The Cost of a Train.

At the time when the first open court of law was established in Russia a lady, dressed with the utmost elegance, was walking on the Moscow promenade, leaning upon her husband's arm and letting the long train of her rich dress sweep the dirt of the street.

A young officer, coming hastily from a side street, was so careless as to catch one of his spurs in the lady's train, and in an instant a great piece was torn out of the costly, but frail material of the dress.

"I beg a thousand pardons, madam," said the officer, with a polite bow, and then was about passing on when he was detained by the lady's husband.

"You have insulted my wife."

"Nothing was farther from my intention, sir. Your wife's long dress is to blame for the accident, which I sincerely regret, and I beg you once more to receive my apologies for any carelessness on my part." Thereupon he attempted to hasten on.

"You shall not escape so," said the lady. "Today is the first time I have worn this dress, and it cost 200 rubles, which you must make good.

"My dear madame, I beg you not to detain me. I am obliged to go on duty at once. As to the 200 rubles. I really cannot help the length of your dress, yet I beg your pardon for not having been more cautious."

"You shall not stir, sir. That you are obliged to go on duty is nothing to us. My wife is right. The dress must be made good."

The officer's face grew pale.

"You force me to break through the rules of the service, and I shall receive punishment."

"Pay the 200 rubles, and you are free."

The quickly changing color in the young man's face betrayed how inwardly disturbed he was, but stepping close up to them both he said, with apparent self command:

"You will renounce your claim when I tell you that I am a poor man, who has nothing to live on but his officer's pay, and the amount of that pay hardly reaches the sum of 200 rubles in a whole year. I can therefore make no amends for the misfortune except by again begging your pardon."

"Oh, anybody could say all that, but we'll see if it's true. We'll find out if you have nothing but your pay. I declare myself not satisfied with your excuses, and I demand my money," persisted the lady in the hard voice of a thoroughly unfeeling woman.

"That is true—you are right" the husband added, dutifully supporting her. "By good luck we have the open court now in session. Go with us before the judge, and he will decide the matter."

All protestations on the officer's part that he was poor, was expected on duty, and so forth, did not help matters. To avoid an open scene he went with them to the courtroom, where the gallery was densely packed with the crowd of people.

After waiting some time the lady had leave to bring her complaint.

"What have you to answer to this?" said the judge, turning to the officer, who seemed embarrassed and half in despair.

"On the whole very little. As the lateness of the hour and being required on duty compelled me to hurry I did not notice this lady's train, which was dragging on the ground. I caught one of my spurs in it and had the misfortune to tear her dress. Madame would not receive my excuses, but perhaps now she might find herself more disposed to forgiveness when I again declare that I committed this awkward blunder without any mischievous intention, and I earnestly beg that she will pardon me."

A murmur ran through the gallery, evidently from the people taking sides with the defendant and this lady in particular.

The judge called to order and asked. "Are you satisfied with the defendant's explanations?"

"Not at all satisfied. I demand 200 rubles for my torn dress."

"Defendant, will you pay this sum?"

"I would have paid it long before this had I been in a position to do so. Unfortunately I am poor. My pay as an officer is all that I can live on.

"You hear, complaintant, that the defendant is not able to pay the sum you demand of him. Do you still wish the complaint to stand?"

"I wish it to stand. The law shall give me my rights."

There ran through the rows of people a murmer of indignation that sounded like a rusoing of water.

"Consider, complaintant, the consequence of your demand. Defendant can be punished only through being deprived of his personal liberty, and by that you can obtain no satisfaction, while the defendant it might prove the greatest injury in his rank and position as an officer who is poor and dependent upon his pay. Do you still insist upon your complaint?"

"I still insist upon it."

The course the affair was taking seemed to have become painful to the lady's husband. He spoke with his wife urgently, but without effect. The judge was going on to further consideration of the case, when a loud voice was heard the audience:

"I will place the 200 rubles at the service of the defendant!"

During the silence which followed a gentleman forced his way through to the young officer's side.

"Sir, I am the Prince W——and beg you will accept the loan of the 200 rubles in question."

"Prince, I am not worthy of your kindness, for I don't know if I shall be able to pay the loan," answered the officer in a voice tremulous with emotion.

"Take the money at all events. I can wait until you are able to return it." Thereupon the prince held out the notes of 100 rubles each, and coming close to him whispered a few words very softly. There was a sudden lightning up in the officers face. He immediately took the two notes, and turning to the lady handed them to her with a polite bow.

"I hope, madame you are satisfied."

With a malicious smile she reached out her hand for the money.

"Yes. Now I am satisfied."

With a scornful glance over the crowd of spectators she prepared to leave the room on her husband's arm.

"Stop, madame." said the officer, who had sudenly become like another man.

"What do you want?" said the lady. casting a look upon him as insulting as possible.

"I want my dress," he answered, with a slight but still perfectly polite bow.

"Give me your address and I will send it to you."

"On, no, my dear madame, I am in the habit of taking my purchases with me at once. Favor me with the dress immediately."

A shout of approbation came from the gallery.

"Order!" cried the judge.

"What an insane demand!" said the lady's husband. "My wife cannot undress herself here."

"I have nothing to do with you in this matter, sir, but only with the complainant. Be so good as to give me the dress immediately, madame. My affairs are urgent."

The pleasure of the audience at the expense of the lady increased with every word.

"Do not jest any more about it. I will hurry and send you the dress as soon as possible."

"I am not jesting. I demand from the representative of the law my own property, the dress," said the officer, raising his voice.

The judge, thus appealed to, decided promptly.

"The officer is right, madame. You are obliged to hand him over the dress on the spot."

"I can't undress myself here before all these people and go home without any dress," said the young women, with anger and tears.

"You should have thought of that sooner. Now you have no time to lose. Either give up the dress of your own accord, or—"

A nod that could not be misinterpreted brought to the lady's side two officers of ujstice who seemed about to take upon themselves the office of my lady's maid.

"Take your money back and leave me my dress!"

"Oh, no, madame! That dress is now worth more than 200 rubles to me."

"How much do you ask for it?

"Two thousands rubles," said the officer firmly.

I will pay the sum," the weeping lady's husband responded promptly. "I have here 500 rubles. Give me a pen and paper, and I will write an order upon my banker for the remaining 1,500."

After he had written the draft the worthy pair withdrew amid hisses from the audience.



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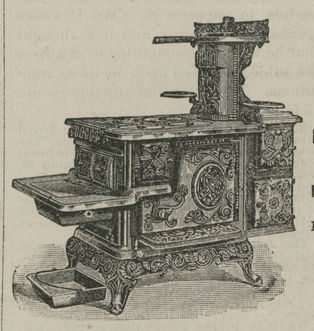
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