

THE WIDOW'S ERROR.

"If you please, mum, Mr. Marlowe's compliments, and he'd like a few words with you on very special business."

Jemima, the maid of all work, was breathless with the haste she had made and her round eyes glistening like pale blue marbles. The Widow Purvey took her hands out of the batch of biscuits she was kneading up and hurriedly shook the flour off her arms.

"What is it Mimy?" asked she. "Anything wrong about his room?"

"The Lord only knows," said Jemima, evidently much excited.

"Where is he?"

"A-wakin' up and down the best back parlor like a wild beast, ma'am, at a show!"

"Bless my soul!" panted Mrs. Purvey; "what can have happened?"

And hastily straightening her cap ribbons and tying on a ruffled black silk apron the Widow Purvey made haste to give audience to her best boarder.

The Widow Purvey was fat, fair and 50, with a little capital, which she had invested in furniture for a boarding house, and very well she succeeded, on the whole, especially since Mr. Marlowe, a whimsical old bachelor engaged in the China tea trade, had taken her best front room at her own price.

"Gents are always better than ladies," said Mrs. Purvey to her intimate friend, Miss Larkspur, the milliner. "Mrs. Hyde is the only lady in my establishment now and although she's quite genteel—French teacher in a young ladies' school—I shall give her a month's notice the very minute I hear of an eligible single gentleman to take her place."

"Ain't she reg'lar pay?" asked Miss Larkspur, snipping off bias pieces of silk.

"Oh, yes, reg'lar enough, but I never did fancy these pale, stuck-up chits that have seen better days and wear turned silk and dyed gloves! She ain't a bit better than I am, and yet she always has that patronizing way with her that you'd think she was a princess and we her hired maids."

And thus matters stood on the October morning when the Widow Purvey hurried up to the back parlor where Mr. Geoffrey Marlowe, a fine looking gentleman with a healthy, fresh color and iron-gray whiskers, was walking up and down with his hands in his pockets.

"You've been a long time coming, Mrs. Purvey," said he, a little imperiously.

"I'm sorry to keep you waiting, sir," said the widow, all in a flutter.

"Sit down," said Mr. Marlowe, motioning her towards a chair. "I have something of great importance to tell you."

"Now, he is going to tell me that the place don't suit, and he's going to change his boarding house," said Mrs. Purvey to herself, feeling her heart beat within her; but she only smiled faintly and said: "Indeed?"

"It's a little embarrassing," said Mr. Marlowe, feeling his whiskers dushtily.

"Don't mind me, sir," said Mrs. Purvey.

"The fact is," said Mr. Marlowe, "I'm thinking of making a change."

"I'm sorry the place don't suit you, sir," faltered the widow.

"But it does," said Mr. Marlowe, "I shall not leave you, Mrs. Purvey. Your mugalatawny soup suits me exactly, and you've caught my precise ideas on salad dressing and curry sauce. No, the change of which I speak refers to—ahem!—another thing Mrs. Purvey."

"Dear me!" said the landlady, looking down at the patterns of the carpets.

"And I dare say you can guess to whom," said Mr. Marlowe, in high good humor.

Mrs. Purvey twisted her black silk apron string around and around, hardly able to believe her own ears.

"La, sir," faltered she, "I'm sure I never thought of such a thing."

"I rather expected to surprise you," said Mr. Marlowe. "But don't you see, after all, it's the most natural thing in the world! Here I am settled down in a place that exactly suits me; why should I leave it? Here I am, a blunt old bachelor of 50—why shouldn't I marry a widow who, like myself, has seen something of the world?"

A widow! That settled the question. "Sure enough, sir," said Mrs. Purvey, feeling as if she were soaring up into a world of white satin and tulle, orange-blossoms and wedding cake.

"What do you say about a month from Monday next?" demanded Mr. Marlowe.

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"Can you have things ready?"

A CRIPPLE FOR LIFE.

So Doctors Said Concerning Richard B. Collins.

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I, Richard B. Collins, hereby make the following statement, which can be confirmed by any number of witnesses in this section of the country. I first began to complain about five years ago. I had then been working in a fish shanty, and was wet almost the whole time, summer and winter. I was then confined to the house for three months. This was my first attack and on getting better I commenced work again in the first of the following February and continued at it until the next January when I took a much worse attack. The doctors pronounced it rheumatism and after treating me for that disease until about the first of May, they discovered that my

trouble was disease of the hip joint, and advised to go to the hospital. I went to Toronto and stayed in the hospital weeks and then returned home. I however, did not recover, and was compelled during the following summer to go back to the hospital where I remained three months getting worse all the time. I was told I could not be cured and when I left was only able to walk by the aid of crutches. I then came home and was not there long before I was taken to my bed. I continued in this state until January following, when I was advised by several friends to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I took their advice and before I had finished the fifth box I began to improve, and by the time I had completed a dozen boxes I was able to walk without crutches, and have never used them since. I was able to do light work in a short time, and in January last (1897) I commenced working in the woods and have no trouble from the hip unless over exerted. During the last three years I have spent \$300.00 in doctors' bills and medicines, trying everything recommended, but without any good results until I took Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to which I owe my restored condition, as the doctors gave up all hopes of ever seeing me out of bed alive and well. I may say that before I began taking Pink Pills during my last attack I put in many a night so bad that I never expected to be alive in the morning.

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CHANGES IN THE MUNICIPAL LAW.

The following are some of the new provisions made by the municipal amendment act, 1897, and by the attorney-general's bill relating to miscellaneous municipal matters, which was consolidated therewith. It is a bill of 85 sections, and among the provisions which are of greater or less public interest will be found the following:

Towns and villages may acquire water privileges and create therefrom water power, and may lease or sell power with the consent of the ratepayers.

Market fees have been reduced in all cities and towns to 10 and 5 cents.

Cities and towns may establish a telephone service.

Every municipality may expend a fixed sum for advertising information as to the advantages of the municipality as a manufacturing, business, educational or residential centre. Cities and towns of over 5,000 population, \$500; other municipalities, not exceeding \$100.

Municipalities may set aside a portion of the highway as a bicycle path, and any person driving on or along the same with horse or vehicle renders himself liable to a fine.

Cities with a population of 100,000 or more may expend \$5,000 in the jubilee celebration; cities of 50,000, \$3,000, and other cities, \$1,500.

Municipalities in Haliburton are authorized to grant a bonus or subscribe for stock not exceeding \$3,000 for the purpose of erecting grist mills.

The council of any municipality may assist the Victorian Order of Nurses by a grant of money.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor during the last half of the year

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"Then I won't detain you any longer!" said Mr. Marlowe, deliberately walking back into his own room.

"Well!" said Mrs. Purvey, drawing a long breath. "I never was courted that way before. But he's eccentric, and always was, poor dear, and he's yet to be a husband. He might have just asked me for a kiss, though, and he might have called me 'Mavina' instead of Mrs. Purvey! But everyone has their whim, and Mr. Marlowe is as chucky full of 'em as an egg is of meat! What will Letitia Larkspur say? And that stuck up Mrs. Hyde! I'll give her a week's warning at once, for it don't stand to nature as I shall keep on taking boarders after I'm Mrs. Marlowe. I wonder shall I wear white silk or dove color? I suppose it will be a church wedding! A month's a dreadful short time to get ready in, but I can hire what sewing I want done, and it won't do to disappoint Mr. Marlowe!"

Little Miss Hyde, engaged in correcting French copy books in her room was surprised at the lack of ceremony with which Mrs. Purvey let her know that her room would be wanted that day week!

"It will inconvenience me considerably," she said hesitatingly.

"I can't help that," said Mrs. Purvey, with a toss of her head.

The weeks passed away. Widow Purvey thought it rather strange that her bridegroom-elect should be so undemonstrative, and that all his tete-a-tetes should be confined to the subject of pudding sauce and shirt buttons. But then, as Miss Larkspur said, there never was any accounting for the freaks of an old bachelor; and when the bridal eve came and Mr. Marlowe descended to express approval of the wedding breakfast as set out in the dining room over night Mrs. Purvey shed tears.

"What are you crying about, I hate to see women cry," said Mr. Marlowe sharply.

"I can't help it. Such a change for me!" whimpered the widow.

"Oh, pshaw!" said Mr. Marlowe, irritably. "Change! It's no change at all. Here we are just as we always have been. I don't see anything to cry about. Remember the carriages are to be at the door at 12 precisely."

"I'll be ready," said Mrs. Purvey, swallowing a sob.

And she was ready—dove-colored silk dress hat and all—for according to the advice of Miss Letitia Larkspur she had abandoned the idea of white satin and tulle veil as rather inappropriate to her age and condition of widowhood.

"Please ma'am," bawled Jemima, who had rushed to the widow on hearing the sound of carriage wheels, "they've come back! And Mr. Marlowe, he's a-handin' a lady dressed in brown silk with a bird of paradise in her hat, out of the front carriage."

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"You're too late to witness the ceremony," chuckled the quondam old bachelor. "We're married."

"Who are married?" shrieked Mrs. Purvey, growing pallid under her rouge.

"Bessie Hyde, ma'am, and your humble servant. Why whom did you suppose?" demanded Mr. Marlowe, opening his eyes very wide.

"Law-a-massey!" cried Jemima, rushing forward to support the widow's swooning form, "Missus s'posed you was goin' to marry her!"

"Then she was a fool!" said Mr. Marlowe, briskly. "Come Bessie, my dear, we have no time to lose if we are to catch that three o'clock train."

Mrs. Purvey came out of her swoon and into her senses with commendable alacrity. If she had lost a bridegroom that was no reason why she should also lose a first class pair of boarders. She tied an apron over her dun-colored silk and hurried to help serve the breakfast.

"It was an awkward mistake," said she to Letitia Larkspur, "but life is full of mistakes. And perhaps I'm better off as I am."

"No doubt, no doubt," said Miss Larkspur, whose theory was based upon that of the fabled fox who once lost his caudal appendage. "Matrimony's dreadful uncertain."

"Even at the last moment," said Mrs. Purvey with an involuntary groan.

A Good-Bad Dog.

The Indian certainly showed a fine sense of propriety when he named the bulldog "a good bad dog." The name fits very well.

Major Peter Ronan, agent of the Flathead Indians in western Montana, purchased a fine blooded and ugly faced bulldog, not to guard his pleasant quarters at the Flathead agency, but to give his Indian wards a new subject for study in the animal kingdom. The appearance of this strange quadruped caused as much excitement among these untutored sons of the forest as a behemoth of the paleozoic age would arouse by a sudden appearance on Main street.

The chiefs held a long consultation over the characteristics of the animal and finally decided to call him "a good bad dog."

The first adjective is doubtless caused by a certain Indian sense of diplomacy to be exercised in addressing the animal, while the latter is evidence of the red man's regard for truth at all times. At all events, the name is worth studying.—Helena (Mont.) Independent.



THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT ONE OF THEIR OWN NUMBER TO FILL THE OFFICE DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, OR, IN CASE OF A TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF THE HEAD OF THE COUNCIL FROM ILLNESS OR OTHER CAUSE, THE COUNCIL MAY APPOINT ONE OF THE MEMBERS TO FILL THE VACANCY, AND HE SHALL HAVE ALL THE POWERS OF THE HEAD OF THE COUNCIL.

If any member of the council or any auditor makes an untrue financial statement, or knowingly omits from the statement to be issued on the 15th day of December in every year, he shall be liable to a fine of \$40 and costs.

The debenture registration act is repealed, and new provisions in the municipal act are substituted therefor.

Councils are prohibited from borrowing more than 80 per cent. of the amount to be collected as taxes in any year.

Councils liable for the maintenance of a boundary line or highway may agree as to what part of such boundary line or highway each shall maintain, and shall be liable for accidents only on the part to be maintained by them respectively.

Councils may grant bonuses for the erection of grain elevators.

A member of the municipal council may become a candidate for election as a county councillor without resigning his office as municipal councillor, but he may not sit in the county council while continuing to be a member of the municipal council.

Wardens are to hold office but for one year.

Aldermen are no longer to sit as members of the court of revision in cities. The court shall in cities other than Toronto hereafter be composed of one member chosen by the council, one by the mayor, and one by the sheriff of the county. In cities of 30,000 and less than 100,000 the members of the court may be paid a sum not exceeding \$300, and in cities with a less population any sum which the council may by by-law direct.

An appeal may be taken from the decision of the three county court judges of the three counties in appeal in all cases, and from a single judge in cases where the assessment is \$10,000 or over.

County councils may divide the county into districts, and may direct that sales for taxes shall be held in the districts respectively instead of wholly in the county towns.

An appeal from an engineer's report on toll roads shall now be to the provincial instructor on roadmaking, instead of to the county judge as heretofore.

The act does not come into force until the 1st of July next, except section 24, authorizing municipalities in Haliburton to aid in establishing grist mills, which comes into force immediately.

There are in the new act, besides the foregoing, many other minor amendments.

NORTH EMILY.

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BUILDING.—Mr. T. Kennedy has got his plot staked out for the new house, and he is patiently waiting for the fine weather to make a start at digging the cellar. Mr. John Ashmore is going to build the stone work. Mr. Thos. Wilson has got his foundation built for the new kitchen. Mr. Sheriff was the undertaker of that job and did it well, too.

CUTS A DASH.—Mr. Wm. Thurston was out driving Sunday. Says boys, I can cut the figure eight with my little ponies.

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"Can you have things ready?"

"I'll do my best, sir," flattered the widow.

"And one thing, remember—I don't want this matter talked about."

"No, to be sure not," said Mrs. Purvey, accustomed to defer in all things to the whims of her lodger.

"Let affairs go on just exactly as if nothing was about to happen until the very wedding day," insisted Mr. Marlowe.

"Certainly, sir," said Mrs. Purvey.

"That'll do," said Mr. Marlowe. We understand each other, don't we?" Mrs. Purvey nodded and giggled.