Love's Lottery.

"I tell you, Don Antonio, my daughter you shall not marry! After having squandered at the gaming table, the finest estate in all Spain, you still persist in asking me to bestow her on a beggar; why, if you were married to-day, you would stake all you are worth on some favourite card to-morrow; and on the following day I suppose I should see you turn *contrabandista*, or perhaps something worse. No, no! consent to abandon forever the gaming table, settle the remainder of your fortune on Donna Lyricia, and on these conditions she is yours; that's my ultimatum!"

"Very fine advice," said Don Antonio to himself as the door was closed in his face for the twentieth time; "but you, old boy, know not the pleasure of play; if you did, instead of going now to doze away the night in useless slumbers, you would turn out and try your luck as I just now mean to do. However, the old fellow said one truth, that cursed queen of clubs that I have pursued so long, will be my ruin! Let me see, how much have I already lost in persisting to play upon that one card? There's all my sugar plantation in the Havana; there's—but a truce to reflection! there's yet enough left to retrieve my fortune, and then I'll marry Lyricia, whom I love to distraction and never tempt that jilt, Dame Fortune, more! Oh, Lyricia, Lyricia! words are too weak for the affection I bear you," Thus conversing Don Antonio bent his steps towards the gaming house determined to risk all he was worth on the queen of clubs, which he imagined, from having so often disappointed his hopes, could not disappoint him more. The queen of clubs, however, like many other queens, was not easily propitiated, and when she did at last appear, she was as is too often the case, preceded by a knave, which knave was the cause of Don Antonio's losing his last dollar; upon which he darted with fury from the room, upsetting tables, chairs, and every thing that came in his way. "No, I'll not survive this disgrace!" said he. "My love! my money forever gone! I'm ruined by that infernal queen!—The queen has undone me quite—false, perfidious."

Fortunately, it being night, the *serenas* as usual, were fast asleep, or what Don Antonio did in his frenzy utter, might have cost his liberty, perhaps his life, for Godoy was at this time very jealous, and Charlotta just as sensitive as a virtuous woman: therefore not likely to be pleased with being called by approbious names.

Don Antonio raved, and actually tore his hair, those fine black clustering ringlets. By the by, he was the handsomest, nay, and the most accomplished cavalier in all Madrid, though certainly not the most prudent; he had gained honors in the field, as well as favors in the *salon*; in fact there was not a lady in all Madrid but would have been proud of him for a *cortejo*, if not for a husband. But now he was bent on disappointing all their hopes; he determined to quench his woes and life together in the river.

He pursued his way towards the bridge of Toledo ("oh, mischief! thou art quick to enter into the thoughts of desperate men,") resolved to plunge himself into the Manzanares. He had actually gained the parapet of the bridge in furtherance of his design, when the moon, which had hitherto enshrouded herself in a mantle of dark clouds shot forth her brilliant beams on the calm placid stream beneath lighting up a spectacle which re-called Don Antonio's bewildered imagination to a real sense of the leap he was about to make.

It is astonishing what a trifle turns one away from the very unpleasant task of committing suicide, and makes us discover, all at once, something agreeable in a world which had just previously been declared to be desolate and comfortless, so it was in this instance with Don Antonio; a mere dart of the moonbeams caused him to waver; but there was likewise another reason—The shallowness of the water beneath was thereby shewn, bringing to his mind the recorded jest, "that the arches of the Toledo bridge should be sold to purchase water for the river." No gentleman should attempt to drown himself in a shallow river, especially at ebb-tide; besides, Don Antonio was a lover of nature, and for him the moon, the stars, or aught that was beautiful, was not made in vain. "Oh! thou eternal queen of night!" exclaimed he, "thou shinest forth at this moment to tell us there is seduction in nature after all, which bids us live even when hope has fled the breast! Thou shewest in the tranquil stream which gently wends its onward course, an image of that peace which the ruffled bosom yet pants to enjoy, and makes us feel that strife and contention are our creation, and not thine."

This burst of the moon-beams—the shallowness of the river, and perhaps, after all, the vanity to think that he might possibly yet live to delight and be delighted—that some sweet voice, and some sweet smile might yet thank him for and reconcile him to the life he had preserved made Don Antonio stop short in his previous determination.

"But what is to be done?" continued he, "shall I throw myself at the feet of some rich dowager, and barter my last hope of happiness for a splendor I can never enjoy? No! rather than that I'll fall by lottery, the prize of any passing adventurer; yes, by lottery!"

No sooner had the idea of a lottery entered the head of Don Antonio, than he actually matured the plan of disposing of himself by that very means. In a few days all Madrid rang with the news of a scheme that the handsome and gallant Don Antonio thus intended to marry himself. But we had better read the advertisement itself:—

"To the fair sex! Lottery or a husband! Don Antonio de Ribera will dispose of himself in marriage, by lottery, in a thousand shares, at one doubloon per share. The money, as well as the husband, to be the property of the winner. All complexions (provided they are European) and all ages from fifteen to fifty, are eligible for shares."

Now, husbands are as scarce in Madrid as in some other great cities; but a husband and a fortune too, and that for a single doubloon, were irresistible attractions for many ladies of a certain age, of which it was not difficult to find in Madrid a thousand or upwards. Indeed, the tickets were most eagerly sought, and the lists were closed in a very few days. Many a *doncella* shed a tear at being obliged to put her money in her purse, instead of purchasing a ticket.

But there was one who shed bitterer tears than these, and who heard of Don Antonio's scheme with that grief which those who despair and still doat, have alone felt. That was Lyricia, whose dark eyes wept as fast as the Magdalen's and who was as beautiful too! For my part I've no dislike to woman's tears; then their souls are softened, and we mould them at our pleasure. Give me beauty in tears! I leave smiles to the wiser part of mankind.

But the drops Lyricia shed were useless, he who had sworn heaven and earth contained nothing to rival her in his affections now proclaimed its falsehood by setting himself up the sport of every female gamester who could perhaps find a husband by no other means than those by which Antonio sought to mend his fortune. By turns she blamed her credulous confiding heart or flattered herself that he loved her still and saw in this rash act but an excess of despair. She swore to forget—and still remembered; she gave up all hope—and in the mean time sent for an old Duenna to consult on her case.

The day for deciding the fate of Don Antonio arrived. The lottery was drawn and nine hundred and ninety-nine ladies were put to bed dreadfully ill of the *headache*. The fortunate number was fifty! To find out the holder was the next affair of Don Antonio; but with what dismay did he learn that a toothless old hag had borne off the prize. "But, Sir, don't be in a rage," said the *administrator* of the lottery, "I think you may annul the bargain, for the lucky jade must be as old as my grand-mother at least."

Don Antonia began again to think of the river, and repented having deferred the hour of making his exit from this world. He however made up his mind to view the whole of his misfortune in the face before he took this last resolve, and bent his steps towards the house of the lady whom he had engaged to make happy.

She was seated before a cheval glass, in a handsomely furnished apartment.—Don Antonio caught the first glimpse of her features in the mirror. She was a thing of paint and feathers. The deep wrinkles of her age worn cheeks were visibly reflected in the glass, even beneath the black lace mantilla with which she had veiled her face. "Oh! Heaven that I should have come to this!" exclaimed Don Antonio, with a deep sigh, which caused the lady to turn her head towards the door, and salute her future husband—"Welcome! *cavallero mio*," said she, "I have been expecting you these two hours. The money has already arrived, and the priest is waiting to unite us."

"Madam," said Antonio, "permit me first to explain. I fear there has been some mistake in this affair. You have certainly overlooked the conditions of this contract, which were not meant to include octogenarians."

The lady's features now assumed an appearance of scorn which in fact any lady's might well do, at being taken for an age beyond the true one. "Sir," said she in a broken voice, which at all events augured the want of sufficient lungs to scold much, "I have twenty witnesses to swear that I am not yet fifty, and I will not be cheated out of my lawful husband by any of your caprices."

"If but fifty you must have led a very dissipated life," muttered Antonio to himself; "but madam," said he raising his voice, "never will I consent to be your bridegroom; know that I love another to distraction, and no power on earth shall force me to wed you. Take the gold, which I presume is all you want to make you happy, but if you attempt to enforce your bond, that moment I will end my life, and at all events defeat your preposterous intentions."

The few teeth remaining in the old lady's head began to chatter as she listened to the ravings of Don Antonio, but she obdurately insisted on the fulfilment of her bargain, the terms of which were very clear. "The holder of this ticket is entitled to claim Don Antonio de Ribera for a husband, and one thousand ounces of gold as a marriage portion to be settled on herself."

"Hag!" cried Don Antonio, "let me see the vile name inscribed on that ticket which thou art so eager to exchange for mine; I will not be tricked thus."

"My name," said the old lady "is Lyricia Gonsalez."

"Oh, Heaven!" exclaimed Don Antonio, "what an unhappy coincidence; that name reminds me of the past—a tide of recollections rushes into my mind. Oh! thou infernal queen! to thee do I owe all these misfortunes."

"What I really had a rival then?" exclaimed a voice, and the lovely Lyricia came from her concealment behind an Indian screen. "Then is the fortunate chance which gave you to me of no use. Thus! thus! I tear the fatal paper; now like the world I live in, a waste and useless blank to me." "My Lyricia! Star of my life! whose destiny shall ever fix or unfix mine; but hold a moment! but explain one circumstance, and all shall be cleared up to your satisfaction; who is the real owner of that ticket?"

"Myself; despoiled of hope, but that faint chance left, my grand aunt, whose name, you know, is the same as my own purchased a share in the lottery, which turns out to be the prize. Felicitating myself that this fortunate result would have completed our happiness, I came hither and learn that a queeen is my rival."

"That rival, love is inanimate, & jealousy of her shall never disturb your peace; it was the *queen of clubs*, whose favor I have sworn never to court more. Thou art the only queen shall henceforth reign in my heart—none other shall ever enter there."

Don Antonio now found means to pacify the old lady, and convinced her that she was the finest looking woman of her age in the whole universe. Thus the last cloud was dispelled which threatened the satisfaction of the happy trio.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE.

THE Subscriber being very desirous of closing the collection of Officers' Fees now due for the present year, within the time prescribed by law, respectfully requests all persons indebted for the same, to call on him at his Office in Easton, where he may be found at almost any time ready for the reception of the same. It is also hoped that those who cannot make a convenient call on him, will very soon be prepared to receive a call from his deputies in the respective districts of this county. The Lawyers, Clerks, Registers, &c. generally expect punctual payments, which makes a speedy collection necessary.

J. M. FAULKNER, Shff.

May 28

Baltimore Life insurance company

JOHN J. DONALDSON, PRESIDENT.

DIRECTORS.

Robert Oliver,	W. W. Taylor,
Joseph Todhunter,	Edward G. Woodyear,
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John B. Morris,	Samuel J. Donaldson.

GEO. CARR GRUNDY—Secretary.

The Company proposes to insure lives for one or more years, or for life—to purchase or sell annuities—to receive money on trust, paying an interest therefor and accumulating at compound interest—to manage trusts, and to make all kinds of contracts in which the casualties of life and interest of Money is involved.

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No money is received for less than one year, nor in sums less than one hundred dollars; and an interest of four and a half per cent per annum is allowed, and paid semi-annually, or the company will invest the money and pay over the interest received, deducting a half per cent for compensation.

Office No. 22, St. Paul street, Baltimore.

Applications (post paid) attended to.

June 11 9w

PUBLIC SALE.

BY order of the Orphans Court of Talbot County, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House in the town of Easton on TUESDAY the 16th day of August next, at 3 o'clock P. M. the following negroes belonging to the estate of William Ray late of said County dec'd—viz. one woman 26 years old and her young child, one girl 6 years old, and one boy between 2 & 3 years old. The terms of sale will be a credit of six months, the purchaser or purchasers to give note or notes with approved security bearing interest from the day of sale.

Attendance will be given by

JNO. STEVENS, Jr. Admr. D. B. N. of William Ray, dec'd.

July 30 3w

RUNAWAY.

WAS committed to the jail of Talbot County in the State of Maryland on the 19th July inst. by Henry Thomas, Esq. a Justice of the Peace of the county and State aforesaid, as a runaway, a negro boy who calls himself

JOHN SANDFORD,

aged about 13 or 14 years four feet three and a half inches high; has on his right thigh five small scars as if occasioned by fire, had on when committed a coarse linen shirt and trowsers. John is very quick to answer when spoken to, and rather smart in conversation; he says he was stolen sometime last fall from his master Mr. James Gurven who lived on the corner of Howard and Mulberry streets, in the City of Baltimore, by a negro woman called Louisa Seth, and sent to Easton to a negro man called Nace Gibson, where he has remained until apprehended.

The owner of the above described negro Boy, is hereby notified, to come forward within sixty days, from the advertising hereof, prove his property and pay, or cause to be paid all such legal costs and charges as have, or may accrue by the reason of apprehending, imprisoning and advertising the same, and take him away according to the law of this State, otherwise the said negro boy John will be dealt with as the Law directs.

J. M. FAULKNER, Shff of Talbot County.

Easton July 27.

WOOL.

THE subscriber will purchase all kinds of American WOOL, and is prepared to pay the *highest cash prices*, for any quantity that may be offered. WM. BECKLEY,

corner of Washington street, and the Market place, Easton.

HE HAS ON HAND

A general assortment of Goods,

laid in on good terms, which he is selling off at cost. W. B.

may 21.

WOOL & SHEEP-SKINS.

RHODES KENNARD & LOVEDAY, are wishing to purchase the above articles to some extent, and will give the highest market prices, either in goods or money.

They have just received and offer for sale, a very superior paste blacking, its application is said to produce fine and permanent gloss, at the same time that it is found to preserve and render all kinds of leather completely water-proof.

June 4 tf S&W

THE STEAM BOAT

MARYLAND,

WILL continue the same routes as last year, until further notice, viz: leave Baltimore on Tuesday and Friday morning's at 7 o'clock for Annapolis, Cambridge and Easton; leave Easton on Wednesday and Saturday morning's at 7 o'clock, for Cambridge, Annapolis and Baltimore; leave Baltimore on Monday morning's at 6 o'clock for Chestertown, by Corsica landing, and return the same day. Passage and fare the same as last year.

**All Baggage, Packages, parcels &c. at the risk of the owner or owners thereof.

LEMUEL G. TAYLOR, Captain.

March 19

☞The Cambridge Chronicle, Centreville Times and Kent Inquirer will Copy the above

REUBEN T. BOYD

TAILOR, *Easton,*

NEXT door south of the Bank, feels truly grateful to those who have reached to him the hand of real friendship by patronising him in business, and promptly discharging their bills. Having a young and growing family to provide for, and as an inspired writer tells us, "whoso ever does not provide for his own household is worse than an infidel, and has denied the faith") he is induced to make this appeal to public sentiment, and say he is still willing to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, & that all orders in his line, will be executed in the best manner and utmost dispatch; in cases of journies, weddings or mourning, his arrangements are such as to enable him to make a suit of clothes at a very short notice.

N. B. Country produce will be taken from persons living in the country for work done, who find it inconvenient to pay the cash.

R. T. B.

May 21

NOTICE.

WAS committed to the jail of Worcester county in the State of Maryland, on the eighth day of June, inst. by Thomas Milbourne Esq. a justice of the peace of the State and county aforesaid, as runaways, the following negroes to wit: one named

ABIGAIL,

Five feet and three inches high of a yellow complexion and wearing a coloured striped stamped cotton frock.

One named ANNR alias Nancy five feet three inches high of a yellow complexion and wearing a mixed copperas home spun dress.

One named ELIZABETH or Betty, five feet six and a half inches high of a rather dark complexion, and wearing a blue striped domestic frock.

And two children one named LEONARD and the other named JANE, children of negro Abigail, which said children are of the same complexion of their mother and wear clothes of the same colour of their mother's, the above negroes have no bodily marks as I can discover.

The owner or owners of said negroes are hereby notified within sixty days from the advertising hereof, to come forward prove his, her or their title, and pay or cause to be paid all such legal costs and charges as have accrued or may accrue by the reason of apprehending imprisoning and advertising the same, and take them away according to the law of the state of Maryland, otherwise they will be dealt with as the law directs

PURNELL JOHNSON, Shff. of Worcester county Md.

Snow Hill, June 25 8w

CASH.

THE subscriber wishes to purchase from

50 TO 100

Likely Negroes,

from ten to twenty-five years of age, of both sexes, for which the highest market prices will be given in cash. Apply to the subscriber, or, in his absence, a letter left with Mr. S. Lowe, Easton Hotel, or directed to the subscriber at Centreville, will meet immediate attention.

Nov. 13. THOS. W. OVERLEY

EASTON ACADEMY.

A public Examination of the scholars belonging to this Institution will be held on Thursday and Friday the 11th and 12th of August, at the Academy. The parents and Guardians of the pupils, and the Friends of education, are respectfully invited to attend.

After the examination the vacation will commence and be continued till Monday the 19th of September, when the schools will be again opened. By the Board

THOS. I. BULLITT, Pres't.

Easton, July 30. S&W

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Of every description handsomely executed at this

OFFICE AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE

A first rate Saddle Horse

FOR SALE.

A fine wracker—of a rich bay colour, black mane and tail, snip and one white hind foot—well broke, seven years old—sound in all respects, never was sick, and never had a hard ride—his gait is charmingly pleasant from three to twelve miles the hour. Enquire at this office.

July 30

THE FEMALE CLASSIC ACADEMY

AT EASTON.

lately relinquished by Mr. Hart, will, in future be conducted by the Subscriber. 'Tis contemplated to pursue the same extended, thorough course of instruction practised by his predecessor, and so well calculated to give expansion to intellect, dignity to sentiment, and a consequent polish to manners. The Principal can promise largely as to his assiduity, attention, & conscientious desire to be useful as a Teacher. And should the number of pupils, or the branches to be taught exceed his own personal efforts to do justice, discreet and competent assistants will be advisedly engaged. The discipline of the School will have for its basis the eliciting of a laudable emulation. Penalties will consist in the imposition of intellectual *tasks*, the performance of which will be enforced, if necessary by confinement at play-time. Should this prove ineffectual, appeal will be made to parental admonitions prior to expulsion—the dernier resort. The charges will be as follows.

Spelling, Reading, Writing, per quarter	$4 00
Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic	5 00
History, use of Globes, Astronomy, Rhetoric, Composition	6 00
Logic, Chemistry, Nat. & Exp. Philosophy; Mor. Ditt. French, Latin,	7 00
Drawing, Painting; 3 Dollars Extra.	

'Twas designed to open the school immediately, but as the usual time of vacation is now at hand, business will not commence till the 1st Monday in September, unless ten or twelve should make known to him a wish to dispense with the vacation, in which event the Academy will be opened. The subscriber would take into his family several pupils as boarders, upon terms customary in this place.

EDW. H. WORRELL, South St.

Easton; July 30.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

BY virtue of a decree of Talbot county court sitting as a court of Chancery, will be offered at public sale on Wednesday the 17th day of August next, on the premises between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 6 o'clock, P. M. of said day, all that farm or plantation whereon the late Major George Parrott, died seized, situated in Kings Creek hundred, in the county aforesaid, and containing two hundred acres of land, more or less, which lies adjoining the lands of Mrs. Susanna Needles. The improvements on said farm are a dwelling house and kitchen, with a good barn and other necessary out houses, persons wishing to purchase are invited to view the premises before the day of sale.

The terms of sale.—A credit of 12 months will be given on the purchase money, the purchaser or purchasers to give bond, with good and approved security to the trustee for the payment of the purchase money with interest from the day of sale.

The creditors of the said George Parrott dec'd, are hereby notified to exhibit their claims in legal form within six months from the day of sale, with the clerk of Talbot county court.

THOS. ARRENDELL, Trustee.

july 16 5w

MARYLAND.

Talbot County Orphans' Court

June Term A. D. 1831.

ON application of William Bullen, Administrator of Thomas Bullen late of Talbot County deceased,—It is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate and that the same be published once in each week for the space of three successive weeks in two of the newspapers printed in the town of Easton.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of proceedings of Talbot County Orphans' Court, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office affixed, this 18th day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty one.

Test, JAS: PRICE, Reg'r. of Wills for Talbot county

In compliance to the above order

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That the Subscriber of Talbot county, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Talbot county in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Thomas Bullen, late of Talbot county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber on or before the 1st day of February next, or they may otherwise by law, be excluded from all benefit of the said estate—Given under my hand this 18th day of July A. D. eighteen hundred and thirty one.

WM. BULLEN, adm'r. of Thomas Bullen, deceased

July 30.

MARYLAND.

Talbot County Orphans' Court,

JUNE TERM, A. D. 1831.

ON application of William Townsend, Administrator of George Shannahan, late of Talbot County, deceased,—It is ordered, that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate and that he cause the same to be published once in each week for the space of three successive weeks in one of the newspapers printed in the town of Easton.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of proceedings of Talbot County Orphan's Court, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of my office affixed this 28th day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty one.

Test JAS. PRICE, Reg'r. of Wills for Talbot County.

In compliance to the above order,

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE,

That the subscriber of Talbot county hath obtained from the Orphans' court of Talbot county letters of administration on the personal estate of Geo. Shannahan, late of Talbot county deceased, all persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the 1st day of February next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

Given under my hand this 28th day of July in the year of our Lord 1831.

WM. TOWNSEND, adm'r, of George Shannahan, dec'd.

July 30.

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