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When Lucy Eloped —and How

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"THIS time next week, young lady," concluded George Rowland, father to Lucy, "you and your mother will be headed for Europe. Watch your step!"

Lucy regarded her irate parent apprehensively. "Please may I write to Craig while I am away, daddy?"

"You may not! If he sends you flowers when you sail, throw them overboard. No daughter of mine shall have anything to do with a son of that man Blakesley. I don't even know the young whippersnapper. Don't want to know him!"

"And that's where the trouble lies!" cried poor Lucy. "If you would only consent to meet Craig, you would discover that, whatever his father may be, Craig himself is an ace!"

There was nothing, however, to be gained by further argument. Either she and Craig must take matters into their own hands and run away or pressure must be brought to bear from some new source. The alternative, giving each other up, was unthinkable.

As soon as a slammed door announced her father's departure, she called Craig on the telephone.

"There is no time to be lost, Craig. Father is about to have me taken to Europe. But first, I've a bit of an idea I would like to try out. You know that I have felt it was not quite loyal of me to let you take me to see your father, knowing how dad feels about him. But I am ready to throw loyalty overboard in a good cause. What is the best hour of the day to beard your parent in his den?"

Evidently Craig gave her whatever data was necessary for precisely at three a slender, fur-coated girl was admitted to the inner office of John B. Blakesley and any observer could have seen that there was a scared little look about her eyes.

After all, however, there was nothing remotely terrifying about the very genial man who rose at her entrance. It must be, thought Lucy, that only in his business dealings did he justify her father's opinion.

"So this is Rowland's daughter!" was his greeting. "My boy tells me your father opposes this match. For my part, I consider Craig a darn lucky beggar!"

Lucy dimpled. "I've come to ask you to change your mind about that!" she said demurely.

The two of them talked an hour, while out in the office two of John B's prospective customers cooled their heels.

That evening George Rowland was summoned to the telephone.

"Yes—yes—

"Well—Mr. Blakesley!

"You're absolutely opposed to—what? To your son having anything to do with my daughter? You want me to—well, of all things!

"He's coming here tomorrow afternoon to ask her to elope and you want me to throw him out? That's exactly what I had in mind myself! Good night!"

Furiously he turned to his daughter. "There you are!" he shouted. "Your—your young man's father doesn't want you in his family any more than I want him in mine. Now, where's your pride?"

But Lucy avoided a direct reply. Instead, "What was the trouble between you two?" she asked. "I never knew exactly."

"He trimmed me good and plenty in the market," said Rowland shortly, "using information that I had given him as a friend."

"How—how unlike him!" murmured Lucy thoughtfully.

"That's all you know about it," said her father, but her words were true. At least, it had been unlike the man he had always supposed Blakesley to be.

The following afternoon Lucy, waiting for Craig in the library, saw her father drive up and come up the steps. So he was going to be there to throw Craig out! Well, at least he would be able to see what a splendid young man he was first! But she hoped she hadn't carried things a bit too far.

"Waiting for that son of Blakesley's?" demanded her father. Then, at Lucy's nod, "I'll wait, too," he said curtly, and threw himself into one of the big leather chairs.

The familiar roll of Craig's sport roadster brought her heart to her throat. A second later and he stood on the threshold looking from one to the other.

Rowland rose slowly, with a keen glance at Craig. "Your father tells me you are planning to elope with my daughter," he said quietly. "Very well—I took passage for Lucy and her mother on the Homeric. I am thinking of cancelling it for a later date and letting the two of you go for a honeymoon!"

Then, drawing Lucy into his left arm and extending his right hand to Craig, "I know enough to acknowledge when I have been wrong," he said. "It got under my skin when I thought your father was opposed to my girl here and I went straight round this morning to see him about it. In the course of conservation, I learned that your father had never gotten the information I sent him. He showed me proofs of his having been up in the Adirondacks, beyond even the reach of a telegram. So—I apologize and—well, bless you, my children!"

The "High Hat"

It had always been Sambo's ambition to own a fur coat, and after years of saving he was at last able to buy it. As one morning he was strutting down the street, a friend approached him.

"Mo'nin', Sambo," the friend remarked. "Pretty col' day, ain't she?"

Sam lifted his chin haughtily from the depths of his fur collar.

"Ah really cain't tell 'bout the weather," he replied carelessly. "Ah ain't looked at de paper today."—Boston Globe.

Eskimo Children Have Toys of Rare Beauty

Eskimo youngsters possess tiny spears and fish hooks cut from walrus bones, small crossbows with ivory-tipped arrows, beautiful little kayaks about a foot long, cleverly fashioned from skins and manned with carved ivory hunters. Each one holds a paddle of bone, a bone harpoon, a wee float of seal skin and delicate hide lariats.

Little sleds of ivory, only a few inches long, yet perfectly formed, with several ivory dogs hitched with reindeer hide harness, are treasured possessions of Eskimo boys. Deer, whales, bears, seals—all sorts of queer fish and birds—are carved from pure ivory and given to the children at Yuletide. Beautiful little ivory birds of the Far North, penguin and the murre, are cut so delicately from ivory as to astonish the examiner.

There are ivory thimbles for the girls, tiny ivory pins for their coarse, black hair, toggles or clasps for fur belts, shopping bags of white fur from the Arctice hare.

Some boys have a marvelous drum made of a thin strip of whalebone bent to form a circle. Both sides are covered with tightly stretched shark skin. Two little walrus bones are drum sticks and no snow igloo can contain the noise that radiates from the instrument.

Many of these toys reach American cities but are sold in curio shops and are far too expensive for Santa Claus to distribute.—Boston Herald.

Investment in Pearls Brought Rich Return

Some years ago a woman received as one of her Christmas presents a pearl necklace from her husband. Not being in opulent circumstances, he was unable to spend more than $25 for them, but their luster pleased his wife, however, and for some years she wore them many, many times until recently the string broke and she carried them to the same jewelers to be restrung.

She had hardly reached her home when she received a telephone call from the senior partner of the firm, who asked her to call the next morning. To her amazement, she found that what she thought were excellent imitations were the real thing and valued at about $5,000. They had been sold by an inexperienced salesman, it appeared.

Leaving the jewels she returned home and several days later was the recipient of a letter from the jewelers containing a check for $1,000 and a box containing another string of pearls worth three or four times as much as the original price paid for her first necklace.—Springfield Union.

First English Bible

John Wycliffe, first man to translate the Bible into English, was sixty years old when he finished his task. The work belongs to the final period of his life, that time during which he was greatly persecuted by both the church and state. The Wycliffe version was addressed to the entire English people, high and low, rich and poor. This is proved by the character of the copies that have survived. About thirty of these remain and some are large folio volumes, handsomely written and illustrated in the best style of the period. Others are plain copies of ordinary size for private persons or monastic libraries.—Detroit News.

Beryllium

The bureau of mines says that beryllium is a rare metal and is found in considerable quantity only in one mineral—beryl, which contains only at the most about 5 per cent of beryllium. The process of extracting the metal is expensive and difficult. At present it is quoted at about $200 per pound. There is no market except for experimental purposes. If there were a definite market it is possible that it could be made for $15 or less per pound. It is not magnetic. It is a fair conductor of electricity, and is not stronger than good steel. As it is easily oxidized by heat, it would be difficult to cast.

Draw on All Sources for National Music

National music . . . has to be discovered and clad in beautiful forms, just as popular myths and legends are brought to light and crystallized into immortal verses by great poets. All that is required is a good ear, a good memory, and a faculty for molding fragments of past generations into a harmonic whole. A few days ago I read that Brahms, according to his own words, took folk-tunes as motives for his new collection of songs and arranged them for piano. Liszt in his rhapsodies did the same, and Schumann in his "Two Grenadiers" used the Marseillaise. The Irishman Balfe used a Hussite choir in his "Bohemian Girl," although nobody knows where he got it from. Thus soonor or later popular music attracts the attention of and finds its way into the works of great composers. . . . I know that the question whether inspiration drawn from some stray melody or folk-song is sufficient to lend higher musical works a national character has not yet been solved. Neither is it certain whether national music as such deserves priority. I for myself believe firmly that that music which is the most characteristic of a nation deserves the greatest recognition.—Dvorak in a Letter Written From America.

Danger in Overdoing Changes in Business

A man who has had great success in toning up business organizations and who has accumulated a fortune from this line of work, has learned something worth passing on.

"Never picture any new idea, any new plan, and new course of action as terribly important," he declares. "And never feed out more of an idea at one time than the people you are dealing with can absorb. You must avoid frightening them. You must take carefully into account the mentality of each man affected by whatever you propose to do. Make things look easy to them. Get them to feel that they can readily adapt themselves to the different way of doing things. Nurture their confidence. By using these methods it is astonishing how smoothly the functioning of an organization can be readjusted even radically."

That sounds sensible, to avoid asking employees, or anybody else, to digest far-reaching, brand new ideas all at once. In driving an automobile we do not expect it to jump from low speed to high speed; we first put it into second.—Forbes Magazine.

Age and Exercise

Amounts of physical activity required by healthy persons at different ages, as computed by various authorities, are summarized in an article on exercise by Dr. James O. Nall.

The program quoted calls for: Four hours daily at the age of five, five hours daily from seven to nine years, six hours daily from nine to eleven years, five hours daily from eleven to thirteen years, four hours daily from thirteen to sixteen years, three hours daily from sixteen to eighteen years, two hours daily from eighteen to twenty years, and one hour daily for persons over twenty years of age.

Dutch Bricks as Ballast

Many an ancient house in and about New York is said to have been built with imported Dutch bricks. The little American vessels that traded with the West found it cheaper to ballast with Dutch bricks and sell them in New York for a trifle than to ballast with stones, a scarce article in Holland anyhow, and dump them in the harbor. So good Rotterdam bricks might get into a New York chimney; as for similar reasons bricks loaded in London might help rear a Virginia planter's stately mansion on the James, with local brick kilns near.

Fascination of Words

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