

A WOMAN'S HATE.

"How I hate—I hate you," the maiden said, And her eyelids drooped and her face grew red, And she turned from her lover and hung her head. The flush crept up to her rich brown hair, And she picked to pieces a rosebud fair, And she stole a look at her lover there. And he—these men are full of guile— His eyes, aglistening with mirth and the while, Looked quietly on, with a doubting smile. "I hate you, I hate you," she said again And she tapped her toe on the the carpet then, As if each tap were a stab at men. Her lip was a quiver, her eyes in mist, Her cheek and throat, as the sun gods kissed, Were bathed in the essence of amethyst. And then her love, with a startled look, Grew serious quiet, and his face forsook, The confident glow which it erstwhile took. And, "O, very well," as he rose to go; "And if it pleases you to have it so, Why, so it shall be, as you doubtless know." He took one step, but a sudden turned; O, much the sweetest is bliss unearned, And looked in the tear-wet eyes that yearned. No words she spoke, but her arms entwined, Around his neck. O, a woman's mind Is a puzzle to which no key you'll find. Upon his shoulder she laid her head, And he kissed her cheek, which was still roared; "You know I hate you," was all she said.

HIS PRAYER.

Seated next to Major Mitchel, in Indianapolis, recently, says the News of that city, was a man 80 years old, as lively as a man of 50. He had been relating the story of a wild spree he once had, telling how his horse had thrown him and he imagined an elephant was about to step on him.

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"That prayer was heard. I got up the next morning without the least desire to drink. I didn't have a headache, and when the folks came to the house they were as much surprised to find me sober as I was to be that way myself. That was 11 years ago, and I never have tasted liquor since."

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