The Broken Betrothal

Estranged Lovers Reunited by Equine Friends

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Colonel Dilworth rubbed his hands gleefully wheh Cella whispered to him that Noel Milton loved her and that if her father had no objection they would be married in November.

"Objection?" roared the colonel. catching his pretty daughter to his breast and kissing her warmly. "Why, my dear kitten, when you were in the cradle I selected a husband for you, and his name was Noel Milton."

Cella sighed. "That's the bother of marrying one's old playmate an I next door neighbor. No one evinces the slightest surprise,"

she pouted. The colonel roared with laughter.

"Surprise indeed," he mocked. "Why. the whole county has looked on your love affair with indulgent eyes. I reckon Miss Tabitha Bean knew that you loved each other before you did yourselves. As for me. Celia, your old daddy has had a betrothal present waiting these three years past."

"A present? Do tell me what it is, ed head. daddy. Don't be long, for Noel is in the parlor waiting for your answer."

"The rascal; As if he didn't know what my answer would be. Well, the gift is a double one-Paul and Pauline for you and Noel. How is that?"

Celia cried for joy, because the beautiful pair of black horses were ber special delight. Colonel Dilworth had raised them himself. They were brother and sister and alike as two peas. save that Pauline was a trifle the stockier in build.

present," exclaimed Noel, with shining | chile," was Hannah's enigmatic reply. eyes, when Cella had told him about the borses.

They were raised for this occasion. Show me a finer pair of equine beauties if you can.'

"Can't do it, sir. Come, let us go out and look at them with the eyes of ownership," suggested Noel, and the three left the house and went around the west drive to the stables.

Old black Hannah peered from the kitchen window. "Sukey," she said, addressing her dusky daughter, "I 'low Massa Noel done popped de question. Dey's all gwine ter de stable. Miss Cella in de middle and de kunnel and Marse Noel wid dere arms around her. Praise de Lawd!"

Sukey sniffed gloomily. "Po' critters!" she sighed.

"Po' critters? Huccome you call "em dat. Sukey, chile? Ain't dey young and hansum and rich? Won't we hab a grand weddin' for dat po' motherless lamb? I hope de good Lawd spares dis chile long enuff ter stir up room. de weddin' cake."

"I call 'em po' critters 'cause dey don't know whatfore dey's runnin' inter when dey gits engaged ter marry." retorted Sukey, whose engagement to Dan, the coachman, had been rudely broken, with the result that her fellow servants at Rosemend regarded her as an authority upon love affairs and respected her as one who had



WHUFFORK MISS CELIA, ALL DIS TRUBBLE!" SHE WAILED.

upon love and quaffed its evanescent sweetness before a bitter fate had dashed the cup of happiness from Her line.

"Day don't all turns out like dat Dan Seeba," said Hannah imperturbably. "I bolds dat you and Dan would be married by dis time if it hadn't been dat dat young Paul horse had jes' bit Dan's hand, and him comin' lickerty will fer you to put salve on it for him, å jes' as Dan asked you de plaguy s fiatiron up and burned yo' hand so's Fo' snapped sharp at him, and he-he set sight off in a t'arin' rage and red dat dere minx. Flora, to lotion t for him, which she was mighty glad do drat her!" ended Hannah heartiwith a glance at her woebegone

shook her fat shoulders. I ain't never spoke a word to

itm since dat moment," she said with smorbid pride.

Was been the to be a first to

"He'll come around yit." comforted Hannab. "Dey says one weadin brings anudder, so I recken you and Dan 'll hitch up arter Miss teda and Massa Noel gits married."

"Twon't be me dat gives in fust. said Sukey haughtly.

"Come here, Sukey; dere dey go. a-ridin' off on Paul and Pandue. Ain't dey a handsum pair? Golty, it makes me young ag'in to see 'em!" Hannah watched the happy young lovers as they dashed down the west drive, the noses of the black horses almost touching. It was a trick of Paul and l'auline that they loved to race side by side, and so delicately did they maneuver that their races always ended in a tie.

After that happy day the people around Rosemend grew accustomed to seeing Celia and Noel riding side by side on Paul and Pauline. Noel took Paul to his own stables at the Oaks. but there was rarely a day that the young lovers did not enjoy a gallop on Colonel Dilworth's betrothal present-Paul and Pauline.

Hannah and Sukey sat by the kitchen fire in the early twilight of a day three months later.

"Mom." inquired Sukey. "does yo' reckon dey'll ever git over dis yere

Hannah looked up, ber dim old eyes filled with tears. "Yo' mean Miss Celia and Massa Noel?" she asked.

"Of co'se I do!" The older woman shook her turban-

"I reckon when engaged folks quar rel dev's obstinate as muels. I specks dey's as much chance of dem two makin' up as dey is of yo' and dat no 'count nigger, Dan Beebe."

Sukey shrugged her shoulders. "It's a mighty pore chance," she said haughtily. Then coaxingly she added. "Mom, whoffore did dey fight ober hev?"

"If I knowed, which I don't, I wouldn't tell, and if I did tell, which I wouldn't if I knowed, buccome it "By Jove, sir. that is a handsome | would do yo' any good? Tell me dat. Sukey sighed heavily. "I reckon it was over some no 'count triffin' thing." "Not a word, children, not a word, she muttered, and she knew not that she was speaking the truth.

> Pretty Cella Dilworth, sitting gloom. fly in her own room, was harboring the same thought, while Noel Milton, gailoping madly across the country on the back of black Paul, was anothemizing the unlucky moment when he had flatly disagreed with his sweetbeart, for it had ended in a bitter quarrel and a broken engagement.

As for Colonel Dilworth, he was in happy ignorance of the broken engagement, which meant the shattering of all his plans. He was enjoying a visit in the north with his only son, and Celia's daily letters gave no hint of her unhappiness. Meantime the colonel took delight in purchasing various articles to add to Cella's wedding outfit.

the bell sharply. appeared at the door of Cella's sitting in time, for l'auline broke away and

"Yaas, Miss Cella," she said. "Tell Dan to saddle Pauline and

bring her around at once. Then come back and lay out my riding habit. And, Sukey!" Cells turned away her face and started out at the leafless

"Yans, Miss Cella."

mother baked, tell her to give it to the first bride on the plantation. I shall not need it." Sukey gasped "Dat yere weddin"

cake wid all de white sugar frostin'. weddin' bells and turkle dubs and hearts? Oh, whuffore, Miss Cella. whuffore all dis trubble?" she wailed. Cella did not reply. Sukey had been

her little maid ever since the black girl had been old enough to render service, and Cella knew that the girl was almost beart broken over the canceled wedding of her mistress. Still Cella would not discuss it.

Dan Beebe received Cella's message from Sukey through Hannah, and presently Pauline came prancing around to the door, eager for a run. She sorely missed her brother Paul, and one night she had vaulted the pasture fence and galloped to the Oaks. where she took up a position under Paul's stable window and conversed with him in her own language. Now, she was eager for a race with her brother Had not Noel and Paul always joined them at the gate of Rosemead? Today could not be any exception although many days had elapsed since Cella had mounted her satin

Cella rode slowly down the avenue. the sun shining on her fair hair beneath her black sailor hat, her lithe young form in its black broadcloth habit swaying easily to every motion of the impatient mare.

Out of the gates of Rosemead, a turn to the left and a dash into the oak woods, where the wide bridle path wound among the great trees over a thick brown carpet of old leaves.

As if by instinct Pauline stopped bemeath the bare branches of the great "trysting oak" as it was called in the neighborhood. Here it was that Cella and Noel always paused for an inter-

change of tender words and klases. Now, the action of the intelligent black mare stung Cella to sudden anger. She struck her heel sharply into Pauline's flank, and the animal laid back her ears and rolled an inquiring eye at her usually gentle mis-

"I am so sorry, Pauline," sobbed Cella, "but-but ft is all so unhappy." Pauline whinnied forgivenes, but did not move on. Cells was drying her

wet lashes when there came the sound of hoofbeats on the leaves and the inquiring whinny of Panfa toke, #

The black mare answered and leaped forward, just as Noel Milton riding Paul at breakneck speed swept past. There was no help for what followed. Against the wishes of their respective riders Paul and Pauline entered into a delightful neck and neck race, nipping playfully at each other as they ran.

Celia held her head haughtily in this embarrassing situation, but her cheeks were scarlet. Noel Milton pulled vainly at Paul's foam flecked mouth and swore under his breath. His black brows were drawn into a frown, and his lips were set grimly. Now and then his brown eyes shot a curious glance at Cella's averted face.

He had discovered her crying under the trysting oak. If she detested him so thoroughly as she had said on that day when their engagement ended, why had she wept? Was it for him? He dared not hope that after acting like such a surly brute-

Thud, thud, thud, swish, swish, over the leaf strewn path they flew Pan!



CELIA HELD HER HEAD HAUGHTILY IN ed from \$1,000 to \$3,000. THIS SITUATION.

and Pauline their noses almost touching brought their riders into a most disagreeable proximity-unpleasant because of the strained relations existing between them.

The path wound around through the woods and eventually returned to its beginning.

They were nearly at the gates of Rosemend once more when two dusky forms walking ahead of them, uttered startled screeches of alarm.

Paul and Pauline stopped short Cella dried her blue eyes and rang crowding each other on the narrow path. Somehow Cella shot out of Sukey panted beavily upstairs and her saddle, and Noel caught her just galloped madly toward home.

> Holding Cella close to his heart. Noel mastered his frightened animal and then called sharply to the objects which had frightened the horses.

"Dan, is that you?" he demanded. Dan Beebe came forward, rolling bis eyes fearfully.

"Oh. Massa Noel, I hope Miss Celia "About that wedding cake your ain't killed daid," he howled. "I don't think she is hurt at all.

up and catch Pauline. And, Dan," "Yassah."

"Who is that with you?" "Sukey, sah," returned the coach-

man sheepishly. "Yo' see, Mass Noel, wes done gwine git engaged all over ag'in, and we was-er-kinder talkin' about if." Noel's face bent a little lower until

his lips brushed Celia's glowing cheek "Shall we get engaged all over again. sweetheart?" he asked softly.

"That blessed Paul and Pauline!" was Celia's entirely satisfactory an-

Sukey and Dan hurried home hand "Yo' got to break dat news to yore

mom," said Dan "What news?" asked Sukey.

"Dat she got to bake anudder weddin' cake for shore," was Dan's reply. "I reckon mom won't mind dat." chuckled Sukey.

Mexican Chivalry.

Nearly two-thirds of the Mexican population are peons. The remaining third is divided into landowners, merchants and professional men. The landowners are the ruling class, and a visit to their baclendas is always interesting. There is a chivalry about the Mexican haciendado which is exceedingly pleasant and covers many defects. Everybody has heard of their proverbial politeness, and it is pleasant to relate that this quality exists in fact. It is often carried to extremes. however, and has led to misunderstandings. According to Mexican etiquette, it is not considered good breeding to admire unduly anything belonging to your host; the code requires that such a thing must be immediately offered to the guest, and to do so may not be always convenient. It is related of General Grant that when in the City of Mexico he was the guest at the mansion of a native millionaire and greatly admired one of his paintings. He was immediately told that it was his. The general, in his simple way. took the host at his word and sent a messenger to make arrangements for the shipment of the picture. The consternation in the Mexican household can only be imagined.—Max El. Schmidt in Engineering Magazine.

Measure Finally Adjusted Committee and Passed.

REPUBLICANS REFUSE TO SIGN

Underwood Presents the Conference Report to House---Senate Amendment Relating to Cotton Futures Is Only Matter Left Unsettled-Important Alterations in Bill.

WASHINGTON - The Underwood Democratic tariff till has passed the house by a vote of 254 to 103.

Party lines were drawn closely in the final vote. In passing the bill the Democratic majority received the assistance of Lut seven Republicans-Blatz and McDonald, Michigan: Keely and Rupley, Pennsylvania; Kent, California: Hanahan, Minnesota and Stafford, Wisconsin.

WASHINGTON - The conference report on the tarifff bill, representing the final adjustment of disputes between the senate and house. was made public when the Democratic managers submitted it to the Rebublican colleagues on the conference committee. Many of the senate alterations in the house bill stand.

After a brief discussion it was approved by the eight Democrats, but the six Republicans, who had taken no part in the conference deliberations, refused to sign it.

Majority Leader Underwood presented the conference report as soon as the house met.

Important Alterations. "After the report is acted upon," said Mr. Underwood, "we expect to take up and act upon the senate amendment relating to cotton futures, which is the only thing unset-

The report shows the following important alterations of the original Underwood house bill:

The tax rate on incomes above \$75,000 was increased by a graduated scale from 3 per cent to 7 per cent, and the income tax exemption reduc-

Articles added to the free list include pig iron, ferro manganese ore, cheap grades of iron, cattle and other food animals, wheat, flour, flax, hemp, sugar refining machinery, school text books, sand blast machinery, indigo dyes, photographic moving picture films, cement and asphalt.

Woolen Stockings, Gloves, Mittens. A new classification for woolen stockings, gloves and mittens makes those valued at less than \$1,20 per dozen, and an increase on those have been threatened by him if they made from it have a higher duty than tion measures, as well as a few Demin the house bill.

The house rate on silk ribbons and narrow fabrics was increased from 40 to 45 per cent.

butter, beets, extracts of meats, curand vegetables.

"ULSTER ARMY" PARADES

Marches Through Belfast Streets Carrying Dummy Rifles.

BELFAST, IRELAND-The great review of 11,000 Belfast volunteers belonging to the "Army of Ulster" by Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Irish Unionists party, attracted thousands of people from the surrounding districts and from every part of the province of Ulster.

Besides the four Belfast regiments. each of them commanded by a retired army officer or militia officer, the Ulster "war staff," consisting of General Richard, two retired colonels and two retired captains, paraded. The volunteers were armed with dummy rifles, as the carrying of firearms by unlicensed persons is prohibited in the British isles.

FIRE THREATENS TOWN

Mother and Two Children Lose Lives

In Flames at New Haven, Ky. LOUISVILLE, KY .- A fire which threatened the destruction of New Haven, Ky., a small town south of here, in Nelson county, claimed three victims. In response to a call for assistance, apparatus was sent from here on a special train. Dynamite was being used to combat the flames.

The dead are Mrs. Cashup Deavers. wife of a hotel proprietor, and her two small children. The bedies have not been recovered.

JOHN F. LACEY DEAD

Former Iowa Congressman Drops Lifeles at His Home.

OSCALOOSA, IOWA-Maj. John F. Lacey, a former lowa congressman for the Sixth congressional district, dropped dead from heart disease. Mr. Lacay fell dead at the doorway of his home after having returned from a trip downtown.

Major Lacey, who was prominent as a Union officer in the civil war, represented the Sixth Iowa district in congress from 1889 to 1907, being elected as a Republican.

EXPERTS TO TESTIFY

Osborne and Kinsley to Identify Signatures on Sulzer Checks.



Testimony of handwriting experts we be an important part in the impeachmen trial of William Sulzer. This is neede by the imposedment managers to identiti the signatures on various checks which form the basis of some of the charges Alfred S. Osborne (top) and William Kind ley (bottom) planned to tell the assemb what they thought of the various indeed ments on campaign checks.

SULZER TRIAL PROGRAM

Week at Albany, N. Y., Will Be an Interesting One.

ALBANY, N. Y. - The main fire of counsel for the board of managers in the Sulzer impeachment trial will center this week on the governor's alleged bartering of political influ-

This it annuonced by Attorney Isador Kresel. Not only will members of the legislature who are a ged to a reduction from the house rate on have made deals with the governor be called, but others who are said to above. Angora wool and articles did not vote for certain administraocratic leaders.

Among those who will take the stand are Assemblyman H. G. Prime Jr., of Essex, J. Lewis Patrie of In addition to putting cattle and Greene and Thaddeus C. Sweet of Ossheep on the free list, the confer- wego. With the first two named the ence agreed to reductions on oats, governor is said to have made trades giving his support to highway bills rants, chocolate and other provisions in return for their support to his direct primary legislation.

TIM WOODRUFF HAS PARALYTIC STROKE

York Leader Collapses at Mitchel Notification.

NEW YORK - Timothy L. Woodruff, three times the lieutenant governor of this state, suffered a stroke of paralysis when he was deliverir a speech at Cooper Union, notifying John Purroy Mitchel of his nomination for mayor.

While the audience was applauding what they supposed to be the end of his address, five or six men on the platform ran up to Mr. Woodruff and helped him off the stage. Hasty examination by physicians showed that his left side was partially paralyzed He did not lose consciousness. He went home in his automobile with Mrs. Woodruff to Carlton house and his family physicians were hurri-

REWARD FOR RUMSEY GEMS

summoned.

Burns Agency Offers \$20,000 for Return of Stolen Jewelry.

NEW YORK-A cash reward of \$20,000 has been offered by the Burns detective agency for the recovery of the jewelry stolen from the home of Mrs. C. C. Rumsey at Narraganseti

Pier on the night of July 26. There was \$75,000 worth of jewelry stolen, including two necklaces containing 360 pearls.

RIOT IN BELFAST

Songs Sung Objectionable to Nationalists Cause of Disturbance. BELFAST, IRE.-While a protest ant regiment was embarking for India

jectionable to the nationalists. A lively riet ensued, which was quelled only by the free use of clubs by the police.

GENERAL NEWS.

WASHINGTON -- Very charges involving the right of Richard S. Whaley, Democratic member of congress from the first district of South Carolina to occupy his seat in the house, are embodied in a petition filed with Speaker Clark by John P. Grace, mayor of Charleston, S. C. Mayor Grace demands an investigation by a committee of the house. The federal publicity act limits to \$5,000 the amount that may be expended by a candidate for a seat in congress. The charge is made by Mayor Grace that Mr. Whaley in his campaign for the nomination expended \$60,000 in buying votes. Mayor Grace charges further that Whaley swore faisely in certifying to ofacers of the house that he expended less han \$5,000 in his campaign.

WASHINGTON - The name of e) resent. Eve Martin D. Foster of Ilnois was presented to the secretary of war for the position of governor of Perto Rico. Mr. Foster has the indorsement of the Illinois delegation and a number of other congressmen. He is now the only candidate for the place whose name has been presented formally. He is serving his fourth tern: as a member of congress from the Twenty-third Illinois district. He is one of five practicing physicians in the house and senate and is chairman of the house committee on mines and mining and a member of the committee on rules.

WASHIT'GTON - The report of the interstate commerce commission putting the responsibility for the Wallingford wreck with its twentyone fatalities squarely on the shoulders of the management and directors of the New York. New Haven and Hartford railroad, is the harshest finding ever handed down by that body. The report sets forth the names of the directors, beginning with William Reckefeller and J. P. Morgan and extending through a long list of men well known in the financial and railroad world.

SACRAMENTO, CAL. -- All the additional charges against Maury L. Diggs and F. Drew Caminetti, convicted of white slavery, which have been pending in the courts here since their arrest, and the criminal charge of contributing to the delinquency of the minor children of Diggs and Caminetti which were pending against Lola Norris and Marsha Warrington were dismissed by Superior Judge Hughes and Township Justice Clarken on the motion of the district attorney.

EL PASO, TEX.-John N. Amador, head of the revolutionary junta in El Paso, has returned from Hermosillo where he was in Conference with General Carranza and the other rebel leaders regarding the details of the confederate states of Mexico. He claims that General Angeles, former commander in the federal army, is to te minister of war. Carranza is to se president and Juan Sanchez Azcona, secretary of foreign relations.

LONDON, ENGLAND-A dispatch to the Times from Pekin confirms the report that the Japanese government has sent an ultimatum to China. "Ten Japanese warships," the dispatch adds, crowded with marines, are awaiting the issue on the Yang-tse river. General Chang Hsun is credited with a willingness to apologize, but the demand that he parade his regiment before the Japanese consulate will be difficult of attainment."

CHICAGO - The representatives of Illinois banking interests are meeting in Chicago. More than 2,000 delegates to the annual convention of the Illinois Bankers' association arrived here or were on their way from cities of the state. The visitors represent more than 1,500 private, state and national banks, which in turn represent a banking capital of \$1,787,000,000.

NEW HAVEN, CONN. - Former President William Howard Taft formally assumed the duties of Kent professor of constitutional law when he met two classes of Yale seniors, one in the academic department : the other in the Yale law school, and lectured before them for the first time in their regular course,

PHILADELPHIA, PA. - Assuming that the New York team will win the National league pennant, the members of the national baseball commission decided that the first game between that club and the Philadelphia American league team for the world's champiouship shall be played in New York on Oct. 7.

ALBANY, N. Y .- The court of impeachment for the trial of Governor Sulzer unanimously voted in favor of admitting all testimony in reference to alleged campaign contributions received by the governor, whether specified in the articles of impeachment or not.

PEKIN-Japan has finally agreed to a compromise in regard to the affair at Nankin in which three Japanese were killed and an insuit was offered to the Japanese flag. It will a .cept an apology from General Chang Haun in medified form.

friends of the soldiers sang songs ob-MOORESVILLE, IND .- As result of a quarrel here Robert McNaught was shot and killed by Town Marsha; Henry Besier