

### STANLEY'S LOVE STORY.

A Romantic Tale Concerning the Great Explorer.

A little clump of club men sat over a late supper in a New York cafe the other night, and between the grilled marrow bones and bass told odd bits of their varied experiences. They are all well known men, and have never been particularly bothered with the business grind of life. Most of them are well on toward 60, but if all the experiences and yarns related at that table that night could be accepted literally, they had jammed 100 very rapid years into their lives. Suddenly one of the group raised his hat from his forehead, and turning down the leather band inside he pulled a clipping from a newspaper. "Let me read you this, gentlemen, will you?" he said very pleasantly. "It isn't long and it tells a volume. It is a complete romance in itself." Then he read in a well modulated voice this: When Stanley was in this country, soon after his discovery of Livingstone, he was full-cheeked, rosy, and his hair was dark and handsome. When next he came, after his memorable trip through the heart of the Dark Continent, the ruddy hue of his face was gone and his beautiful hair was nearly white. But the brightness of his eyes was not dimmed, and the alert and sinewy limbs were as agile as of old. He has borne privations and great hardships well, but they have left their mark on his face. His countenance and head are old long before their time.

The club man then went on to relate to his attentive listeners what he said was the true meaning of the newspaper clipping he had just read. He prefaced his remark by stating that the words he had just read were from Noah Brooks's article in the February St. Nicholas, entitled "The White Pasha." He said he had carried the newspaper clipping in his hat from the day it was published, because it recalled to him an experience in Henry M. Stanley's life which very few outside of

#### HIS INTIMATE CIRCLE

of friends knew. He added that a certain very charming lady would fully appreciate everything that he was about to tell. At one time she was a belle, and was known in society. She was a most lovable woman, and very attractive. She is now a young matron, with little sprigs of innocence and mischievousness clustered about her.

One thing was certain, the club man declared, Henry M. Stanley had not passed a single day in the last fifteen years without thinking of her. In the dark and unfathomable jungles of Africa, her face had been with him. On the desert, with the fierce white heat beating upon him, he had had memories of her. He is a bachelor, 49 years old, and he will never marry. The young matron now lives in Chicago, and her brother is seen on Broadway on any bright afternoon.

The white hair and the pallid cheek that Noah Brooks speaks of, so the story teller asserted, were not altogether due to Stanley's privations on the Congo. It was about 1875 that Mr. Stanley came to this country after his discovery of Livingstone. Four years before he had started out to find the lost explorer. Not a word had been heard from Livingstone in nearly two years. There had been rumors that he had been

#### KILLED BY HOSTILE SAVAGES,

and his friends in England were anxious to learn the fate of the man who had devoted nearly thirty years of his life to unravelling the mysteries of the interior of Africa. Stanley was selected by James Gordon Bennett to take an expedition into Africa and learn the fate of Livingstone. He was then 30 years old and full of pluck and determination. He had been in the Confederate Army, and when taken prisoner by the United States troops he volunteered as a seaman in the Federal navy. He was spoken of at the time as brave, modest and generous, but with a roving disposition, and above all a determination to make his mark in the world. Only Stanley himself can tell of the destitution and the hardships that he experienced in his search for Livingstone. But on that memorable day in November, 1871, when at Ujiji, on the shore of Lake Tanganyika, he found the great Scotchman, and nonchalantly lifting his cap to him said: "Dr. Livingstone, I presume," he became equally famous with the Doctor, and knew that his name would go down through the centuries. On his return to England the fetes and the banquets given in his honor and the glorification of his name were only interrupted by the death in Africa and the burial in Westminster Abbey of Dr. Livingstone. Stanley was a pall bearer at the funeral of the great explorer. It was said at the time that the mantle of the dead man had fallen upon the young and ambitious Stanley. He was on the top rung of the ladder of fame, but his closest friends at the time have since frequently remarked that Stanley's marked characteristic was a cynicism that was almost insupportable and unaccountable.

He was 32 years old. The Queen had presented him with diamonds, and he had been

#### SINGULARLY HONORED

by statements and the great men of the Royal Geographical Society. His name was known all over the civilized world, and distinction and renown awaited him in New York when he arrived here a few months later.

Stanley hadn't been in New York very long before his club friends remarked that he was partial in his visits to a certain mansion on Fifth avenue. He had been well received in New York society, and although he was not particularly endowed with this world's goods, he was a handsome young fellow, and the young ladies of society found him most congenial. At one of the homes he visited there was a petite brunette who interested young Stanley from the first hour that he saw her. Her father's home on Fifth avenue was one of the most attractive of spots for young Stanley after the introduction. He would steal away from club friends to make frequent calls on the little queen of that charming home. The young lady herself began to blush when the servant announced her handsome young visitor, and she soon began to look for his calls. Stanley was the sort of a young man to be interesting to most young ladies. He was a handsome fellow, a fine conversationalist, and he was particularly attractive in the gallant and reverential politeness which always marked his conduct before the fair ones.

His visits to the Fifth avenue mansion became more frequent and his attentions to the black-eyed little lady more marked, and pretty soon Stanley's friends learned that the young couple were engaged. Stanley frequently said in those days that he was ready to settle down and have a winsome wife and a modest home. He seemed to be quite contented to rest then with the name

and fame that had already come to him. Time ran on, and there were not anywhere two happier souls than Henry M. Stanley and his prospective bride.

But with Livingstone dead there were constant and urgent demands upon him to resume the exploration of Africa. At last he consented to make another journey. It was to be a short one, he told his sweetheart, and with it would end his career as an African explorer.

"Anybody can imagine the loving tenderness with which Henry M. Stanley and the girl he loved parted," continued the club man. "There were tears on her part and tender, comforting words for his share of THAT TRYING EXPERIENCE.

They were to write by every steamer, and for two years the happiest and tenderest correspondence passed between the young lovers."

Late in November, 1874, Stanley arrived at Zanzibar and began the arrangements for his trip inland. The little lady in the Fifth avenue mansion anxiously read the despatches about her lover, and was cheered by some of the heaviest letters which ever came through the New York Post Office. She was delighted beyond expression when the cable announced that Stanley had launched the little boat in which he circumnavigated Nyazza Lake, and had named it the Lady Alice. That was her Christian name.

With a lover's eagerness he wrote to the fair one what he had done, and his last letter before he left civilization told her to be of good cheer. He said that he didn't expect that his task would be difficult, and he spoke of the time when his journey would be ended and he would return to her rich and with his days as an explorer ended forever.

He was on the Congo River for nine months, and reached the Atlantic coast in 1877. He arrived in London early in 1877 and eagerly glanced over the pile of letters awaiting him. There were a dozen or more in the handwriting of his betrothed running up to November, 1876. At that time he had reached Nyangwa, the furthest northern point attained by Livingstone or Cameron. The letters ceased in that month. Down deeper in the pile was a letter from a New York club man which told Stanley that his betrothed had been married early in 1877 to a gentleman from Michigan.

The highest honors were showered upon Stanley, but he grew listless, and apparently without ambition. His friends say he was stunned at the shock he had received. He roamed about London, and his hair daily grew whiter and whiter and his face more pallid. He went back to Africa and spent five years there, and first appeared in New York again in 1886. He only remained here a few weeks, and then started on his present journey.

#### Development of Coal in Canada.

It is well known to geologists that in many parts of western Canada there are extensive coal deposits, the successful working of which must be of great importance in the development of the imperial traffic through the Dominion and on the Pacific. A large block of land, in which are thick and extensive seams of anthracite coal, has lately been worked by a Canadian company (the Canadian Anthracite Coal Company, Limited), in the Cascade district of the Bow River Pass, with excellent results. The land covers the croppings of the veins, which dip from 32° to 60° in the side of the mountains, which rise from 500 feet or 600 feet, to 2,000 feet above the croppings. A tunnel 200 feet long has been driven, and this is 45 feet above the water level and cuts through 32 seams of coal. Three of these seams are being worked. The overlying seam measures about nine feet, of which seven feet are coal, the middle seam has from three feet to three feet six inches of clean hard coal; and the underlying seam is about five feet eight inches, with ten inches of slate near the centre of the seam. These are the only seams as yet practically tested, but from them about 16,000 tons of coal have been taken and shipped to the Pacific coast. The coal has been taken to San Francisco, where it has been graded as No. 1 free-burning white-ash anthracite. As yet a work which the local Canadian Company have been able to do has been more of a prospecting character than mining for the market, and so an endeavor is being made to open up the whole of this extensive coal-field by the employment of British capital. —[London Times.

#### How Letters go Astray.

A curious cause of letters going astray is explained by The New York Herald. There are many small towns and villages at which the fast mail train does not stop, and the postal clerks bring the mail pouch from the flying train. Sometimes the pouch is heavy or unwieldy, or a strong wind is blowing; the pouch falls short of the platform and is drawn under the wheels, which grind the letters into a pulp. "In such cases the mail carrier and the train hands about the depot would walk along the track for several rods picking up fragments and putting them in the mangled mail pouch, carry it up to the postoffice, where the Postmaster would puzzle his brain to join together such pieces as were decipherable, and deliver to the proper persons. Some of the letters were only slightly wounded, but many were killed beyond recognition. Those would form a charred and blackened mass which the Postmaster would enshroud in a stout piece of brown paper and address to that morgue of many a fond hope—the Dead Letter Office." The most frequent cause of this accident is throwing the package backward instead of in the direction in which the train is moving.

#### Going over Niagara.

The telegraph brings the report that a man is getting a barrel ready in which he is going over Niagara Falls. It is somewhat early for the trip, but it is understood that he expects a rush later in the season, and wants to go when he can do it in comfort. We suppose nothing can be more disagreeable than to go over Niagara Falls when they are crowded, and have the barrels of total strangers bumping against your own. No person who loves to travel quietly and unostentatiously will go over Niagara during the busy season. —N. Y. Tribune.

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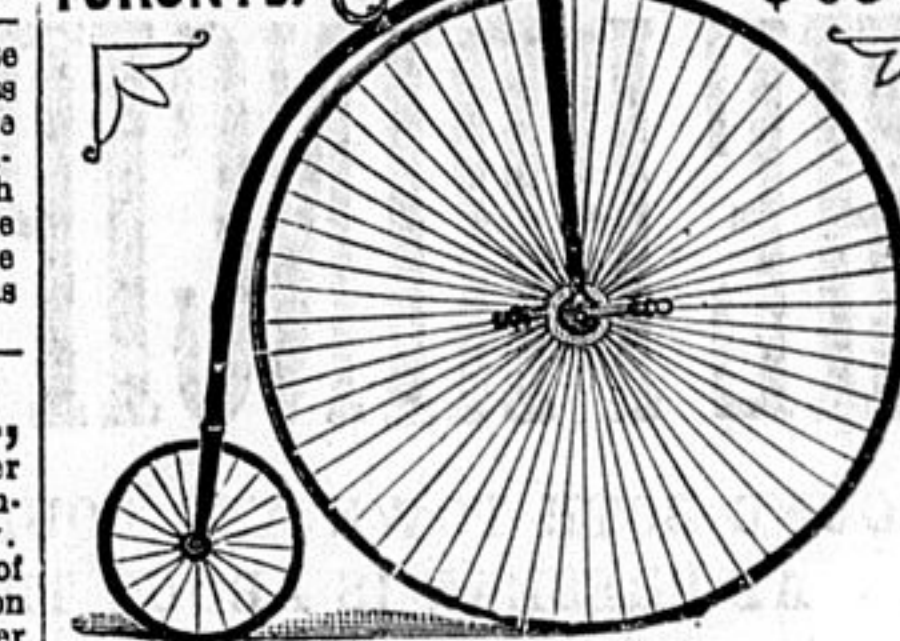
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