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Wife and I.

She who sleeps upon my heart
Was the first to win it;
She who dreams upon my breast
Ever reigns within it;
She who kisses off my lips
Wakes the warmest blessing;
She who rests within my arms
Feels their closest pressing.

Other days than these shall come
Days that may be dreary;
Other hours shall greet us yet,
Hours that may be weary;
Still this heart shall be thy home,
Still this breast thy pillow,
Still these lips meet thine as soft
Bilow meets the billow.

Sleep, then, my happy heart,
Since thy love hath won it;
Dream, then, my loyal breast,
Since thou art within it;
And when again our bliss shall change
With its weary weather,
May we in the self same grave
Sleep and dream together.

THE PRICE OF A CURL.

"Alice Grey, I was under the impression that you were rather a sensible young girl, but I am now heartily ashamed of you; behaving like a baby because circumstances are not as you would have them won't help you out of your difficulties, so you had better dry your eyes, and think of earning a living, like a sensible young woman."

The young lady who had thus admonished herself, hastened at once to bathe her face and arrange her dress. While thus occupied, she will look at her. She is slender and graceful, of the medium height. Her form is neatly put together, but her face is hardly pretty. The features are irregular, and almost too strongly marked for a woman. The forehead is high and broad, and the hair is combed away from it, revealing it in its full proportions. Her skin is very fair, and her eyes are a soft gray, but alas! she is very short sighted, and has to hide them behind spectacles. Now, my lady reader, I know that you are hardly satisfied with my heroine, but if you had her face I know that you would wonder it almost beautiful, by surrounding it with soft locks and wavy tresses. Alice was a practical little body, and thought it of no use to spend half her time in arranging her toilet. She wished her servants to love her for herself, and not for her beauty or wealth, if she had either. Her one beauty was her hair, and her one failing was her vanity of it. She was standing before her rattled mirror, winding the long golden strands around her fingers, soliloquizing as she always did when alone.

"Now, Miss Alice Grey, I know that you are in a bad fix, and you must make an effort at once to help yourself, for an empty purse won't sustain an empty stomach. I almost expected to get an answer to my advertisement to-day, but I suppose I will be disappointed as usual."

"How stupid not to have read to-day's advertisements, there might have been something suitable for me."

Taking up the paper she read over the list of female help wanted. There was nothing there, and she was turning the paper over with a sigh, when her eye caught something which attracted her attention.

"If the young lady who applied in last Thursday's paper for a position as governess, will send her address to No. 45—Clay street, she will hear of a piece."

Her heart stood still for a moment, and then commenced to beat to a most uncomfortable manner. "I'm so glad! I will hasten there immediately," she said, standing before the mirror to don her hat and a threadbare jacket. "I wonder why I curled my hair to-day! These long curls are quite an improvement on the hair at the back of the head. I do believe they make me almost pretty. Well, when I am comfortably settled I shall have curls every day, and then perhaps I shall catch a lover, or rather they will catch one for me." She laughed merrily at the idea of having a lover, and hastened down the creaky stairs, that intervened between the garret and the first floor of a four-story, third class lodging house.

On arriving at No. 45—Clay street, she was informed that the governess was not in, but he had left a note for her which she eagerly read.

"Dear Madam—If you are willing to take charge of two headstrong girls, and eight years old, and a very nice, and five dollars a year—leave your address, and I will call for you next Saturday afternoon at half past two, and take you safely to your own home."

"Your respectfully, JOHN BALFOUR."

Leaving her address, she was hastening home when she became conscious that she was hungry, and was without money. Happening to pass a hair store, she thought suddenly occurred to her that she might sell her hair.

"I must get something to eat, for I am very hungry, and it is a long time until next Saturday. This is Monday. I hate to part with my hair, my dear old curls, but I suppose I must, so here goes!"

She entered at once, and noticing a gentleman sitting behind the counter, marched straight up to him and demanded of him in her decided fashion—

"How much do you give for curls such as these?" holding one up for inspection.

"Really, miss, I'm not in the habit of buying curls."

"Very well, and the more to go."

"One moment, miss, I will take one, if you are willing to sell it."

"And why not sell it?" she demanded.

"Well, you see I have no immediate use for them."

"But why do you keep so many of those artificial things (pointing to some) when you can get such natural ones, which I think would sell much better?"

His eyes were twinkling merrily at the vehemence of the little lady.

"Yes, they would sell better, if the price were the same, but you must know that natural curls cost us more than those. I cannot afford to buy your curls at present. Business is dull. I will take one, however, if you wish to sell it, as I have an order for a watch-chain of that color."

"I suppose I must. I need the money. Even a little will be a great help."

Taking a pair of shears which lay on the counter near him, the gentleman snipped one off, and held it in the sunlight.

"How very beautiful!" exclaimed a voice behind them.

It suddenly occurred to Alice that she had made a most absurd mistake, and that the gentleman whom she had been addressing was not a barber at all. Alice stood blushing, while the gentleman asked again—

"What do you think of my purchase, monsieur?"

"It is lovely. The color is exquisite. Would the young lady like to sell another?"

"Believe she would," said the gentleman, "but I must pay for mine. Will ten dollars be sufficient, miss?"

"Oh, indeed, sir, I think it too much."

"Not at all! It is worth that to me. I suppose that monsieur would give you a hundred or so for the rest, but I think you had better keep them."

He looked so kindly, and spoke so earnestly, that she could not help replying—

"I will."

How happy she felt as she hastened home. The cloud that was so black in the morning had broken, and the sun was shining around her. As she sat sewing that afternoon, she sang softly to herself—

"Though sad and drear our days may be,
A sunbeam shines thro' 'em all;
If I do rest on our hearts and minds,
As it rests on the cottage wall,
For the golden sunshine of the heart
Will charm away every ill,
And will make us feel that the darkest cloud
Has a silver lining still."

Alice had everything in readiness when Saturday came. The curls were replaced by the bob on the back of the head. She had thought of curls, but she was afraid they looked too girlish. She had been very quiet all day, and had kept her thoughts strictly to herself; this was something unusual in her.

At length a gentleman was announced, and for the first time she descended the creaky stairs. She started when she looked into the gentleman's face. Could it be yes, it must be, for a golden hair watch chain hung from his vest.

"Miss Grey, I believe?"

"She bowed.

"I presume you know my name, John Balfour."

She bowed again, for she could not trust herself to speak. During the week she had never ceased to think of the gentleman in the hair store. Would he recognize her? She had no right to expect it, but she almost hoped he would. She would be a little disappointed, but yet she felt a thrill of gladness, because it was the little she said during the twenty miles ride. Mr. Balfour was busy with his newspapers, and Alice was busy with her thoughts.

John Balfour had been a widower some five years. He was but thirty-seven, handsome, rich and talented. He was very quiet, and spent much of his time alone. His servants were warmly attached to him, and his children thought there was no one like papa. Many wondered why he had never married a second time. All the mamma's in the neighborhood had tried to catch him for their daughters, but unsuccessfully.

The housekeeper informed Alice, however, that Mr. Balfour was to be married to a distant relative of his, Miss Addie Gaylor. The children often spoke of the wedding, but they did not seem to care to see her.

"Cousin Addie is in Europe, and is to visit us on her return," said Mabel.

"I presume that your cousin is very beautiful and accomplished," ventured Alice.

"Yes, she's pretty, but I don't like her. She won't play with me, and she is always so afraid of getting her dress," said Cassie.

"She is very fond of music, but papa says that you play with more expression, and better tone," said Mabel.

"She promised to bring me a big wax doll from Paris," said Cassie. "And I think that's kind of her, because I tease her so much."

"Cassie teases everybody except you. She told me the other night that she loved you best of all."

"Well, Mabel, you said that you wished papa would marry Miss Grey instead of Cousin Addie."

"Hush, children, you must not talk so," said Alice.

None of the group had noticed a tall, manly figure standing in the open door. His face wore an amuse, and pleased expression.

June came, and with it Cousin Addie. "The children will have a holiday, while Miss Gaylor remains," said Mr. Balfour one morning.

Alice bowed. She felt as if she would like to cry, and for what reason she knew not.

The house was filled with company. There was much merry making in the parlors and on the lawn; there were walks and drives and picnics, but poor Alice seemed to be entirely forgotten by every one, and how homelike and weary she was! She watched the merry throng from the nursery windows, and how could she help noticing how much Mr. Balfour and Miss Gaylor were together. Miss Gaylor was tall and stately and beautiful; and plain little Alice did not wonder that men should fall in love with her.

Alice was in the habit of walking with the children in the garden when the company were off on excursions. One day they were seated on the grass under a shade tree, making rosy wreaths, when Cassie suddenly exclaimed—

"Can't we take down your hair, Miss Grey?"

"If you wish to."

"Four little hands were soon at work, and Alice's hair fell in curling masses on the grass."

"Why don't you curl your hair, Miss Grey?" said Mabel. "It is so pretty."

"You may curl it for me," she answered.

"Why, Miss Grey, here is a piece ever so much shorter than the rest. Why doesn't it grow?" demanded Cassie.

"It was cut off."

"Did you ever see papa's watch chain?" It is made from hair just the color of yours and he won't tell us where he got it."

"Indeed!" said Alice blushing. "Perhaps he thinks that little girls should not know anything."

A footstep sounded on the gravel walk, and in an instant Mr. Balfour stood before them. The children ran and kissed him, and Alice stood blushing and confounded.

One Can't Excel in Everything.

Ideal of excellences, if not excellences themselves, are so graduated as to fit the different orders of mind in which they take their rise. Greatness is not a positive quality; it is simply a relative attribute. The man who has never succeeded in one endeavoring a single "speckled beauty" in some "troutous stream" may truthfully boast of eminent success in catching snappers.

The man who cannot sing may yet have a voice peculiarly adapted to crying clams, oranges or charcoal.

He who is no dancer may be good at hit-and-kick or shanty.

The man who is not born to command, to set a squadron in the field, may surprise all his acquaintances in the untiring devotion he evinces in the coloring of his merchandise.

The boy who is ever at the foot of his class may still be an expert in the formation and propulsion of spitballs.

The lad who is not a pronounced success at arithmetic may be simply excellent at mumble-peg and two.

The woman who cannot make a loaf of bread may excel in the making of frits and farbells.

She who cannot play the simplest air on the washboard may execute the most difficult themes upon the mandoline.

She who cannot draw a stocking may be the envy of her circle for her skill and taste in worsted work, in marrying skein-wool to pink backgrounds.

The mother who cannot command the respect of her children may yet be lawned upon by half a score of male brigs without a spot on their jaunty hats or a idea in their heads.

The son who never does a stroke of work at home may be superlatively active in the bowling alley or billiard room.

The dancer who is too loathe to wash the dishes may dance till the small hours of the night after having been shopping all day.

The girl who cannot sew may chew gum with tricksy jaw.

A great singer may not be able to smoke the mildest of cigars without turning pale.

A general who has led armies on to victory may be surprised in probability by the raggedest street-boy in the city.

The head that has penned the divinest poetry may be clownishly awkward with the ball-point pen.

The man who is capable of organizing and carrying forward gigantic business enterprises may be easily outdone at caucus management by the shallowest politician of his ward.

The artist who gives birth to such exquisite creations may not be able to tie his neck-tie nearly so well as Augustus, who in his turn can do no thing else.

The Horse Pleads His Own Cause.

My dear ladies and gentlemen, remember that we, like yourselves, have moods, and cannot always be frisky and cheerful. You do not strike your grandmother in the face, because this morning she does not feel as usual; why, then, do you strike me! I dare you pound us, ask whether we have been up late the night before, or had our meals at irregular hours, or whether our spirits have been depressed by being kicked by a drunken hostler. We have only about ten or twelve years in which to enjoy ourselves, and then we go out to be shot into nothingness. Take care of us while you may. Job's horse was "clothed with thunder," but all we ask is a plain blanket. When we are sick, when we stumble or scare. Suppose you were in the harness, and I were in the wagon, I had the whip and you the traces, what an ardent advocate you would be for kindness to the irrational creation! Do not let the blacksmith drive the nail into the quick when he shoes me, or burn my fetlocks with a hot fire. Do not mistake the "deadbeats" that nature put on my foreleg for a wart to be excoriated. Do not cut off my tail short in fly-time. Keep the north wind out of our stables. Care for us on some other time than during the epidemic, so that we may see your kindness in not selfish. My dear friends, our interests are mutual. I am a silent partner in your business. Under my sound hoof is the diamond of national prosperity. Beyond my nostril the world's progress may not go. With thrift and wealth and comfort, I daily race neck and neck. Be kind to me if you want me to be useful to you. And near be the day when the red horse of war shall be hocked and impotent, and the pale horse of death shall be hurled back on his haunches, but the white horse of peace and joy and triumph shall pass on, its rider with face like the sun, all nations following.—Home Magazine.

The Reporter's Gospel.

[St. Louis Times-Journal.]

How useful are thy works, O reporter, and how dut thou compass the people of the earth around about.

Thy name is legion, thou art everywhere at once, thy fat is a joy unto the printer and thy lean length upon the book until it be dead.

In the day most thou gird thyself and travel into far countries and at with temple; thy hand is scattered every man and every man is against thee.

Thou climbest the stairs at night, yes, even seven flights of stairs climbest thou up and maketh thyself to sit in a chamber whereunto the roaches and mosquitoes do apartment.

It so be the son of man prevaileth upon thee to look upon the wine when it is red, thou art in all as if thy masters do duck thee as to the wages.

The foolish reporter saith in his heart: My work shall be done, I will carry away hereon, but haply there being a fire or murder, the paper shall be scooped out of them.

As day is trieth, lo, there comes a fire and he hapeth out upon the war path and they scorch his water on his raiment and sweat his sore, but he writeth up anon and sweateth much, for he is a foolish reporter.

But the wise reporter, whenever his task be done, skippeth for home and lieth upon his couch and sleepeth the sleep of the righteous man.

And when the fire cometh and the murder descendeth, he laugheth them to scorn and go on with him to go and he geth or come and he cometh, or scoop and scoopeth it.

For he is a wise reporter and he maketh merry with himself and all his ways are ways of pleasantness and all his paths are peace.

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T. A. BRANIGER, Local Manager.
May 8 1879.

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Any one not having cash may fill out a note to accompany order, signed by purchaser, to be paid when trees are delivered. I do not specify by purchase. Note to accompany tree, and when trees are delivered, purchasers pay all freight on same. Trees will be shipped in boxes and packed with neatness, and will be packed in good strong boxes or bales, and delivered to Railroad Depots or Express Offices without any extra charge for boxes or delivery. I will furnish at the following low rates: Peaches and Apples in any quantity, improved fruit, 10 cents each. Peaches, Plums, Apricots, Strawberries, Quinces, Crab Apples, Figs, Cherries 25 cents. Ornamental Trees, Roses and Flowers will be sold cheaper than can be sold by any Nursery in North Carolina. Cash to accompany the orders. Any one not having cash may fill out a note to accompany order, signed by purchaser, to be paid when trees are delivered. I do not specify by purchase. 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