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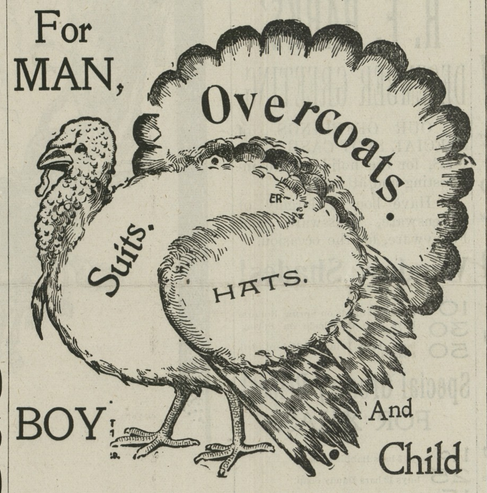

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A Happy Christmas Follows a Long Estrangement.

BY GERTRUDE SMITH.

"I don't see, when to-morrow is your wedding day, how you can find time to sit there and look out of that window!"

"You have done everything for me, mother. I just want to be quiet and enjoy my last afternoon with you."

"With me! You've sat there for an hour and haven't turned your head or said a word."

"I was thinking about father."

"Well, I should think he'd be the last one your mind would travel to to-day!"

Alice Turned and looked at her mother gravely for a moment, and then, smiling, shook her head.

"Yes, I know you've always been inclined to take his part against me. What he has ever done to hold your faith in him I don't know."

"Mother, I want to talk to you about father, but I am not going to blame you. You know I stopped that a year ago."

Mrs. Wheaton rested her work in her lap. "Well, go on. What do you want to say?"

Alice looked down through the white aisles of the orchard and up at the soft-falling flakes of snow in the sky, but could not speak.

Very soon Earnest would come in sight where the great oak-tree grew in the centre of the road, and there would not be another chance before she was married to have this talk with her mother.

She went softly and stood behind her mother's chair, and stooping, kissed her. "I love you. That's the first thing I want to say."

"You say your lesson very well."

Alice laughed. "You mean Earnest taught me to say it? Yes, he did." She put her arms around her mother's neck. "But haven't you felt lately that I do love you more than I used to?"

It was several moments before Mrs. Wheaton answered. "Yes, I have, and I realize who has brought it about."

Alice had never heard the quality of her mother's tone so gentle. She drew a deep breath for strength. "Father likes Earnest as well as you do. They are friends."

Mrs. Wheaton pushed aside the loving arms. "Have you been there with him?"

"Oh, Earnest knew father long before he knew us. He took me there. It was because he liked father so well that he was first interested to know me. He understands him better than we ever did."

"There isn't anything about him to understand."

"Earnest thinks there is. He thinks he is one of the best men he ever knew."

"I never said he wasn't a good man, but that's exactly as far as he goes. What would have become of us if I hadn't happened to have means, I'd like to know? He was never capable of supporting us. There! I'm not going to talk about it."

"He has worked since he went away, mother. He owns his own home and three hundred acres of land."

"He doesn't own that place where he lives?"

"Yes, he does. It is the prettiest little house inside I ever saw. You should see the flowers he has. Why, mother, he has six rooms, and they are just filled with flowers. He says he always gives them away for Christmas gifts, and this year he raised a double quantity, so I could have all I wanted for my wedding. We are going over there to-night after them."

"Oh, mother, he says he loves you, and he only went away because he loved you and wanted to show you what he could do. Sometime, he says, he is coming to tell you. But, mother, to-morrow is Christmas, and my wedding-day. Oh, I wish—"

"Well, you needn't wish, for it won't do any good, Alice."

There was silence between them for several minutes, and then Mrs. Wheaton said, "Does he live there alone?"

"Yes, all alone."

"When did you first see him?"

"Over a year ago. Earnest and I have been going there ever since we were engaged."

Without there was the sound of merry sleigh-bells, and a little blue cutter passed the window and spun around the corner of the house. Alice ran into the hall, and catching a shawl from its hook, plunged out into the drifts.

"Earnest!"

"Hello! Don't come out; I'll be right in." He had opened the large door and driven into the barn.

"I'm out already," Alice called back. "Isn't it a fearful storm? Do you suppose we can go to-night?"

"Go? Of course we will. We'll go if we dig every inch of our way."

He stood in the barn door to receive her—a great fellow in a heavy dog-skin coat tipped with seal, and a cap of the same pulled well down about his ears. All the strength and sweetness of his nature shone in his eyes.

"Look out! Go out around that drift," he called. "There! what did I tell you?" He ran out and helped her up from where she lay laughing in the snow, and held her close in his arms. "Why didn't you wait until I came in?"

"I couldn't; I wanted to tell you."

"Well, kiss me before you tell me a thing."

She kissed him seriously, and they went on into the barn.

"I talked with mother, Earnest."

"Yes, and I know by your poor little face you didn't get anywhere with her."

"She was real kind, and listened until I was going to say I wished she'd ask father to come to-morrow; and then she said, 'Well, you needn't wish,' just as hard as ever."

"Never mind. I don't know as we had any right to try and hurry mother, because we want everything pleasant to-morrow. Your father will win her in time. A love like his never fails. Poor old soul, she'll have a chance to think after to-morrow, and we are going to leave her alone to-night, too. Let's go in, and I'll jolly her up a bit before we start."

While Alice prepared their supper he held the stern little mother, whom every one had always feared, in his arms, and talked to her of his happiness and hope for the future.

"Our home will always be yours," he added. "Don't think you have to live here alone one day if you don't want to. If my heart isn't large enough to take in Alice's mother, I don't deserve her."

Mrs. Wheaton had learned, with all her will and force, that it was as impossible to free herself from Earnest's strong arms as it was to resist his good humor. The snow-ploughs were passing, and the men were singing a sleighing song. Alice ran to the window to watch them.

It had stopped snowing, and above the cedar-trees across the road the full moon shone brokenly through heavy clouds.

The supper was not a comfortable one. Earnest talked and laughed, but Alice felt the restraint of her mother's eyes studying her closely.

"You are not going out to-night, Alice," she said, at last. Though she had intended to speak in command, the quality of her tone was almost pleading.

"Oh yes, she is, "Earnest answered, cheerfly. "It is freezing already. It is going to be a fine night for a sleigh ride. Wait till you see the flowers we bring back to make the house gay to-morrow. We are going to pack them in boxes and wrap them in buffalo robes. I wish you were going with us. There's an idea! You don't want to stay here alone on Christmas eve. We'll take you with us!"

Alice clasped her hands. "Oh, please go, mother! It would make us all so happy!"

Mrs. Wheaton rose from the table. "You two must think I've lost my reason," she said, and started to leave the room.

"People ought to lose their reason at Christmas-time and let love guide them," Earnest answered, quickly. He jumped up from the table and stood with his back to the door, barring her passage. "Look here, forget everything else and just go to please Alice and me? To-morrow you'll be left alone, and you can please yourself the rest of your life. You needn't get out of the cutter; I'll tell Mr. Wheaton we've decided not to come in. He objected to our leaving you alone to-night, anyway."

Mrs. Weaton's lips trembled. "I don't see why you beset me so, Earnest!"

The young lover stepped forward and put his arms around her. "Because you're Alice's mother, and I love you. I'm not going to leave you here alone on Christmas eve if I can help it."

"Well—I'll go. I'll go, and I'll go in with you." She struggled with the words as though they were cords that bound the throat.

Earnest kissed her heartily. "That's right! We'll tuck you up between us and put a hot brick at your feet, and you'll be perfectly comfortable."

Having yielded her mind to the plea of love, all the tender avenues of Mrs. Wheaton's heart were opened. As she tied on her fur-edged hood before her glass and buttoned the fastenings of her handsome beaver cloak, penitence and the desire of her husband's forgiveness came to her. She thought of all that Alice had told her. It seemed not so much a revelation of her own.

He had lived in her home for fifteen years—a gentle, silent man, governed by her will as though he were a child—and then, without a word of censure or command had quietly withdrawn his life from hers.

The soul of Ellen Wheaton woke at that moment to her first knowlege of love, in which there is no judgment. She stood with bowed head and clasped hands, listening to the whisperings of peace.

When she raised her head her eyes rested upon a picture of herself, with Alice when she was a baby, and dimly came to her realization that all her life she had stood at the threshold of a joy she had never known.

"Earnest is at the door with the cutter, mother." Alice stood beside her, ready to go.

"I don't know what ever came over me to say I'd go, Alice," she said, raising her white face to her daughter's.

"I suppose you want your father to come to-morrow, don't you?"

"Oh, mother you know I do!"

Her head was upon her mother's heart, and they were weeping together.

"There! we mustn't keep Earnest waiting. You'd better wear that little fur tippet of mine around your neck, Alice."

Between the fields, in the clear moonlight, the little blue cutter sped along. For the first mile or two only Earnest's merry voice broke the silence of their gladness, but as they passed a long sleigh, filled with happy people singing and shouting, their voices joined in the exchange of Christmas greetings.

"Every one seems to be out sleigh-riding to-night," Earnest said, as they passed load after load of revellers. "Here comes some one else. Now let's go in ahead of him and give him a rousing call; we are three to one this time."

"Merry Christmas!" they shouted, and the voice from the depths of the buffalo robes in the passing cutter returned the greeting heartily.

"Alice, that's father!" Mrs. Wheaton said, grasping her daughter's arm.

"Father! oh, father, where are you going?" Alice called. Earnest drew rein. The cutter that had passed them stopped.

"Is that you, Alice?"

"Why, yes, father. Where are you going? You knew we were coming over to see you to-night!"

"I thought you'd be over earlier, but you can get in and help yourself to flowers, and I left some oysters so you could make yourselves a hot stew."

"But where are you going, father?" Earnest called.

"I'm going to see mother," the voice answered unsteadily. "It's been over me all day to, and I'm going."

"He dosn't see there are three of us!" Alice whispered. "Oh, mother, what shall we do?"

"I'm on my way to see you William." Mrs. Wheaton's voice rang out with sweetness across the snow.

The quiet of the beautiful night was unbroken for a moment. Even the sleigh-bells hushed their tinkling in the blessedness of the peace that held these united hearts.

"Well, which way are we going?" Earnest shouted, bravely.

"Oh, to father's. We're almost there." Alice sobbed out. "Mother wants to go there, don't you?

"Yes, I don't want to turn back."

"We're all going over to your house and have that oyster stew, Mr. Wheaton," Earnest shouted.

And then the music of the bells grew merry. Mr. Wheaton turned his horses' head towards home, and the two cutters flew silently along in the moonlight.

"If ever there was a Christmas home this is one," Earnest said, gravely, as they drove in between snow covered evergreens and stopped at the door of a little white cottage. "Father, you go right on in, and I'll take care of all the horses."

The old man came to the side of their cutter. His eyes shone with love and welcome, but his lips were still closed.

Mrs. Wheaton followed her husband into his little home, and stood shyly by while he turned up the lights. Alice had fled, and left them alone.

What a beautiful home it was, filled with blooming flowers and soft color. It was unlike any room she had ever seen before.

Her husband turned and stood before her with the same old childlike look in his face and smiled.

"I should never have come but for Earnest," Mrs. Wheaton said, brokenly.

"God bless him!" the old man said, fervently, suddenly finding the power of speech. He took her small gray head between his two hands and kissed her forehead reverently. "Glad you come?" he asked, presently, glancing around the room.

"If you can forgive me, William?"

"I was coming over to ask you to forgive me, but I'm glad it is this way. Will you come and live with me in my home, Ellen?"

"I couldn't be here now if I had any other wish."

A canary in its covered cage by the window woke with a twitter and a little run of melody.

"There! Ted thinks he must wake up and share our happiness," Mr. Wheaton said, laughing. "I's all right, boy; mother's come home. You shall see her in the morning." He drew her down beside him on the sofa. I wish I had words to tell you how I feel, Ellen. It was always a difference between us, that I couldn't talk things over with you, I'm afraid I can't now."

"I've used words enough in the past for both of us, William. You've said all that is needful."

"He looked at her, and, smiling, shook his head. "What will become of the old home?" he asked, after a thoughtful silence.

"I shall sell it and give the money to the children. It would come to them in time anyway. They might as well have it now."

"I am glad to hear you say so. Earnest will know how to make better use of it than any one I know. Come," he said, rising and holding out his hand. "Let us go and find them. I suppose they are on tiptoe waiting for us. I had a little surprise all ready for them. Perhaps they'll share it with us."

As he opened the door into the adjoining room Mrs. Wheaton uttered an exclamation of delight. In the centre of the room, on a small round table decorated with flowers and holly, a real Christmas feast was laid.

"Oh, here they come, Alice," Earnest shouted. "Bring in the oysters. Well, this is a surprise, Father Wheaton! We didn't expect a banquet like this before to-morrow noon."

It was a very gay supper, though the young people did most of the talking and all of the laughing.

"I think you'd better change and be married from your father's house, Alice," Mrs. Wheaton said, when Earnest at last spoke of their starting for home.

"Why, mother, we can't change now. Every one is invited to come to the other house!" Alice exclaimed.

"There's no one invited but Lanissa White and John Rall, besides our own folks, and they'd go to the end of the earth to find me here," Mrs. Wheaton replied, with decision.

And so it came about, with a great deal of happy confusion, the old home was deserted on Christmas morning, and at noon Alice and Earnest were married among the flowers "at father's." And never was there a happier Christmas on this old earth of ours.—Somewhat condensed from *Harper's Bazaar.*

Don'ts.

Don't give your wife a $400 sealskin on a $1000 salary.

Don't look a box of gift cigars in the—well, in the label.

Don't send expensive presents to new friends and acquaintances unless you are very wealthy.

Don't be jealous of others whose gifts are more numerous and elegant than your own. They may owe larger bills than you do.

Don't tell your sister that you had intended to give her a much nicer present but had found out that the manufacturers could not get it finished in time for Christmas. She may have heard such stories before.

Christmas Game.

You are to write a capital D on a sheet of paper while standing at a table. At the same time you must try to make your right foot swing in the opposite direction from that which the pencil is following on the paper. It sounds easy. Try it in every way you can of. First get your foot going toward the left in an easy swing and then start your letter and see what will happen. Then try, beginning the letter first and going in presently with the proper circle in the opposite direction. If you do not laugh at the result, you will probably be profane.—*San Francisco Evening Post.*

Selecting the Turkey.

In choosing a turkey the age of the bird is the principal thing to be attended to. A young gobbler is best. He may be distinguished from a hen turkey by his comb. The age may be ascertained by the lower part of the breastbone. If soft and pliable, the turkey is young. If stiff, it is old and not good for roasting. It can only be used for boiling and braising. Turkeys weighing from eight to ten pounds each are thought best.

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