A LA VALENTINE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THE rose is red,
The violet blue;
This little bill
Is overdue.

Please pay it now—
Don't wait till when
The rose and violet
Bloom again.

For if you do
Delay it thus,
No violet
Will bloom for us;

Unless you pay,
The rose will rest
Upon our fair
And manly chest.

The birds will sing,
But what of that?
We shall not hear them
Where we're at.

So come across;
We need the dough—
Not in the spring,
But now, you know.

The rose is red,
The violet blue;
Do we need cash?
I'll say we do!

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STILL POND

Miss Elizabeth Dukes is spending this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Holten Parr and daughter, of Baltimore, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. William Parr and daughter.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Shockley are spending some time with friends at Sherwood, Md.

Mr. Harry Bidwell, of Philadelphia, spent several days this week with Mrs. S. B. Parrott.

Mr. and Mrs. Linset, with Mr. and Mrs. Julian Toulson, of Philadelphia, also Mr. and Mrs. Penn Toulson and daughter, of Vinland, N. J., spent the holidays with Mrs. Susie Toulson.

Mr. J. B. Crowding, Jr., and grandson of Philadelphia, Pa, spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crowding.

Mrs. Vernon Robinson and children spent the past week-end with her parents at Betteron, Md.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet on Next Thursday evening, Sept 17th, at the home of Mrs. Frank Meeks. All dues for the year must be in by this meeting. There will be a mite box opening so all having mite boxes be sure to bring them in. There will be an interesting program.

Messrs Charles Hague and Carl Norris spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Every family is asked to bring or send a fat hen to Mrs. William G. Rasin on Monday, Sept. 14th, bring them alive and she will sell them, proceeds to help the Sunday School improvement fund.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Warren, of New Brunswick, N. J., spent the past week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs J. H. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sea and family, of Sparrows Point, with Mrs Eva McClure and friends, of Towson, Md., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones.

KENNEDYVILLE

Miss Sue Johnson, of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. James Weer.

Miss Elizabeth Jones of Galena is visiting her grandparents Mr and Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. Susie Shallcross is visiting Mrs. Rachel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. William Oliff.

Miss Sara Staats returned on Monday to her position in East Orange, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Robinson spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson.

The Mite Society, of Grace Presbyterian will meet at the home of Mrs. Rachel Hill on Wednesday evening, September 16. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Murphy, of Wilmington, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell last week.

Mr. William Dempsey and children returned on Sunday from a pleasant visit to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Sadie Pippen and little daughter, of Chestertown, spent Sunday with her parents.

Mr. William Dempsey and Mrs. Caldwell motored to Philadelphia on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boggs spent Labor Day in Hartley, Del.

Miss Mary Hill and Miss Anna Rasin left on Friday for Baltimore where they will attend the State Normal School.

Mrs. Sarah Haman of St. Georges, Del., and Mrs. Annie Price of Wilmington, Del., spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Cleaver.

Little Miss Catherine Atwell is spending this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reid and daughter were visitors at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Cleaver the past week.

Miss Jennie Coleman, of Baltimore, visited her aunt, Mrs. John Atwell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Warren, of New Brunswick, N. J., spent the week-end with Mrs. Jennie C. Webb.

Miss Della Spry left on Saturday for Atlantic City, where she will attend school.

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For Memory's Sake

By DUFORD JENNE

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"DAD" STEINER paused on the landing. He listened. From the room at his right came the sound of sobbing.

We went on up the creaking stairs of the old tenement, through the reeking air of ancient cooking, thinking of how many times that room he had passed had held some one who had found the city ways too troubled to be happy. He knew by the sound that this time it was a girl who had drifted down in that dismal eddy of the great city.

The next day, the old man saw her. He was on the pension list of his old lumber firm, had carefully banked enough money to give him a decent burial; so the sunny days he spent in the park. That park faced the sea, and on his special bench it was his habit to rest, watching through the hours the traffic from the ocean up the great river.

The girl came and sat down on the same bench. She did not seem to notice him. He knew that she was near the end.

When she did look at him, he started. The memory of a girl he had loved long ago. Steiner moved restlessly, trying to take his thoughts from her.

That evening he sought out Mrs. Malone, who lived in the basement, and who was his one and only friend in the tumbling old tenement. He explained what he wanted.

She took her pipe from her sagging mouth and said tenderly: "Ye ol' fool, ye'd been up the city 'stead of here in clover, if it wan't for the tender heart o' ye. But I'll do it fer ye."

She reported on the night of that day. "Sure the colleen was dyin' fer a body to talk to. She's nigh the end. Ye see she was ingaged to a salesman. They had everything fixed. He wint South fer his firm. An' she niver heard of him. His firm neither. They thought he skipped with the money—and left thim in the lurch—an' her, too. Why ye so glum, man? She's nuthin' to ye!"

The old man gave his rare smile. From the basement Steiner went to Bause, the owner of the tenement, who lived in his ramshackle building. Steiner explained what he wanted.

"Sure," Bause said. "She can stay as long as she wants if you pay the bill. No, I won't say anything. None of my business as long as I get the coin."

The next day Steiner limped down to the great docks where until he had been pensioned he had been night-watchman for many years. Doors were opened for him until he faced the owner of the shipping company who controlled them. Steiner again explained what he wanted.

The gray-headed man at the desk smiled. "Still helping them out, Steiner? Well, you were the best watchman we ever had, and we owe you a good turn. I'll see what I can do."

He turned to the telephone, and Steiner saw him as he talked show sudden interest. When he turned he said: "They got track of the young fellow last week. He was in a hotel fire in some little town down South; burned everything he had up, and almost finished him. He's out of his mind now; he's in some state asylum, but they're looking after him; and they think if they could find his sweetheart she might be able to help him come around. I've got all of this from the manager of his old firm, so it must be right."

Steiner almost forgot his limp as he hurried back to the tenement. On his way he stopped at the Sailors' Five-Cent Savings bank and drew out the precious money that was to make sure he would have an honorable place to rest after his days were over. "I can squeeze a bit of my pension," he said hopefully.

He listened at the landing before the little room. He was sure he heard a little movement. He knocked. No reply. He knocked again. No reply. He turned the broken knob. A slow step drew near. The door opened a bit. The wide, staring eyes of the girl looked at him.

"I have some good news for you. Can I see you?" he asked.

Once in the room, he sat down at the table, while she stood. Quietly he told her what he had discovered. She stood dumb; and at his last words she fainted.

He stumbled down to the basement and brought Mrs. Malone puffing up.

When at last peace filled the dingy room, Steiner rose. The girl looked up at him from the bed, her eyes wide no longer with despair and horror. "How can I thank you? Oh, how can I? I'll go tomorrow; and I'll send the money back just as soon—"

"Never mind the money," he said. "Whenever things are all right, you can send it. I won't need it for a long time, I hope."

Outside the door he listened to the brogue of Mrs. Malone and the happy chatter of the girl sounding faintly from within. Then he looked at the small bottle in his hand, a smelly little bottle which he had wrenched from the girl's clenched hand when he knelt above her after she had fainted.

"Poison," Steiner muttered. "I was just in time."

And he went upstairs to his room to sit by the window through which came the fresh winds of the sea, and dream of a girl with brown eyes and a sweet curve to her chin, a girl he had loved and lost in another land in the long ago.

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