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THE CONSUL'S WIFE.

BY HELEN FORREST GRAVES.



If they are determined not to like me," said Octavia Durell, with tears of wretched pride sparkling in her eyes...

but fearing very much that I should find the quiet and solitude of Durell Court too dull for my tastes.

"Dear Mrs. Durell," she whispered, "forgive me for stealing your heart by strategy, for, indeed, I despaired of ever winning it in any other way."

While little Endora clung closely to the young wife's side, she was not without her own thoughts.

Never before had she been parted from her husband, who was American Consul at one of the Oriental ports...

The golden autumn time had come, and the woods around Durell Court were wearing their brightest dyes.

"I was beginning to wonder why Mrs. Durell, junior, did not come," said the old lady, with a smile.

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"But, Sigismund," cried Mrs. Durell, with a countenance of infuriated dismay, "a mother-in-law! and a stepmother!"

"For we must enjoy her society all we can before my odious stepmother comes," said Endora, all unconscious that she was in the least degree uncharitable.

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"I am going to America," said Octavia. "So am I," said Miss Weldon. "But my name isn't Octavia any longer," said the young wife, laughing and blushing.

"I can never love her!" she uttered, sadly. "My dear Janie, you are like my own child already," lovingly spoke the old lady.

How "Uncle Sam" Got His Name. The nickname, "Uncle Sam," as applied to the United States Government, is said to have originated as follows:

The case involved a delicate question as to the construction of a statute, and the Judge, after long consideration, decided the question in open court, giving his reason in a few well-spoken remarks.

"I was a governess at Calcutta," said Octavia blushing and looking exceedingly prettily. "And—"

It was a rainy December sunset, the snowy fields all dived with carmine, the huge fire of mossy logs crackling in the tiled fire-place of Durell Court.

Elephants in England. It is certain that the elephant, the rhinoceros, the bear, the hyena, and other wild animals were at one time common in England.

"Here," said the clerk, "is a novel that would be very suitable." "What I'm looking for," said the new woman, blandly, "is something unwomanly!"

POPULAR SCIENCE.

Chicago has an electric elevated road. The Paris doctors are using the bicycle craze as a means of treating insanity.

Italy has more steam street railroads than any other country in the world—a mileage of about 3,990 kilometres.

Luminescent inks may now be used to print signs to be visible in the dark. Zinc salts and calcium are the mediums generally used.

A San Francisco physician is preparing to construct an air ship, which he declares will carry passengers to New York in forty hours.

Of about 800 children in twenty-five schools in London, whose sight was tested by Carter's method, only forty per cent. had normal vision in both eyes.

The astronomers calculate that if the diameter of the sun should be fully diminished by two feet, it would be 500 years before our best instruments could detect any difference in its size or brilliancy.

England has decided to adopt the metric system of weights and measures, and the Government, in the person of its President of the Board of Trade, has drafted a bill to be submitted to Parliament at the opening of the next session.

The distinguished chemist and ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs in France, M. Berthelot, has calculated that the copper mines in the Mount Sinai range were worked 7000 years ago, and are, therefore, the oldest mines in the world.

Some idea of the vast extent of the surface of the earth may be obtained when it is noted that if a lofty church steeple is ascended, and the landscape visible from it looked at, 999,999 such landscapes must be viewed in order that the whole earth may be seen.

A recent invention is the pneumatic sole for cycling shoes. Between the inner and the outer leather is fitted a tube filled with air to the pressure of twenty-five pounds. This has the effect of preventing vibration, and will, no doubt, prove a comfort to many riders.

The United States Naval Survey, the University of Harvard and the Civil Engineering College, Cornell, are combining to ascertain the precise longitude of Cornell. Twenty stars are to be simultaneously observed at Washington, D. C., Harvard and Cornell.

These Funny College Boys. Knowing the horror with which the average policeman regards a college student, several University of Pennsylvania students started out to have some fun with the bluecoats on Thursday night.

"All day, and all day, as I sit at my measureless bureau, They come and they go— The little ones, like the rocks—and the sunlit is burning On my yards below."

When she was here—O, my first-born!— When he found her so fair; At the wheel, at the wheel, from dawn till the dew shall be falling I will wait for him there.

"Death! I shall cry in the sound of the mill-dark brings release, Till the sun on the vineyards below me to crimson is burning There is measure of peace, For all day, and all day—with the wheel— are her eyes to me turning!

"Was it I, for whom Death came Seeking and calling When he found her so fair? At the wheel, at the wheel, from dawn till the dew shall be falling I will wait for him there.

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CURIOS FACTS.

A Boston society belle has had her dogs teeth filled with gold. Chinese gardeners grow little oak trees one and a half inches high in thimbles.

The horse chestnut indicates luxury. This is thought to be on account of the size of its burrs. The peach blossom indicates submission, though how it came by this meaning it is not clear.

A drive well near Idaho Falls, Idaho, struck water at a depth of 142 feet, after going through ninety-eight feet of lava.

The finger nails of the King of Anam are as long as his fingers, and the chief duty of his wives is to take care of them. He has over one hundred wives.

A museum in Berlin has secured possession of Luther's Bible which he used in his study. It remains covered with notes in the reformer's handwriting. It was printed in Bielefeld in 1539, and is in excellent state of preservation.

While removing rock by blasting in Dade County, Georgia, L. M. Merritt struck a miniature artesian well. Water comes from a split in the rock in a stream of about 200 gallons an hour. It has now been running at that rate for several weeks.

The oldest house in Woodbridge, Conn., has been burned to the ground. The house was built in 1697 by Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, and it was the intention to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary next year. It was occupied and owned by John Currie and family and Mrs. Callahan and daughter.

The late Captain John G. Bourke, who was the first intelligent white man who witnessed the M-K snake dance and kept the record of it, thought that these Indians possess antidotes we had not yet discovered. To-day the real state of antivenoms has commenced, and it is by Dr. A. Calmette, chief of the Pasteur Institute, of Lille, that the properties of an antivenomous serum have been exactly explained.

When two milligrammes of the dried cobra poison in solution were injected into a rabbit's ear, the animal was dead after twelve minutes.

But when a rabbit was protected by former extremely weak solutions of the cobra poison, and then the same strong infusion of the venom was injected into it, the animal was not inconvenienced. Dr. Calmette's investigations began with the study of the nature and venom of many different kinds of snakes. Whence does the snake collect its venom? Most take it from its own blood and concentrate it in a particular gland. Of course there may be changes in this poison differing from that found in the original source—the blood of the snake itself.

We know that the pig and the mongoose are not affected by snake bites, and it is natural to suppose that in their blood there is something which makes them immune. Following the Ronx method, Dr. Calmette took a horse, because this animal shows a natural resistance to snake bites. The horse was inoculated with a lethal dose of cobra poison, and the animal was not sensibly inconvenienced. The injections were continued for three months, by which time the horse could stand a dose fifty times the lethal strength. The blood of the horse had acquired immunity. Taking twenty cubic centimetres of this horse serum, it was found to be sufficient to cure a man suffering from the bite of a deadly reptile. More curious was the fact when a snake was inoculated with the horse serum, he did not suffer when bitten by any other kind or variety of snake.—Harper's Weekly.

Largest Mule Deal Ever Made. The biggest mule deal that ever took place in this country occurred at Salt Lake City in 1881, when at public auction Ben Holliday bought from Cabel Sam 1500 head of big stout Iowa and Missouri mules. These five hybrids had been taken to Utah in the famous expedition against the Mormons, which crossed the plains in 1847 under the command of Albert Sidney Johnson. When the expedition proved a fiasco and had to be recalled, the Government found it had no use for so many mules and they were consequently condemned and ordered sold. They were put on in lots of fifty and sold at prices ranging from \$50 to \$100 a head. Ben Holliday had the good sense to buy the lot he had the best speculation in than he took the whole cavalcade at his own price. On the first day in June the mules were started on a drive to California. They were driven in loads of 50, a week apart, and only 500 were kept in Utah for sale there. The mules were readily sold in California in lots to suit purchasers at the average price of \$300 per head, and Holliday cleared out more than \$1,000,000 on the dicker, which goes down in history as the biggest mule deal on record.

Queer Project of a Barber. "A barber in my town has discovered a new method of making the true soap pleasantly for his customers," said L. A. Warren, of Owego, Mich., at the Ebbitt. "He used to be a great talker, but real so many jobs about the barber talking to the customers that he quit and put up a notice. 'Please don't talk to the barber, as he don't want to talk when at work.' Some of his patrons did not like this innovation, and the barber hit upon a novel plan of making the time pleasantly while his customers were being shaved. He has three little parlors, all of whom are excellent musicians, and each has a piano and a variety of stirring, pathetic and humorous verses. When no customers are in the shop they can amuse themselves as they please, but when a patron enters, the barber says, 'Beats for the gentleman, Annie, and Annie gives him 'Sheridan's Ride,' 'The Polish Boy,' or some other favorite.'"—Washington Star.

He Reached the Highest Altitude. Sir William Martin Conway, who has departed for Spitzbergen, can boast of having reached a higher altitude in the Himalayas than any other climber has ever attained. He reached the summit of Pioneer Peak, 23,000 feet above the sea, after spending eighty-four days on snow and ice, and traversing the three longest of the known glaciers outside of the polar regions. He states in a recent article in the English Illustrated Magazine, that the rarity of the air at these great altitudes did not affect him so long as he kept himself out of any cramped position, and kept the chest free so that the lungs might expand to the utmost limits.

A Rich Joke. That was a rich joke—a very rich joke—which a good young man in Chicago thought he would play, when he moved a baby's carriage a few rods away from the store where it was being shipped, just to see how scared she would be at finding her baby gone. But his richness came out in its fullness only when the good young man had to pay a fine of \$250 for his amusement—a penalty from which the fact that he was an official of the Y. M. C. A. didn't save him.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

WITH FAITHFUL HEART.

Naught of thy mind I know, But, for my part, Thou dost I pray love With faithful heart.

I am thy very own, Love, in good faith, Not in this latest hour Doubt thou my truth.

Al! that I have is thine, Each power and part I have surrendered thee With faithful heart.

Through all the changing years, For evermore, Thou wilt I truly love, Serve and adore.

For all else to me Darest thou not, Thus have I chosen thee With faithful heart.

Many a blessing in disguise effectually eludes detection.—Duch.

"Uncle Hiram, your pumpkins at the fair are enormous this year." "Y'as, I helped 'em along 'th my fatter's new bicycle pump."—Chicago Record.

"Ostriches swallow rocks to help grand their food." "Yes, and poor, down-trodden men grand their own food and gives the rocks to the landlady."—Detroit Free Press.

He—"What do you think of young Jones?" She—"I think if he had lived in biblical days, Balaban's wife would never have attained such prominence."—Harlem Life.

A minister having walked through a village churchyard and observed the indiscriminate graves bestowed upon the dead, wrote upon the gatepost the following: "Here lies the dead and here the living in."—Tit-Bits.

"You have been thirty years in the public service and are rich and independent. Tell me, judge, why do you not retire on a pension?" "Because if I should do that I would not get my annual vacation."—Fresno Bee-Reporter.

He (telling a hair-breadth adventure)—"And in the bright moonlight we could see the dark muzzles of the wolves." She (breathlessly)—"Oh, how glad you must have been that they had the muzzles on!"—Harper's Bazar.

Not Altogether Hopeless! "I shall never marry," declared Miss Elderly in a tone meant to be firm. "Don't say that," answered her best friend, Florence. "Women older than you have had proposals."—Detroit Free Press.

"O, Mr. Smyth, your newspaper jokes are so funny I always read them twice." And after Smyth had departed, with his lump of self-esteem considerably extended, she told the other girls that she had to do in order to see the point.—Texas Sittings.

A Considerate Arrangement! "Now, professor," said the hostess, "I want you to have numerous positions in your possession for the mummies." "You are fond of the sentimental, then?" "Not especially. But my guests will want to hear themselves talk once in a while."—Washington Star.

"I am tired to death," declared Mrs. Youngblood, as she reached home from town the other evening. "What's the matter?" asked her husband. "Been having baby's portrait taken. They have a way of taking them instantaneously now, you know." "How long were you at it?" "Three hours and a half."—Tit-Bits.

The White House in Frim. The custom of raffling and raffling the White House on the eve of a Presidential election has been followed this fall as usual, and next March the mansion will be in splendid condition for Cleveland's successor.

In the east room the white and gold borders and panels have been restored. The new carpet selected by Mrs. Cleveland before she left for the summer has been compared to "a veritable cloth of gold."

There is also to be a new carpet laid in the corridor. The greens, blue and red parlors, that were refitted to some extent last year, are to remain as they were.

The state dining room is a sort of store room for the house when not put to its legitimate use, and large rolls of carpets covered with burlap, and large pieces of furniture are here disposed of for the summer months.

Among these is the little wicker chair once used by Ruth Cleveland, the exactly the worn for wear, but giving the same touch of nature that child's dress belonging always simple.

The President's room, the smallest sanatorium of the mansion so to speak, has been decorated with pale greens and creams, with a touch of pink here and there, that make it one of the most tasteful and tasteful of rooms.

A shield of the National colors in each of the rounded corners gives the apartment an official air. The carpet selected by Mrs. Cleveland is of pale green and pink.

The cabinet room, adjoining this apartment, has a new crimson velvet carpet, and the stairway leading to this part of the house has been newly carpeted.

Mamma. In some of the Eastern countries, notably Arabia and Persia, a woman answering closely to that mentioned in the Scriptures is still naturally produced in considerable quantity.

It comes from the tender branches of the tamarisk, and is known to the Persians by the name of "saw-drip honey." It consists of thick drops, which exude in consequence of the puncture of an insect during the month of June and July.—Philadelphia Ledger.