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—Mary Wright Davis in Pittsburg Dispatch.

The moon, inconstant as of vore. popped out occasionally from between the clouds which were soudding along over the expanse of sea. Here and there twinkled a tiny star, and the rippling waves as they rolled gently up the beach made a low murmur that was soothing to the hearts of true lovers.

"And must you leave me tomorrow?" she sighed.

"I must, my darling," he replied as he gazed down into the depths of her lustrous eyes (vide "ha'penny shocker"). "Twill not be for long. I must get back to business, but I shall be pining for my Stella and will quickly make arrangements for our being united to part no more!"

The moon conveniently disappeared again. Ah! Was that the sound of lips?

The gentleman, who had given his name as Mr. Mark Leign, had been passing a three weeks' vacation at Slopton-on-Sea, where he had made the acquaintance of Miss Stella Storey, whom he had, perhaps somewhat precipitately, wooed and won. She was the only daughter of the widow of a smack owner, who added to her little income by letting apartments during the summer, and Stella was so pretty and winning that the wonder is she had not been carried off by some adventurous swain long before, but the fact remains she had not, and as this little story is nothing unless true the fact must be

Mr. Mark Leign openly confessed his love for Stella, and her mother, who, apart from peculations upon her lodgers which are not regarded by seaside landladies as prohibited by the eighth commandment, was really a very respectable old soul, had given her consent to the match, which she regarded as being a good one for her daughter, Mr. Leign being a colonial merchant in London.

But the best of friends, and of lovers, too, must part, and the next day Mark took his leave of Slopton and of Miss Stella Storey, with many promises to write early and often on his return to town.

It proved, however, that poor Stella was left deserted and forlorn. She neither saw nor heard anything

further of the heartless villain, Mark Leign.

It happened that late in the season Mr. Specker of the well known firm of Specker & Spottley, solicitors, staid at Mrs. Storey's, and hearing a word or two as to Stella's faithless lover he persuaded that young lady to confide her tale of woe to him, with a view to his firm commencing an action for breach of promise of marriage against Mr. Mark Leign, who, as Mr. Specker well knew, was 'good for costs."

Mr. Mark Leign, as known to his business friends, was a successful merchant of about 35 years of age, a bachelor and likely to remain so, for he had never cultivated ladies' society and had become so wedded to his business that no charms of nature or of art had hitherto been able to allure him from the market, and the desk, and the ledger. Arriving, as was his wont, at his office one morning just before 10 o'clock, he was accosted by a self confident sort of young man, who produced a document from his pocket, which he handed to Mr. Leign, saying:

"From Messrs. Specker & Spottley, sir. A writ at the suit of Miss Stella Storey for breach of promise. And," flashing another document in the eyes of the astonished merchant, "here is the original!"

Mr. Mark Leign turned very red. "What do you mean?" he asked. 'I don't know any Miss Stella What's-her-name! There's some mis-

The lawyer's clerk winked his eye in a peculiarly irritating manner. "I've done my duty and served you with the writ, sir. That's all I know

about it. Good morning."

Mr. Mark Leign stood as if in bewilderment. What did it mean? Could he have so soon forgotten that pleasant little flirtation at Sloptonon-Sea? However that might be, he knew that writs were things which must not be forgotten, so he at once walked round to his old friend and solicitor, Mr. Standwell, in Mining avenue, to whom he handed the hateful paper, telling him he knew nothing whatever about the lady or

Mr. Standwell looked somewhat incredulous and probed his client with some rather sly questions, but on Mr. Leign's repeating his inno-cence and showing a little irritation

he desisted. "Um!" he said. "It's very strange. Perhaps there's been some mistake, but Specker & Spottley are sharp people—very sharp people—and it won't do to trust to that. You wish me to do whatever is necessary to defend the action?"

"Certainly," replied his client.
"But, surely, if you tell them that

there is a mistake, they will drop it

"There is no knowing what they will do," returned the lawyer. "They are sharp people—very sharp people indeed. However, I will do what's necessary, and you need not trouble yourself any more about it till you hear from me."

after Mr. Mark Leign had gone. He had known his client a long time and did not care to think that he was a rogue, let alone such a fool as to try to deceive his own lawyer, butwell, he didn't know what to think. Later on in the day he wrote a letter to Messrs. Specker & Spottley, informing them that he was in structed by Mr. Mark Leign, who denied all knowledge of Miss Stella Storey, but the letter, notwithstanding the clear statement it contained, was so worded that any one reading it would have his doubts of the belief of the writer in what was said. There was something about it to induce Messrs. Specker & Spottley to "read between the lines," so to speak, which they did and treated it with the contempt they considered it deserved by pushing forward with

their action as fast as that cumbrous and slow moving machine, "the law." would allow of. In about six months' time Mr. Mark Leign' received a summons from Mr. Standwell to attend at the law courts the next morning, when the action would come on for hear-

"Great heavens!" he cried. "Fancy me, Mark Leign, defendant in a breach of promise case! I shall be

laughed off the market!" But he must go. And go he did. Arriving a little before 10:30, he found Mr. Standwell had not yet got to the court, so he sauntered up and down the passages until that gentleman should appear.

While pacing to and fro he was accosted by a very pretty and modest looking young lady, who evidently took him for a "limb of the

"If you please, sir," she asked diffidently, "can you tell me which is the court of queen's bench?" "I believe it is that one," he replied, pointing to the door.

"Oh, thank you, sir," she said in a sweet voice. "I-I have to give evidence, and I'm a stranger." "What a remarkably nice looking, sensible, modest sort of girl," said Mr. Mark Leign to himself as she

And now it became clear, once for all, that he had told Mr. Standwell the truth and knew nothing about the fair Stella Storey, for an idea seized him and he ran after his questioner. Could this sweet girl be the plaintiff in his action, whom he had depicted to himself as a brazen faced Mrs. Bardell?

He touched her gently on the arm. "Excuse me," he said. "Might I ask what action you have to give

evidence in?" They were at the door of the court, upon which was exhibited a list of the causes to be tried, and she pointed to "Storey versus Leign." "And are you the plaintiff?"

"Y-yes," she admitted. "I am Miss Storey." "I knew there must be a mistake," he cried. "I told old Standwell there was, but I don't think he believed me. I am Mark Leign, the defendant. Now, I don't know you, and you don't know me! How comes it, then, that you are suing me for

breach of promise of marriage, young lady?" "You, Mr. Mark Leign!" she exclaimed. "You are not the Mr. Mark Leign whom I knew, and who prom -who prom"- And she began to

She looked prettier than ever, thought Mark.

"Don't cry," he said gently. 'Come over to this seat and sit down. There's been some mistake. But what it is I can't imagine, for I believe there is only one Mark Leign in England, and I am he."

She sat beside him, and in answer to his questions told him how she had been courted and deceived. "Some fellow has been taking liberties with my name," he said,

'that's certain. What was he like?' She described him.

"The rascal!" he cried. "It was a fellow named Blobkins, one of my clerks, whom I discharged for dishonesty. I am really very sorry for

By this time the solicitors and counsel had arrived. There were Mr. Standwell and his counsel, Mr. Lettmyn and Mr. Pruvitt and Mr. Specker and his counsel, Mr. Sportleigh, and Mr. Larpher.

They were about to enter the court when Mr. Specker and Mr. Standwell spied their clients at the same moment.

"What's this?" demanded Mr. Specker suspiciously. "Who is this gentleman, Miss Storey?"

"Oh, that's the plaintiff, is it?" oried Mr. Standwell. "That gentleman is the defendant, Mr. Mark Leign."

"And this is not the gentleman at all," exclaimed Stella. "There has wrapper been a mistake, and some one has deceived me and used his name!" "Phew!" ejaculated Mr. Specker. "I wrote and told you so, but I

suppose you didn't believe me," said Mr. Standwell triumphantly. "Well, I naturally thought your letter was a 'bluff.' You'd have thought the same!" said Specker. "Perhaps so, but it was true, you

see," retorted Standwell. Well, what's to be done?" asked Specker.

"Oh!" replied the other blandly, "we must try the action, of course. Will you submit to a verdict for the Something very like a naughty

defendant without evidence?" word escaped Mr. Specker's lips as he saw his vision of a fat bill of costs dissolving into thin air. But just then the usher called the case, and they all hurried into court, except the two principals, who had retired to the end of the passage and

were talking animatedly together. Mark Leign's only sister had got married recently and left his house, and he was suffering from such a plague of housekeepers and servants that he had thought several times of trying to find a wife. He so seldom got an hour away from business, however, and knew so few ladies that he was at a loss how to proceed, and here was one ready found. His business on 'change had taught him the need of snapping a bargain when

he came across one, and he deter mined then and there to marry his mistaken pursuer.

"Well, Stella," he said boldly, "it's clear that both you and I have been fooled with. What do you say to our finishing it by taking it in earnest and getting married? It's sudden, I know, and we've only seen each other about a quarter of an Mr. Standwell looked perplexed hour, but I'm satisfied if you are.' "It-it's so very strange," she

> say, I'm sure." "But you were willing to marry the false Mark Leign. Why can't you marry the real one?" he pleaded. He took her hand, which she did not withdraw.

murmured. "I don't know what to

"That's settled, then, isn't it, dear?" he asked. "Yes, if you say so," she said

simply. "You are very good, after I've given you all this trouble." "Do you know," he said, "I believe that everything happens for a purpose in this life? That secundrel, Blobkins, was working to find a wife for me, only he didn't know

Mr. Standwell came rushing down the passage.

"It's all over, "he cried. "Verdict for the defendant, with costs." "But I'm going to marry the plaintiff, so I shall have to pay them myself!" said Mark. The lawyer was as surprised as a

Mr. Specker, coming up, joined in the amazement, "But how about our costs?" he

lawyer can be, and that's not very

asked. "Oh!" said Mark. "I couldn't marry a woman with a debt hanging over her head. I'll pay them. "More fool you," said Mr. Standwell afterward. "It was a speculative action, and they deserved to lose every ha'penny. They could never have got anything out of a

married woman. But Mark had his own way and paid all the costs on both sides and married the plaintiff, and he declares she was cheap at the price. They are a remarkably happy couple and never have the slightest jangle, except when Mark declares

that Stella did all the courting. "Well, so you did," he says when she denies it. "You know you did! You courted me in the queen's bench!"-London Tit-Bits.

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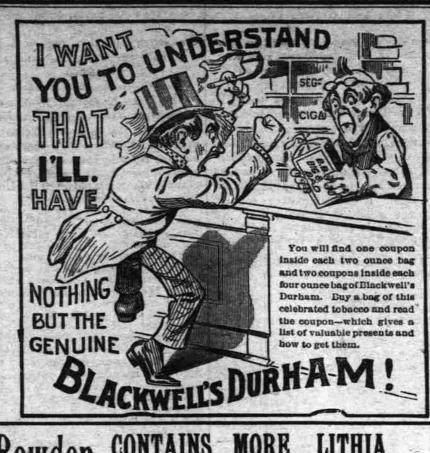
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