Saint Mary's Beacon.

A MAN WITH THE IRON WIG.

A presentiment was responsible for the iron wig. A distant relative of Mr. Job Teeter's, while walking bareheaded in his garden, one day, was killed by a bullet that fell noiselessly out the air from a great height and penetrated his cranium. A marked copy of the local paper, containing a full account of the accident, was mailed to Mr. Teeter; and thereafter that gentleman had no piece of mind, either day or night. He was seized by the conviction that the same manner of death would befall him also, and the presentiment got such hold upon him that he dreamed of it by night, and never went abroad without the dread of it aching in his bones. If he heard a gun go off, when he was out of doors, he shivered with apprehension until sufficient time had elapsed for the bullet to fall to the earth again, in case the gun had been fired in the air. He read all that he could find upon the subject of the momentum of falling bodies, and only had his fears confirmed by the assurance that a half-ounce bullet falling from a height of one-hundred yards, would gain such velocity as to kill a man as surely as if fired at him point blank from the same distance.

The result of these accumulating fears was that Mr. Teeter decided to armor-plate his defenceless bald head. So he had made for himself an iron plate exactly fitting his dome of thought; and to this he firmly glued a conventional wig. The contrivance was a great success, for, when its broad spring clamps pressed firmly in the flesh behind Mr. Teeter's ears—the clamps themselves being concealed by the luxuriant brown curls of the wig—no rude shock could part him and his cap of mail. Such a sweet sense of security possessed him, when he went abroad with his iron wig upon his head! And, furthermore, the brown curls were so rejuvenating, so becoming! With infinite satisfaction Mr. Teeter viewed himself daily in the mirror, and became more and more of the mind that, though a bachelor of fifty-five, he was not too old to win, even yet, the heart of some fair creature who would make life a paradise for him.

Safe now from the haunting dread of extinction by falling bullets, Mr. Teeter's step grew once more firm and jaunty; the color returned to his pendant cheeks, and his eyes shown with animation and hope. When the town, in June, began to be deserted for the seashore and the mountains, Mr. Teeter, mindful of many well-founded quibs upon the scarcity of men at summer resorts, determined to go where his sex would be taken at his full valuation. So he packed a fat grip and started for one of the most popular caravansaries by the side of the sounding sea.

Here life at once took on a new and magical color for him. He learned, for the first time, what it means to bask in the melting glances of youth and beauty. In his younger days, Mr. Teeter had been too shy to venture much into feminine society; but now, in his more seasoned and confident prime, with the ambrosial curls of the iron wig hiding his polished plate, he felt equal to any amount of flirtation and love-making. With all the hunger of a soul starving for romance, he threw nimself into the gayeties of seashore life, capering among his quota of fair ones (which was necessarily large) in as sprightly a manner as any other of the 4 men who represented the sterner sex at the Seafoam Pavilion.

But there was one fair creature, who, above all the rest, ruled the emotions of Job Teeter's soul. She was a fair and buxom young widow, just turned thirty, childless, wealthy, gay and fascinating. It seemed to Mr. Teeter that, if he could only win her, his deferred cup of joy would be full to overflowing. So, gradually disengaging himself from his other admirers, he began to concentrate his charms upon this radiant being. She, whether sincerely or not, graciously received and encouraged his attentions, dancing, driving, promenading and flirting with him almost exclusively, and so intoxicating him with her soft, arch glances that his very soul sometimes seemed to reel within him.

There was only one respect in which his rapture fell short of completeness. The beautiful young widow was an accomplished swimmer, and spent a good part of each afternoon tossing upon the bosom of old Father Neptune. Thither, however, Job had never dared follow her. He knew his limitations and respected them. Like a hen with a duck chicken, he was obliged to content himself with restlessly pacing the shore, while the golden head of his divinity bobbed up and down among the waves.

But when a fifth man came to the Seafoam Pavilion—a young man, a man who could swim and row as well as dance and flirt; and when this young man began to join the widow in her daily visits to the the beach, and disport himself with her among the waves, the spirit of Job could endure its jealous pangs no longer. The soul of his Viking ancestors sprang up within him, one day, and, in response to the merry, bantering invitation of his goddess, he plunged into a bathing suit and followed her into the surf.

Seizing his hand, the beautiful woman led him forward into the deep. Although the icy water pinched his limbs, and his breath came in convulsive gasps, the clasp of those firm white fingers thrilled him to the inmost soul, and he felt as if, thus hand in hand with his goddess, he could brave the combined elements of the universe!

Higher and higher crept the tide upon his palpitating breast, till its freezing pressure seemed to dampen even the fires of that ardent heart within. He shivered and hesitated; but still his radiant, rosy companion drew him on. Suddenly there came a roller, green and heaving, and unobstructed since it left the coast of Spain. It caught them both upon its combing crest—the woman, tossing like a cork, her bright head sprinkled with the foam; the man, weighted by his iron wig, head downward in the depths, groveling in sand and sea weed. The roller passed; the woman lighted upon her feet, laughing and triumphant; but still the man did not emerge from the yeasty tide. Only his pasty feet moved to and fro in the emerald water. The woman gazed at his reversed and swaying body in amazement. Never before had she seen a phenomenon like this—a man with a head heavier than his heels! a living man, in five feet of water, upside down.

With a scream of terror, she floundered to the beach; while Job's rival, plunging past her, seized the waving feet of the drowning man and towed him ashore. As Job's head dragged along the sand, the clasps of the iron wig were loosed, and the body that came forth upon the beach was that of a bloodless, hairless, wrinkled old man! The beautiful widow gave one glance at it, and then fled in terror. Was it the Old Man of the Sea, who had substituted himself for her suitor of the ambrosial curls? What a frightful apparition! She will scarcely get over the effects of it in a month

Job Teeter came to, after discharging some quarts of brine, and going through such physical tortures as might well be reserved for the incorrigible in Tartarus. He expressed his gratitude to his rescuer, and those who had toiled with him upon the sand, and suffered himself to be carried to his room at the hotel. That was the last that was ever seen of him at the Seafoam Pryilion; and with him vanished the mystery of a man who could stand on his head in the water! The ever-shifting sand has long since buried the iron-wig; and Job Teeter has never replaced it, for another presentiment haunts him that he was born to be drowned!

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PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, at a session of the General Assembly of Maryland begun and held in the City of Annapolis on the fifth day of January, 1898, a bill was passed proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to the State by adding a new section to Article four thereof, to be known as section 31 A, which said Bill and Amendment are in the words following, to wit:

CHAPTER 193.

AN ACT to amend the Constitution of Maryland, by adding a new Section to Article Four.

SECTION 1. Be in Enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of all the members of both houses concurring) that the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as hereinafter provided, the same shall stand as an additional section to Article 4 of said Constitution, to follow section 31 and to be known as Section 31 A.

31 A. In addition to the sum of five hundred dollars, which by the preceding section the Mayor and the City Council of Baltimore is authorized to pay to each of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is further authorized to pay to each of said Judges annually, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars; provided that the same or any part thereof, being once granted, shall not be diminished during the continuance of said Judges in office.

SECTION 2. And Be it Further Enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall be, at the next general election to be held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State; and at the said general election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot, there shall be written or printed the words, "For the Constitutional Amendment," and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," so that the voter may elect; and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said fourteenth Article of the Constitution.

Approved April 9, 1898.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LLOYD LOWNDES, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of Section one of Article fourteen of the Constitution of the State, do hereby order and direct that a copy of said Bill proposing said Constitutional Amendment be published in at least two newspapers in each county, where so many may be published and where not more than one be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be in the German language, once a week for at least three months preceding the next ensuing general election, (which said general election will be held on Tuesday, the Seventh day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine,) at which election the said proposed amendment shall be submitted, in the form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

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