MARRIED BY ACCIDENT.

There were two very artful men, the Major and the Squire. They sat in the smoking-room, going in respectably for sherry and seltzer and for brandy and soda. The pupil, not over-fond, had been ordered to bed by his mother hours before.

They were both of them clever, cool, worldly fellows in their way and could not help feeling a kind of contempt for them. They were handsome, well-bred, clever, he was not. In the very best style, he was the wealthy man of the world, he had plenty of money in their pockets, which was certainly not the case with him. They made him partake of the brandy and soda, they made him partake of the sherry and cigars. Dick became slightly excited. His imagination took a broader range.

"You're very much in clover here, Mr. Richard Osborne," said the Major.

"It is very well for a stop-gap," said Mr. Richard. "I must do something when I am take my degrees and get at the bar."

The two Osborne's professed ob[illegible] he was thinking of giving [illegible]

"A clever dog," said the Squire.

"And with a deep dog, too," said the Major. "What a capital plan [illegible] to shut up with Lucy [illegible] to be a tutor to [illegible] Why that gives you an [illegible] of seeing her every day of your life! What wouldn't some of us [illegible] have a chance like that!"

Dick was astonished to hear such sentiments imputed to him.

He tried to assure his new friends of the perfect rectitude and [illegible] of his views and [illegible]

"It would be very nice if you [illegible] and hang up your hat [illegible] with the masters of everything [illegible] and the grounds and the [illegible]

"Don't mock the metropolitan [illegible] only reproducing his own [illegible] He was tired of those [illegible] in Berwyn street, though [illegible] a couple of clubs. It [illegible] to have a pretty [illegible] country, especially if it [illegible] of a real ball with a [illegible] of a good spring to [illegible]

"I just had his estate, but only [illegible] understand the lovely [illegible] ing the next estate and [illegible] on both in a ring-fence [illegible] ject of annexing the young wo[illegible] ought to be nothing in competition [illegible] You can now stand it on with [illegible] Major. "Ah, Mr [illegible] Osborne, you are a [illegible] You University men [illegible] to get on with the [illegible] rag and furnish [illegible]

"I understand Rhish. The [illegible] dog was one by [illegible] I opined

"I'll just tell you what I think," [illegible] She's a very nice [illegible] and any fellow might [illegible] him to tied up to her, [illegible] Wingfield Hall is to [illegible]

"Is he particularly wild a [illegible] one of the nicest [illegible] I ever met in his [illegible] time his luck has [illegible] of the young lady [illegible] hall."

A gleam of light broke into Dick's horizon. He had never deliberately [illegible] He thought [illegible] fall in love [illegible] That might be [illegible] Great swells as [illegible] and Major, they [illegible] better match. His [illegible] thought of such a [illegible] easy it might [illegible] Lucy, the diff[illegible] nothing Lucy fall in [illegible]

"Ah," said the Major [illegible] "I suppose that's what [illegible] Nothing better [illegible] a fellow and play a [illegible] injured from [illegible] the first of it is [illegible] a pretty penny on you at [illegible] Don't you think so, Dorring[illegible] neighbor [illegible]

"I think the cigar at once [illegible] Think it [illegible] he exclaimed, "why, [illegible] who knows a bit of life, [illegible] plain as a pikestaff! I [illegible] something of that sort of [illegible] my cards, and nobody could [illegible]

Now both the Squire and the Major [illegible] of boldness at the bottom of this deal. The Major had [illegible] intended that he would [illegible] for the heiress this [illegible] to keep his own counsel [illegible] the other man. The [illegible] from before his eyes [illegible] got Dick Osborne to [illegible] could. That Dick [illegible] be accepted did not [illegible] at once his mind. He [illegible] that Dick would [illegible] of the house at once [illegible] to his impudence [illegible] be utterly ruined [illegible] of his calculations [illegible] that there was no [illegible] possibility, and he thought [illegible] the young gentle[illegible] presence he greatly dis[illegible]

Mr. Dorrington also had his ideas [illegible] had completely frustrated the Major's [illegible] and thought he saw his way [illegible] to [illegible] When the [illegible] had thrown off a rubbish [illegible] would be better able to [illegible] appreciate of the right sort. [illegible] of his matter is, Mr [illegible] the Major. "you're [illegible]

Dick Osborne belonged just [illegible] bull-dog order of Englishmen [illegible] the words "You're afraid," [illegible] is supposed to be afraid [illegible] is simply maddening.

"You can't deny that you're fond of Miss Lucy, afraid," said the Squire [illegible] lighting up his cigar.

Dick hardly knew his own mind [illegible] but he did not venture to deny the soft impeachment.

"Then why don't you tell her so like a man? I am afraid the Major's about right when he said you're afraid."

He didn't mind making her an offer if I had made up my mind to do it," said Dick.

"Try you a pony you don't do anything of the sort, and that's twenty-five sixty."

"Done with you," said Dick.

I am afraid there was a mixture of motives, bravado, a false shame of not shrinking from a money bet, and perhaps some allowance for acute and [illegible] might be among the elements of this sudden determination.

Accordingly Dick sat down to accomplish his letter. His tremor would have given him every assistance, but on this occasion he decided to trust entirely to his own reasoning, and not to any corks or bladders that might be devised for him. Thus he wrote:—

"Dear Miss Harlowe, or rather dearest Miss Harlowe, if you will allow me to say so. Although I am only a poor man, and your brother's tutor, I am a human being, and cannot help falling in love with you. My family is as old a family as any, and at school and college I was thought as good a fellow as any other fellow. I think I could make you happy. I would strive very hard to do so. So, will you marry

"RICHARD OSBORNE?"

Dick thought this way of finishing was a great literary master-stroke. He was very shy of showing the letter to the men, but they insisted that on the terms of the bet they had a clear right to see that a direct intelligible offer was really made. So Osborne showed them the last line, which was of course sufficient for all practical purposes.

"That's all straight," said one man.

"That's the direct tip," said the other.

The next question that arose was how was the letter to be delivered? and how was it to be clearly ascertained that it had been delivered? But just at this moment there was a light step by the door, which, being a little ajar disclosed the little figure of Florence, the handsome lady's maid.

"O Florence, you're wanted here. There's something for you to do," said the Major. "Mr. Osborne will tell you what it is."

It is only something I have to give Miss Harlowe. Please let her have it."

"Take care to put it on her dressing-table, that she may find it when she goes to bed," said the Major.

Florence stretched out her hand for the letter, or parcel, or anything else that the article might be, but Richard felt wonderfully reluctant to give it up. He felt like a man who was about to clear a chasm or leap from a rock into the sea.

"Out with it, old man," said the Major.

"The longer you look at it, the less you'll like it," said the other.

A neglected past of the last sentence has spoken of a hero.

Who, without help or [illegible] comfort into the sea from [illegible] But Dick was not that hero. The whole enormity of the proceeding came vividly before his mind. He had far better lose those twenty-five sovereigns. Yes, he would touch his quarter's stipend, and it would be that exactly. What, then, about the outlying debt? For I need hardly say that Dick was just the sort of good fellow who lives in a chronic state of outlying debt. With the exception of the quarter's stipend he could hold forward to any further quarterly stipend, at least from this source. Above all, what would be Miss Harlowe's feelings if she ever learned that she had been made the subject of a bet of this sort?

He had handed forth the fatal letter in an irresolute way. The Major had quickly caught it from his grasp and handed it over to the waiting maid.

Here, Florence, look sharp and take it upstairs, and lay it on the dressing-table."

Florence saw there was some fun going. She gave a laugh of glee and bounded upstairs. Richard rose from his seat and bounded after her. Then the Squire caught hold of his coat-tail. The second might probably have given way, but the Major held firm grasp upon his arm. In the mean time Florence entered her mistress's room, and just throwing herself on the top of the dressing. Disappeared in the next room of the mansion.

"Let Richard!" for he might well appreciate himself the value of that letter. It was quite possibly a sick call. He was not sorry when the Major and the Squire, with all good nature and promptness, took their pay's to the night.

But Dick could hardly rest. He took a turn in the grounds, threading the shrubbery, and gazing the lawn. He could see the light in her room, he watched her figure before the blind. At last the light was extinguished and he went indoors. He went indoors, but not to sleep. He tossed about restlessly. He really thought that he had done for himself. He must bid adieu to the very comfortable quarters where he was so pleasantly ensconced from the cares of life. But I must do Dick the justice of saying that this was not the primary consideration. Dick had worked himself into a sort of fever. He was seriously in love, or thought he was seriously in love.

The two gentlemen had had rooms that night at the Hall. All assembled at a late breakfast next morning, and once or two slightly curious glances were interchanged between the Major and the Squire. Lucy Harlowe remained, however, her usual quiet impassive attitude, except that perhaps her dark eyelashes shaded her cheek a little more demurely that morning. The visitors, after their breakfast, smoked their cigars, and dawdled about the grounds, and then rode off in different directions. Richard Osborne kept himself quiet that day, and applied himself to his pupil with great assiduity. The thought recurred to him, should he write a note and recall that former one, and beg pardon, and ask that the whole matter of his unfortunate mistake should be buried in oblivion? But somehow Dick resolved that this should not be the case. He had penned the Rubicon, he had burned his boats, he had taken the giddy leap, he had trusted his fate even to the throw of the dice, he had done whatever is most desperate in the annals of desperation. He would wait quietly.

He did not have long to wait. The chance soon came. The aunt was coming down to dinner. She was rather fatigued with entertaining visitors, and had slightly over-eaten herself with very high game. So Dick found himself alone in the drawing-room, in the mixed lights of twilight and firelight. To him enters Lucy, who goes straight up to him and lays her hand on his, and looks earnestly at him, and says:

"Richard Mr. Osborne let you really mean that letter?"

The moment of moments was come! Richard Osborne threw to the winds any thought of backing out of the transaction.

"I do indeed, Lucy! I cannot help myself. I love you with all my heart."

"O Richard," said the girl, "you are so kind and good and clever. It is very silly of me, but I could not help thinking a good deal of you for a long time."

It is unnecessary to carry on the conversation beyond this point. Things were sufficiently tending in one direction. The Major's letter came like it, but Miss Harlowe was her own mistress, and the aunt thought it judicious to give way. When the engagement was made public the Major sent his cheque for twenty-five pounds to Dick Osborne, and it came in handy.—*London Society for January.*

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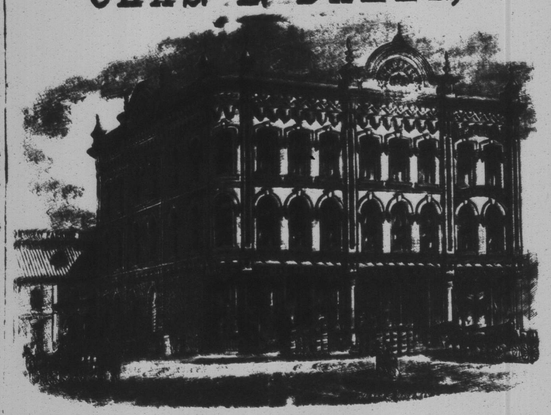

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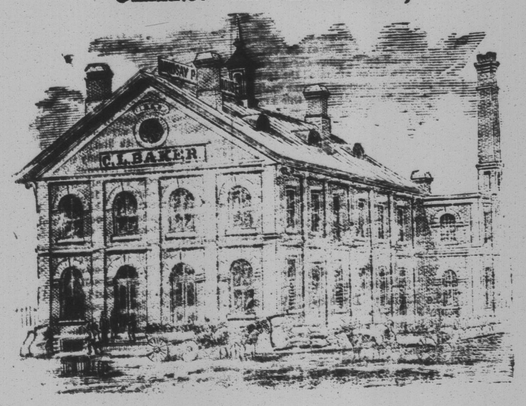

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