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In all her gracious loveliness She stooped and gave a fond caress Unto the lad with curls of gold, Who had been gently kissed and told This lady was to be a mother To him and his wee baby brother.

A CURIOUS COURTSHIP.

HOW A GIRL DROVE AWAY A WORTHY LOVER AND WAS SORRY.

"If I go, Rosalie," Harry Reynolds said, "remember that I shall not return." He made a step toward her and continued, "Have you not a word for me, Rosalie?"

"I do not think of anything further that I wish to say," she responded coldly.

Harry gazed at her a moment and then rushed from the room. "Cold hearted, selfish girl!" he exclaimed.

For a few seconds after his departure Rosalie retained her indifferent position, but all her senses were alive to catch his lightest movement.

Rosalie was warm hearted and quick tempered, but was easily appeased. She was also passionately fond of admiration and quite as much bent on having her own way as was good for her.

Mr. Clarence Dalton came up from the city on a visit to his uncle. He was handsome, agreeable, wealthy and noted for the careful elegance of his attire.

Happy for her had this prudent disposition lasted. But the old spirit came up after awhile. She was entirely accustomed to queening it in her little world, and her vanity was piqued that Mr. Dalton did not at all seem struck by her charms.

Harry could endure it no longer and in the interview whose close we have portrayed determined to "put his fortune to the touch to win or lose it all."

Rosalie had no doubt that Harry would come the next evening as usual and all could easily be made right again. But the evening came and went and no Harry. What could it mean?

The next evening Mr. Dalton called, but Rosalie sent down word that she was ill and asked to be excused. Yet as night after night went by and Harry did not return her submissive mood changed.

The next time Mr. Dalton came she did not decline to see him, but came down and was as friendly and pleasant as could be desired.

Poor Harry's state meanwhile was far from enviable. For the first 24 hours he maintained a fierce resentment. But as the days came and went he softened little by little until every harsh sentiment had vanished and a

determination seized him to seek Rosalie and try to efface the memory of his previous sternness.

Toward evening he wended his way to her home with the sweetest anticipations of reconciliation and affection. With every step she seemed to grow lovelier and dearer than before.

Mr. Dalton meanwhile found his affairs in a somewhat perplexing state. Flirtation had been since his eleventh year the element in which he delighted to exist.

Harry could not in his heart deny the reasonableness of their predictions. He had the grief of believing that his wishes, hopes and affections were nothing to Rosalie.

Mr. Dalton had a mother living, a stately lady of some forty odd years, well preserved and a leader of society. Clarence was her only boy and the object of a great many ambitious dreams.

Mr. Clarence's brow as he read the maternal effusion was clouded with thought. Where, in the name of common sense, could there be any danger in a marriage with such a charming girl as Rosalie Ames?

Good and bad angels tugged at Harry's soul for one moment in a mortal conflict. What call had he to interfere in his behalf? The sneering fop who had blighted all his hopes!

At last signs of returning life were visible, and ere long the physicians assured the watchers round that all was hopeful. Rest and good nursing alone were needed.

Harry quietly stole away and resumed his walk. Wandering thus, quite forgetful of the outer world, he encountered a well known form—Rosalie stood in his path, her cheeks pallid, her eyes swollen with weeping.

"Don't hate me," he said. "I deserve no credit. I almost turned to leave him, for hatred and jealousy had possession of me, and if he had died I should have been his murderer. But it was for you, Rosalie. I loved you so! For I have saved your life only to render certain the destruction of my own happiness."

Rosalie looked up at him with brimming eyes. "I don't see why," she said softly. "I am sure that nobody wishes to make you unhappy."

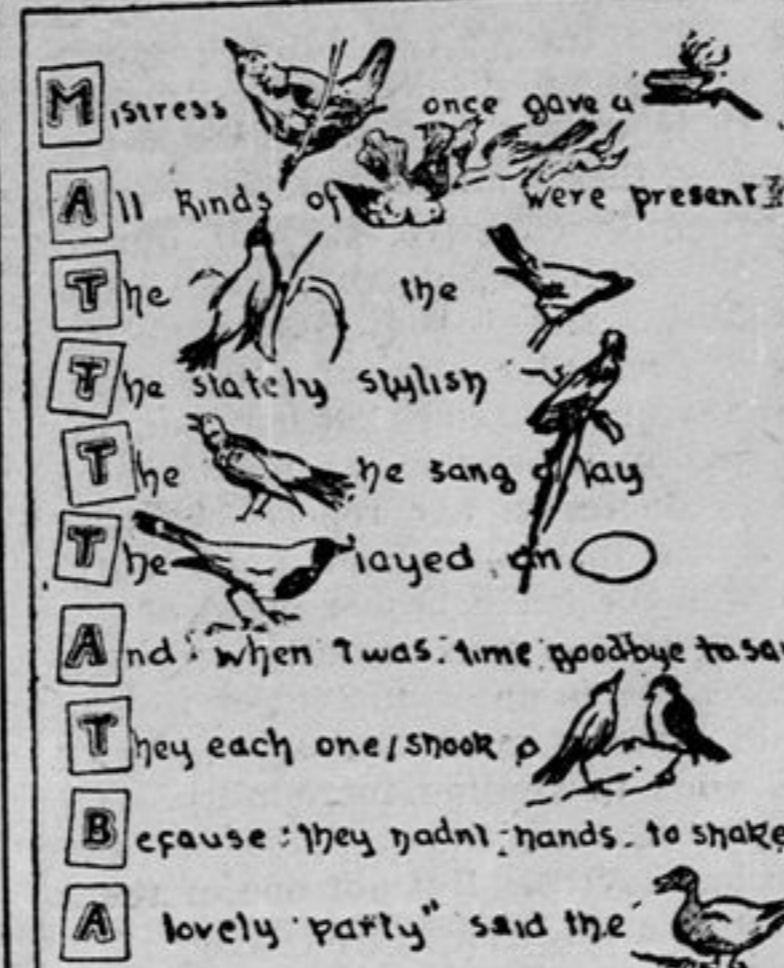
Now, I cannot say whether this statement appears particularly lucid, but Harry was clever enough to understand it instantly. All the troubles, weeks dispensed like mists before the sun, and content took the place of hearts.

Clarence Dalton made a very stylish affair, an affair at the wedding of his preserver, judging from his devoted manner to the maid of honor, he did not for her irretrievably from his loss. As to his mother, she blessed the day as a friendly accident that saved her darling from so terrible a misalliance.

THE PUZZLER

No. 247.—A Diamond. 1. A letter. 2. An open wooden vessel. 3. A fictitious story. 4. Pocket memorandum books. 5. One who makes known. 6. Heavenly. 7. A fluid obtained from alcohol. 8. Found in sedateness. 9. A letter.

No. 248.—Bird Poem Puzzle.



In the poem puzzle above words are to be supplied in place of the pictures representing them. The alternate lines must rhyme together, except the last two, which are to form a rhyming couplet by themselves.

All of the words described contain the same number of letters. When these are rightly guessed and placed one below another in the order here given, the zigzag, beginning at the upper left hand letter, will spell the name of a book that has been famous for a long time.

Crosswords: 1. A large book. 2. A means of conveyance. 3. A timid animal. 4. One of the United States. 5. One of the characters found in the book named by the zigzag. 6. The first man. 7. A kind of apple. 8. Christmastide. 9. Painful. 10. A famous battle fought in 1796. 11. A favor. 12. Utilized. 13. A beautiful flower. 14. A heavenly body. 15. Lines of light. 16. To salute with the lips. 17. A famous square in London south of Oxford street. 18. A certain quantity. 19. A common fruit.

No. 250.—Riddlemece. In keen, not in sharp. In fiddle, not in harp. In fin, not in scale. In tea, not in ale. In up, not in down. In city, not in town. In lake, not in pond. In fondly, not in fond. Whole a state is found.

No. 251.—An Olio. 1. To R M D add what letter thrice repeated and have "a fleet of armed ships." 2. What word meaning "good fortune" and desired by almost every one is flanked by a consonant and a vowel, thus showing what the person must be usually to obtain the desired "hap."

No. 252.—A Charade. A SECOND, standing by the WHOLE, Looked on the shore receding, When murky skies above forewarned Foul weather might be breeding.

She was returning to her home, Her soul breathed out a prayer For quiet seas and gentle FIRSTS To wait her safely there.

No. 253.—A "Pack of Lies." 1. Lize who adores? 2. Lize who seeks to make all men her own? 3. Lize who would prefer to oo dee than broad? 4. Lize who concentrates forces? 5. Lize who renders one helpless? 6. Lize who protects from germs? 7. Lize who turns to stone? 8. Lize who endows with energy?

There was a man in our town Invested all his health, With madly avaricious aim, To win the goal of wealth, And when the same he had attained With all his might and main He vainly lavished all his wealth To get his health again.

Teacher—What do you understand by the seating population, Tommy? Thomas—Sailors, mum.—Tit-Bits.

Key to the Puzzler. No. 237.—What Character? Juliet. 1. Lute. 2. 1. 3. Let. 4. Lie. 5. Tie. 6. Eli. 7. Tile. 8. Jut. 9. Jute. 10. Jet.

No. 238.—Charade: Turn-pike. No. 239.—Square: 1. Nomad. 2. Opera. 3. Merit. 4. Arise. 5. Dates. No. 240.—Jumbled Parts of Flowers: 1. Seed. 2. Stem. 3. Leaf. 4. Fruit. 5. Pistil. 6. Stamen. 7. Flower. 8. Calyx.

No. 241.—Pyramid of Diamonds: F L E U L E L I O L A N L U A W E E E U A D D D D I U R O O O O M R M

No. 242.—Agricultural Rebus: Potatoes are tubers. No. 243.—Central Acrostic: Centrals, Trenton. 1. Altar. 2. Coral. 3. Scent. 4. Tenor. 5. Latch. 6. Groan. 7. Links.

No. 244.—Geographical Anagrams: 1. Malaga. 2. Malta. 3. Hebrides. 4. Cumberland. 5. Mysore. No. 245.—Decapitations: 1. C-row. 2. S-wan. 3. F-lute. 4. S-lumber.

No. 246.—Bird Puzzle: 1. Robin. 2. Sparrow. 3. Pewit. 4. Dove. 5. Whip-poorwill. 6. Blackbird. 7. Crow. 8. Chickadee. 9. Bluebird. 10. Hummingbird.

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