

hand. "Did you think I failed to remark it just now, when, as your glance fell on the little one there, a groan escaped your lips? And you have shown by many other signs that something is troubling you."

"Oh, Tom," she cried suddenly, leaning forward and hiding her face on his shoulder. "You will not speak so kindly when you know the truth. Yet I must tell you my husband. You have been so kind and gentle that I cannot deceive you any longer, but try, Tom—pleadingly—not to be very angry with me."

"There is no fear of that," said Tom encouragingly. "Come, little woman, let us have the murder out."

"Ah, you do not know what it is," she went on in remorseful tones, "else you would not treat it so lightly. Oh, Tom, Tom, I—I—have lost all my fortune."

"How did you manage that?" he asked quietly.

"You may well put such a question," she continued in a voice broken by frequent sobs. "You may well fail to understand my folly and madness. Oh, Tom, Tom, although I used to set you at defiance in the matter of gambling, yet your open remonstrance and silent disapproval in time began to vex my impatient heart. And when I discovered a secret gambling club, where I could indulge my insatiable passion without your knowledge, I at once began to frequent it. The game was roulette—the one of all others in which I had always longed to join. I gave myself up to its fascination, and staking wildly incurred heavy losses day after day. Then, as my fortune rapidly diminished, and time went on, and thoughts of the little one whom I was soon to bear were brought home to me, a chord of motherly feeling was touched within me, and I hated myself for my wicked folly in having robbed my child."

"I vowed I would win back all that I had lost, and with that intention for my strange gambler's craving was somehow dying away, staked heavily at the tables. But my endeavor was nothing else than throwing good money after bad. I lost—lost—lost—until my whole fortune was gone. Do not—very piteously—do not reproach me, Tom. My own heart is reproaching me already, almost more than I can bear."

"My darling," he replied, "I have no thought of reproaching you. If I had meant to do that I should have done it before this, for I have known all about it a long while."

"You have known all about it a long while," she cried, raising her tearful eyes wonderingly to his. "Oh, Tom—how did you find out?"

"Very easily, my pet," he answered, kissing her forehead, "seeing that the founder and proprietor of the gambling club where you lost your money is no other than—myself!"

She regarded him in speechless amazement. He went on to explain himself further:

"Yes, it is quite true. When I found that advice and remonstrance were lost on you, my dear, I had to look about for another method of saving you from the effects of your folly. And the starting of that private gambling club was the method which occurred to me. It took some working out of details and the employment of a good bit of capital to get the thing properly afloat. But I enlisted the services of a competent agent, whom I paid well, and undertook to indemnify in case the club were found out by the police. It had not been discovered, nor now ever will be; for, its object having been gained, the establishment is finally closed. There, Ada, that is enough to enable you to grasp the truth. But tell me—are you sorry to learn that all the money which you lost has passed back into my hands?"

"Sorry!" she ejaculated, raising herself in bed and wrenching her arms round his neck in a joyful, fond embrace. "Oh, Tom, how kind and good and clever you are! I can never love or thank you enough."

Tom Partington gave the most convincing proof that he could have given of his belief in the sincerity of his wife's repentance. He handed back to her the whole of her money without condition or reservation, and he has never had cause to regret it.—Boston Courier.

**The Sparrow.**

For the common house sparrow, as distinguished from the so-called hedge sparrow and the tree sparrow, nothing can be urged in its favor. Destroy them utterly is my advice, and I have reason to think that Miss Ormerod has come to the same conclusion. Experience has shown that their ill advised importation into Australia and North America has wrought incalculable harm to cultivated vegetation. The bird is a grain and vegetable feeder for at least three-fourths of the year, seeking insects only when leaf buds and cereals are not available for food.

Sparrow clubs should be encouraged in every village in order to check the undue increase of the species, which, by the by, breeds at least three times in the year. In connection with these sparrow clubs, it is somewhat curious to note that the authorities in some English country parishes have from time immemorial paid the village lads at the rate of four a penny for killing these birds, and have, moreover, purchased eggs. And some kind of sparrow seems to have been considered destructive in Syria in ancient days, for we are expressly told that "two sparrows were sold for a farthing."—Macmillan's Magazine.

**Prince Napoleon's Ambition.**

Long notices of Prince Napoleon have appeared in all the papers, but, oddly enough, not a single journal has mentioned the fact that early in 1854 he was a suitor for the hand of the amiable lady who is now known as the Duchess of Teck. The proposed match was recommended by the king of the Belgians, and Lord Palmerston was strongly in favor of it for a moment, and the queen was very angry when Lord Palmerston observed that at least Prince Napoleon was a much better match than any small German prince.—London Truth.

**Union Correspondence.**

County clerk Critchfield was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. R. B. Wallace returned home Wednesday from a visit with relatives at Nehawka.

Miss Alice Chalfant returned here Wednesday after a several weeks visit with relatives and friends in Richardson County.

Lumber office Foster, and Hotel Landlord Smith visited your town Tuesday.

Our town still booms, (in population), three births in three days last week.

Peter Clarence, of the firm of J. M. Martin and company, has started a wagon through the country buying eggs to ship.

Mr. F. M. Amsbury has also put a team on the road to collect eggs, butter etc in charge of Silas M. Cox, one of our jovial butchers.

Miss Myrtle Hagus returned to Nebraska City Sunday to pass her examination in the high school. She returns Saturday.

Peter Becker of the B. & M. at your city was visiting relatives in this vicinity Sunday.

Miss Mary Taylor and sisters, visited near Lewiston Sunday.

Several will attend the supper at Murray to-morrow evening.

Several of our old base ball team have joined the national club, and are not members of the team now, but we have a team that are good, considering the few games they have played.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Amos Hughton who was reported sick in these columns recently, is now convalescent.

There is talk of organizing a brass band at this point, under the management of Mr. Chas. W. Padgett, of the Ledger.

We are having an abundance of rain, and the crops look promising. Several of our farmers are ready to commence cultivating corn as soon as the weather is favorable. Every one answers a good stand of of corn.

R. R. Nickles and wife of Rock Hills, precinct, was in town Sunday. His wife left on No. 4 for Nebraska City to visit her sick mother.

The M. E. church is almost finished, and last Wednesday evening the good members gave an ice cream and strawberries social, which netted over \$20 the money he used for incidental expenses.

**Notes.**

The first graduating class from the Dominican Sisters' school will be dismissed with honors at the opera house, Friday evening, May 20th. A rare treat will be in store for those present as talents of a high order will be displayed in every number on the program.

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