

Unsuspected Work on Work by a Lively Party of Masqueraders.

"Masquerade balls I never attend," said the retired burglar, "but I snee had a part of a one come to me. It may seem singular, but it was really as simple as rolling off a log. I was looking around in a house one night, or rather one morning about 2 o'clock, picking out what portable articles I could find that I thought I could make useful, when I heard carriages up the street. That was before the days of rubber tires and asphalt streets, and at that hour in the morning, when everything was quiet, the wheels sounded very sharp and clear. I judged there must be about three of 'em, and I sort of felt it in my bones that they were coming to my house. I could not have got out then without attracting attention from the drivers, and there was nothing for me to do but to wait and see. I waited, looking out into the street from a basement window, and, by snakes and alligators, they did stop there.

"The first man out of the first carriage was a man in a long black gown like a great loose coat that reached down to his feet and he had on a blue mask and a beaver hat. I wanted to laugh a little at that costume, and I did, to myself. He helped out of the carriage a lady who was gorgeously dressed, and then another man and woman in fantastic costumes got out of the same carriage. Then that carriage pulled ahead and let the next one come up.

"My man in the blue mask and the beaver hat was evidently the boss of the ranch. He pranced up the steps and in a minute I heard him twisting a key in the lock. That was a pleasant sound because it meant that there were no servants up. They were going to look out for themselves, and that meant good for me, for they'd be all together and it would be easy to avoid 'em. There was just a dozen of 'em, six men and six women, all in fancy dress. They had been to a ball somewhere and were coming here now to have a bite with the old man with the beaver and the blue mask.

"They all piled into the house and threw off their wraps in the hall, anywhere, and b'iled into the parlor, laughing and chattering, and five minutes later I heard 'em in the dining room, on the same floor, and heard dishes rattling and corks popping and I knew the snack had been set out there and was waiting for 'em. I hadn't been into that room yet myself.

"Jolly lot they were, and when they'd got t'olew ble well settled down to eating and drinking I thought it was about time for me to be looking around. I went up the stairs to the hall on the parlor floor, where they'd left the light burning bright, and the first thing my eyes fell on was the old man's black gown, blue mask and beaver hat, and I put 'em on right away, without any delay, and made for the door. I had to shut the door after me, because the doors through to the dining room from the hall were open and they'd have felt the draft and come out to see what was the matter before I'd had time to get away.

"The three carriages were standing there, the last one in front of the house and the other two just ahead, the one the old man had come in the head one. I walked down to that carriage and stood on the walk and looked up at the driver. I was taking some chances here, but the man that never took no chances never won anything. He was a strange driver. He didn't know the old man, but he knew the black gown and the blue mask and the beaver hat.

"You know the Goglington building," I says, "South First and Pine!"

"Yes, sir," he says.

"How long will it take to drive down there and back?" I says.

"About 30 minutes, sir," he says, and I opens the door. "Will you get down as soon as you can?" I says as

I gets in, and he says, "Yes, sir."

"I know the Goglington building well, a big office building standing on a gore shaped piece of ground between two streets that came together round the point of the building. There was a hall through the thick part of the building from one street to the other.

"Not long," I says to the driver in front of the building, and then I shed the black gown and blue mask and the brown hat along the hall and went out the other door."—New York Sun.

**BALLAD.**

It was not in the winter  
Our loving lot was cast.  
It was the time of roses,  
We plucked them as we pass'd.

That early season never from'd  
In early lovers yet,  
Oh, no! The world was newly crown'd  
With flowers when we first met.

'Twas twilight, and I lade you go,  
But still you held me fast.  
It was the time of roses,  
We plucked them as we pass'd.

What else could peer thy glowing cheek  
When I began to stud,  
And when I asked the like of love  
You snatch'd a damask bud.

And open'd it to the dainty core,  
Still glowing to the last,  
It was the time of roses,  
We pluck'd them as we pass'd.

—Dionysus Brown.

**Alaska.**

The area of the United States before the purchase of Alaska was 2,932,666 square miles. Alaska contains 550,000 square miles of mainland, 7,000 square miles of the Aleutian islands and 22,000 square miles of other islands, a total of 573,000 square miles, or one-fifth of the area of the rest of the United States. It requires the areas of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and New York to equal this. The area of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Virginia and West Virginia equals only one-half of Alaska. It equals the combined area of Great Britain and Ireland, France, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. It stretches from latitude 51 degrees to 71 degrees and from longitude 130 degrees to 188 degrees.—Overland Monthly.

**The End.**

Miss Greenleaf of Boston—I saw you down town this afternoon, but you didn't deign to look at me.

Mr. Westlake—Oh, there must be some mistake! I surely couldn't be too busy to see you at any time. Where was I?

Miss Greenleaf—You were walking in Nabal avenue.

Mr. Westlake—No; it couldn't of been me. I wasn't there—I beg your pardon, Miss Greenleaf! I don't want you to think I don't your word. I—

Miss Greenleaf—Never mind. We must cease to be friends. I dare not trust myself in the company of one who says "It couldn't of been me!" Good night and goodby!—Cleveland Leader.

**Origin of Brandywine.**

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