

Gave Fate a Chance.

BUT THE MODERN PORTIA DIDN'T LEAVE EVERYTHING TO FATE.

With a gesture expressive of firm resolution, as if the affair were quite settled, the Countess Madeline pointed to her lacquered Japanese cabinet that shimmered in the lamplight and said very gravely:

"Open one of those three drawers, Valentine, and be sure that you choose the right one. Each drawer contains an answer to the prayer which you have addressed to me for the last six months. If you open that which contains the answer 'Yes' I will be yours and will marry you as soon as you please. But take care that you do not get the wrong answer, for if you do you will never see me again."

"Alas!" said Valentine, "there are two chances to one against me. How cruel you are, my darling!"

"Well," said the countess, "if I marry you I can at least lay the blame on Fate."

The young man hesitated a long time. His hand wandered from drawer to drawer, not venturing to touch any, and his heart sank with the fear of choosing wrongly. At last he shut his eyes and opened a drawer at hazard.

Oh, rapture! the little piece of pink paper, when unfolded, disclosed to his glad eyes the exquisite word "Yes." In ecstasy he clasped the blushing Madeline in his arms and covered her face with kisses. She did not deny him.

Valentine, being but a bashful swain, never knew that he had bucked up against a foregone conclusion. The three drawers that had held his cards of fate had been "stacked."—*Collier's Weekly.*

In a Boston Primary School.

"What are the inhabitants of the Sulu archipelago called?"

"There is no specific name for them," replied the little Boston boy. "They may be classified perhaps under the general name of fish. There are sharks, flying fish and others, with tortoises or turtles of various kinds, which, however, are not fish, but—"

"What are you talking about, Ticklowell? I am asking you about the inhabitants of the Sulu islands."

"I beg your pardon. You asked me about the inhabitants of the Sulu archipelago. I assume that everybody knows an archipelago is merely a sea or a body of water interspersed with islands."—*Chicago Tribune.*

It Made a Difference.

Applicant For Life Insurance—I'm going down to South Africa to take a hand in the scrap and want to get my life insured. Can I?

Manager—Certainly. Which side are you going with?

Applicant (cautiously)—None of your business.

Manager—But it is my business. We'll charge you just twice as much if you are going to join the English forces. See?—*Detroit Free Press.*

A Lucky Fellow.

Mrs. Jinks—What do you think? A thief shot at Mrs. Bingle while she was sitting in her room, and the bullet went in a ball of yarn which she was winding.

Mr. Jinks—Well, well! Bingle is a lucky fellow, isn't he?

Mrs. Jinks—Yes, indeed! He has a wife who darns stockings.—*New York Weekly.*

When a Man Speaks First.

"I suppose we ought to have the house painted this spring," said Mr. Greenough.

"Have you enough money put by to have it done?" his wife asked.

"Yes," he said, pleased at the interest she took in the matter. "I've been laying away a little every month for it, and when I counted up the other night I found that the fund amounted to something like \$250."

"Oh, George," she exclaimed, "that will be just enough to buy a lovely diamond I was looking at yesterday! Diamonds are going up on account of the war in Africa. Paint isn't."

Then he began wondering why man was overblissed with the gift of speech, anyway.—*Chicago Times-Herald.*

Why the Painter Hurried.

The Irishman was painting his barn, and he was hurrying his work with all his strength and speed, says the Utica Observer.

"What are you in such a hurry for, Murphy?" asked a spectator.

"Sure, I want to get through before me paint runs out," was the reply.

"You are wasting your time, old man," said Ted to George. "You're courting the wrong girl."

"No, she's the right girl. The trouble is that I'm the wrong man."

FENELON FALLS MARKETS.

Reported by the North Star Roller Mill Co.

Fenelon Falls, Friday, April 13th 1900

Wheat, Scotch or Fife	66	to	63
Wheat, fall, per bushel	65		67
Wheat, spring	66		63
Barley, per bushel	38		4
Buckwheat	40		42
Oats	26		27
Pease	58		69
Rye	47		48
Potatoes	25		30
Butter, per lb.	15		16
Eggs, per dozen	10		11
Hay, per ton	5.00		6.50
Hides	6.50		7.50
Hogs (live)	5.25		5.75
Hogs (Dressed)	5.00		6.00
Beef	5.50		6.00
Sheepskins	16		18
Wool	1.50		1.90
Flour, Silver Leaf	1.90		2.10
Flour, Victoria	1.80		2.00
Flour, Family, Clipper	1.60		1.80
Bran, per 100 lbs	75		85
Shorts	85		95
Mixed Chop	1.00		1.10

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AUCTION SALE

A FARM

IN THE TOWNSHIP of SOMERVILLE, in the County of Victoria.

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in a mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction, by Mr. A. C. Graham, auctioneer, at the Pattie House, in the

Village of Cobocok, in the County of Victoria, on

Thursday, the 26th Day of April, 1900, at 12 30 o'clock p. m., the following property, being the south half of lot number twenty-one in the fourth concession of the said township of Somerville, containing one hundred acres, more or less. Upon this property are a log house about 20 by 24, a log barn about 34 by 48, a shed for cattle and a horse stable. About 36 acres are fit for cultivation; the balance is in wood. An ever living spring of water is said to be on the place, and a good school near by. The property is about four miles from Cobocok, five miles from Burnt River, and ten miles from Fenelon Falls.

Terms of Sale.—Ten per cent. on the day of sale; thirty per cent. more on the 26th day of May next, and the balance on the 26th day of May, 1905, with interest thereon yearly at six per cent. per annum. The vendors have a reserved bid. Other terms and conditions of sale will be made known at the time of sale, or can in the meantime be ascertained from the auctioneer or from the undersigned vendor's solicitors.

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SECOND DIVISION COURT

—OF THE—
County of Victoria.

The next sittings of the above Court will be held in Dickson's hall, Fenelon Falls, ON MONDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1900,

commencing at 1 o'clock in the afternoon Thursday, April 12th, will be the last day of service on defendants residing in this county. Defendants living in other counties must be served on or before April 7th.

S. NEVISON, E. D. HAND,
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