



SATURDAY, DEC. 30, 1899

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE.

How a Rejected Suitor Got Even with His Successful Rival.

O MY cousin Robert has written that he is sending us a little Christmas surprise...

the very day which was to have seen me his bride. To be sure, I left a note saying that I felt I could never have made him perfectly happy...



THE LID WAS OFF THE BOX AT LAST.

apt to appreciate such a compliment as a rich old bachelor, I'd like to know?"

"No one, I'm sure. But he thawed as soon as he had seen our six little cherubs. How he laughed when little Josiah rode on my back and playfully kicked me in the eye!"

"And how merry he was when Ariadne spilled milk on my best dress. What a pleasure it must have been to witness such felicity. To be sure, I am sorry that he happened to hear your remarks when my dress-maker's bill came in, but—"

"And I had rather that he had been out of earshot when you told me your honest opinion of a man who could not match embroidery silks better than I, after he had been married ten years. However, this is mere detail. I remember his rage when he found that I had married his little fairy, as he called you. Odd, isn't it, that he has forgiven me now that you weigh twice as much!"

"Humph, I may weigh a few pounds more, but my hair is intact, and that is more than—"

"And now he is sending us a Christmas box. I wonder what it contains? The children will be up at daylight to find out. Well, prosperity will not change us!"

"Never. Even though I am able to dress as well as our own hired girl, I shall not insist that you write it Xmas, instead of Christmas, nor shall I call it appendicitis when little Rufus has eaten too much pie. Personally, I expect tickets to Europe."

"Tickets to Europe, and I such a poor sailor that the sight of a marine in water colors gives me seasickness! Nonsense, he has sent us the deed to a ranch in Texas."

"A ranch—and I so afraid of cattle! How mean of you to think of such a thing. I'll never live on a ranch!"

"And I shall certainly not go to Europe!"

"I shall, and I'll never speak to you again. There!"

"Even your voice would not reach from Europe to Texas. But here is the expressman, and you'll see that I was right."

"That I was, dear. What a huge box! I'm glad that he need not check his generosity. That trip to Europe—"

"Texas, you mean!" The lid was off the box at last, and a silence fell upon them, as the gifts were opened. When the last one lay before them, they flung themselves despairingly into each other's arms.

"The villain said he had forgiven us!" she cried.

"He can afford to—he is avenged!" he groaned.

For the box contained: One music box, which played only rag time; one drum, a fife, three horns, a toy piano, six packages of dynamite crackers, one Chinese gong, a toy pistol and a card, on which was written: "With Cousin Robert's best wishes for a very merry Christmas!"

A Fair Exchange. Now doth the callow youth prepare to show he manly loves. By sending to his lady fair A Christmas box of gloves. But ah, relentless, cruel fate, The maiden is not smitten. And, as she must reciprocate, She gives that youth the mitten. —L. A. W. Bulletin.

A TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT. Illustration of a man and woman in a domestic setting.

"What's your little brother cryin' for?" "He hung up his stockin' last night and Santa Claus brought him a little brother, but he wanted a drum!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

SPIKETOWN BLIZZARD ITEMS.

Thou shalt not steal! Thou shalt not steal the reading of this paper! Call around like a man and subscribe for the Blizzard!

Uncle Dave Billingsworth paid us one dollar for the Blizzard yesterday. Uncle Dave will go to Heaven.

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Ye editor can't go to church next Sunday unless he has a new pair of pants. Pairs of pants taken on subscription.

Link Bumblethorn paid \$75 yesterday for a match for his sorrel filly, and he has a team now that can do its mile in 2:27.

The Hawville Clarion has a good pair of shears, but no pen and ink. It clips our editorials right along and never gives credit.

We will give the Blizzard for a year to the person who brings us the biggest pumpkin. Some small-minded people say we do this in order to get a winter's feed for our cow for nothing. This is a stupendous falsehood. We haven't any cow. We can't afford to keep a cow. We want the pumpkins for our own feed.

Mary Jane's Mistake. Mrs. Felicia Rivers—Dear, dear! I can't imagine what is the matter with the piano. Every note strikes out of tune.

Mary Jane—Be that the planner, num? Mrs. Rivers—Yes, Why? Mary Jane—Gracious, I thought it was the safe, an' I put the meat and vegetables in it this mornin'—Tit-Bits.

Paradoxical. "He's a thorough pessimist." "What do you mean by a pessimist?" "Why, a man who doesn't believe there is any true satisfaction in life."

"Then he isn't one. Anybody who gets as much satisfaction out of being pessimistic as he does couldn't be a thorough pessimist."—Washington Star.

Fate Again. When he was young and poor he had a monstrous appetite. His fare was plain and he was glad to grab a hasty bite.

To-day he is a millionaire. But his lot is tough—He orders rich and costly fare, And cannot eat the stuff. —Chicago Times-Herald.

ONE OF THE FAMILY.

Illustration of a man and woman sitting at a table.

Arthur Q. Bunco—Where do you live when you are at home, Silas? Silas Dewey—Ter huna, of course. Where'd yer a'pose?—Harlem Life.

Doubt. When you get the news of battle: when you hear about the way Some general has routed all the foemen in the fray, 'Twill not be an inpropriety for you to pause and think— Did he do it with artillery or just with pen and ink. —Washington Star.

Mistake Out Somewhere. Ruhmoor—I have just met Bray; he is dreadfully angry with you. Okie—What about? Ruhmoor—He says you called him a well-meaning idiot. Okie—There must be some mistake; I can't remember saying "well-meaning."—Tit-Bits.

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VIRGINIA—IN THE LAW AND EQUITY COURT of Richmond, Va., Nov. 23, '99

FANNIE VAUGHN Plaintiff, vs. GEORGE VAUGHN Defendant. The object of this suit is to obtain a decree a vinculo matrimonii by the plaintiff from the defendant, and affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant is a non-resident of the state of Virginia. It is ordered that he do appear here within fifteen days after the publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interest herein.

A copy tests, P. P. WINSTON, Clerk. J. R. POLLARD, p. q.

To GEORGE VAUGHN, You are hereby notified that on Wednesday, January 10th, 1900 at the office of my attorney, J. R. Pollard, 2208 E. Main St., Richmond, Va., between the hours of 9 A. M., and 6 P. M., I shall proceed to take the depositions of Abraham Randolph and others to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certain suit in equity, pending in the Law and Equity Court of Richmond, Va., wherein I am plaintiff and you are defendant, and if from any cause the taking thereof be not commenced, or if commenced be not concluded on that day, the taking thereof will be continued from day to day or from time to time at same place and between same hours until same be completed. Respectfully, FANNIE VAUGHN, By Counsel.

J. R. POLLARD, p. q.

VIRGINIA—IN THE LAW AND EQUITY COURT of Richmond, Va., Nov. 23, '99

W. E. NOBLE, Plaintiff vs. LUCY A. NOBLE, Defendant. The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii by the plaintiff from the defendant an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Virginia. It is ordered that she do appear here within fifteen days after the publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect her interests herein.

A copy tests, P. P. WINSTON, Clerk. J. R. POLLARD, p. q.

To LUCY A. NOBLE, You are hereby notified that on Wednesday, January 10th, 1900 at the office of J. R. Pollard, my attorney, 2208 E. Main St., Richmond, Va., between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m., I shall proceed to take the depositions of Joseph Johnson and others to be read as evidence in behalf in a certain suit in equity, pending in the Law and Equity Court of Richmond, Va., wherein I am plaintiff and you are defendant and if from any cause the taking thereof be not commenced or if commenced be not concluded on that day the taking thereof will be continued from day to day or from time to time at same place between the same hours until same be completed.

Respectfully, W. E. NOBLE, By Counsel.

J. R. POLLARD, p. q.

VIRGINIA—In Henrico County Circuit Court, the 2nd day of Dec., 1899.

C. S. JONES, Plaintiff vs. BRITTIE JONES, Defendant. The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a Vinculo Matrimonii by the plaintiff from the defendant, an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant is a non resident of the state of Virginia, it is ordered that she do appear here within fifteen days after what is necessary to defend her interest herein.

A Copy Tests, J. E. BROADBENT, Clerk. J. R. POLLARD, p. q.

To BRITTIE JONES: You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of January, 1900, at the office of J. R. Pollard, 2208 E. Main St., Richmond, Virginia, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. that day I shall proceed to take the depositions of Charles Wilson and others to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certain suit in equity pending in the Circuit Court of Henrico County wherein I am plaintiff and you are defendant, and if from any cause the taking thereof be not commenced or if commenced be not concluded on that day the taking thereof will be continued from day to day or from time to time between same hours at same place until same be completed.

Respectfully, C. S. JONES, By Counsel.

J. R. POLLARD, p. q.

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