A Ruse That Lost!

She was my first love, and so far as I can tell, she may prove to be my only one. She is now a buxom wife with some four or five rosy, romping children, and I am still a bachelor. But time is a great healer, and I can now tell the story of my luckless suit with Dora Rudgwick without a pang.

Dora was the only daughter of a retired London medical man. At the time I first made her acquaintance her father had retired from practice and was a widower. I fell head over heels in love with the girl—though I can hardly believe it when I look at her today—and she consented to marry me if the old doctor gave his consent. She never professed to have any deep affection for me; she liked me, however, and was willing to become my wife if her papa approved.

But the eccentric old man would not hear of it. I remember how dejected I was after he had told me, with considerable vigor, that I could not become his son-in-law, and how indignant I felt at his declining to give me any reason for his decision. The following day I met an old college friend in Bond street—Douglas Bligh.

"You are not looking very bright," he said "What are you worrying about?"

Bligh also was a doctor. He had walked the same hospital as old Rudgwick, only many years later.

"A love affair," I confessed with a forced smile.

"Ah! I thought something of the sort. Girl throw you over?"

"No, not the girl—the father!"

"Oh, that's nothing! If the lady is willing, love will find out a way, and papa will come round."

"He is a pig-headed old doctor—I beg your pardon, but I suppose a doctor may be pig-headed like the rest of us?"

"Undoubtedly. Do I know him?"

"Dr. Gordon Rudgwick."

"Oh, yes. I am acquainted with him. I also once met Miss Rudgewick. I congratulate you, old fellow. A charming young lady, 'pon my word. But the old man—ha!—ha—no wonder he rejected you!"

"Why?"

"You are too healthy!"

"Too healthy!"

"Yes. You ought to have some interesting and deep seated disease—something complicated and lingering!"

"I—what on earth are you driving at, Bligh!"

"Don't you know?" He's"—and he touched his forehead with his forefinger.

"You don't mean it?"

"Yes. He is mad on one point. He has a contempt for healthy people, and respects only those who are suffering from some terrible disease."

"But his daughter never told me."

"She doesn't know. They have kept it from her. And this is the cause of the want of his parental affection. There is nothing absolutely the matter with the young lady. Now, what he wants is a son-in-law riddled with disease. You must get some internal growth or—"

"Good heavens, Bligh!"

"Come with me and I will coach you up in the symptoms of a most internal malady. Everything will then turn out according to your best wishes."

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"But how did you discover you were in possession of this striking disease?" said Dr. Rudgwick in a state of ecstacy.

"Well, I have had suspicions for a long time," I replied, "that something was wrong, but I kept the opinion to myself. A few days ago, however, I tried to insure my life, and the medical officers of half a dozen companies rejected me. I then went to a first class man, was thoroughly overhauled, told exactly what was the matter with me and informed that I was one of the most extraordinary cases that had ever come under his notice. He gave me only six months."

"Ah! The symptoms are most remarkable. I have not been so interested for a long time. It is certainly a very curious case, unprecedented in its complexity."

"Do you really think it so serious?"

"I, hope so. I think I may safely assert that the man you have consulted is absolutely correct in his diagnosis, if the symptoms are as you say."

"Do you think I shall survive it?

"Not unless you allow the course of the disorder to be interfered with by those sentimental quacks who hinder the advance of pothological science by seeking cures."

"But six months is very short," I said despondently.

"Not at all. With care, the thing may be induced to run its course even more quickly. Drugs and a low diet may be made to do a good deal in accelarating matters."

"What would you advise? Should I consult Sir John"—

"No, no, no! Don't consult anybody. Don't meddle with it or you may spoil all."

"But perhaps a cure—"

"Cure, sir! Don't talk such sickly nonsense, or I shall begin to think it possible that you could do such a mean and dishonorable a thing as to rob medical science of one of the most instructive, beautiful and striking cases that have ever enriched the literature of pathology."

"What, then, is the use of pathology if doctors are not to cure?"

"Pathology, sir, treat of diseases, their causes, effects, and symptoms. It is a branch of knowledge, an interesting abstract study, a recreation. It has nothing to do with treatment, cures and such like quackeries."

"But what may be sport to you is death to us."

"Why, we must all die, and what would be nobler than to die in the cause of science? By the way, you were speaking to me about my daughter the other day."

I shook my head in a melancholy manner.

"Well, I have been thinking I spoke hastily. She is yours. I shall be proud to have you as a son-in-law. To watch the course of your complaint will be a privilege and a delight. Marry as soon as ever you like. I think you will find Dora somewhere about the house. See her and fix the matter up."

But Dora was not to be seen that day. She had gone to her room indisposed.

When I called the next morning, the housekeeper told me that Miss Rudgwick had gone on a visit to friends at Brighton, but had left a note for me. I opened it and read as follows:

"I overheard your talk with papa and

Grains on Corn.

Washington Star: "A fact that is well known to all farmers is that the rows of grains on an ear of corn are always even in number," said A. D. Catlin of Tolorio, Ill., at the Metropolitan. "There may be 8, 10, 12, 14 or 16 rows, but never 9, 11, 13 or 15. This fact and the knowledge of it cost several men in my neighborhood very dearly a few days ago. A farmer who raised a small crop of corn and who has always been regarded of a rather weak intellect concluded that he saw a chance to make some bets. Early in the season he carefully scraped from a dozen ears of corn just formed one of the rows. The corn ripened and the remaining rows grew together, so as to hide the evidence of the one removed ever having existed. Then the farmer offered to bet either that the others could not or that he could find ears of corn with odd rows. He had no trouble in getting some very good bets on the latter proposition, but, of course, none on the first. He then found the ears he had fixed and made as much money on the dozen ears as he did on either crop of corn. Now, any suggestion of corn with odd rows is provocation for a fight in that neighborhood.

THE WOODEN LEG.

A captain had lost a leg in battle. The general held him to be incapable to serve any longer and sent him his discharge. After four weeks the captain recovered, and immediately had a wooden leg made. Then he went to the general and said:

"I can still serve. I walked with the wooden leg as well as with the natural one. Besides I go to battle to fight and not to run away."

The general at length took back the discharge. Soon afterwards another battle occurred, and the captain was one of the first to attack the enemy. A cannon ball took away his wooded leg, and he fell down. The officers near by called to the soldiers:

"Go and fetch a surgeon!"

"That is not necessary," said the captain; "fetch a carpenter."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters testamentary on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

WILLIAM F. BLACKWAY,
late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of May, 1897, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under my hand this 17th day of November, 1896.

JOHN T. BLACKWAY,
November 21, 1896—4t. Executor.

see a load on the back of the young.

God gives us more than, were we not overbold, we should dare to ask for, and yet how often, after saying, "Thank God" so curtly, that it is only a form of swearing, we are suppliants again within an hour.

Practical pessimism is impossible, and its philosophy is unsound. Were it true, all motive would be taken away, all desire would fade, all activity would cease; but the whole trend of humanity is in the opposite direction. It can exist only as the dark dream of unwholesome imagining of gloomy minds, which the clear sun of healthful waking life must inevitably chase away.

McKinley's Summer Home.

Anything concerning the President elect is of interest to the public. He must have a summer home, of course, and a telegram from Boston states that by a strange provision of fate the house which was once intended as a retreat for Napoleon I is to be occupied by the new Napoleon from Ohio. The President-elect is to have a summer home in Massachusetts.

The well-known and historic Wilder mansion at Wattoquottoc Hill, Bolton, has just been purchased by Millionaire J. Wyman Jones, of Englewood, N. J. The purchase of the property by Mr. Jones has considerable significance from the fact that he is the brother-in law of Mark A. Hanna, chairman of the republican national committee, and it is said on excellent authority that the estate was bought for President-elect McKinley who will occupy the premises as a summer residence.

It is a well-established tradition that it was arranged that the Wilder mansion should be an asylum for Napoleon after his defeat at Waterloo. Napoleon delayed in taking advantage of this offer until too late. Passage had been engaged for him on a vessel that was to bring him to America, but he waited too long and was unable to sail, and so gave himself up as a prisoner of war.

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Number 1224 Chancery.

Order Nisi.

The Chester Loan Association of Kent Co.,
versus
William S. Maslin and wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 6th day of November, 1896, that the sale of the Real Estate of William S. Maslin and wife, made and reported by MARION DEK. SMITH, attorney under the power in the mortgage from the said William S. Maslin and wife to the said The Chester Loan Association of Kent County, a body corporate, dated the 10th day of November, 1896, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, in Liber S. G., No. 2, folio 101, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 9th day of January next:—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 9th day of December next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $630.00.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, CLERK.
True copy, Test:
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Nov. 7, 1896—4t.

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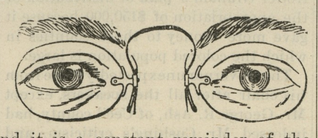

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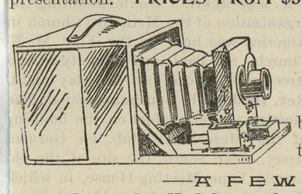

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