



Fiction

HIS BROKEN PROMISE.

By Marie Moore.

EAR the close of a September day, as the sun in its dying splendor was tinting with rosy hues the dingy sails of a solitary fishing schooner...

"Dora, you are ill!" he exclaimed in alarm. "No," came the answer from the trembling lips, "it was my dream. All day I could not forget it. Such a dreadful dream."

"Oh, I thought I sat here on this very ledge, but alone, and the waves were pounding and beating against the rocks. She ducked, angry waves, and then—"

"You foolish little girl," he interrupted, attempting to allay her almost hysterical sobbing. "Don't let your mind dwell upon such things."

"That you will avoid any action that could result in disaster to you." "Why, then, I promise, promise to do whatever lies within my power to divert any calamity that would for one moment grieve my little Dora."

"On a cold, gray morning, four months later, the wind began at an early hour to mean dismally along the rocky shore; by noon it increased to a gale, accompanied by snow, and long before twilight a storm in all its fury was besieging the little fishing hamlet."

"How glad I am that my Duncans are not one of the poor sailor boys tonight," she added, as she sat before her sewing herself with her mother, she ran and peered from the little window against which the snow was steadily beating.

"Yes, there was Duncan, almost at the door—but who was with him? Dora hastened to the door, calling to her companion, who was fast disappearing in the darkness. 'Will he be with you directly?' Then to the astonished Dora he hastily explained: 'A vessel on the point is signalling for help and Joe is picking up men to go to her relief. Sorry I can't stay with you.'

"Dora, can you think of those suffering souls out there and permit such superstitious talk to bar me from rendering them assistance?" "How can I let you go," came from the quivering lips, "when I know you are going to your death?"

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FARM TOPICS

A Good Whitewash.

For use on buildings and fences where a durable and brilliant whitewash is desired, the following mixture will be found satisfactory.

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At the recent meeting of Wisconsin cheese makers, Professor L. E. Haeckel spoke of the coal milk and butter products from different breeds.

The cow cannot kick over the milk pail which by invitation is used, says the writer. Besides offering a security for the milk it also affords a seat for the milker.

Very interesting reports are made of a series of experiments conducted by Mr. Hopkins, the chemist of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Columbia, Illinois.

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GOOD ROADS NOTES

The Necessity for Good Roads.

We are pleased to note the agitation in this direction, which is a good one. Good roads are a necessity to the farmer and fruit grower; apart from the desirability of having your products arrive at shipping point in the best possible condition there are many other considerations, among them the saving of time, and the wear and tear on both man and beast, the capacity for carrying increased loads, etc.

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The League of American Wheelmen will make an effort to get all owners of automobiles to become members. The two classes have one common desire—the betterment of the public highways, and as the league has for several years agitated this subject and is acknowledged the leader in the movement, it will bring to its membership an influential class, and one which has as yet taken little interest in the good roads movement.

The Agricultural Department has collected statistics showing that the average load hauled over our American country roads is almost exactly one ton. When compared with the average load of twenty-five cents for each wagon load or ton. In Western Europe, the average load is three tons and the cost per mile a ton varies from seven to ten cents.

The coming of automobiles will unquestionably accelerate the impulse given by the bicycle to the making of good roads. When automobiles are made so cheaply that people must have them just as they must have improved farm machinery, then it may be expected that good roads will come with a rush.

One of the State's Best Hopes. The St. Louis Republic sees in the campaign for road improvement now going on in Missouri one of the best of the State and says: "The American farmer is at an expense three times greater per mile for hauling his produce than the European farmer. This is because the service standards abroad are lower and because the roads there are good and better. This drain upon the agricultural energies of the country will continue until this annual survey treatment is supplanted by a system of fundamental and permanent construction."

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From the New York Sun: "I used to think," said Mr. Goslington, "what an infinitesimally small thing I was, just a insignificant nothing upon a globe that is itself but a microscopic grain of sand in the vastness of the universe. But I think differently now. I haven't a big head, nor even the slightest approach to it, but I think what a great thing it is, even for the brief moment of our passing lives, to be any part whatever of all that God has made, that part human understanding—the infinitesimal."

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A sharp's eye is one of the easiest-looking things imaginable. It is not provided with shell but the contents are protected by a thick, leathery covering. The average size is two to three inches, and the color is almost pure black.

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