

# The Fluffy Sense.

And so the Wheel of Life goes round and so they met and danced every day. They met at a dance. One of those every-eight dances that the season gives, in a house unrecognizable beyond a wealth of flowers, super-daggers, 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 any of the lean of purse can be. But apart from the plain severity of her garb, which amounted almost to shabby, her eyes and nose were marked as the prettiest girl in the room, dressed in a plain white satin dress, relieved by a modest tuft of violets—not even a spray, but a plain mark of beauty. It 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 long 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 conventional demand, before he could hold her in, round figure in his arms as they walked together with a perfection of motion which he had never experienced before. "I might have guessed it," was the compliment he paid her 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 his eye on her coming to the festivity. Later on, he discovered many things about her, notably, her name, as illustrious one, because by some of the richest of his acquaintances. He called "shame upon them" when she had told him of her struggles. But she had smiled, gently protesting that even in the most opulent circles money counts, and if she had not her riches she at least had her independence, the thing she counted dearest in the whole wide world. And then there was her work. She taught dancing for a livelihood. He over thank of giving it up. And folk were kind to her, including the rich relations—so long as she didn't make a demands upon them.

It was plain to see the world and she were very young; their acquaintances, he felt, was not inefficiently old to have admitted of their having fallen out together. He hinted at disliking her, but she smiled, while 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 waited 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 he was left out entirely. He stood moodily against the door watching her graceful movements, and catching a glimpse of a half-averted face flushed with pleasure that smiled in friendliness each time she passed by. He noticed that she hid her feelings better than he did, and, as she listened to the patronage of her pupils' eldest brother, smiled with a knowledge that people in her world would 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, getting up, 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 enormous eyes, which bravely hid the place where he had upset a cup of coffee.

He had cured 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 head 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 tuck 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 their freedom and her joy of life. It reflected itself on his own horizon until the glamour of it began to distress 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 passport 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 coat contrasting with the great dress of the great lady. 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 to 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 girl, and she advanced to 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 came back intensified in her soft flash 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 Mammoth worshippers of her tribe, who smiled indulgently as they listened to her declaration: "It is true, I have frock you gave me did it. I owe it all to that." For, of course, they could not understand how anything so plain 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 dis-

### HAD A SPLENDID YEAR.

The Independent Order of Foresters apparently had a splendid year during 1904. The net addition to the membership during the twelve months was 14,123. This is considered a record. The death rate was also lower being only 646 against 670 in a thousand according to the report. The honoraria work which the Order do in helping widows and orphans to their death is also a notable feature. The Order on February 1st, 1904, and totaling 6,939. It is a benefit to the members of the Order, and a credit to the cause of humanity. The Order is now over 227,000. 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. Animal life is swim, crawl, jump, etc., without the painful apprenticeship of man, and the forces 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 of iron, they are less disposed to movement than other men. They expend their forces in intellectual efforts.

### Believe Me, No Lady.

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.

### Pills for Man and Beast.

Dr. William Osler, of Johns Hopkins University, is reported to have said that 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. Then he turned to young Osler and laughed strangely.

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# SCOTCH DRINKING.

It is said that the new licensing law is having a bad effect upon social gatherings in S.Otland, 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 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.

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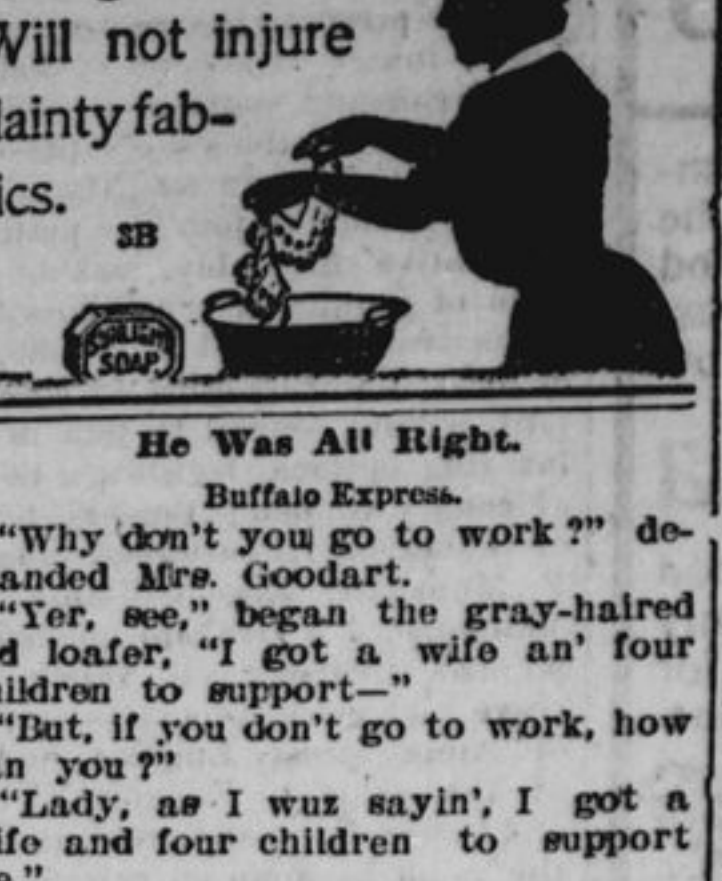
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