

BARBARA'S ESCAPE.

Henry Millbrook's engagement to Barbara Esmond, the heiress, was the theme of general club comment and congratulation. His friend Mr. Piercy wished she had a sister with half the money as Millbrook sauntered away to get his picture taken for his ladylove.

Signor Fernelli, the artist, was at home and very glad to receive Mr. Millbrook's order.

As Millbrook sat waiting for Signor Fernelli to bring out some specimens of his art he saw through the open door a dark silk dress brush by and the pure, clear profile of a face that he well knew—Barbara Esmond's face.

"Hello!" ejaculated our hero. "Fernelli, who the deuce is that young lady, and how came she here?"

"It is the music mistress of Pauline Delatour up stairs. She comes twice of the week and sings, my word, like a nightingale."

"Who is Pauline Delatour?"
"A poor girl, signor, who sews on dresses, but one day she will come out on the stage—she will sing at the opera."

Harry Millbrook stared at Signor Fernelli like one demented.

"Which size did you say, sir?"

"I—I don't think I'll make a selection today. I will call tomorrow."

And Mr. Millbrook rushed headlong down stairs, greatly to the surprise of Signor Fernelli.

"The deuce!" he ejaculated to himself as he strode along the narrow street, with difficulty restraining himself from tumbling at every other step over the babies who swarmed in the gutters. "A music mistress! Giving lessons in such a hole as that! Upon my word, I've come preciously near being taken in and done for!"

He lifted his hat and wiped the chill beads of perspiration from his forehead.

Barbara Esmond had fluttered lightly up the narrow staircase, all unconscious of the eyes that were noting her through Signor Fernelli's partially opened door, and entered a small room in the story above. A pale young girl, with a sweet, spirituelle face, sat at her sewing by the window. She brightened up as the delicate figure came in.

"Miss Esmond, it is so kind of you to remember me so punctually."

"Not at all kind. I am a genius worshiper, Pauline, and I have discovered the divine spark in you."

"How shall I ever repay you, Miss Esmond?"

"By cultivating the talent heaven has bestowed upon you. Nay, nay, Pauline, I am but following out a pet whim."

The lesson was longer than usual that day. Pauline and Miss Esmond were both deeply interested, and it was nearly twilight before Barbara emerged from the house, closely veiled, and walked swiftly through the darkening streets.

"There's a note for you, Miss Barbara," said her housekeeper, as she sat down to rest a minute or two in the reception room of her own mansion before she laid off her things.

"A note? Let me see it."

It was very brief, but cruel as a blow.

"Miss Esmond," it read, commencing shortly and sternerly, instead of the "Dear-est Barbara" she had expected.

Allow me to claim back the truth I have plighted to you. I had supposed when I engaged myself to you that I was about to ally myself to a lady, not to a music mistress in Grove street. It will scarcely be worth while for you to reply to this letter, as I can never, under any circumstances, forgive the deceit that has been practiced upon me. Therefore I shall take it for granted that all relations are ended between yourself and yours, very respectfully.

Barbara dropped the insulting letter, with a sparkle in her black eyes, a curve to her lip, which were wondrously eloquent.

"The puppy!" she muttered between her set teeth. "The miserable poltroon! How could I ever have fancied for a single second that I loved him? Reply to this letter! Of course I shall not reply to it!"

And Miss Esmond walked up stairs, carrying her head high in the air, far, far beyond the reach of Harry Millbrook's petty spite.

That young man was seated at his breakfast table next morning when Rufus Kenward lounged in.

"Hello, Millbrook! I've just heard a little item about your ladylove, Miss Esmond, that is to my mind better than all her bonds and mortgages. What do you think? She's giving singing lessons to my wife's little seamstress, one Pauline Delatour, because the child has a glorious voice and can't afford to have it cultivated. Really, it isn't often that an heiress like old Esmond's daughter stoops to perform so tolling a benefit as that."

Harry Millbrook had set down his chocolate cup and was staring with glassy eyes at Mr. Kenward.

"Why, what's the matter?" demanded that gentleman somewhat shortly.

"Nothing."

"Dyspepsia, eh?"

"No. I tell you I'm well enough."

Harry had made a mistake—a mistake that was likely to be fatal to his brilliant matrimonial aspirations.

"Why didn't I wait? What the mischief was I in such a hurry for?" he demanded of himself, without any very satisfactory answer, as he hurried along the street toward Barbara's residence.

The boy, night, not have delivered the

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note—Barbara might not have read it—there were a thousand "might nots," and he resolved to try his luck, even in a forlorn hope.

"Is Miss Esmond at home?" he asked of the old housekeeper who came to the door.

"Miss Esmond wished me to say specially that she was never at home to Mr. Millbrook any more," was the cold reply. And thus Barbara escaped the snares laid for her.—Exchange.

Called.

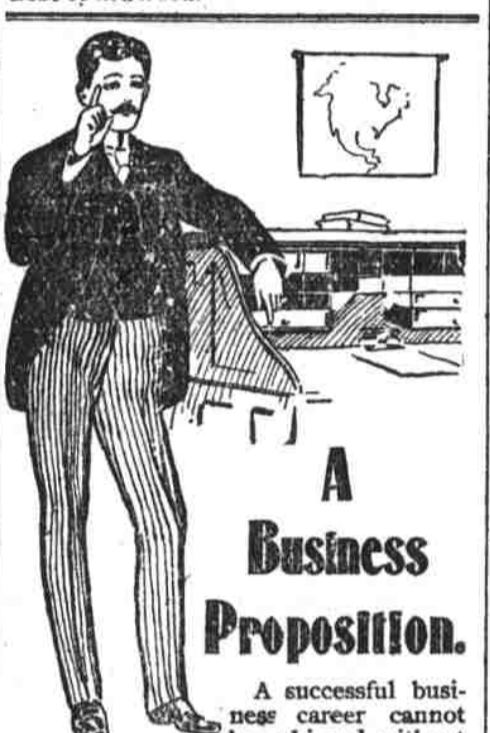
"There's no use," said Mr. Cumrox. "I ain't going to try to superintend the education of my daughters any more."

"Why not?"

"They're getting along where I can't follow 'em. I hear 'em chattering sometimes, and I can't tell whether they are reciting their Latin lessons or 'counting out' for a game of hide and seek."—Washington Star.

Walking Fish.

The "walking fish" of Santa Catalina channel, California, is a member of the pediculate tribe and has congeners among the gulf weed of the Mexican coast. Its pectoral fins are shaped so as to serve for legs, and it can rest on them so as to snap its prey. It builds a nest of seaweed.



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DATED July 22d, 1900.	No. 28, Daily	No. 25, Daily	No. 108, Daily except Sunday	No. 41, Daily	No. 4, Daily	No. 1, Daily
Leave Weldon	A. M. 11 50	P. M. 8 58	P. M. 8 58	A. M. 7 10	A. M. 7 10	P. M. 7 10
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1 00	9 58	9 58	8 20	8 20	9 58
Leave Tarboro	12 21		6 00			
Lv. Rocky Mt.	1 06	9 52	8 37	5 18	5 18	8 56
Leave Wilson	1 59	10 35	7 10	5 57	5 57	
Leave Selma	2 36	11 12				
Lv. Fayetteville	4 30	12 35				
Ar. Florence	7 26	2 34				
Ar. Goldsboro	P. M. A. M.		7 53			
Lv. Goldsboro				7 53		8 58
Lv. Magnolia					9 28	9 58
Ar. Wilmington						P. M. A. M. P. M.

TRAIN GOING NORTH.

No. 78, Daily	No. 109, Daily except Sunday	No. 28, Daily	No. 40, Daily	No. 4, Daily	No. 1, Daily
Lv. Florence	A. M. 9 50	P. M. 7 26			
Lv. Fayetteville	12 30	9 41			
Leave Selma	1 59	10 54			
Arrive Wilson	2 36	11 31			
Lv. Wilmington	A. M. 7 00	P. M. 9 58			
Lv. Magnolia		8 30	11 10		
Lv. Goldsboro	4 50	9 57	12 28		
Leave Wilson	P. M. 2 25	A. M. 8 38	F. M. 10 45	P. M. 1 14	
Ar. Rocky Mt.	8 30	6 10	12 07	11 32	1 14
Arrive Tarboro		6 45			
Leave Tarboro	12 21				
Lv. Rocky Mt.	3 30		12 07		
Ar. Weldon	4 59		1 00		
	P. M.		A. M. P. M.		

Train on the Kinston Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:25 p. m., Halifax 4:17 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:08 p. m., Greenville 6:37 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m. Returning leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:25 a. m., Weldon 12:23 a. m., daily except Sunday.
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TIME TABLE No. 18.
November 3, 1900.

EASTBOUND TRAINS.

STATIONS.	Passenger, Daily.	Mixed Frt. and Pass. Daily except Sunday.		Passenger, Sunday Only.
		A. M.	P. M.	
Goldsboro	P. M. 8 45	A. M. 7 30	P. M. 7 30	8 30
Beaumont	9 45	7 30	8 30	
LaGrange	4 09	8 35	9 30	
Falling Creek	4 30	8 57	9 30	
Kinston	4 45	9 14	9 30	
Dover	4 45	9 32	9 44	
Cross Creek	4 55	10 35	9 55	
Tuscarora	5 07	10 47	9 57	
Clark's	5 19	11 15	9 51	
Newbern	5 28	11 21	9 56	
Riverside	5 35	11 28	9 55	
Crossland	5 35	11 31	9 55	
Havelock	5 38	11 34	9 57	
Newport	5 43	11 34	9 53	
Wildwood	5 49	11 41	9 59	
Atlantic	5 54	11 48	9 54	
Morhead City	7 07	1 20	11 07	
Morhead Depot	7 15	1 28	11 15	
	P. M.	A. M. P. M.		

WESTBOUND TRAINS.

STATIONS.	Passenger, Daily.	Mixed Frt. and Pass. Daily except Sunday.		Passenger, Sundays Only.
		A. M.	P. M.	
Goldsboro	11 05	8 35	8 00	
Beaumont	10 48	7 50	7 28	
LaGrange	10 28	7 08	7 27	
Falling Creek	10 25	6 50	7 17	
Kinston	10 15	6 35	7 07	
Crossland	9 55	6 15	6 55	
Dover	9 45	5 55	6 37	
Cross Creek	9 35	5 45	6 25	
Tuscarora	9 25	5 35	6 15	
Clark's	9 15	5 25	6 07	
Newbern	9 05	5 15	5 55	
Riverside	8 55	5 05	5 45	
Crossland	8 45	4 55	5 35	
Havelock	8 35	4 45	5 25	
Newport	7 45	4 35	5 15	
Wildwood	7 35	4 25	5 05	
Atlantic	7 25	4 15	4 55	
Morhead City	7 15	4 05	4 45	
Morhead Depot	7 05	3 55	4 35	
	A. M. P. M.			

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