The Fluffy Sense.

And so the Wheel of Life goes round
And such things happen every day.

They met at a dance. One of those every-night dances that the season gives, in a house unrecognizable behind a wealth of flowers, supper, dowagers, dancing men and fluffy girls. He had noticed her first because she was different from the other women there. She wasn't fluffy. On the contrary, she was as scrupulously neat as only the lean of purse can be. But apart from the plain severity of her garb, which amounted almost to shabbiness, his critical eye marked her as the prettiest girl in the room, dressed in a plain white satin dress, relieved by a modest bunch of violets—not even a spray, but a plain market bunch, that matched the color of her wondrous eyes, so grave and serious, but dangerously magnetic, as he discovered later on. She had soft, undressed hair, which grew low and straight over her white forehead, and lay coiled upon a distractingly pretty neck, helping to accentuate the whiteness of her shoulders.

It had taken both time and trouble to find someone who knew her, and would mutter the words conventionality demanded, before he could hold her slim, round figure in his arms as they waltzed together with a perfection of motion which he had never experienced before. "I might have guessed it," was the compliment he paid when later on they had become confidential, and she told him that she taught dancing for a livelihood. He further learned that the daughter of the house, in whose honor the ball was being given, was a pupil of hers, and had insisted upon her coming to the festivity. Later on, he discovered many things about her, notably, her name, an illustrious one, borne by some of the richest of his acquaintance. He cursed 'shame upon them" when she had told him of her struggles. But she had smiled, gently protesting that even in the most opulent circles penury lurked. And if she had not their riches she at least had their independence, the thing she counted dearest in the whole wide world. And then there was her work. She loved it far too dearly to ever think of giving it up. And folk were kind to her, including the rich relations—so long as she didn't make—demands upon them.

It was plain to see the world and she were very young; their acquaintance, he felt, was not sufficiently old to have admitted of their having fallen out together. He hinted at disillusionment and failure. At first she laughed at him, and then forbade him to mention the word, which she assured him she had long since struck out of her dictionary. He, in his turn, laughed at her enthusiasm, while admitting that he admired her courage. And they waltzed together again and again.

Over supper he assured her that she made him feel lazy and ashamed to think that he did nothing but shoot and hunt and dance his life away, while she was working hard. And when someone else claimed her for a dance, he felt a pang of resentment that her programme was entirely his. He stood moodily against the door watching her graceful movements, and catching a glimpse of a half-averted face flashed with pleasure that smiled in friendliness each time she passed him. Womanlike, she hid her feelings better than he did, and, as she listened to the patronage of her pupil's eldest brother, smiled with a knowledge that people in her world could not behave like that. But she forgot it all when she found herself in his arms once more, dancing the last extra to his favorite tune. Afterwards he helped her into her shabby cloak and gently insisting upon the address of her lodgings, drove her home in his own brougham. They met frequently during the season, for her clientele was a fashionable one. By the end of it he had become familiar with the white satin dress which had gone through so many vicissitudes and was now trimmed with a sash—a faint reflection of those serious eyes—which bravely hid the place where he had upset a cup of coffee.

He had cursed his clumsiness heartily at the time, but that had not eradicated the stain. He told himself he might have deluged half the fluffy girls in the room with the stuff, and it would not have mattered. Why his hand need have trembled above this one precious garment was more than he could tell, unless, indeed, it could have been the fault of those magnetic eyes? Afterward he felt a kind of proprietary interest in the frock, and had taken great pains to select the choicest and most delicate flowers to nestle in its folds until she had stopped the kind attention with that same gentle dignity and independence that made them comrades and set their friendship high. After her the fluffy girls seemed too insipid for his tastes. He missed in them her freedom and her joy of life. It reflected itself on his own horizon until the glamor of it began to disturb his peace and he took himself seriously in hand, and talked sober, common sense and prescribed a holiday by way of a cure—during which he missed her good fellowship at every turn. But, nevertheless upon his travels he met a lady of high degree whose banking account was a password that unlocked many doors and allowed her to patronize a milliner in Paris, who turned her out in such perfection of harmony that even his fastidious eye was attracted and could find no fault.

The lady smiled on him without reserve, so openly that his family began to speculate upon his good fortune, and took great interest in his concerns, and a married sister announced her intention of giving a ball to celebrate his home-coming and help matters on a little. Accordingly invitations were issued to the great lady, and the great world alike. He had almost made up his mind not to ignore the good fortune placed so temptingly within his reach. It is true he had enough as it was; but why should he not, like so many others, indulge his greed for more? He had but to stoop to pick up a hundred times more than would supply his needs.

It was almost at the last moment that he begged a card for her. He had a foolish idea that it might help him to see her shabby white gown contrasting with the great Frenchman's art. But who was to have guessed that at so opportune a moment the good fairy Fortune would throw open the coffers of the rich relations for her?

There was a wedding in the moneyed branch of her family and she was bidden to act as bridesmaid, clothed for the occasion as befitting a pretty Cinderella turned princess in a moment. She came to the ball in all the bravery of her recently acquired finery and appeared a dainty, fluttering mass of bewildering feminine grace. The knowledge that for once she could compete with the fluffy maidens of wealth, gave her the courage of her superiority, and the pretty head, perfectly coiffured, was held high as she advanced into the room. Even in his eyes her beauty was intensified, as he watched the sensation her entry made. He went to meet her eagerly, proudly presenting her to his own people. The joy of life which had lately grown faint come back intensified in her soft glash of happiness as the violet eyes met his and sealed her fate. And amid the congratulations that were hers, none were louder than those of the Mammon worshippers of her tribe, who smiled indulgent belief as they listened to her declaration: "It was the lovely frock you gave me did it. I owe it all to that." For, of course, they could not understand how anything so light and airy could turn the scale of a woman's life.

Historic Chair.

One of the chairs used by Bonnie Prince Charlie while in hiding in Scotland is still preserved in Glasgow. The curious piece of furniture belonged to a highland peasant who lived near the cave where the Prince was in hiding. Relying on the loyalty of the Scotch farmer, the Prince spent considerable time in the little cottage. A special chair was set apart for him, and this has since been handed down from generation to generation through the family who originally entertained the distinguished guest.

HAD A SPLENDID YEAR.

The Independent Order of Foresters apparently had a splendid year during 1903. The net addition to the membership during the twelve months was 14,123. This is considerably larger than the net additions during 1902. The death rate was also lower being only 6.46 against 6.60 in a thousand as compared with 1902. This indicates how careful this great Fraternal Society is in its selection of its risks. The enormous work which the Order did in helping widows and orphans may be understood from the fact that it paid to them during last year no less than $1,542-639.01. In sick benefits the members of the Order received $192,153.71, and totally and permanently disabled brethren received $84,719.91. Notwithstanding these large and helpful payments to the membership the Order increased its already large accumulated funds during the year by the enormous sum of $1,234,236.97. The total accumulated funds of the Order on February 1st, 1904, amounted to $7,518,852.69. The above is certainly a wonderful record. Dr. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Chief Ranger, is certainly to be congratulated upon the results which are flowing from his labors. The total membership of the Order is now over 225,000.—Daily Mail and Empire, Toronto, Feb. 16th.

Energy and Motion.

In a recent lecture in Paris M. Charles Rolland remarked that human beings in general expend less energy of motion, especially locomotion, than animals. Animals fly, swim, crawl, jump, etc., without the painful apprenticeship of men, and the force they expend relatively to their weight is much greater than in our case. If men were as strong as beetles in respect to their weight they could juggle with tons. Thinkers are less disposed to movement than other men. They expend their forces in intellectual efforts.

She's No Lady.

Belleville Intelligencer.

It would appear that about the biggest mistake Kipling made when he called Canada "Our Lady of the Snows" was in using the term "lady." There has been nothing lady-like about this winter.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

Pills for Man and Beast.

(Toronto World.)

Dr. William Osler, of Johns Hopkins is to superintend the rebuilding of Baltimore upon sanitary lines.

A Johns Hopkins instructor said of him the other day:

"When Dr. Osler was a student at the McGill University, in Montreal, he paused on the street one day beside a cow that had become stubborn and would not move along. He regarded the cow for some time. Then he took a box of pills from his pocket and gave one to the animal. She swallowed the pill willingly, and then at a breakneck speed she made off down the road.

"The drover watched her disappear. Then he turned to young Oser and laughed strangely.

"'I say give me one of those pills, will you?' he said.

"'What for?' said Osler.

"'Why,' returned the drover, 'I've got to follow that beast.'"

Sceptics Turn Believers

AND ARE CURED.

Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder a Great Blessing.

"When I read that Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder could relieve Catarrh in 10 minutes, I was for from being convinced. I tried it—a single puff through the blower anorded instant relief, stopped pain over the eyes and cleansed the nasal passages. To-day I am free from Catarrh." B. L. Eagan's (Easton, Pa.) experience has been that of thousands of others, and may be yours.

Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure saves life. Relieves in 30 minutes. 27

His Uncertainty.

March Smart Set.

"I wonder," dubiously cogitated Mr. Walker Farr, the eminent 10-20-&-30-cents-admission tragedian, "whether——"

He paused, as the clamor of the audience rose higher and higher.

"——they are applauding my efforts, or daring me to come out?"

Coughing is an outward sign of inward disease.
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Tell us not in cheerful numbers,
Life is made of cheerful snaps,
When we're calling for the plumbers
To repair our frozen taps.

Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal,
And remember that thou burnest
Money in the shape of coal.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia.

Fixed the Old Man Nicely.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"You know how father insists upon talking all the time whenever Mr. Skates comes to call on me?"

"Yes."

"Well, we fixed him last night all night. We got him to read the Russian and Japanese names in the war dispatches and his jaw was soon so sore that he couldn't talk above a whisper."

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

The Care of Cats.

I find that cooked meat is, on the whole, best for my cats, which are Angoras. Raw fits causes fits. I have heard that a nursing cat will die if fed with it. Ask your fisherman for some fish heads, and boil them, but give the cat only the meat, not bones. Cut all food fine, and never give gristle, or fat.

Never give a cat any food which is tainted. Really sour milk is relished by many cats and is wholesome.

Cereals in milk are good for cats, and produce a good coat of fur. Warm the milk for pussy. Keep fresh water alter always on hand.

Keep all the dishes perfectly clean.

Do not bathe your cat, especially if it is an Angora. Give it a good wiping with a moist cloth. See that your cat has a clean, warm place in which to sleep. Let it have access in cold weather, when there is no grass, to clean hay.—Good Housekeeping.

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Among the advantages claimed for a new push-button of glass, the under side of which is gilded, the gold being fixed in the glass, is that it never tarnishes, and that it reflects any light, no matter how slight, so that it is nearly always visible in comparative dark corners of rooms.

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Dollar Wheat.

What tho' the cannons roar and shriek,
And battered ships go down?
What tho' the cruisers spring a leak,
And Japs and Russians drown?

The Yankee farmer grins with joy,
With happiness complete
He notices with glee, my boy,
The signs of dollar wheat.

It is only the fully occupied who have time for everything.

Who will not help himself doesn't deserve help.

SCOTCH DRINKING.

New Licensing Law and Socia Gatherings.

It is said that the new licensing law is having a bad eefect upon social gatherings in Scotland, though we cannot see how it should. Such meetings are for mutual benefit and enjoyment, and not merely for over-indulgence in liquor. If in that respect the new law raises the general tone of such gatherings it will prove a boon to the country. Under its provisions a penalty of forty shillings may be imposed on the person who over-indulges at social gatherings in licensed premises, and the landlord is liable to a like penalty should he fail to eject from his premises any one who may have been over-indulged. Then, also, any one obtaining, or attempting to obtain, liquor from licensed premises to be given to a drunk man outside is also liable to a penalty of forty shillings, or a month's imprisonment, while the drunk person himself escapes. These are but two of the numerous changes that have been made in the licensing system.—N. Y. Scottish American.

A MANUFACTURER'S DISCOVERY.

A clothing manufacturer has, until recently, limited his advertising to trade papers, which he took for granted must be read by the dealers. Now he finds that he has more positive returns from advertisements in carefully chosen daily newspapers. This leads him to observe that "there are no publications which are so sure to be read by everybody, including dealers, as are the best of the newspapers."

NEW YORK CENTRAL

Above is the great four track road, the only trunk line whose trains enter New York City.

Made Her Mad.

The cable liar killed the Dowager Empress Tsi Ann yesterday, but she'd show him if she could get her motherly hands into his whiskers.

THE "D & L" MENTHOL PLASTER.—This simple remedy for sale with all druggists positively cures Backache, Neuralgia, Chest Pains, Nervousness and all like disorders. There is no need of your suffering another hour. "The D. & L." Menthol Plaster should be kept on hand in every family.

He Didn't Know How.

Washington Star.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I have done you a great injustice."

"In what way?"

"I suspected you without reason. I asked several of your friends that you go out with of evenings whether you knew how to play poker, and every one of them thought a minute and said you didn't."

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars' Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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WORTH HIS WEIGHT IN GOLD.

The Maharajah of Travancore was on one occasion, at least, worth his weight in gold, for he was weighed against a pure mass of the king of metals, and, after the scales were balanced, the mass of gold was distributed in charity. This custom, called "Tulabhara," is one of great antiquity, and is said to be traceable in Travancore to the fourth century. It is not unknown in other parts of India, though, of course, gold is only used in the case of wealthy persons, humbler folk being content to weigh themselves against spices or grain. On the occasion mentioned the Maharajah weighed a little over nine stone. The Brahmins, it is said, wished to defer the ceremony in the hope that the Maharajah might more nearly approach the weight of his father, who did not undergo the rite until 47 years old, when he weighed 14 3-4 stone.—Golden Penny.

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NATURE A GOOD ARTIFICER,

Those Who Try Find it Hard to Improve Upon Its Handiwork.

Did you know the method of making shot has never changed? No? Well, it's a fact, said the shotmaker. "Hundreds of years ago shot was made in just the same way it is made now. Seems, strange, doesn't it, that with all the improvements in other lines none has been made in this? Oh, yes, plenty of men have tried to find some better way, but they all have had to give it up and go back to the old shot tower. They wanted to get rid of the high tower, for that is the most expensive part of the plant.

"You know shot is made by pouring a melted composition of lead and arsenic through a screen or from a big ladle with a serrated edge at the top of the tower and letting it fall into a tank of water. The drops of lead get perfectly round on their way down, just like rain drops, and by the time they reach the water they are cold enough so they do not flatten out when they strike. Then the water finishes the cooling process.

"They have tried dropping the lead through a big tube with a blast of cold air against the outside, and they have tried dropping it through glycerine. But none of these ways seems to work. Why can't they improve on it? Well, I suppose because the fellow who started making shot found the right way. It's just following the course that nature takes in making hail, and I don't suppose they can beat her at her own game. That's why they haven't made any improvements."

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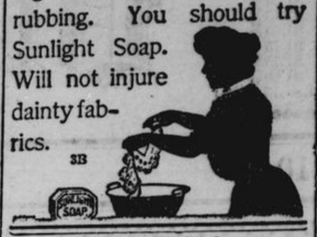

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He Was All Right.

Buffalo Express.

"Why don't you go to work?" demanded Mrs. Goodart.

"Yer, see," began the gray-haired old loafer, "I got a wife an' four children to support—"

"But, if you don't go to work, how can you?"

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(Town Topics.)

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Modern Minister—Ah, yes. With or without?

The Bride—What?

The Minister—Obey.

Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases. 22

Maybe His Last Request.

Life.

Poor Feebles (about to be operated for a good spring supply.

begin I wish you would send and have our pastor, Rev. Mr. Harps, come over.

Dr. Cutter—Certainly, if you wish it, but—ah!——

Poor Feebles—I'd like to be opened with prayer.

Heart-Sick People.—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is a heart tonic that never fails to cure—is swift in its effects—goes closer to the "border land" and snatches from death's grip more sufferers than any other remedy for any family of diseases and ailments in the category of human sufferings. Gives relief in 30 minutes.—75.

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There are few mothers who realize the value of figs as a laxative, They have medicinal value when eaten plain, and should frequently be found on the daily bill of fare for the nursery table, either stewed or plain. In the holiday candy-making, or for special parties where there will be a demand for candy among the little people, there will be little harm from the candy nibbling if creamed figs, fig-balls, etc., form a large portion of the candies served. Although these fig candies can scarcely be called candy medicines, it will be well to number them among the home-made preparations that are to tickle small palates while curing small stomachs.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for Children Teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa.

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$10--Washington and Return--$10

Special excursion via Lehigh Valley Railroad, from Suspension Bridge, Friday, Feb. 26. Tickets only $10 the round trip; good for return until March 7. Stop over allowed at Philadelphia returning. For tickets and further particulars, call on or address Robt. S. Lewis, Canadian Passenger Agent, 33 Yonge street, Toronto, Ont.

Weather-beaten.

Farmers' Magazine.

"Why do so many writers use that hackneyed phrase, 'the weather-beaten farmer?'" said the young man who reads novels.

"I dunno," answered Mr. Corntossel, as he laid down the paper containing the latest freshet news, "unless it's because the weather bats us out of so many crops."

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Perhaps Egged.

Toronto World.

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The Order has just closed another prosperous year, in fact the best in its history.

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"Your husband has quite recovered from his illness," said one woman.

"Yes," answered the other.

"The doctor's medicine must have done him good."

"I dunno's it was the medicine. He got to figuring up what the bill would be an' concluded he had been sick as long as he could afford to. So he went back to work."

Circumstantial and Awful.

"Oh, my!" shrieked the young wife, as she read from the paper. "I will not live with him another day."

"What's the matter, dear?" asked her mother.

"I see by the paper that George fell down a flight of steps while carrying his typewriter upstairs in his arms."

How To Keep Horses Well.

That's a problem every farmer and stockman has to solve in winter. Lack of exercise—dry feed—weather changes—all upset the digestion. Horses often eat hearty, yet get thin—hair stands on end—feel tired and dull. Season the feed with *Myers' Royal Spice.* It changes winter into summer for horses. Makes dry hay as sweet as green grass—gives an extra relish to corn and oats—and keeps the horses strong and fat on less feed.

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