THE MINISTER'S WIFE

(CONCLUEED.)

It was not the reputation of the Rev. Silas Ormsby that drew so large an attendance at the little church on the next Sabbath. Curlosity led most of those who wore bonnets and crinoline thither, and it was gratified to the utmost, for in his very first prayer the old gentleman uttered a devout and earnest supplication for the pastor of the congregation, who at that very moment, perhaps, took unto himself the solemn obligation of married Might Heaven give him strength, and bless him and his young and pious wife, etc. If was a prayer worth listening to, but the ladies of Appleblow heard nothing after the word wife. They were lost in astonishment; and hurried out of church, after the benediction, with indecent haste, to discuss the affair by their own firesides. And on Monday, when it was known by all that black Betty, the charwoman of the place, was engaged to scrub and scour had been sent down from New York had arrived in a box, marked "this side | darling." up, with care," the certainty of the astonishing fact became established, and Appleblow joined in denouncing Mr. Redlaw as a despicable flirt. "And," said the plump mamma of the nine scraggy Misses Figh, "of all men. minister should blush to earn such a reputation. Nobody would believe the attention he has paid my girls. couldn't tell which one of 'em he wanted, he was so particular to all of 'em."

and during the afternoon a procession of "help" might have been seen on the road leading to the cottage, carrying white paper parcels containing principally small volumes-"Practical Piety," "Baxter's Saint's Rest," tracts and lonely and deserted in their greatest hymn-books, presents from Walter Redlaw to the sisters of his flock, now | but more frequently apart, there was returned with indignation. The exeltement lasted all the week, and was still strong on the next Sabbath when the minister walked up the church | where lives hung in the balance, kept | where young, unmarried men, bloom aisle with a beautiful girl upon his them separated for several days. But arm, and the Appleblow girls looked upon a face so exquisite that none of them could resort to the usual course of declaring her "not the least goodlooking."

They were decorous and prudent in Appleblow, and all the forms of courtesy were gone through with. The new minister's wife was invited out to tea, was called upon by the ladies of her Bock, and was favored with a donation party; neverthless, there was little cordial feeling in Appleblow. The ladies did not take kindly to their pastor's wife and soon the clouds began to gather. At first, in secret whispers, Mrs. Redlaw's bonnet was too gay, she was frivolous, not a good housekeeper, not sealous in good works. By-and-by louder, more serious fault-finding, not only with the minister's wife, but with the minister himself.

The women began it; the men were talked over by their wives; finally the first step was taken. 'Squire Gorse and his family gave up their pew, and found themselves more edified by the Baptist clergyman in the next village: others followed their example. The fault-finding and slander reached the parsonage itself and little Rosa Redlaw, with her head upon her husband's shoulder, sobbed: "What shall I do, Walter? I meant to help you, and to make them all like me, and you see how it is."

And the young clergyman soothed his weaping wife and bade her have good cheer, for matters would mend, and all would be right again. He was mistaken; matters did not mend; they grew worse and worse; and, a year from the date of his marriage, came to a climax. A bevy of trustees waited upon him in his study, and bemoaned their wrongs. They paid a large salary; they expected the paster to do his part, and he lost them money-absontely had emptied the church, instead of filling it. Besides, his wife hould have been instructed in her duty. She had made herself generally fieliked: if the minister's wife was not popular, it was a very unpleasant hing. Could be explain?

Of course the visit ended as they exected; there was but one consummation possible; Appleblow knew, in a day or so, that their pastor was about to leave the place forever.

The winter had set in-an unhealthy winter, warm and molet, instead of sold and bracing. Rumors of prevailing ill health spread over Appleblow. and the minister packing his books in his study, came to hear of them. They rew louder. Whole families of chilfren sickened and lay low, and a dread

arose "It is the smallpox!" One day Walter Redlaw left his name to perform the burial service over the graves of three children of one family. The next their mother called aim to the bedside of her husband, to as him also die. And with these eaths, the horrors of that time, never he forgotten by any who dwelt

here, then began in earnest, Men, women, and children sickened with the leathsome pestilence. Horror elted those yet unsmitten, and they Appleblow became a great lazarouse, and Walter Redlaw said to his wife: "Let us go quickly, dear his love. before the scourge falls upon our

knelt before him, resting her head his breast, as he still sat before evening fire, in a child-like fashall her own, and, as he sheltered on his bosom, whispered: "My de not bid me go, for I must and do all I can-watch with e them, strive to comfort the I should indeed be all they was full, and out upon the grass in the | wharves of London.

think of me, if I, their pastor's wife, fled at such an hour."

"We owe them nothing," he said; "they have used us shamefully. Remember, I am actually their pastor no longer."

But his wife gently pleaded; pleaded to stay midst the danger, to aid him in the duties which would fall to him amidst the sick and dying; and, touching his heart and soul by her sweet Christian spirit, brought him at last to say: "You shall have it as you choose, Rosa; we will stay amidst this hard, heathened-hearted people in their hour of trial; but, God sparing us, we elsewhere."

And Rosa Redlaw rejoiced and thanked him. But bye-and-bye natural womanly dread came into her heart, and she looked at him with tears in her dark eyes. "Walter," she whispered, blushing as she spoke, "you have often called me beautiful. Should I lose that beauty, could you love me the parsonage; that an ingrain carpet | still? Should this pestilence, falling upon me, scar and mar my face, would for the parlor floor, and that a tea-set I be as dear to you? Speak truly,

> But he had no need to speak, for she read the constancy and purity of his love in the one long look he gave her, and sobbed upon his shoulder-"Nay, then, I shall have no fear."

At dawn the two went forth upon their mission.

In their selfish horror, kinsfolk fled from each other. Sisters shrunk from those who had been nursed at the same breast, children deserted their parents friends grew brutal to each other; but Other mammas said much the same, those two young creatures never swerved from their appointed task; like ministering angels, they went from house to house, aiding the overtasked physician, supporting the mother's failing courage, coming to the need. Sometimes they were together, so much to do. When they could, they met at night in the old parsonage; but | Boulogne in a total eclipse, and for often dying couches or sick beds, the old maids it is a tropical paradise, their hearts and prayers followed each

very brave and faithful. Some of those who had been most cruel to Rosa Redlaw were her patients now, and lay helpless as infants while she fanned the flickering flame of life within their

watched beside the couch of loath- the new woman, why, the African exsome disease; when in the death-room, plorer says they can give our brandpestilence-haunted, she sat all night newest bloomer-rigged species any and watched; when her own hands number of cards and spades and then robed the dead infant for its last sleep, and it was known to all what mission she had taken upon herself, wonder filled the village, and in a little while there arose to Heaven so many prayers for Rosa Redlaw and her husband that, had the Mohammedan belief been true, they need have had no dread of the "burning path," it must have been paved so

And in time, though that day was slow in coming, the pestilence began to abate, and health came to Appleblow again, with the sharp frosts and keen cold air of the Christmas time, On Christmas day joy-bells were rung from the steeples in Appleblow, to tell the people that the rod was lifted.

But before night sad news rat through the village. She who had watched with them, who had been so tender and so faithful, who had passed through those fearful scenes when the pestilence was at its worst, as though she wore a charmed life, was smitten, now that she was no longer

The shutters of the parsonage wer closed, the windows darkened, silence as of death reigned throughout it rooms, for the angel of the house lay trembling on the margin of the grave Another pastor preached this Sabbath in Appleblow, and all knew well why he was there. Walter Redlaw watched beside his darling's bed, and never left it day or night.

Penitential tears fell in Appleblow that Sabbath; prayers went up to Heaven for the pastor's fair young wife, and the angels heard them, and heard also those of the young husband, and bore them through the gates of Heaven, and sang them to celestial music at the foot of the Throne, telling how good she was, and how true, and so fit for heaven that it were a mercy to less perfect mortals to let her stay

And the Most High listened. The death angel's wings flung their shadow on the portal of the parsonage, but did not pass it; and, pale and feeble, but with life still strong in her young | billows not only cross the sea, but flow breast, for she clung to her husband from ocean to ocean, and in this way with all a woman's earnestness, and loved earth for his sake, Rosa Redlaw lay at last free from the burning fever, certain to live so the old doctor said, with tears in his gray eyes.

But was she sure of her soft, childlike beauty, of her pearly skin, of her golden hair, of her bright blue eyes? God alone could tell. But Walter, bending over her, thought of the promise he had made her on the day when she entered on her task of peril and self-denial, and knew, knowing how dear she was to him, that no change in his darling's beauty could change

And into the darkened room, health lays it so much that it does not arrive came, bringing balm; and the sun' she, as she spoke, left her seat, shone in again, and the soft air breathed through the lattice, and the birds sang in their golden cages and the housemaid in her kitchen, where she made dainty messes for the convalescent; and there came a Sabbath at last when Rosa was well enough to go to church with her husband.

Appleblow knew it, and the church flows up the Thames and laps the

church-yard groups were gathered, girls and boys, young married couples, The man listened at first unconvinc- old foks who had seen their grandchildren grow to be men and women and die. And, waiting in the morning sunlight of a pleasant winter day, they saw their pastor coming along the frost-hardened road with his wife upon his arm. They came nearer, and they saw how frail her form had grown; but still her veil was down, and they could not see her face until standing amongst them, she put it back, and then-yes, breaths were held, and all eyes riveted upon those features; and there was a hush, unbroken, until a child's voice, clear as dropping silver, arose upon the will leave them when it is over, and go air: "Oh, mother, look; the lady is just as beautiful as ever." And then, though it was Sunday, and in New England, and beside a church, a cheer arose upon the air, and men tossed their caps on high, and women sobbed; she sobbed also, beautiful Rosa Redlaw, thanking God for all his love, and thanking Him also, as a woman must, that He had not taken from her the charms in which her husband took such tender pride, and of which, for his sake more than for her own, she was also just a little proud, though she had laid that pride aside, knowing well her danger, when she went forth upon her mis-

They never spoke against the minister's wife after that in Appleblow. Amongst them she lived and moved as might some loving queen, and dwelt in the old parsonage, beautified as the temple of some saint might have been, until her youth changed to maturity and her maturity to age; and there you may see her yet, and her husband also, though his hair, like hers, is of frosted silver. And his grandson fills the pulpit, for Appleblow loves the race of Redlaw, and will not part with them.

Had Many Offers.

Africa is the greatest place in the world for the new woman and the old maid. For the former it has its charms that would put the Bols de in wild, tangled luxury the year around. Mrs. May French Sheldon, the African explorer, writer and lecturer It was a trying time, but they were is neither a new woman nor and old maid, and yet she had sixty proposals of marriage in one day from sixty separate and distinct chiefs, each of whom was more stalwart and ardent than the others, and Mrs. French Sheldon was compelled to give each separ-When, save for her, no friend had ately the marble heart. And as for discount them. Bebe Bwana, the woman master, or the white queen man, as the merry sultans and dusky chiefs called Mrs. French Sheldon, has penetrated farther into the mysterious heart of that dark continent than any other white woman has ever done, and the other day she told a reporter a number of interesting experiences which she had among the many tribes she visited.

The sixty offers of marriage were made one afternoon after she had formally received the sultan of one of the interior districts in her tent-which tent, by the way, Mrs. French Sheldon always arranged as near like a boudoir in a well-appointed private house as was possible. She was the first white woman who had ever invaded that district and the sultan appreciated the honor and in his poor weak way tried to give a sort of torchlight procession and strawberry festival in her honor. His resources, however, were extremely limited, and after he had sacrificed a double portion of goats and had salaamed before her until he was threatened with curvature of the spine he felt that something was still lacking and that his guest was not thoroughly enjoying herself. Suddenly a happy thought struck him. Whenever a straggling white man had wandered into his preserves it had been his custom to unload sixty or eighty wives upon him and then dismiss him with a sultanic "Bless you, my children." Why not reverse the ceremony with the woman master? he argued to his secretary of state for war. The secretary thought it was a capital idea and the chiefs of all the tribes or assembly districts were ordered before his majesty and ordered to propose to the Bele Bwana at once.

Great Tide Waves.

Those who see the rise and fall of the tides in our Atlantic barbors seldom think of the wonderful career of the moon raised ocean-waves which cause the tidal flux and reflux. Such complicated movements are set going. Thus, as Mr. Vaughan Cornish has recently reminded English readers, once in every twelve hours the moon raises a tide billow in the southern Indian Ocean. When this billow passes the Cape of Good Hope, at noon, its successor is already born, and by the time the first billow has reached the Azores Islands, at midnight, the second is rounding the Cape, and a third has come into existence in the southern ocean. By 4 o'clock in the morning following its passage of the Cape the tide billow reaches the English Channel and there the shallow water deat the Straits of Dover until 10 a. m. Here the narrowing Channel causes the tide to rise very high and almost puts an end to the wave. In the meantime another branch of the billow runs around the western side of the British Islands, rounds the north point of Scotland, and moves slowly down the eastern coast of England, until it finally

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REPORTED BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

though less than a quorum was present, the session lasted an hour, and considerable business was done in the way of advancement of bills. Mr. Nohe bill, stating that this was the first insurance bill he had sought to introduce. Unanimous consent being obtained, he introduced a bill to prevent fire-insurance companies organized in states and countries foreign to the state of Illinois from reinsuring or disposing of by treaty or otherwise any liability for insurance on property located in the state of Illinois. Thirty House bills on the order of first reading were read a first time and advanced to second reading. This left seventeen bills still on the order of first reading, the bicycle baggage bill being at the bottom of the calendar on that order. Among the bills advanced second reading were the following: Needles' to require foreign corporations to have a public office or place of business in this state; Brown's to prevent the adulteration of food and drugs: Steen's to regulate the employment of children: Cochran's to establish a law department at the University of Illinois; Ely's to punish persons corporations or false statements to offleers thereof: Eldredge's regulating Allen of Vermillion to authorize coun- ition commissioners. ty boards to grant aid to homes for indigent orphan children. The House adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow. The Senate met at 5 p. m., without a quorum present. No business was transacted, and immediately after the reading of the journal an adjournment was

taken until tomorrow at 10 a. m. March 30. The state loan bill, which authorizes the governor, treasurer and auditor of public accounts to borrow \$250,-000 to meet casual deficiencies or failures in state revenues was passed by the house without the emergency clause after a long debate by a vote mendment was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Needles, and the bill was ordered to third reading. On motion of Mr. Cochran the use of representa- Goorty, by unanimous consent, introtive hall was granted for the evening duced the resolution which Mr. Sulliof April 15 for exercises in commem- van sought to introduce yesterday and oration of the anniversary of the death | had it referred to the committee on ap-

journed to 10 o'clock to-morrow morn-

In the senate today Senator Ma- him in such prosecution. honey's bill providing that the widows and orphana of altens shall have the right in the homestead and legalfzing titles and conveyances made solidating the Supreme yer presented a petition against the labored hard for consolidation. service examination shall have the passed such examination. The governor transmitted the following appointments, which were confirmed: Trustee of the Western hospital for the insane-Allen M. Clement of Chicago, to succeed Henry E. Clement, resigned. Public administrator and public guardian in and for Madison county, Ciay H. Lynch of Edwardsville, Mr. Buckner's bill appropriating \$20,000 for the participation of the state in the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition at Nashville, which opens next May, was passed.

March 31. By a vote of 32 yeas to 12 mays the Senate amended the Supreme Court consolidation bill by substituting therein the name of Springfield for Ottawa as the seat of the court.

In the House the resolution provid-

ing for an investigation of the causes of the treasury deficit and of the management of the state institutions under the late administration came up as a special order, but on motion of Mr. Anderson it was again postpoped for one week. Mr. Cochran called up the Senate judicial apportionment bi!! on second reading, and after debate and several minor amendments it was passed to third reading. The Senate resolution providing for the adjourn ment of the two houses on Friday over to 10 o'clock Wednesday morning of next week on account of the spring elections was concurred in. When the reading of bills was concluded Sullivan was recognized, and moved was advanced to third reading, and will to suspend the rules to introduce a probably be called up on that order resolution, the nature of which was next week. not explained. There was a clamor on the democratic side for the year and nays, but motion was put to a viva voce vote and lost. The resolution which Mr. Sullivan desired to introduce proved to be one assailing the Chicago gas trust, and appropriating \$5,000 to aid the Attorney-General in the prosecution of the same. All house bills on the calendar, on the order of first reading were read a first time and advanced to second reading. There were twenty-six in all. The following bills were passed: Cochran's bill with regard to the appeals and writs of error in courts of record; Murray's bill reclassifying the demands to be made against the estate of a deceased person; and Barnes' bill to legalize the judicial proceedings of the March terms, 1886 and 1887, of the Clay county circuit court. The House adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

April 1. preme Court at Springfield passed the senate without a dissenting vote. Senator Munroe's bill providing that min- prior to the lien of the mortgages,

ing and manufacturing companies may The House convened at 5 o'clock, and own and hold shares of the capital stock of foreign railroads connecting such mining and manufacturing companies with each other, or with other railroads or harbors, was advanced to asked leave to introduce an insurance third reading without objection. The Torrens land-title bill passed by a vote of 34 yeas to 1 nay, Senator McKinlay voting in the negative. Senator Littler's bill to enable corporations created for that purpose to transact a surety business was made a special order for Thursday, April 8. The following bills were introduced: By Senator Humphrey, providing that the board of Cook county commissioners instead of the president of the board shall appoint subordinate officers. By Senator Templeton, appropriating \$1,000,000 for the salaries of state officers and of the members of the next general assembly. By Senator Crawford, providing for primary elections. This measure differs from the one now pending before the election committee in that it eliminates the provisions for holding the primaries of each party on the same day, for the registration of party affiliations, and for the holding of a primary in each election precinct; and provides that not less than two nor making false entries in the books of more than four election precincts shall constitute a primary district. It provides that the regular judges and the sale of ice; La Monte's increasing | clerks of election shall conduct the prithe salary of the Cook County judges mary; that the poll books and other to \$10,000 per annum, and the bill of supplies shall be furnished by the elec-

ed the passage of the house bill for the consolidation of the Supreme Court with an amendment naming Springfield as the place of permanent location, Mr. Miller at once moved that the house concur in the amendment, and Mr. Stoskopf moved the previous question, which was ordered. The roll call on the motion to concur in the senate amendment resulted: Yeas, 114; nays, 21. The amendment was declared adopted. The senate bill appropriating \$7,500 to pay the incidental expenses of the present general assembly and to of \$1 years to 47 nays. The Trousdale | provide for the care and custody of the statehouse and grounds was next called up on third reading. The bill was passed, yeas, 102; nays, 17. Mr. Mcof Abraham Lincoln The house ad- propriations. It directs the attorney general to prosecute the Chicago gas trust, and appropriates \$5,000 to aid

A message from the senate announc-

April 2.

Governor Tanner signed the bill corsince 1887, was advanced to third read. Springfield. Representative Miller of ing without objection. Senator Saw- Cook, who introduced the bill, and has passage of the bill providing for free sented the bill to the Governor for his text books. The following bill was in- signature. The pen with which the bill troduced: By Senator Morrison - Pro- was signed was presented to Mr. Miller viding that all present city employes in by the Governor. The House con-Chicago who have not passed a civil vened at 9 o'clock and devoted the first forty minutes to the reports of standsame standing as though they had ing committees and the advancement of appropriation bills on the calendar Mr. Needles, chairman of the committee on appropriations, called up Mr. Fuller's bill creating a state board of pardons and making an appropriation for its maintenance. After debate the was read a second time by the clerk. Mr. Needles moved that it be made a special order for next Wed nesday, immediately after the reading of the journal. This motion Mr. John son (Dem.) of Whiteside moved to lay on the table. The roll was called on Mr. Johnson's motion to table. All of the Democrats except three-Beer and Salmans-refraining from voting. The roll call resulted Yeas, 3; nays, 60. "There is not quorum present," announced the speak er. Mr. Salmans (Dem.) moved to ad journ, but the motion was voted down and the Speaker directed the clerk to take up House bills on second reading. The clerk started upon the reading of the first bill on the calendar-Mr. Salman's bill to protect from fraud persons dealing with corporations, firms, or individuals or their agents engaged in the treatment of diseases as specialists or otherwise, or in selling or vending any nostrum, right, or life or fire insurance. At the conclusion of the reading of the bill Mr. Selby moved to adjourn. The motion was carried and the House stood adjourned to 10 o'clock next Wednesday morning. The pardon board bill

> Senator Kanan adjourned the Sen ate today to Wednesday at 10 a. m When Senator Kanan called that body to order at 5 o'clock this afternoon he was the only member present, and immediately announced the Senate adjourned in accordance with a joint resolution adopted Wednesday. The state board of arbitration met today and organized by electing D. J. Keefe chairman and Miss Scaife janitress. No other important business was done.

Judge Allen, in the federal court at Springfield, rendered a decree allowing the claim of \$22,485 of the receivers of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad against the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis railroad, but dismissing the petition of the Santa Fe receivers asking for an order on Receiver Bosworth of the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis railroad to pay the amount and The house bill consolidating the Sn- that it be adjudged a lien on the property of the Chicago, Peorla and St. Louis purchased at the foreclosure sale Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be mag' netic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-Toliac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c. or8i. Cure guaran-teed. Bookiet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

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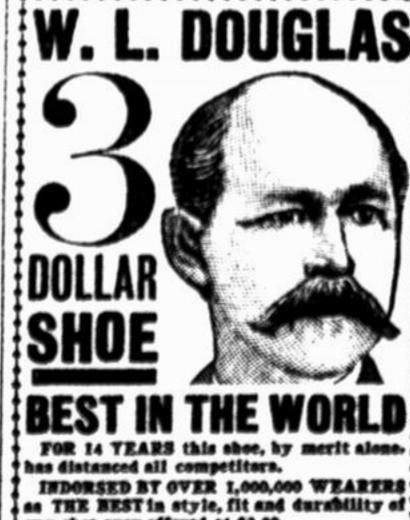
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