; and so, when my nineteenth birthday came, I looked at myself in the glass, and says I: 'Josiah, it's no use; you're darned good looking, and you might have any girl you wanted. You ought to go a-courting. Suppose you begin to-night?'

From that moment the idea got into my head and there it stayed. I dressed up and went to church, just as I always did, but I couldn't attend to the minister, nor the sermon. I sat mighty uneasy, and father watched me out of the corner of his eye, though he never said a word. He knew plaguy well what I was thinking of for he'd been there himself!

Deacon Billings' pew was right in front of ours, and he had just the prettiest girl for a daughter that ever wore a bonnet. I watched her awhile that day, and concluded I liked the way she managed things pretty well. So, after supper, thinks I: 'I'll go over to the old deacon's and see how they're getting along.'

Father saw me sprucing up, but he didn't say anything, only gave me a wonderful cunning look.

When I got to the deacon's, they were all out in the kitchen but Rachel, and she was in the square room; and so after I had talked a spell with the old lady, she asked me in there and left us all alone. Ma'am Billings knew what was what, I can tell you.

Rachel she was sitting up by the window, singing "Old Hundred." She didn't look very good-natured; but when I came in she brightened up wonderfully, and began to talk about the sermon, and the minister, and everything else that you can think of.

My gracious! How a woman's tongue can go when it gets started! If Rachel's didn't ache that night I shall lose my gues.

The old deacon brought us in some apples and butternuts, and a pitcher of cider, and then told Rachel to cover up the fire when she went to bed.

The old man always was a sleepy-headed kind of a thing, and in about ten minutes afterwards I heard him snoring away as if he was on a wagger.

Rachel's two little brothers went up-stairs to bed, and one of them yelled out, right by the square room door:

'Josh Jenkins is a-courting our Rachel! Josh Jenkins is a-courting our Rachel!'

His mother came along and boxed his ears, and he changed his tune pretty quick.

I looked at Rachel. Her face was as red as mahogany table, and her mouth kept a quivering, as if she wanted to laugh and daren't. I saw she looked pretty enough to eat!

We'd got pretty sociable by this time, and so I hitched my chair up alongside of hers. She didn't say anything, but looked down on the floor and began to play with a string of gold beads she wore on her neck.

'Let me tie them,' says I, slipping my arm over her shoulder.

'They ain't untied, and you musn't hug me,' says she.

'Oh, pshaw!' says I, getting a little nearer; 'that isn't anything. You see I can't talk to you without I rest my arm on something.'

She laughed as if she would die. 'You're a queer fellow,' says she; 'but if you will put your arm there, I can't help it; only you musn't hug me, nor kiss me.'

I hadn't been looking a head quite as far as that; but seeing she spoke about it, I thought I might as well try it. So I got up a little closer still, and just as she looked up to speak I kissed her.

She dodged away after it was all over, and boxed my ears; but she didn't strike very hard, and after a little while I tried it again.

That time she took it pretty quietly, and after that I didn't stop to count the kisses. I was making up for lost

time, and worked pretty steady, I can tell you. I've had some pretty good times since then, but none of them ever came up that evening with Rachel Billings. It makes my heart beat to think of it even now.

Rachel got up at last and leaned over my chair to get an apple. Somehow or other her foot slipped and she came very near falling over. I caught her in my arms; and after I once had her there I didn't care to let her go.

'Creation! what a feeling that was! I felt just as I did the day when I took hold of an eel Sam Jones had in a tub—an electric eel I believe he called it. They kept it so as to have the fun of seeing it give people shocks.'

Well as I was saying, Rachel was in my arms, and I fancied I was pretty near Paradise. I thought what a nice thing it would be if I could have the right to have her there always.

There was a chap that was almost always hanging around Rachel. His name was Thomas Wilder. He and I never had anything to say to each other; but I hated him now, just because he had been with her so much. So I thought how nice it would be to cut him out. I was nineteen and my father had nobody but me to leave his property to; and Rachel was a first-rate housekeeper, and would most likely be willing to wait a year or two for me. Even if I hadn't a red cent, and no way to get one, I should have done the same thing she was so confounded pretty.

'Rachel,' says I, 'I've been hunting after a wife for six months, and I haven't seen any one I liked half so well as you. I came to see you to-night on purpose to ask if you would marry me.'

That was a tremendous story, for I'd never thought of such a thing till she fell into my arms; but I had read somewhere that "All is fair in love and war," and so I thought it wouldn't do any harm to coax her up a little.

My gracious! how she colored up the minute I spoke! She got up and gazed straight at me for a spell and then said:

'Bless me, Mr. Jenkins! I thought you knew all the time that I was engaged to Tom Wilder. Where have you been all your life? Why, I'm going to be married next Sunday and should have been this, only Tom has cut his foot with an axe and can't walk!'

'I hope to gracious he'll be a cripple all his life!' said I.

The next thing I knew, I was coming through our garden gate.

'Father hadn't gone to bed; I believe he knew I should come home with a flea in my ear. When I came in he observed:

'Josiah, when you want to visit old folks another Sunday night, just come to me, and I'll tell you a better place than Deacon Billings!'

I turned right around, just as mad as fire.

'Gaul darn it, father, I won't be laughed at by anybody! I've made a tarnation fool of myself; but if ever I get caught in such a scrape again you may take my head for a foot-ball! I'll keep away from women after this—see if I don't!'

I kept my word. I board where there are as many as twenty women; but always when I pass their bonnets and shawls in the entry, I turn my head right the other way, and—keep it there!

Rachel Billings cured me!

Snags' Corner.

The officials of a Michigan railroad now being extended were waited upon the other day by a person from the pine woods and sand hill who announced himself as Mr. Snags, and who wanted to know if it could be possible that the proposed line was not to come any nearer than three miles to the hamlet named in his honor.

'Is Snags' Corner a place of much importance?' asked the President.

'Is it? Well, I should say it was! We made over a ton of maple sugar there last spring!'

'Does business flourish there?'

'Flourish? Why, business is on the gallop there every minute in the whole twenty-four hours. We had three false alarms of fire there in one week. How's that for a town which is to be left three miles off your railroad?'

Being asked to give the names of the business houses he scratched his head for awhile and then replied:

'Well, there's me, to start on. I run a big store, own eight yoke of oxen, and shall soon have a dam and a saw-mill. Then there's a blacksmith shop,

a postoffice, a doctor, and last week over a half dozen patent-right men passed through there. In one brief year we've increased from a squatter and two dogs to our present standing, and we'll have a lawyer there before long.'

'I'm afraid we won't be able to come any nearer the Corners than the present survey,' finally remarked the President.

'You won't! It can't be possible that you mean to jump a growing place like Snags' Corners!'

'I think we'll have to.'

'Wouldn't come if I'd clear you out a place in the store for a ticket office?'

'I don't see how we could.'

'May be I'd subscribe \$25,' continued the delegate.

'No, we cannot change.'

'Can't do it nohow?'

'No.'

'Very well,' said Mr. Snags as he put on his hat. 'If this 'ere railroad thinks it can stunt or cripple Snags' Corners by leaving it out in the cold it has made a big mistake. Before I leave town to-day I'm going to buy a windmill and a melodeon, and your old locomotives may toot and be hanged sir—toot and be hanged!'

There Might have Been.

A man in want of a load of wood visited the markets to make a choice. Finding a load that suited, he asked the owner if there was a cord on the wagon.

'I believe there is,' was the reply. 'Do you know that there is?'

'My son William loaded it up, and he said there was a cord.'

'Well, what do you say?' asked the citizen.

'And my other son, John, helped William load it up, and he said there was a cord.'

'Do you say so?'

'And my neighbor came along, and he said there was a cord.'

'I don't believe there is.'

'And my wife stood at the gate as I came away, and she said there was a cord,' continued the farmer.

'There may be three-quarters,' said the citizen.

'And as I came through the toll-gate the keeper said he'd eat it if there wasn't a cord and a half.'

'He did?'

'And the police stopped me, and wanted to know how much I asked for that cord and three-quarters of beautiful wood.'

The citizen took it before the load could swell any more.

There is now a daily newspaper printed on shipboard. It is called the Atlantic Daily, and J. H. Hartley, of Boston, began to publish it on the steamship Devonia of the Anchor line, on May 29, off Sandy Hook. He had a case of type and a job press on board and each day during the voyage he "set up" and printed his edition of 300 copies, regardless of fogs, storms and icebergs. He says that he set up about ten thousand ems a day. Three steerage boys were employed, but struck when the passengers called them "devils." Burlesque telegrams from the Chicago convention were printed, and passengers expecting to be sea-sick were requested to "notify" the steward. Various jokes perpetrated by the passengers were printed, together with all the news—social, political, religious and nautical—of the voyage.

It used always to be a boast of Henry Clews, the banker, that he was a self-made man. One day he noticed that Mr. Travers, the Wall street wit, whose stammering squibs of speech have won a world wide celebrity, was eyeing his bald head with a critical expression of countenance. "Well, what's the matter, Travers?" asked Clews, rather impatiently. "H-H-Henry," responded the other, "d-d-didn't you say you were a s-s-self-made man?" "Yes, certainly; I made myself." "Then w-w-why the d-d-devil, when you were a-a-about it, didn't you p-p-put a little more h-h-hair on the top of your head?"

The population of Winston and Salem, combined, according to the late enumeration, is about 5,000.

A young woman at Alden, Iowa, said she "wished to heaven that she might die that day." A terrific storm arose immediately, with thunder and lightning, and she imagined that it bore some relation to her case. Hastening to a church, she knelt and prayed: "Oh, Lord, I didn't mean it when I said I wanted to die. Please don't let the lightning hit me."

Can He be Relied On?

'They [Democrats] say they would not have you back in slavery, but every Democrat who says so lies.'

This is what Gen Rufus. Barringer one of the leaders of the Republican party in Mecklenburg, said to the colored people last Saturday at the court house.

Are there not a hundred intelligent colored men in Mecklenburg—are there not a thousand in the State—who know this statement to be false?

If Gen. Barringer has deliberately tried to deceive them once, can he be relied upon in the future?

Can they implicitly believe what he may tell them hereafter?

Remember, he is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and if elected it must be done by the votes of the colored people.

Mr. Francis E. Shober, Jr., of Salisbury, N. C., graduated this year at St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y.

A soldier, for deserting, was sentenced to have his ears cut off. After undergoing the ordeal he was escorted out of the courtyard to the tune of "The Rogue's March." He then turned and in mock dignity thus addressed the musicians: "Gentlemen, I thank you, but I have no ear for music."

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JOHN A. THOMPSON, Trustee. Rowan Co., April 10, 1880. 25:6w

O. C. S. Our Cough Syrup.—The most palatable, soothing and efficacious remedy ever placed before the public for that most dreaded of diseases, coughs, colds, &c., manufactured at BARKER'S Drug Store.

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