Found Wanting

By Horace Stanhope

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"I say!"

Reeves Darlow, lolling against a tree trunk a few feet beyond a high stone wall, his sketching outfit lying neglected at his side, uttered the ejaculation sharply and sat up.

His hand sought a certain spot on his forehead, with which suddenly, unexpectedly some flying object had come in contact. The blow had been a sharp one; broke the skin and evidenced the possibility of a rising lump. He wondered what had struck him, and why. Then he recalled the sound of merry girlish voices beyond the wall.

"Something thrown—of course not purposely," he soliloquized. "Ah! there's the missile—a slipper."

As he arose he observed the object in question. It lay on the grass, white, small, high-heeled, dainty. He turned it over and over in his hand, somewhat admiringly. Then he roused at the echo of a rustling sound. Where a portion of the wall was gone and there was a breach like a gateway, a graceful feminine figure had appeared. One foot was slipperless. Here was the owner of the innocent missile.

About to advance and tender the slipper, Darlow was a good deal disappointed as its owner uttered a scream and, turning, flashed back out of view like a nimble sprite. A great hubbub arose beyond the wall.

"What scared you Norma—a bear?" cried out an animated voice.

"Worse than that."

"A horrid man?"

"A man, but not particularly horrid. Rather distinguished looking, I judge, from the fleeting glance I got. But oh! me limping on my stockinged foot! Quick, Melba, grab the ball and let us vanish."

There were mock exclamations of fright and dismay. Darlow reached the wall and waved the slipper over it, but, scurrying from the field, a group of half a dozen girls paid not the slightest attention, while with a shocked expression of face the denuded one, she who had lost the slipper, ran the fastest, her white silk-covered foot gleaming in and out of the grass entirely fascinating in its nimbleness and gracefulness of form.

"H'm!" observed Darlow, "she must have footgear galore to disdain the return of the slipper. I see, a bevy of girls playing at football, a wild kick, and hence the slipper. And my bump!" and Darlow ruefully rubbed the abraised spot. "As to the slipper, I'll keep it as a memento. It may suggest a romantic pencil sketch, or a story."

He threw the pretty satin-bowed trifle into his sketching case, closed it and pursued his way. Reeves Darlow's way just now was the way of an idle stroller off on a hit-or-miss jaunt. He forgot about the slipper by morning. Its owner ceased to fill his thoughts before the close of the day following.

Meantime, she of the lost slipper, Norma Edgeworth, and her breathless associates cleared the field and settled down to rational progress.

"It's a pity to leave that slipper behind, Norma," spoke one of her companions.

"Oh, you know I'm bound with the morning for an environment where satin slippers and the like will be a negligible quantity."

"Surely you have got that foolish scheme of yours out of your head, dear?"

"Never!" dissented Norma with vigor. "It isn't a scheme, it's a test."

"And you are bound to go through with it?"

"Barring the possibility of some of you chatterers betraying the fiction."

"Oh, we'll be true blue, Norma!" proclaimed an urgent chorus.

All this would have been Greek to the unadvised. All would have been mystery for that same class, had they seen Norma Edgeworth twenty-four hours later. Whereas, she had borne the presentment of a fashionably dressed young lady and surrounded by companions suggesting the same order, the next day Norma was installed in an old-fashioned farmhouse ten miles distant, as pretty as ever, though arrayed in calico, but engaging in active housework, and seeming to enjoy it.

It was lining a hedge that marked the farm limit on one side that Reeves Darlow found himself two days after the incident of the slipper. Was it fate, or merely natural and coincidental, that, glancing beyond it, he noted a graceful girlish figure hanging some handkerchiefs on a line to dry. A quizzical expression came into the face of this strolling artist as he discovered something else. The girl in view wore odd slippers. On one foot was a black slipper, and on the other one of white satin, the counterpart of the one resting within the sketching case he carried at that moment.

"I declare!" continued Reeves with himself, a token of rare interest in the intonation. "I've found the mate of my Cinderella acquisition."

There could be no doubt of it. He had caught only a momentary glimpse of Norma Edgeworth back at the town meadow. She was now in calico, whereas the maiden of the field had been arrayed in silk, but he was sure, despite the puzzling transition, that this girl was the one who had caused that discolored mark just over the left eyebrow.

"She is worth looking at," he declared. "I will supply the missing slipper and I hope to get better acquainted."

Honk! Honk! Reeves glanced at the roadway in front of the house to discern that a handsome automobile had just halted there. A rather foppishly dressed young man got out of the machine. The girl in calico observed the newcomer. She darted behind the kitchen of the house. She rumpled up her hair, she jerked her apron awry and picked up an old battered milk pail. Then she stepped again into the view of the road and exhibited, or rather feigned, vast surprise as the young man advanced toward her.

"Then it's true?" Reeves heard him say, but no more, for the girl joined him and they walked to a bench under a great spreading oak. The appearance of a possible lover somewhat dampened the former exuberance of Reeves. Still, he was very much puzzled. The newcomer acted uneasy and embarrassed. The twain conversed for some time, then the girl arose. She removed a ring from her engagement finger. The young man accepted it, bowed profoundly and returned to his automobile.

Honk! Honk! It was off and gone. The girl turned toward the house, her face once more in full view of the hedge lurker. She was smiling, as if enjoying some great joke. Reeves groped in his mind vainly to find some solution to this extraordinary circumstance. He fancied the moment had come to reveal himself. He had taken the slipper from his case. He penetrated the hedge with the slipper in his hand.

"Pardon me," he said, "but I think this lost property is yours."

Norma Edgeworth came to a quick halt. She stared blankly at the intruder. Then her quick mind worked out the problems of the moment.

"Yes," she said, flushing slightly. "You are the gentleman who offered it to me once. Thanks, I will take it now."

"It struck me there," observed Reeves craftily, exposing the abrasion on his forehead. "It sort of scattered my wits for the moment, or I would have tried to find its owner."

She essayed a pitying look as he recounted his injury, she began to smile as he drolly dwelt upon the oddity of the incident, and then the ice was broken, and somehow he lingered for an hour, and again somehow he was a visitor to the farmhouse the next day.

A week went by. What could such harmonious companionship lead to but love—real, mutual love? Reeves affirmed it under that same broad spreading oak tree, and Norma did not seek to deny its existence.

"Suppose some day you should realize the vast distance between a poor farm girl and a successful artist?" she suggested artfully.

"I have money and love enough for both," he declared.

"I think I had better confess," said Norma. "The young man who visited me here was a suitor for my hand—and fortune! I suspected that, and saw to it that he heard of my loss of wealth. You know the result. I never cared for him, but I have no father and mother, only money, and I felt lonely and helpless, and my friends urged me to try and like him, but I couldn't. It seems there was only one person I could love."

"Only one?"

"Yes, dear—only you."

ANIMALS OF THE CAUCASUS

Inhabitants Have Preserved Much of the Original Character of Their Stone Age Ancestors.

The Caucasus lies on the road which links Europe to Asia and its high valleys offer a safe refuge to man and his herds. This explains both the mixed and archaic type of its domestic fauna, which shows some curious analogies with the human material of the curious living ethnographic museum of those regions, observes a writer.

In all probability not one of the domestic animals of the Caucasus is autochthonous. The earliest epoch of the importation is prehistoric; the latest is contemporary with our own generation. Even the samples belonging to the stone age have preserved a good deal of the original character of their ancestors, owing mainly to the preservative character of the mountain region.

Turkestan, the countries of the Cretan civilization, North Africa and America have each furnished their quota.

From Europe hail the bull and the dog. The so-called Tartar dog especially, a descendant of the wolf, had its ancestral home in the plains of Volga.

Natural Animal Camouflage.

If you would study camouflage by land go look at the wild animals, says a writer. See how the tawny lion and striped tiger are painted to resemble the tall, yellow bush grass of the jungle. The giraffe is painted with a quaint diamond pattern exactly like the flickering lights among the acacia trees on which he feeds. The leopard, the jaguar and all spotted cats, the spotted deer, and the dappled horse are painted to imitate light under a shady tree. The pig is patched pink and brown like the sunlight, and the shadow of the denser woods. The elephant is painted a hazy brown like the great trees of the deepest forest. So all the wild beasts are colored for concealment in their natural landscape while many of them change their clothes with the seasons, wearing white for the snowy winters, brown for the torrid summer.

Second French Revolution.

The French revolution of 1848 is sometimes called the second revolution, the first having been that of 1789, resulting in the establishment of a republic which was followed by the empire under Napoleon I, and this in turn by the restoration of the Bourbon dynasty. The revolution of 1848 resulted in the abdication and banishment of King Louis Philippe, the proclamation of a republic, the election of Louis Napoleon as president, and later the establishment of the empire with him as emperor under the title of Napoleon III. This resolution was not accompanied by extensive military operations, but there was heavy fighting in Paris in which several thousand persons were killed.

A Total Wreck.

"What a smash-up that was of Jim's, when he ran his motorcycle with his fiancee on the back seat, into a lamppost."

"Yes, everything was broken; even the engagement."

WAS ALRIGHT ON HONEYMOON

But Wife Objects When Hubby's Impoliteness, Used as Ruse to Fool Onlookers, Becomes a Habit.

At a woman's club, this was overheard:

"Would you think," asked a club member, "that my husband and I would be taken for bride and groom when we make a little trip?"

"Why, of course you might, dear!" answered two or three. "You neither one of you show your age, and—"

"Thank you for your politeness," went on the lady, "but I wasn't fishing for anything like that. I was merely introducing a topic. When we were married—16 years ago next month—we figured out a way to deceive the train people and the hotel people and the strangers. I carried a big grip, of which my husband never attempted to relieve me; and he read the morning paper at breakfast. This ruse we continued during our entire honeymoon."

"Was it successful?"

"Oh, yes—fairly so. But that isn't the question. The next trip we made—it was a year later—my husband was still afraid that we might be taken for bride and groom.

"Again I carried the baggage and again he ignored me in favor of his newspaper, at the breakfast table. I didn't enter into the spirit of the thing quite so readily on that occasion.

"But the custom had been established. We went to New York last week—and I carried the hand baggage. When I protested, my husband said: 'What's the matter—do you want people to mistake us for a honeymoon couple?'

"What I want to know is this: How old do we have to be before it will be safe for my husband to begin to be polite to me?" — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

GAVE WORLD TRAINED NURSE

America Created What Is Declared to Be One of Proudest Triumphs of Modern Civilization.

One of the proudest triumphs of present civilization is the trained nurse. I refer to the real thing—competent, big-brained, merciful, fearless under fire or in the operating room, prompt to act in the efficiency of her own knowledge and, withal, a true woman, endowed with character and grace that qualify her to meet the best mentally equipped men and women on earth, writes Julius Chambers in the Brooklyn Eagle.

Florence Nightingale founded "the Order of Nursehood," but trained nurses are an American creation. We taught Europe the difference between the amateur nurse, however sympathetic, and the expert director of a sick room or hospital ward.

The trained nurse is an offspring of democracy.

The European aristocrat could not realize that a skilled nurse stood on the same plane with the physician—was often a more valuable guide to recovery. The notion among men and women in France and England able to employ her was that the trained nurse was merely a superior order of servant.

Even a servant may be loved, but her status is unchanged. But in America this snobbishness never existed. Her authority in the absence of the ministering physician is recognized as absolute. As she sits at the bedside of a suffering plutocrat or of a president of the republic, she is his equal.

Chinese Get-Rich-Quick Scheme.

The superstition of the Chinese people gave a man at Kiriva, North China, an opportunity to make a fortune. He established himself at the temple and started selling water to the pilgrims at one cent an ounce. He told them each to bring a small bowl and a piece of red cloth to cover it. On receiving the water they were directed to cover the bowl with the red cloth and burn incense before the shrine. The news spread rapidly through the city and country round about, and he was able to make a big haul, as thousands of people in carts, on horseback, and on foot resorted thither daily. Many have professed themselves cured of divers ailments. The water supplied had no medicinal properties, but took on a slight pink color from the cloth covering the bowls. Finally the magistrate, probably fearing trouble if he arrested the man, and wishing to discourage superstition, sent out police and destroyed the temple.

Meerschaum in Asia.

Meerschaum mining is an important business in Asia Minor. Pits are first dug, and as soon as a vein of meerschaum is struck horizontal galleries are laid out. These galleries are often very long, and they vary in length from 25 to 150 feet. The crude meerschaum, which is called hamtash, is yellowish-white in color, and a red clay coat envelops it. The blocks are sold on the spot at from $25 to $200 a cartload, according to their quality. They are then soft enough to cut with a knife, but they are dried before being exported.

Where America's Heart Lies.

Wherever the standard of freedom and independence has or shall be unfurled, there will America's heart, her benedictions and her prayers be. But she goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own.—John Quincy Adams.

To Reduce Airplane Explosions.

Airplanes equipped with machine guns run a certain degree of risk from an explosion caused by the flame at the muzzle of the gun. Hence considerable study has been devoted to obviating this danger, and a young Florentine chemist is said to have recently given a demonstration before an Italian military commission of a new powder invented by him which burns without either flame or smoke and does not flare on detonation.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Baltimore city made its initial arguments for annexation yesterday afternoon in a hearing before the Judiciary Committee of the House. It has asked to be heard again on Thursday, January 24, after Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties have presented their arguments against annexation. Anne Arundel is to be heard Tuesday, January 22, and Baltimore county Wednesday, January 23, at 3 o'clock. Chairman Connelly, of the committee, stated that action upon the city's request for a further hearing would be taken next Wednesday.

Mr. Field reviewed many of the phases of the annexation question over which there is most dispute. He then addressed himself to the merits of the city's contention. Saying that history repeats itself, he called attention to the fact that in 1816 the Legislature found Baltimore a small town of 985 acres and left it at the close of the session with 7,500 acres, after both the city and the county had objected to extension. By 1830, he continued, the town had grown so that its population had increased 75 per cent. over that shown by the census of 1810, and it had passed Philadelphia and become the second city in the country, a position it held until 1860 and the Civil War.

The following from this county have appointments at Annapolis: Miss Nellie Wooden, as stenographer to Speaker; Messrs. M. W. Routson, Uniontown, messenger to Temperance Committee; Wilson Blaine Welsh, Sykesville, and Harry Barnes, Franklin district.

STATEMENT OF SECRETARY McADOO RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF MERCHANTS OFFERING TO RECEICE LIBERTY BONDS IN PAYMENT FOR MERCHANDISE.

"It has been brought to my attention that numbers of merchants throughout the country are offering to take Liberty Loan Bonds of the first and second issue at par, or even in some cases at a premium, in exchange for merchandise. While I have no doubt that these merchants are actuated by patriotic motives, I am sure that they have failed to consider the effect which the acceptance of their offers would have upon the situation. We are making the strongest effort to have these Government Bonds purchased for permanent investment by the people at large, to be paid for out of the past or future savings of those who buy them. Purchases thus made not only result in providing funds for the uses of the Government, but they also effect a conservation of labor and material. When the Bonds are exchanged for merchandise, it defeats the primary object of their sale, it discourages thrift and increases expenditures, thus depriving the Government of labor and material needed for war purposes. In addition to this, such bonds when taken in exchange for merchandise must in most cases be immediately sold in the open market. This naturally tends to depress the market price of the issue and makes it less easy to sell future issues at the same rate.

"I hope that the merchants of the country, upon a more careful consideration of this subject, will discontinue their efforts to sell merchandise and take Liberty Bonds in payment."

SATEWOOD

Miss Mary Whitmore, teacher of the Primary department in Satewood school, has been transferred to Hampstead.

Mr. Warner Shauck who had been on the sick list is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Monroe and Mr. and Mrs. Geonge Knox spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. George A. Barnes.

Mrs. Ella Shipley visited Mrs. Noah Barnes Sunday last.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Sipes, who were married recently and wish them a long and prosperous life.

The lecture given by Mr. Waldon on Saturday, January 5, in the J. O. U. A. M. Hall, at Statewood, on "Rum and Romanism," was attended by a large crowd of men.

Mrs. James Fenner Lee, of distinguished colonial ancestry and a charter member of the Colonial Dames of America, passed away in St. Mary's county January 7, 1918.

Mrs. Lee was a resident of this county for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. James Fenner Lee owned the Deer Park Farm, 527 acres, where Mr. David Leister now resides, and their handsome residence burned to the ground in the winter of 72 or 73. Mr. Lee moved away from this county in 84 or 85.

Mrs. Frederick Zentz spent one day last week with her sister, Mrs. Geo. A. Barnes.

Oh! for a morning paper.

Prediction of radical advance in the price of men's clothing, charges that wool growers, not satisfied with an advance in the price of wool from 18 cents before the war to 75 and 80 cents a pound at present are hoarding for still higher prices, and plans to memoralize Congress for Government control of both wool and cotton prices, were features of the meeting in Chicago, Wednesday, of the National Association of Retail Clothiers. Charles E. Wry, of Des Moines, Iowa, secretary, asserted that unless there was Government control the advance in the price of clothing, all already apparent to the spring trade, would be "tremendous."

Mr. James E. Smith, a well known resident of this city, is suffering very much from diabetes, which has broken out in his foot. Dr. Charles R. Foutz will operate on the foot in the near future.

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G. MISAL

Mr. George Misal died Sunday at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Nightengale, at Eastview, this county, aged 49 years, 4 months and 13 days.

Mr. Misal's home was in Baltimore where he was engaged in the merchandise business. He was visiting his relatives at the time of his death.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. W. L. Seabrook, was held Tuesday in Trinity Lutheran church, Deer Park road, and the interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

Mr. James M. Stoner was the funeral director.

MRS. C. E. WILLET

Mrs. Blanche M. Willet, beloved wife of Mr. Charles E. Willet, died Wednesday, 9th inst.

The funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock at her late reidencr:ETAO o'clock at her late residence, No. 1634 Westwood avenue, Baltimore.

MISS J. E. GORE

Miss Julia Elizabeth Gore, daughter of the late Elijah and Dorothy Gore, died Tuesday, 8th inst.

The funeral service was held this morning at eleven o'clock in Reisterstown Methodist Episcopal Church, and the interment was made in the church cemetery.

MARKETS

N. I. Gorsuch Son Co.

Wheat	$212
Oats	.80
Flour Sea Foam	$10.75
Timothy Hay	$25.00 per ton
Mixed Hay	$20.00 per ton
Ear Corn (New)	$8.50 per bbl.
Cotton Seed Meal	$2.80
Hominy Chop	$2.60

The Sentinel calls attention of its readers to the United States Government Thrift Stamps and War Savings-Certificates now being issued. It is the aim of the Government to raise two billion dollars by this means. They are on sale at the Postoffice and by mail carriers and also by the banks throughout the county. Sixteen 25-cent Thrift Stamps, together with 12 cents in cash this month will purchase a War Savings Stamp, worth in 1923 five dollars, which is at the interest rate of 4 per cent per annum, compounded quarterly. It is the patriotic duty of everyone to buy some of these stamps. Join a Thrift Savings Club.

Following is the report of the Red Cross subscriptions from the different districts to the present time: Taneytown 408; Uniontown, 354; Myers, 334; Woolery's, 626; Freedom, 425; Westminster, 1921; Hampstead, 352; Manchester, 432; Franklin, 192; Middleburg, 275; New Windsor, 450; Union Bridge, 261; Mount Airy, 400; Berrett, 288. Total number of subscriptions is 6718.

Master Ellis Traver, son of Rev. and Mrs. Etephen Traver, of this city, fell yesterday on the ice and sustained injuries, the nature of which has not been ascertained. He was removed to a hospital for examination.

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COME—LOOK

Clarence L. Marsh, of Frederick, now a sergeant at Camp Meade in the 313th Regiment, was among the fortunate soldiers to be selected for the officers' training camp, which will open at the cantonment next week. He is a son of Mrs. Emma and the late Pierce Marsh, former residents of this city.

Aubrey E. Norwood, of Mt. Airy, has enlisted through the Frederick recruiting station, with the A. S. Signal Corps, as chauffeur. All branches of the service are still open for eligible applicants, that is, men who did not register June 5, except the Ordinance Corps. Eligible applicants for this branch will have to present a letter from the Chief of Ordinance, according to a statement Saturday.

Montgomery county public school teachers continue to resign at an alarming rate, many of them to enter the Government service at Washington, and Edwin W. Broome, county superintendent of schools, has a big job on his hands keeping the schools supplied.

Patrolman Martin Flynn, Chicago, had been plodding through snow drifts for hours notifying householders o help dig the city out, and because of this the Southwest Trust and Savings Bank, with $80,000 handy in an open vault, was not robbed Wednesday. Flynn, chilled to the bone, entered the bank to get warm. He had scarcely seated himself when a youthful bandit, with a pistol in each hand, entered with the command "Hands up!" Flynn opened fire and was himself shot in the leg. The robber fled and escaped with two companions who awaited him in a limousine.

It is denied that Congress is not giving proper attention to the railroads, as the Congressmen are already looking for jobs for their constituents under governmen railroad control.

TO THE PUBLIC

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PUBLIC SALE:—at E. Ogg's on the Washington Pike, Locust Row, one-half mile South of Westminster, on Tuesday, January 15th, 1918, all his farming implements and household and kitchen furniture. Sale to commence at 10 A. M. sharp.

ADMINISTRATRIX SALE OF

PERSONAL PROPERTY

of the late Lewis D. Zepp, deaceased, at Deep Run, Carroll county, midway between Deep Run road and Bish's school house on

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th
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D. D. Fuhrman, Aukt.
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