



IT WAS UNEXPECTED.

A STORY FOR ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

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RECEIVED A TELEGRAM. Down, arrived at Dick's town, a queer little village in South Carolina.

Dick is a moderately young bachelor. He is an attorney-at-law, and has a very fair practice indeed.

On this day, memorable above other days, just about an hour after dinner Dick received a telegram to go up that evening to A — a city fifty miles away, to meet an important client.

It was such a bore to lock up at that late hour and go out for the night. It had been such a gloomy afternoon, and looked like it would rain.

I had never heard of any burglaries in the village, so I made up my mind that I would stay at home that night and take the risk.

servant-girl go early; and sat, neglecting even to light the lamps, before a big oak fire in the sitting-room "thinking up" one of Dick's cases.

I soon became deeply absorbed; so deeply that I presently went to sleep at it, and in a dream saw our poor man tried, convicted and actually sentenced to be hanged, and was myself possessed of a frantic desire to attend the hanging in person.

I was possessed of a strange, sinking fear. I was afraid to move, afraid to turn my head to left or right lest I see something terrifying lurking in the gloomy corners.

I endeavored to rally my courage, to persuade myself that I had awakened from a nightmare, and was nervous; that there was nothing to fear, and that I was making a baby of myself.

I was listening with every fiber of my body drawn taut. Listening for what? I did not know.

GETTING IN LIKE A BURGLAR. My body drawn taut. Listening for what? I did not know.

I don't suppose there was ever a more terrified young man upon this earth of ours. Imagine an inoffensive young man turning up in a town where an intimate friend lived, coming in on the very train that takes his intimate friend out.

Winds that roam, with a homeless sound, Under a sky all leaden gray; Ice on rannel, and snow on ground; Leafless branches that bleakly sway — in winter days, for hearts that pine, Hast thou no balm, Saint Valentine!

Where are the crickets' castanets, Where are the songbirds' melodic floods? Where now slumber the violet, Where hide the pussy willow buds? — Whisper within this ear of mine Such secrets, kind Saint Valentine!

Kind is he, yes, but old, they say, With hair and beard like yonder snow. Perhaps young folks would feel dismay, Were he to them his face to show, When they, with wax or gilded twine, Seal missives marked "Saint Valentine!"

Hush! through the frosty atmosphere What steals to earth? A radiant boy! Whose eyes do look so sweetly queer They make one blush yet fill with joy — Ha, ha! Come quaff, in sparkling wine, Good health to rare Saint Valentine!

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I've watched the postman most all day, And now it's nearly eight; I go to bed at seven; this once Mamma said I might wait.

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woman, and one probably more dead than alive. Imagine it all if you can, for that is what happened to the misguided young man, who held me across his knees and wiped the blood from my broken forehead on that memorable St. Valentine's morning.

Imagine it, and tell me if men through stupidity don't cause half of all the trouble in the world. We explained it all to each other as best we could, for I was really ill, and quite ready to go off into another swoon.

When the servant girl came he went for the doctor, and Mary got me to bed. Dick came at noon, and was horrified at what had happened. But the doctor had pronounced me more frightened than hurt; and really, but for the dreadful cold I had caught, and my wounded forehead, it did not amount to anything, and soon became a tremendous joke.

And it turned out that this friend of Dick's, whose acquaintance I made in such an unconventional fashion, was the very client whose money I defended.

And it also came about that — that — he — that I — that we have — we have grown to know each other very well; and Dick — Dick is to look out for another co-operator before next fall; because — well, for reasons best known to myself.

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On machines where no other gearing is employed there is no noise beyond a soft purr, while on the presses and other machines where metal gears are used in contact the contrast between the noise of the ordinary and the smooth, quiet running of the raw-hide gear is so decided as to impress one very forcibly with the advantage which a press fitted with raw-hide pinions throughout would possess.

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The main entrance had been formed by setting upon end the lower jaw-bones of a whale. This led into a broad passage way, from which smaller one branched at irregular intervals, and which terminated at the various family apartments or habitations. Whales' bones entered largely into the construction of the whole, no other material having been used for supports.

Nachyack is far beyond the northern tree limit of the coast, and there were doubtless the best substitutes for timbers which could be procured for the purpose. The vertebrae of whales had been used as stools and for various other purposes; the framework of kayaks and komatiks, skin boats and sledges were of bone and horn; and the weapons and implements were of stone, bone, horn and ivory.

Enough of these were present to have filled a ship but not a scrap of iron or other metal could be found. — Cutting To have a valentine!



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