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REAL ROMANCE

IS NOT A RARE THING IN RUSSIA.

Love at First Sight, Bliss Forever After—Bridesmaid To Be, However, Wins Young Man's Affections—Suicide Results.

Romances in real life are by no means rare in Russia, but a somewhat unusual one has just reached its third and last act in a cozy little room in the students' quarter of St. Petersburg. Two girl students asked out an unassuming existence by giving lessons, and they attended lectures in the intervals. One of the two, Olga by name, chanced one evening to meet a young man of very good family at the house of an acquaintance, and saw heaven in his blue eyes. He, too, said it was love at first sight, and Olga was forever after. The pair subsequently saw much of each other. In a few weeks their affection assumed the traditional form of an engagement, and the wedding day fixed upon for the end of January next. Rings were exchanged, friends informed and domestic arrangements made for the coming union. That, in brief, was the first act.

Olga, of course, had no secret from Anna, whom she introduced as soon as she could to her betrothed as her bridesmaid-elect. And at this point the cross-purposes of fate began to be woven on the warp of her life. Anna, at once, a friend of Nicholas's, less, of course, she could not be. Friendship is said to be love without wings, but in this case the wings grew rapidly. In a word, the bridegroom and the bridesmaid-elect conceived a violent passion for each other, and they swore that death alone should part them. This exchange of vows was ratified in secret, but Anna could not keep the faithful fact from her dearest friend, to whom she evening she unbosomed her breast. The two girls, mad with grief, wept together on each other's necks at the thought that he was but a galling load. At last they determined that one of them must die, and as suicide was repugnant to each, they hit upon the plan of drawing lots, the drawer of the black ball to be shot by the pistol of her friend.

The third act was played in Olga's room. She, her betrothed, and Anna had spent several hours of the night together in conversation at the table, and on the young man's departure the newly-purchased revolver was taken out and the lot drawn. Fate seemed just in decreeing that Anna should die. The friends thereupon embraced each other, and then Olga raised the weapon to the temple of her friend. Anna stood motionless like a statue, with her eyes fixed on the executioner. Suddenly the latter turned the mouth of the revolver towards herself, pointed it at her heart, pulled the trigger, and fell dead. Anna, horrified at what she saw, snatched the smoking pistol, and aimed a bullet at her own heart. But as her hand was shaking she could not hold the weapon in position, and the bullet only wounded her slightly. While she was endeavoring to fire again the neighbors, aroused by the report of firearms, had burst into the room. To the cemetery and the law courts belong the epilog of this tragic story, which has caused a sensation in academic quarters of St. Petersburg.



KING OSCAR IS 75.

Stockholm, Jan. 21.—King Oscar is seventy-five years old, to-day, and all Sweden and Norway has joined in congratulating him on the anniversary. It is a gala day in Stockholm and everyone is observing the holiday. The city and harbor are gaily decorated, and during the forenoon the usual salutes were fired. In the messages of congratulation that poured in upon the king, every royal family of Europe, without exception, was represented. This evening the king gives a banquet at the palace to the foreign ministers.

King Oscar has almost completely recovered from the protracted illness from which he has been suffering for the last two years and which caused him to retire temporarily from the arduous duties of his high position. A long period of travel and recreation has vastly improved his health. Many who have seen him recently remark that no man of his years bears his age better.

The diplomatic banquet at the palace this evening was followed by the annual grand ball in which King Oscar, in spite of his years, kept pace with the younger set. Two thousand invitations were issued for the function. Shortly after nine o'clock, the king, his sons and other members of the royal family entered the palace ballroom and took their seats on a dais. King Oscar opened the ball and then went about chatting freely with his guests.

Queen Sophia, who does not attend balls, opera or other festive occasions on account of ill-health, celebrated her husband's birthday by distributing a large sum of money among the poor and needy. The queen, in fact, devotes nearly her entire time now to charitable and religious work. Her most cherished occupation is to alleviate distress, and being strongly impressed by religion, she is vividly interested in the religious movements of her time. She has been much impressed with the work of the Salvation Army and is understood to have contributed liberally to its financial support.

More than one charitable institution has been founded through the initiative of the queen, above all the "Sofiahemmet," or Sophia House, in Stockholm. She has on many occasions started the idea of important works of charity—for instance, when she formed and carried out the plan of the great fancy fair in Christiania for the benefit of the families of the wrecked fishermen from Finnmark.

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SALE CONFIRMED.

And Stock Holders Saw Investment Fade Away.

Some months ago the Michigan Telephone company was sold under foreclosure proceedings taken by the bond holders, the sale price being \$4,000,000, considerably less than the amount of the company's bonds. The stockholders who thus saw their investment completely wiped out, though they had received no dividends for years, undertook to save something from the wreck and applied to the courts to have the sale set aside, but in a decision handed out on December 24th, the sale is confirmed. There are quite a number of Canadians interested financially in this matter. Detroit has had three unsuccessful opposition telephone companies. The first of these was boomed through Canada and even in Great Britain as a perfect gold mine and a considerable amount of bonds and stock disposed of in its country on the glowing representations of professional promoters. The investors after looking long for their interest have lately seen their holdings wiped out. The Detroit Free Press of December 25th, comments on the situation as follows:

There are seven ages of man, but only five ages of modern public service corporation. First, there is the corporation itself, performing its functions indifferently, and with no due regard for the public's rights. Then there is the competitive stage, in which two corporations undertake to share with greater or less hostility a natural monopoly. Then comes the consolidation, with the inevitable over-capitalization and the destruction of a great amount of property. After this the company passes into the hands of a receiver, and is sold for the benefit of the bond holders, the minority shareholders losing their investment. Then comes the stage of re-organization in which the corporation undertakes to perform its functions normally for the time being, the speculative elements having been eliminated.

The Michigan Telephone company has now passed through four stages and is in the fifth. The minority stockholders are left in the lurch. The people of Detroit and Michigan are tired of having their telephone service made a football for speculators. They are willing to pay a reasonable price for a reasonable service. They are desirous that the investors obtain fair returns on their money, but they have no further yearnings in the direction of being "financed." They have had enough of that. They would like to see the telephone business managed like any other legitimate business, and not on the ancient principle that the public is a new milk cow.

MELTON PRIOR'S HUMOR.

A Reminiscence of the South African War.

Melton Prior, the celebrated war correspondent who passed through Ottawa last week on his way across the continent, was asked what he regarded as the most humorous situation in his campaigning.

"My dear fellow," was the reply: "war is seldom humorous, you know. I do remember one event though that struck me at the time as being—well, slightly picturesque, don't you know?"

Melton Prior launched out as follows:

"We were just entering Pretoria and the Boers had been peppering away at us right up to the moment of our entrance.

"Of course, we were too cocky to mind about that sort of thing; we were entering the enemy's capital.

"Well, we got into the streets of the town and found the people rather excited, a little bit frightened, and all that, you know. Nearly all the men had left the town just as we entered, and Pretoria was a city of women.

"The leading hotel of the place is called the Transvaal. The proprietor, an old surly Boer, resented our intrusion into his premises, but he soon got over that.

"One of the cavalry regiments, I think it was the Scots Guards, had been having a rough time of it, in many hot little affairs for some time past. Of course they cut loose a little bit in Pretoria. One big strapping fellow made a wager that he would ride his horse up the flight of stairs, turn round and come down again.

"We all gathered to watch the fun and even the surly old landlord turned out.

"Up went the horse and man, step by step, until the last flight was reached. In order to turn at the top of the third flight the horse broke into a room.

"There was a Dutch chambermaid hiding under the bed in abject terror.

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ATTACKED BY TWO EAGLES.

California Sheepman Has a Desperate Fight.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Charles Reed, a sheepman, of Redwood Valley, is now under a doctor's care in Ukiah, Mendocino County, as the result of a single-handed fight with two large bald eagles. For some time Reed had been missing sheep and lambs from his pasture, and concluding that a stealthy coyote was making incursions on his flock, set a number of traps baited with mutton. The next day he discovered a large bald eagle in one of them.

The eagle appeared to have worn itself out by its struggles and was lying down. Reed released the spring, but no sooner had he done so than the eagle attacked him. Its mate, which had been watching near, soon joined in the fight. With their heavy wings they beat him to the ground, all the while tearing his flesh and clothes with their talons and beaks.

Reed was so taken by surprise by the attack that it was several minutes before he thought to reach for his pistol which had fallen from his pocket as he was thrown to the ground. While protecting his face with his arm, he managed to get the barrel of the pistol against one of the birds and fired. The other was frightened away by the report.

The wounded eagle set its talons in his right thigh and held on with a death grip. When he recovered from his exhaustion he found himself unable to remove them, as the muscles of the eagle's claws had grown rigid. He dragged himself to his cabin and was those taking to Ukiah, where the talons were cut out. The dead eagle measured nine feet from tip to tip.

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New York Times.

Bishop Foster admitted at a dinner the other night that he had fallen in to the habit of asking his wife what he should speak about if called upon at any public function.

"My wife told me this evening," he said, "that she would like to have me correct a rumor that had been going around to the effect that she intended to give up her house to an orphan asylum."

"Tell the guests at dinner, if you say anything," she bade me, "that it is not so. I have already taken in one orphan, and I do not propose to admit any more into my house, if I can help it."

Fears He Will Kill Daughters.

Indianapolis Journal.

Loving his daughter with all the love a father is capable of, but afraid he will yield to an almost uncontrollable mania he has to kill the girls.

Henry Stockdale, a wealthy retired merchant of Marshall, Park county, was brought to this city yesterday afternoon, and taken to the general hospital for the insane. Fully aware of his awful affliction, the man was taken to the insane hospital upon his own request.

Stockdale is rational in every way except in his strange desire to kill his daughters. He is perfectly aware of his mania, and for several weeks past employed two strong men to remain with him at night to guard his senses. In Marshall the demented man has always been regarded as an ideal husband and father, and his strange mania has greatly excited the residents of the town.

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Dr. Gross had been ill for some time and was just beginning to get around when he met a patient, who said: "Professor, I am very glad to see that you are out again; while you were sick your patients were dying by the dozen."

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