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**LOST LOVE.**

The heart of simplest woman is a mystery unraveled. And the love that seems most transparent is most hopelessly concealed.

We care not for the love while we have it. We know not of love till it's lost. We scatter its treasures broad-handed, Nor reckon the ultimate cost.

Lo! a hand comes forth from the shadows— A touch that I knew of old— That could crown the roughest fancy With an aureole of gold;

And I think how that had so loving, That craved but to lie in mine, O! my heart, my heart, my heart, O! my heart, my heart, my heart,

And I only too well remember How I chafed at the dumb reproach, And swore that no thought of woman Should on my pursuits encroach.

Was I blind, or mad, or but heartless? The face and the hands are gone; The light of my life has vanished; I am stridely alone.

The brain that her glances kindled Is blighted and dead and chilled, And the gorgeous dreams of the future Can nevermore be fulfilled.

I loved as a man who is selfish, She loved as a woman who is true; And most of all, I loved her as a woman, In a darkness unto day.

As a spendthrift, centers his birth-right, For the dower she gave, And the late I find my ambition Has followed her into the grave.

**THE GOLDEN DEATH!**  
A TALE OF EL DORADO.

Lucy Ellerslie had three lovers. She was the most beautiful girl in the village, and had a fortune, but she was not loved by any of them.

Each suitor was prompted by totally different motives, though each would have said that he was actuated by love of her person.

In the case of Ralph Stanton—the first, because the most distinguished of the trio—this was the truth. He loved her for herself, and not for her money.

John Benson, the second, loved her because she was a rich heiress, and he was a poor man.

Alfred Carson, the third, loved her because she was a rich heiress, and he was a poor man.

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**A Hungry Carpet-Bag.**

An incident of stage travelling out West is thus told: Among the few dust-begrimed passengers that fled in to feast on the good things spread on the hospitable board was a verdant looking individual, who tightly clutched one of those old-fashioned, capacious, yellowed leather carpet-bags, with vast hollowed depth that our grandfathers used in their journeys, and that was usually provided with two shirts and a month's luncheon.

This particular bag was only notable for the apparent extreme paucity of its contents, and when our verdant traveller slunk bashfully to the unoccupied end of the long dining-table, and seated himself in one of the chairs, he deposited his dusty bag in a vacant chair by his side. So industriously did he attack the viands before him, that Boniface tapped him on the shoulder several times before he hurriedly produced a dollar, the usual price of a meal.

"Your bill is two dollars," said Boniface.

"Hey!"

"Two dollars, if you please."

"Gosh all might, landlord," he exclaimed, "you don't mean to say you tax a feller two dollars for a meal like this?"

"Our charge is one dollar for every chair occupied at the table. Your bag monopolizes a seat, and the charge for it is the same as for a person."

"But, judge, see here, now, the bag ain't eaten a mouthful."

"Can't help that; there are the viands before it, and if it don't partake of them it isn't my fault. Come, sir, pay over; I haven't time to argue the matter."

"Wall, squire, maybe it's all right, but it seems mighty rough on a feller. Here's your money. And the owner of the bag sat down and hastily finished his meal, amid the audible smiles of his fellow-passengers and the very perceptible grin of exultation on the landlord's face. His meal done, he turned to his bag, opened it, shook out its greasy folds, and with provoking sang froid, thus addressed it, loud enough for all in the room to hear:

"I beg your pardon, Mr. Bag, for making you wait for the second table. Hungry, eh? I should rather think so, with nothing inside you but a shirt and a paper collar, and there isn't much substance in them. Like roasts beef, eh? Here's a nice piece weighing a dozen pounds, I guess. When you took that in a gulp, and it don't seem to distress you either. Try this breast of lamb; I can recommend it. Sorry the mint sauce is all out. Biscuit! Yes, here's a bull plate full. Biscuit are rather tryin' on one's digestive machinery, they say; suppose you try a couple of plates of bread on top of them? Have a spring chicken? Two! Well, you are cheeky; but here they are. You don't wait to pick 'em, I see. Some more biscuit! There you have 'em."

Suiting his actions to these words, the owner of the bag stuffed into its capacious interior every edible that lay within his reach, regardless of the consternation depicted in the face of the landlord, who rushed up to stop him.

"This is robbery, sir, downright robbery!" he thundered. "I will not submit to it."

"See here, now, squire, just keep cool, and we'll argue the case," calmly replied the verdant one, not letting up, however, in his occupation of filling the bag. "Didn't this bag pay for a square meal? What is a square meal if it isn't cat tunc is satisfied? Isn't that so, gent?"

His fellow-passengers, who were roaring with laughter, readily assented.

"Now, that being the verdict of this jury, let me tell you, Mr. Landlord, that this bag ain't goin' to be satisfied till it is chucked full. I'm its friend, and anyone that interferes with its meal will certainly get lammed—that's all."

He meant every word of it, and the landlord wisely withdrew, looking a splendid example of the bitter-bitten.

**An Elopement Postponed.**

Near Wytheville, Virginia, recently a young lady attempted to elope with the paternal mansion at dead of night, by lowering herself from her chamber by means of a pulley and rope, fastened to the window.

She had just reached the ground, where her lover awaited her, when her enraged sire appeared, seized the young man, fastened a hook to his pants, and raised him skyward, leaving his daughter in the air.

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**Sinking Fund.**

At the last meeting of the Lime Kiln Club the Rev. Penstock rose to a question of privilege. He said: "Way off on de las' end of de Brush farm an old man an dyin'. His ole woman am run'd away, his children am scattered, and he lies all alone wid no kind hand to pass him a fried cake or wet his parchin' brow wid canfar. He am not one of us, and we can't give to him from our relief fund, but I axes de consent of Brudder Gardner dat we may take up a collekshun."

"You kin—you kin" was the prompt reply of the President.

"I puts dis dime in de hat an I truly hopes dat de gemmen wid deprecate de titanshun," said Penstock as he started on his way.

Passing from man to man, the good preacher at length returned to his seat. As he looked towards the President there was a queer cloud on his brow.

"Well, what success?" queries the President.

"Fo' de Lawd, but Ize eben los'd de ten cents I started wid," gasped Penstock.

The silence was so deep that it could have been cut up into coal shafts. Not a hair moved.

"Dar pears to be a great moral lesson aout' leah sumwar," said Brother Gardner.

Live so as to hold yourself prepared either for a long life or for a short one.

A negro teamster declares that he saw a man driving mules on a road that was not on the map, and that he was in the neighborhood of the old Indian trail.

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**Nassagaweya Council.**

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment, on Saturday, the 8th day of June. Members all present. The Reeve in the chair. The Council met as a Court of Revision and Appeal, as per adjournment, and revised the Assessment Roll, making some changes therein, which will appear in the final report, and also examining particularly the names of all persons entitled to be placed on the Voters List.

Mr. Wheelighan moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Court of Revision and Appeal do now adjourn, until Monday, the 24th of June, at the hour of 5 o'clock p.m., and that the Council do now meet for the transaction of general Township business. Carried.

Court adjourned, and Council met. The Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee on roads and Bridges for the upper part of the Township presented their report, and will meet parties wishing to take contracts at the following times and places, on Wednesday, the 19th day of June, viz: 8 o'clock a.m., div. 10; lot 32, 2nd line, cutting a hill high filling; 11 o'clock a.m., div. 36; lot 29, 5th line, graveling hill and forming ditch; 1 o'clock p.m., div. 42, side road between lots 25 and 26, 6th con; cutting hill; 3 o'clock p.m., div. 50; lot 28, 7th line, cutting hill; 6 o'clock p.m., div. 48, side road between lots 20 and 21, 7th con; graveling, filling and forming ditches.

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**Items of Interest.**

The little steamer, *Empress of India*, is being repaired, and it is the intention of the owner to remove it from Galz to Puelin Lake in a short time.

Burglars entered the residence of Mr. F. J. Chubb, Guelph, last Tuesday morning, but got nothing.

Mrs. A. T. Stewart has purchased Miss Hosmer's statue of Zoroastrian, from Mr. A. W. Grissell, of New York, for \$250; that gentleman purchased it for \$75.

William Cullen Bryant, the great American poet and journalist, died in New York, on Wednesday 12th inst.

The old St. Andrew's Church building, Toronto, has been sold for \$3,000.

The Pope's health is failing, and his physicians insist upon his removal from the Vatican.

A cow owned by R. H. Anderson, of West Wawanosh, had a calf which weighed 113 lbs. at birth.

Rev. Victor Smith, assistant rector of the Redeemer, Episcopal Church, New York, became insane during the services and was sent to the asylum. Cause, overwork.

Isaac White, who has just died at Toronto, at the age of 87, fought in the war of 1812, and was by the side of General Brock when he fell in the battle of Queenstown Heights.

A jury at Sherman, Texas, sentenced a man to 99 years imprisonment. Some of the jury wanted to make it 100.

The Woodford (Kentucky) *Star* says: "It is said that one hundred and fifty murderers were committed in Kentucky during the last year, and only one man hung for that offence."

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