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The Council of 1904 in regular session Dec. 15 conformity with the statutory session and several committees will be required all arrangements of business social state. As a matter of life of the present Council expire until the new Council sworn in—about the second January.

Aid Maunder was the fee when Clerk Knowles minutes, which were communicated.

From Messrs. John C. Connelly, Jas. Bryson, applying for the position lecturer.—Laid on table.

From E. A. Pogue, B. F. L. Moore, respecting for street watering tax committee.

From John Arnold, of compensation for an in breach, by driving into a and unlighted ditch on on Sept. last.—board of From Wm. Packard, re on personal property.—E

From M. E. Adams, re assessment of her dwelling committee.

From Lillian O. Jack tax.—Finance committee.

From Jeremiah Sheehy for remission of taxes.—Finance committee.

From Mrs. L. Archibald testing against the action assessors in raising the her grocery stock \$ Burke Bros' had been of Mayor Sootheran.—Finance committee.—Referred to 1905 Board.

From A. number of citizens accounts.—Referred to committee.

From D. C. Trow, re

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FROM my post of observation among the roses I commanded an excellent view of Nina through the open French windows of the morning room. I perceived that she was alone. "Woman's isolation," I reflected, is man's opportunity." I gave myself until my cigar was finished before I faced the music. I tried to forget what people think of £400 a year when it woots £4,000—especially when the wooing is unsuccessful.

In two minutes I had burnt my boats and found myself facing Nina—and the music. A glance at her face gave me a horrible suspicion that she knew I was going to propose. The thought was not encouraging. Still, I comforted myself, she knew well enough that I cared for her, and, shelving the question of dollars, a proposal was bound to be the logical outcome sooner or later.

Nina threw aside her novel. "A penny for your thoughts!" she cried. "I was wishing my cigars were longer," I said, "and sympathizing with the dictum of a certain German philosopher."

"What was that?" "God made man," I quoted, "then He made woman; then He felt sorry for the man and made tobacco." "Pouf! You wouldn't be much without woman!" said Nina scornfully.

"I wouldn't be without them at all," said I. "I notice you keep them in the plural." "I'm not in a position to do that, but I sometimes think I'd like to have one of my very own," I ventured. "For how long?" asked Nina sceptically. "For always," I said with conviction. "Is she nice?" inquired Nina innocently. "She's out of sight!" I cried ecstatically.



PAWNAW BAY, NEAR CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

"Out of sight, out of mind," I expect. "Exactly," I said. "You admit it!" cried Nina indignantly. "Certainly," I said. "When she's out of my sight, I'm nearly out of my mind."

"Not bad—for you," said Nina approvingly. "Very bad for me," I corrected. "Nobody wants to go about distraught half the time."

"What do you propose to do about it?" asked Nina, with sudden interest. "I'm going to ask her to provide a permanent cure."

"As how?" "By never letting me out of her sight." "Is she very brave?" enquired Nina spitefully. "I think she has been on the point of volunteering for the post once or twice," I said calmly.

"Oooh!" gasped Nina, in articulate indignation. "I beg your pardon?" I queried. "She must be hard up!" "No, she isn't," I said, "and that's just the trouble; she's got too much."

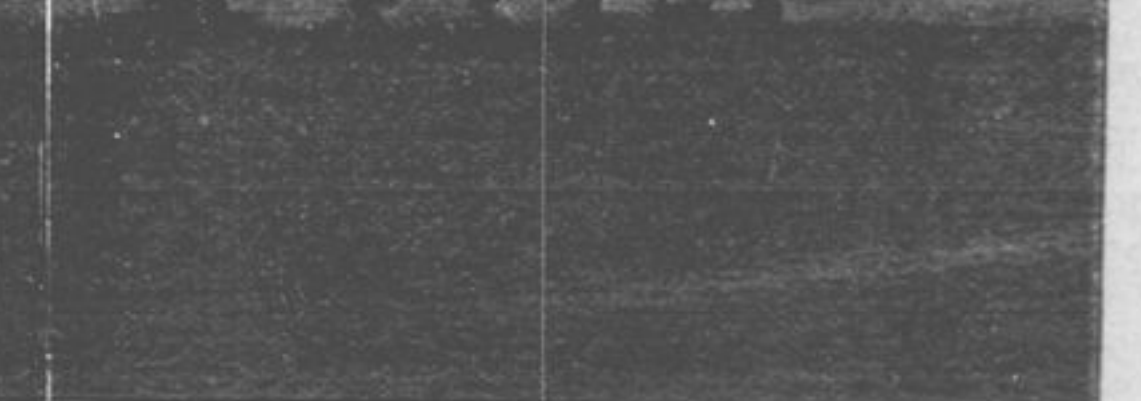
"She'll have more than she can bear soon," said Nina. "Will she?" I asked eagerly. "If what you say is true," said Nina, wholly falling back upon her outworks.

"What do you think about it?" I asked, anxiously. "I haven't thought about it," said Nina, in freezing tones. "Well, what's your opinion of me as a patient?" I cried in desperation.

"I haven't any opinion of you—as a patient," she replied with brutal frankness. "Well, but what would you do if you were me?" I cried, regardless of grammar.

"Can't say," said Nina, sententiously. "One never knows just how one would act in the face of sudden trouble—or accidental disfigurement," she added pointedly. "No, but what would you do in this case?"

"I think," said Nina, wickedly, "I'd wait for her to volunteer. You see, she has been on the point of it once or twice already. So that if you could only bring yourself to meet the creature half way, she would probably throw convention to the four winds and propose to you on her bended knees!"



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"She's not a creature?" I protested, indignantly. "According to you," said Nina, warmly, "she's a forward minx! Volunteer, indeed!" "That was a figure of speech."

"A what?" "A lie," I said. "That's better," said Nina, approvingly. "You really are improving slightly."

"I believe I'm capable of no end of improvement—" "I'm sure of it!" interrupted Nina, delightedly. "Under congenial tuition," I went on, ignoring the impertinence.

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An Adjusted Difference.

"And you propose to get it?" "That's a good suggestion!" I cried. "What suggestion?" "That I should propose—to get it," I said, falling into the accepted attitude. "I never said!—I never meant!—what do you take me for?" cried Nina, in hysterics of indignation. "For better, for worse," in the Prayer Book formula, for keeps, in the vernacular," I replied calmly.



SURF, NEAR HALIFAX, N. S.

"Heaven forbid!" said Nina, fervently. "A bid for Heaven, rather," I corrected. "Will you have me, Nina?" "No."

"Please! I'll be very good!" "For the second time. No!" "Two negatives make an affirmative," I said, hopefully. "Not when they're positive," said Nina.

"But severe they positive?" I asked, desperately. "Comparatively," said Nina, with a provoking little smile. "Comparatives are odious!" I cried. "Nina, for the last time, will you marry me?"

"This," I said, promptly. "How dare you!" cried Nina. "I don't know," I replied, recklessly. "It was only my ear!" said Nina, defiantly. "That wasn't, anyway!" I cried, and at that moment Mollie appeared in the doorway for one second only, but, as she turned away, her face wore an expression of triumphant joy that was unmistakable.

"We've been and gone and done it now!" I said. "In five minutes everybody in the house will know it." "Know what?" "How Molly found us engaged."

"But we're not," said Nina. "In kissing," I added as an afterthought. "Were we kissing?" asked Nina, innocently. "I was," I replied.

"Only my chin," said she. "Chin or mouth, it comes to the same thing," said I. "Not a bit!" said Nina. "What's the difference?" I asked. "Just—that!" said Nina. There was all the difference in the world.



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Preparing for Christmas.

We think of the little children, The toys for the Christmas tree; The things that will give them pleasure, And raise their glad shouts of glee. Do we think of the Christ of children? The Lord who was once a boy? Do we seek to prepare for Jesus, The things that will give Him joy?

We think of the poor and needy; And furnish the Christmas board; The garments to clothe the naked, The feasts where no feast is stored. Do we think of the homeless Saviour, Who knocks at a thousand doors; And fails of a heart's glad welcome, And hungers amid our stores?

We think of the loved and precious, And purchase the gifts we think Will give them the satisfaction And tighten Love's golden link. Do we think of the Chief of Lovers, And gifts for His heart prepare; The best of our Christmas presents, For our dearest Friend to share?

In all our preparations, Let us think of Him first of all; And the things that we do for others, Let us think of Him first of all; But think for a moment, children, If you cannot make for Him A Christmas preparation Unknown to the seraphim—

Do you ask what preparation Will gladden Him most of all? A heart by His blood made holy— A will before Him to fall— A love that will give Him resting— The home that He seeks to share. Oh, let us all this Christmas For our Christmas Christ prepare!

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