

**What Might have Been.**

TOLD FROM THE HEART.

Standing before my book-case the other day, looking over an old volume of poems, something slipped from between the pages, and lodged on the desk before me. It was only a bunch of faded, pressed flowers—a forget-me-not, a moss rose and a few geranium leaves—but somehow, in stooping to replace them, my thoughts drifted back to that golden autumn day, so long ago, when in Ethel Gray's garden I plucked them fresh and blooming.

Sweet Ethel Gray! There are some faces so exquisitely beautiful that they seem to challenge our worship rather than our simple admiration; and how thoroughly inter-suffused this become when to the graces of person are added those of heart and mind! To me, even at this late day, Ethel Gray seems like some rare, tender idol.

Had George Elliot known her, I am sure he would have held her in remembrance when writing the beautiful lines—

"From all curves, like softness drifted,  
Wave-kissed marble roundly dimpling,  
Far off music, slowly winged,  
Softly rising, gently sinking."

It was in the quiet little northern town of Millerton that we first met. Directly a firm, cordial friendship sprang up between us. It appeared the old story of Michael Angelo and Victoria Colonna enacted again; only we had youth, and hope, and happiness on our side, while they—ah, well! nobler pens than mine have told the history.

To me an era of pleasurable delight dated from my introduction to her. In her society the hours flew by unheeded; and not until almost the last day did I begin to understand what a captive I had become.

On the last but one I strolled out to the charming villa where she resided. She was awaiting me, I think; for, coming down the grand avenue of maples, I met her looking flushed and excited. Smiling a welcome, she took my arm; and, after a few turns, we strayed into a by-path that led into the gardens. There, among those Eden-like bowers, I called the bouquet whose recent dislodgment has caused me to trace this reminiscence.

"You will remember the motto of this, will you not?" she asked, holding tenderly the little forget-me-not.

"How could I forget it, Ethel?" I answered, in a low voice. "The very fact that you have held it in your case would suffice to endear it to me forever."

"You are talking like a lover now," she said, a little sternly. "You are deteriorating from that high standing of friendship which we marked out for each other. It was never at any time to merge into love, you know. Remember that, sir!" the last quite playfully.

What demon placed upon my lips the seal of silence? Why did I not then and there strain her to my heart, and whisper how long ago friendship had given place to love? I am sure that I might have won her if I had possessed the courage to declare my love then and there but I had not. I think she read something of the strivings of my soul in my eyes; for without another word she turned abruptly away, and in a few moments talked indifferently upon another subject.

It was sunset when I parted with her at the gate; a rich, fiery sunset, that September alone can give, and which seems to steep land and sea in a baptism of blood. How pure, how glorified she appeared standing in its light, her hair—"the woman's glory"—falling in wave-like beauty about her face! How the old trees tossed their gnarled branches above her, while now and then a stray leaf would flutter softly down, and rest upon her garments!

Ethel Gray! Ethel Gray! The summers number almost a score since we parted wealth and honors at my feet, but never have I forgotten one line of your dear face, or one word you ever spoke that was worth the treasuring. To-day a man—than whom Providence never formed one more noble—calls you wife; a home rivaling

my own in palatial grandeur holds you within its embrace. To you, trust in human nature seems a solemn, holy thing; to me, it is the most worthless. Little children nestle in your arms and thrill the atmosphere of your life with their fairy laughter. The baying of a hound, or the footfalls of servants, alone wake the echoes of my stately halls.

Which of us leads the truer, better life? Seeing the enormity of my error in loving you, now another's, how can I help detesting myself again and again for the weakness?

**The Yankee's Bet.**

"Recon I couldn't drive a trade with you to-day, Squire," said a genuine specimen of the Yankee pedlar, as he stood at the door of a merchant in St. Louis.

"I reckon you calculate about right, for you can't, no way."

"Waal, I guess you needn't git huffy 'bout it. Now, here's a dozen ginocine razor strops, worth two dollars and a half; you may have em for two dollars."

"I tell you I don't want any of your traps, so you may as well be going along."

Waal, now, look here Squire, I'll bet you five dollars that if you make me an offer for them razor strops, we'll have a trade yet.

"Done," said the merchant, and he staked the money.

Now, says he chaffingly, I'll give you sixpence, for the strops.

"They're yourn!" said the Yankee, as he quietly pocketed the stakes. "But," continued he, after a little reflection, and with a burst of frankness, "I calculate a joke's a joke; and if you don't want the strops, I'll trade back."

The merchant looked brightly.

"You're not so bad a chap after all," said he. "Here are your strops—give me the money."

There it is, said the Yankee, as he took the strops and handed back the sixpence. "A trade is a trade and a bet is a bet. Next time you trade with that ere sixpence, don't you buy razor strops."

**Too Much Land.**

The following paragraph from an exchange is worth more than a corner in a news column:

"It is said when mechanics have land they generally give it better cultivation than farmers, and consequently have more grapes, pears, strawberries and watermelons, and earlier potatoes and cucumbers. They devote more care and labor to a small space, and reap a larger profit from it."

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**Rooting out Mormons.**

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"What do you call this?" said Mr. Jones tapping his breakfast plate with his fork.

"Call it?" said the landlady;

"why? what do you call it?"

"Well, really," said Jones reflectively; "I don't know.—There is hardly enough hair in it for mortar, but entirely too much for hash."

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