Rich in Love.

"I say, Tom," said one of a group of young men who had been consulting with much chuckling and laughter as they stood in a circle in the basement of a large wholesale house, "have you heard the news?"

"No," said Tom, "I have heard no news. What is it?"

"Why, Julia Elme is engaged to be married."

Tom started visibly, in spite of a certain sturdy fixity that belonged to him, and his associates exchanged sundry sly winks.

"Yes," said one young fellow insinuatingly, "she is engaged, and I call it good news. Julia Elme is a nice girl. Don't you think it good news, Tom?"

"Well, I should say not," said Tom, stoutly, and walked away.

That was a little too much for them, with all their knowledge of Tom's peculiar way. They looked at each other blankly, for a little while, and not quite as comfortably as a few minutes before. One of them expressed his mind in a long, low whistle, and another said:

"Well, I thought he would weaken at that, anyway."

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He recalled the fact that it was in association with the same girl that Tom had perpetrated one of his outspoken eccentricities during his stay at a resort on a small lake the previous summer, and the story had leaked out in some way. Tom had declined all invitations and suggestions to join in the excursions, picnics and such like gayeties of the other guests at the hotel, and one evening Miss Elme asked him why he so secluded himself.

"Because I have no money," said Tom, bluntly.

The young girl flushed painfully.

"Oh, don't be troubled," said Tom, kindly; "you have done no harm with your question. It does look a little odd that I keep so away from everything. But, you see, I have just enough money to pay my vacation of two weeks here, and get back to the city. So I can have no extras."

"I think, Mr. Marvin—that is, perhaps——" began Miss Elme slowly.

"No," Tom interrupted, "no one can give me anything or lend me anything. But I would like to spend an hour in a row on the lake, Miss Elme, if you will go with me."

Uncertain whether she were more amused or touched, the girl accepted the invitation, and had occasion to remember that little excursion happily, for Tom could talk well, and she had a quick imagination, and the moonlight stillness was a good habitation for both thoughts and fancies. And Tom, who had often looked at her with respectful interest, began to love her from that hour. Her hands, her exceedingly truthful and gentle gray eyes, and a mouth which, though not perfectly shaped, was sensitive and expressive, were the only features noticeably pretty about the girl, but she had a pervading charm which made one think of Emerson's saying, "There is no beautifier of complexion or form or behavior like the wish to scatter joy and not pain about us."

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Tom betook himself straightway from the disconcerted jokers to Miss Elme's abode, and no sooner was he seated in the girl's presence than he began, without preface.

"Miss Elme, I have been told that you are engaged to be married, and have come to ask you whether it is true?"

The girl's start and flush disturbed Tom not at all. He was simply intent on the facts in exactly the same natural way that the atmosphere is accepted when flowing in at an open window.

After a long pause, to abate which Tom proffered no help, Miss Elme said:

"You are asking a strange question and very abruptly, Mr. Marvin."

"Yes," said Tom.

"It seems to me a matter of my own private life."

"Yes," said Tom again.

"Well," said the girl at last, somewhat amused, "I don't know why I should not answer you if I please; but I think I ought to know your motive in asking before I trust you with the information."

Tom paled a little at the word "information," but said again, simply, "Yes."

"Well," the girl said, wonderingly, after another long pause, "what is your motive? What has happened? Why do you wish to know?"

"Because I myself want you," said Tom.

Fearfully blunt, very inelegant. But Tom, you know, was not a diplomat, and at that moment every feeling and pulse in him went its natural way and took the shortest course without reflection or sense of proportion.

After a little, the surprised and moved girl said softly, but with not quite a steady voice:

"Then, why have you not told me before?"

"Because I am poor."

"I am not rich," the girl replied, with a look of admiration.

Then there was a silence in which Tom was as obstinate as before, but he was pale and his expression wholly unassuming. Then, the girl, who had an originality and directness of her own, not unworthy of Tom's said quietly:

"Well, I will answer your inquiry honestly. I am not engaged; but I think I shall be."

And Tom, a shade paler than before withdrew without a word.

After he had gone, the girl cried a little. Then, with misty eyes, she sat down at her window, which, though in the city, commanded a view of one large tree that had become very companionable to her. Then she continued to examine herself, which process she continued for a week, with intervals of deliberately turning and fixing her mind to other matters, for she knew that the eye must not stare too long at any object which it would see plainly.

Then she wrote to Tom as follows:

"My friend, I told you I was not rich, which was true. But even then I was beginning to grow rich. I have made some progress, but can go no further without your aid."

Tom's humility was not sure of the meaning of this dear epistle, but he lost no time in finding out, and when he did so he was happy.

EDUCATION OF SERVANTS.

"I am trying to educate my servants up to a higher standard of culture and appreciation," remarked a housekeeper to a visiting friend.

"I wouldn't," was the reply of the visitor, who had had experience of her own in that line. "I'd just make them comfortable and give them good wages. How are you succeeding so far?"

"Splendidly. You would be surprised to know how really and truly refined in their tastes are those girls who work in kitchens. You have seen my second girl, Ida, and know how pretty and gentle she is. I am persuading her to take mandolin lessons, and attend a class in mental culture. Then my cook used to be so slangy, but now she speaks the purest English."

"Aren't you afraid they will be looking for a different occupation when they are educated up to your standard?" asked the friend.

"Oh, no. I have taught them to elevate their work, and make drudgery divine. I wish you could hear the improvement in their conversation. They——"

She was interrupted by a yell from the basement. It was the voice of the cook.

"Hallo, you Ida! Hev you flew the coop?"

"Naw, no sich good luck. What's ailin' yer?"

"Has the freak gone out?"

"Yep. What's up?"

"The bread is n-g."

"What ails it?"

"It looks as if it had whiskers on it."

"You've knocked it silly wid cultah-h. Bounce it in de alley wen de cop is out of sight."

The mistress of the house made a gesture of despair.

"Think of being called a 'freak' after all I have done for them," she said, and her friend, who is a wise woman, forbore to say, "I told you so!"

SLEEVES WILL BE SMALLER.

English sleeves are even smaller than they appear in Paris, and a good majority of evening gowns have the merest excuse for a shoulder strap, according to a letter from London. When flowers are used for the trimming of the gown it is a pretty fashion to use them for a covering to this strap, and among other odd devices that we see on evening gowns are waistbands, both of fur and flowers. Rather a bizarre appearance is given to a gown of white satin by a flock of lace butterflies in various sizes, irregularly arranged on the front and sides of the skirt. The butterflies are of black lace and colored stones are cunningly interwoven into the lace. Instead of being entirely appliqued to the gown some of the wings are stiffened so as to stand away from the satin. The corsage is draped with white tulle, held by more of these butterflies, and the sleeves are of pheasant green velvet, this shade appearing in the embroidery on the butterfly wings. Colored sleeves, whether of velvet or tulle are among the novelties of the season and are enthusiastically accepted.

AN IMPORTANT CASE.

A Pedlar Sent to Prison for Representing an Imitation Pill to be the Same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills — A Far-Reaching Decision.

Montreal, Jan. 24, 1898.—A case of more than ordinary interest to the public came before Judge Lafontaine here to-day, the facts being as follows: For some time past one H. E. Migner has been going about pedling a pill which he represents as being the same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The Dr. Williams Medicine Co. placed the matter in the hands of Detective Haynes, of the Canadian secret service, who soon had collected sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of Migner on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. Meantime Migner had left Montreal, going to St. John, N.B., On his arrival in that city he was at once placed under arrest and an official sent to bring him back here. He was brought before Judge Lafontaine this morning on two charges, and pleaded guilty to both. It was pointed out that his offence was a grave one and left him liable to a lengthy term of imprisonment. The counsel for the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. stated that his clients did not wish to press for severe punishment at this time; they only wished to establish the fact that representing an imitation pill to be the same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills was a crime which left the perpetrator liable to a lengthy imprisonment. On one charge the judge then imposed a sentence of ten days, with the option of a fine of ten dollars, and in the other case a sentence of two days in jail without the option of a fine.

This decision is likely to have a far-reaching effect, as it seems to establish the principle that substituters and those who sell imitations representing them to be "the same as" Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, are liable under the criminial code, which is in force all over the Dominion, and it will no doubt, to a considerable extent, put an end to this nefarious business, as it is evident from the fact that the Dr. Williams Medicine Co. went to the expense of bringing this man back from so great a distance as St. John that they intend sparing no expense to protect both the public and themselves in such cases.

A bride and groom started on their wedding tour from Lansing, Mich., on the way to Chicago. At Jackson the groom left the train to buy a paper, and on his return got on the wrong train. He was whirling back to Lansing before he discovered his mistake, while she was rolling westward toward Chicago. Eleven hours elapsed before the couple were reunited.

Troubled Sleep.

Nightmares and Dreams Filled the Nights With Terror.

Danville, Que., Man Tells Something of His Experience.

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But like other mortals he's mad
If a strand of it gets in the soup.

Shattered Nerves.

THE MOST PREVALENT TROUBLE OF THE CENTURY.

It Attacks People of Both Sexes and All Ages — A Complete Breakdown Follows Unless Prompt Measures For Relief Are Taken.

From the Newmarket Era.

Probably the most prevalent trouble on this continent to-day is nervous prostration. How frequently we hear this term and yet how few appear to realize its full deadly import. Nervous prostration is to be found among people of all walks in life, and among children as well as adults. Among young people it is often the result of our high pressure system of education. Among those of more mature years it may be due to the cares of business, or to overwork, or worries in the home. But whatever the cause the inevitable result is a breaking down both mentally and physically unless prompt measures are taken to stay the ravages of the disease and restore the shattered nerve forces to their normal condition. One such sufferer who has regained health gives her experience for the benefit of those less fortunate. Miss Edith Draper, who resides with her parents at Belhaven, Ont., is a young lady who is very popular among her circle of acquaintances, and they all rejoice at her restoration to health. To a reporter who called upon her she gave the following particulars concerning her illness and cure. "You know," said the young lady, "how ill I was last winter when my friends feared that I was going into a decline. In the early part of the winter both father and mother were attacked with la grippe, and I had to look after them as well as attend to the household work. The strain was more than I could stand, and the result was I fell ill. The doctor who was called in said my trouble was nervous prostration and that it would take considerable time for me to recover. Under his care I was after a short while able to leave my room and go about the house, but my nerves did not seem to regain their strength. My limbs would twitch as though I had St. Vitus' dance. I was subject to headaches, had a very poor appetite and was so weak that I could scarcely go about. I had been advised to try Pink Pills and one day spoke to the doctor about them and he said he believed they would do me good. I got three boxes and by the time I had used them I felt they were helping me and I got a further supply. By the time I had taken six boxes I was feeling stronger and better than I had for years. All the twitching in my limbs had disappeared and my nerves seemed as strong as ever they had been. I still took the pills for a little while longer to make certain that the cure was complete, and since the day I discontinued them I have not felt the slightest return of the trouble. I felt that my present excellent health is due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I am glad to be able to recommend them to any one whose nerves are in a shattered condition.

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TIRAH EXPEDITION.

Some of Its Difficulties of Transportation.

London, Feb. 1.—A few figures will enable civilians to form some sort of an idea of the difficulties of the transport problem which Sir William Lockhart had to solve in his recent campaign into the phenomenally mountainous and difficult country of the Afridis. When the Tirah expeditionary force was formed the Indian transport organization had to supply about 13,000 camels, 12,500 mules, and over 4,000 bullocks for the forces then in the field or with the northwest frontier garrisons. The ordinary transport which is kept up in time of peace in India is about 5,500 camels, nearly 19,000 mules, about 7,000 bullocks, 8,000 transport carts, 6,000 ambulance bearers, etc., 3,400 litters and stretchers, and about 13,000 ambulance heavy and light carts. Practically there were available in India proper, at the commencement of the frontier campaigns, about 15,000 mules, 4,000 camels, and between 6,000 and 7,000 bullocks.

For the Tirah expeditionary force it was at first estimated that 16,000 camels, 45,000 mules, and 12,000 bullocks would be required; but it was very soon seen that even this huge transport would have to be increased, and a short time ago it had reached a total of about 71,000, of which no fewer than 45,000 are mules or animals carrying 160 pounds. This is probably the largest amount of transport which has ever been put into the field in India. The military force which had to be moved over a single rough mountain path consisted of two divisions, numbering about 9,500 men each, while the troops detailed for the line of communication numbered between 5,000 and 6,000, so that the total force was nearly 25,000 strong, and this does not include the large number of non-combatants, such as transport drivers, ambulance bearers, lascars, etc., who are classed as "followers." The trains of transport and pack-animals had to proceed in single file over a mountain path, and it has been calculated that, even allowing for gaps and blocks on the road, they must have extended over forty or fifty miles.

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