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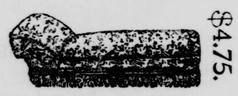


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LAND OF A DREAM.

Down where the river brawls through the green valley,
Down where the cat-tails stand by the swift stream,
Down where the wild winds are singing a rally,
And the cliffs are all scarred, is the land of a dream.

There where the skies in their color are vieing
With your eyes, as they looked in a day that I know,
There where the purple-topped clover lay dying,
And the breeze bore its last perfumed breath to and fro.

Oh, it's there where the reapers had finished their reaping,
There, there where the bees droned away the sweet day,
Till the night in cool dewe o'er the fallen came weeping,
There, there, where the purple-topped sweet clover lay.

Oh, it's there that I see you ere night lamps are lighted,
While I'm sitting alone in the night's purple gloom,
Oh, it's there all the wrongs of the years have been righted,
And there's just you and me and the clover's perfume.

Oh, it's there, if the spirit may come back to lover
O'er scenes and o'er places the heart loved so well,
From the bourne the own soul shall win back of your lover
O'er the meadow we knew, where the sweet clover fell.

It shall range down the valley and search the abysses,
Beneath where the cliffs their deep damp shadows throw,
All the nooks known of old and enriched by your kisses,
And shall dwell midst the scenes we two loved long ago.

—J. M. Lewis, in Houston Post.

The Incognito of Helen

By EDWIN J. WEBSTER

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HELEN ENDICOTT was standing at one of the windows of the big house which fronted the avenue, a decided look of discontent in her deep brown eyes.

"It is so provoking," she exclaimed almost petulantly. "People treat me as if I was an asset, or rather an appendage of the firm. I don't care if papa is one of the biggest men in the street. Last night, when that Englishman was introduced, he brightened up as he heard my name, and said, 'Ah yes. Of Endicott, Lathrop & Co. I've often heard of your father.'

"But it would be very nice to have some one like me for myself, and not simply because papa finances trusts and railroads, and all those things," and a pathetic little quiver mingled with the impatience in Helen's voice.

Violet Langdon looked calmly and with a little amusement at her friend. Tall, graceful, clear profiled, yet sweet-faced, Helen could have withstood a far more critical inspection.

"Well," remarked Violet, coolly: "Without wishing to flatter you or raise false hopes, it seems to me within the bounds of possibility that a man might like you for your sweet self and not because of Endicott, Lathrop & Co. But unless you travel incognito I don't see how you can really experiment about the matter."

But Helen, who had been listening listlessly, gave a little start at her friend's last words. She thought hard



"I THOUGHT YOU WERE AT NEWPORT."

for a moment. Then her eyes brightened.

"It could, it could be done," she murmured, half to herself. "There wouldn't be the least harm in the experiment. I might try it, anyway."

Those who best knew Mr. Endicott, Helen's father and the head of the great banking firm, said that one of the reason for his success in business and finance was that his mind once made up no obstacle could deter him from carrying out anything he planned. Perhaps brown-eyed Helen inherited this characteristic. At any rate, a few days later she was suddenly missed from the "smart set," of which she had been a member since her coming out. Her friends were vaguely told that she was "resting in the country," the exact place selected for her rest being something of a mystery. But about the time of the disappearance of Helen Endicott from society, a pretty, brown-eyed girl, who certainly bore a remarkable resemblance to her, registered under the name of Helen Morton at one of the hotels of a well known mountain resort.

It is one thing to be known as Miss Endicott, an heiress and a member of New York's most exclusive set. It is quite another to be an unknown Miss Morton at a summer resort where the few men in attendance are either married or engaged. Helen, a stranger to all at the hotel, found time hang rather heavily. Not only did she fail to receive the many small attentions so dear to the feminine heart, but she was the recipient of a few slight rebuffs, an experience quite new to Miss Endicott. Then Bobby Peyton came saw and was instantly conquered.

Bobby was young, broad-shouldered good to look upon, a perfect example of American manhood, able to take care of himself and those dependent upon him. After a year of hard work he was enjoying a vacation, made all the pleasanter by the fact that just before he left the city the head of the great banking house in which Bobby was employed had praised his work and promised him promotion to the head of his department. Bobby had fought a hard battle since his graduation from college. At last success seemed to loom distinctly before him.

From the first glance in Helen's eyes Bobby knew that he had met the one girl with whom it would mean long years of happiness to share life. And Helen? As she contrasted Bobby with the tired, blase sons of rich men who formed the majority of her acquaintances felt that he was a man of a different type, one whose love and respect was worthy, that any girl might be proud to win. Often she reproached herself for the false colors under which she was sailing. Of course, she, the daughter of a multimillionaire, a member of the smart set, the girl whose wealth and beauty were said hinted at as the reasons for the duke of Acton's visit to America, could not marry Bobby Peyton. But Bobby's sincere attention had grown so pleasant to her that she stilled her conscience by saying to herself that he would not really care. In her heart of hearts she knew better.

The end came one evening when Helen and Bobby were returning from a moonlight sail. As they drew near the hotel Bobby told her how dear she had become to him, what it meant if she would share his life. For a second Helen hesitated. They had almost reached the hotel piazza. Suddenly a man who had just dismounted from the newly arrived stage, started towards Helen with an exclamation of surprise. And Helen saw that it was her cousin, Howard Langdon.

"Well, Helen Endicott," exclaimed Langdon. "Who would have expected to see you here? I thought you were at Newport. Just stopped off here myself on my way north on a hunting trip. The duke is at Newport, you know," he added in lower tones.

But Bobby Peyton had heard Langdon's words as a man in the full of health hears a death sentence. His grip on the world and on all that made life worth living seemed to be slipping away. Helen Endicott. Too well he recognized the name as that of the head of Wall street's leading and wealthiest firm of bankers. Rumor said that Helen Endicott, if not formally engaged to the duke of Acton, was certain to make a great international match. There was no hope for him. In an instant all his hopes of a happy future, a home with the girl whom he loved with all his heart and soul vanished. A deeper pang was added by the thought that the girl whom he had loved with all his heart, whom in his day dreams he had called "his Helen" had only been playing with him. And Bobby slipped silently away.

At Langdon's greeting Helen felt a sudden thrill of longing for the fashionable life with its glitter and display, which she had been accustomed to from birth. To be duchess of Acton. What more could a girl desire? She could not give it up. Then she thought of Bobby. Yes, she had treated him shamefully, but it could not be helped. All that remained was to ask his forgiveness and say good-by.

Helen found Bobby seated in the darkness at the end of the hotel piazza, a picture of despairing unhappiness. But as Helen with faltering words began to acknowledge how she had deceived him, Bobby stopped her. He had lost all that his heart longed for, but he would allow no one, not even herself, to reproach "his Helen."

"Dearest, you were not to blame," he said softly. "For a time you made me the happiest man on the earth and I will always thank you in my heart for that glimpse of happiness. You cannot help yourself, for your father would not consent to our marriage. You must return to your life and I to mine, but you must never blame yourself for this. You are and always will be my queen, and the queen can do no wrong."

Helen had fully intended to say good-by, but as Bobby turned away she felt a sudden pang at the thought of losing him. To be duchess of Acton, the admired and envied of fashion's followers, what was that compared to a lifetime of Bobby and his love? Her father might object at first, but Helen was certain she could win his consent in the end. She stepped nearer to Bobby, a light in her deep brown eyes which he had never before seen.

"Papa will be surprised and may object at first," she murmured, almost timidly, "but all my life, when I have really wanted anything he has always let me have it in the end. And I want you, my Bobby, I want you more than I ever wanted anything else in my whole life.

Coal as a Talisman.

Recently a burglar in an English police court was found to carry a piece of coal in his pocket "for luck." Many English criminals think coal carried about with them gives good fortune. A belief in coal as a talisman is said to have been held by the early Britons, and it is frequently found in their burial places converted into personal ornaments, such as beads. Believers in dreams maintain that to dream of coal is a certain sign of coming riches. Then, too, there was a famous speculum, or mirror of divination that caused a great sensation in the sixteenth century—of Dr. Dee, which was formed of cannel coal, though the doctor pretended to have received it from the angels.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

Capt. Howard Blackburn, of Gloucester, Mass., will essay a third trip across the Atlantic in a boat 18 feet in length.

Miss Blanche McManus, an artist, recently sent out to several friends a little volume containing a reprint of the first English translation by Fitzgerald of the Rubaiyet of Omar Khayyam.

O. F. Nichols, who was dismissed by the last New York city administration for criticising the work of the engineering department, has received the appointment of chief engineer under Mayor McClellan. The position is worth $10,000 a year.

Mayor McClellan, of New York, occupies nearly half an hour each morning in walking to his office. He says that he needs the exercise, and when in congress walked to the capitol each morning. He is a healthy looking young man and seems capable of any amount of work.

Because of his supereminence as crack dancing man of the uniform service, Maj. Charles L. McCawley, of the marine corps, has been relieved of all other duty and placed in the white house social service as major-domo. His sole work will be to carry out the wishes of President and Mrs. Roosevelt as to their social entertainments.

Capt. Mahan professes complete inability to forecast the outcome of war German capital, because of the obstacle they present in case of fire.

It is an open secret in Germany that the Prussian nobility is not particularly pleased with the present kaiser. They have been used to receiving attention at court simply because of their rank, but Wilhelm II. does not care a straw what a man's rank is and judges him solely on his personal merits. He invites artists, men of letters and science, explorers and other eminent men to his receptions and has nothing to say to the counts, barons and officers unless they have distinguished themselves in some way.

WOMANKIND ABROAD.

In Paris the most fashionable boots have square toes and grey cloth or doeskin "uppers."

In Holland a lady was not long since admitted to the bar, but, by an amendment of an old law, it was recently enacted that no Dutchwoman could be burgomaster of a commune.

A prominent French physician has declared that, "any woman who practices fencing for 20 minutes every day will remain in full health." This advice has been seriously accepted by Franchwomen, and with them fencing increases in popularity every year.

Queen Carmen Sylva has opened a printing office in her palace where her works will be printed in the blind man's alphabet for the benefit of the blind of the whole world. Her majesty has secured the latest printing presses and hopes to be able to present a copy of her most famous books to every blind man's library in the world.

TAG ENDS OF THINGS.

One out of every four persons who die in London, dies "on public charity."

The opinion is gaining ground in England that a woman of 35 ought to be more beautiful than a girl of 16.

When your feet become swollen after your long walks, bathe them in water in which charcoal has been boiled. Strain the water through a cloth before putting the feet into it.

It is stated by those familiar with the situation in Alabama that the production of coal in 1903 probably exceeded the 1902 tonnage of 10,000,000 tons, notwithstanding the loss of a month's mining operations. It is believed that improvements made about the mines during the idleness, and the new mines ready for operation, will so increase the production that the end of the year showed up a total of 12,000,000 tons, or four times that of the entire southern group in 1899.

FARM AND FIELD.

In order to develop a cattle industry in Nigeria, a number of milch cattle have been purchased in Barbados, and shipped direct to the west coast of Africa.

The volue of American farm crops for 1903 is placed at a trifle over $2,500,000,000 by the official figures. This does not include cotton, which at present prices would add over $500,000,000 more.

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One should not talk of halters in the house of the hanged.

A barley corn is better than a diamond to a crow.

A hand-saw is a good thing, but not to shave with.

An ass was never cut out for a lap dog.

Only Gods and fools can be always consistent.

A wise man sometimes changes his mind, but a fool never.

The foolish and the dead alone never change their opinion.—Lowell.

Blacksmiths do not wear white silk aprons.

A fair complexion is unbecoming in a sailor.—Ovid.

He's a poor fishmerman that will not wet his feet.—German.

Bare footed men must not go among thorns.

He that hath a head of wax must not walk in the sun.

He that fears leaves must not go into the woods.

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