



SHUT IN

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A little pool deserted by the tide,
With seaweed fringes motionless, un-
stirred,
And all its life quiescent, doth abide,
Though distant plash of restless wave is
heard.

What seeth it but rocks, unchanging,
grim,
That forward lean with frown and men-
ace drear?

A little pool shut in from rim to rim,
Though life abundant sweeps so fast
and near.

Yet mirrored in its heart are sky and
stars,
And faint reflection of the rising moon,
That brings new life to overflow its bars;
The full flood-tide shall break upon it
soon.

Therefore, my soul, with inmost peace
endure
Enforced inaction in a time of stress;
Here or hereafter is the moment sure,
Thy life's flood-tide shall break on thee
to bliss.



Van Ness's Honeymoon.

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The boy had sent for Ashbee to help them. "She's the sort of thing a fellow never forgets," Dalbacc had written. "Sweeps everything before her without any body being able to impress her. We fellows are not at swords' points; I'd God-speed any lucky chap who got a run on her. You're a pretty clever one and say your heart's of marble so you'd better come over and vindicate us."

After that Ashbee had rather looked for something superb, and during his first few moments beside Miss Rozelle's hammock was perhaps at some loss to understand the potency of allurements which radiated from so nondescript a face and figure and certain boyish attitudes that favored of a boarding-house boyden out for fun. The apple of a score of glowing masculine eyes and the sole inspiration of half as many appealingly diligent tongues, the little lady in the middle of the evening suddenly leaped out of her hammock to scamper across to a cluster of wall-flowers. A number of men trailed after her. Ashbee, whose conversation with her had sparkled, turned fretfully to Dalbacc with:

"It's her blasted indifference that drives you donkeys mad. Why don't you get up a rival game? I see there are lots here that are worth while."

"That's where you're off it, Goozle," Dalbacc answered. "We'll all back you in anything you try but the chestnutty jealousy trick is no go. You should see her egging us on! But I thought you probably would be getting busy with the lady by this time so made other plans for the evening. Come along!"

"Thank you, I'll stay here," Ashbee rejoined thoughtfully, remaining in the very chair he had first chosen for an inspection of the lioness, and soon



"I don't believe you care," growing dreamily apathetic to his environs.

Late in the evening when the desolation of the verandah had been perfected and the empty chairs were ghosts of the earlier mirth, Rozelle came fluttering back after a book she

had left in the hammock. She glanced at Ashbee but he kept his eyes fixed upon a widow with her small boy tracing a lugubrious stroll over the lawn. Rozelle tossed herself into the hammock and lay there, keeping infinitely silent. Well, Ashbee had



"I'm a villain, too."

been somewhat piqued and if Rozelle would not speak neither would he. It seemed a full half hour when she at last observed:

"I don't believe you care especially for women's society, do you?"

"That would be a rather rude admission to make to you, Miss Rozelle."

"Oh, no, you mustn't mind me," the girl laughed. "I think that's fine and wish I could talk with you. You won't care just for one evening will you? When it's almost over at that!"

This irresistible ingenueness melted away every barrier to a long and delectable tete-a-tete. As the two parted Ashbee suggested that they go for a walk on the morrow, and when she cried "Jolly!" he smiled a thousand times while reflecting upon the instantaneousness of his success. "A little coolness; that's all she needed!"

As for the others, printer's ink cannot portray the paralysis that seized the knot of young fellows and all the cloud of witnesses at the hotel as one after another, by little and little they perceived the miracles that were being wrought by Ashbee's hands.

It was that gentleman's second night at the hotel and the moon swam from out a cloud at half after eleven to illumine his large frame and to glisten on the auburn tints of Miss Rozelle's dark tresses as the two meandered in and out among the shrubbery on the lawn. The third night, and when the circles along the verandah had been broken up for the night certain discerning eyes spied a rowboat floating down with the tide, they two alone within. At the hour a day or two later Ashbee had Miss Rozelle's best dances and at intervals between bore off with her to lover's crevices among the palmy decorations. One morning she tripped over to the station with him. There was a certain coquettish unobtrusiveness about their movements which was past finding out and made them the more serious.

To be sure the men did not stand by Ashbee as Dalbacc had guaranteed nor did the aforesaid gentleman wish him God-speed in his run. "It's all very well," he remarked gloomily, "but Ashbee's heart isn't marbly any more."

"Comfort yourself with the reflection that the substance that affects marble is acid," Van Ness laughed in rejoinder. He alone of all the men had been impervious to the effects of Ashbee's glories. The affair had rather entertained him and that despite the fact that before the conqueror's arrival Rozelle had vouchsafed him some few favors in the way of promenades. Still he had never made further headway and seemed contented with whatever gifts the petite goddess provided him, always good-naturedly laughing over the fuming of others, assuring them that the game was not worth their agonies.

At about the end of Ashbee's second week, however, it appeared for the moment that the young woman had returned to the old love. She rose with her customary abruptness from the circle of trousers, remarking that perhaps Van Ness would fancy an airing. He sprang up hurriedly to take advantage of this wonderful suggestion with every mark of delight. But they were not away long. Soon Ashbee, with a suspicion of vaingloriousness, asserted an unimpaird power over the belle by drawing her away for a walk of his own, thus summarily repudiating and avenging his slights.

In the secret places of his heart, however, there was the most penetrating humility. Its marbleness was merely a shrine for very penitential prayers. Ashbee had flirted and gaily deceived ever since he had first donned the insignia of his sex's dress or even before, but he still bewailed every gentle heart he had afflicted. He felt now that it would not do to have this one more girl imagine he was serious when—well, when everything was a joke Rozelle must be warned, even if it was going to be very hard and very awkward. So when they came out among the walnuts where he had always waxed most sentimental he began softly and slowly with:

"Miss Rozelle, I wonder whether you can understand a really frivolous man, a regular chump, you know that goes and does all sorts of things he ought not to, plays with fire when he knows it's going to hurt somebody at a very vulnerable place—and all for his own amusement?"

Rozelle said nothing.

"Rozelle, girl, you hurt me when you are so quiet, and I've got to tell you, I'm just that kind of a villain. There, it's mighty tough to say it. But don't you know I've acted the simple since I've met you. I don't—"

His interlocutor continued ominously suppressed. He blundered the more. "But there are lots of nice fellows who would roll over in the mud if they thought it would please you. I've been thinking, and hoping that perhaps you cared for Van Ness a trifle! Now, he's a fine fellow, that boy. He's worth your while. I'm not; I'm—"

Then the lady spoke.

"Stop it, Mr. Ashbee. Never mind. It's all right. I'm a villain, too. Mr. Van Ness has told me all about it from the beginning. You see I have known that he's worth while. I'm married to him. We're on our honeymoon; we thought we'd do something out of the ordinary, you know, and it's been lots of fun. But between you and me, we're going back to the common rut of cooling bridal couples tomorrow morning, way up in the mountains all by ourselves. So good-bye, Mr. Ashbee, and don't feel too surprised and don't try it on other girls."

An American Wit.

The story here related is so typical of our distinguished representative at the court of St. James that one would have no hesitancy in vouching for its genuineness. A semi-state reception was given at the residence of a certain lord in London; our inimitable Choate in his "court dress" of plain broadcloth was extremely inconspicuous in comparison with the gold-laced and insignia-decorated representatives of other countries. When the night was waning one of the departing guests, whose indulgence probably made him forget that English lackeys on such occasions wore the livery of their office, approached Mr. Choate and requested him to call him a cab. The response was a blank stare. Upon his repeating the request, "Won't you call me a cab, please?" Mr. Choate responded, "Certainly. You're a cab." Imagine the indignation of the insulted Englishman, who, upon making complaint to the host, was asked as a favor to point out the offender. After a search through the crowded saloons the Englishman was quite at the elbow of Mr. Choate when he exclaimed: "That's the man!" The whispered reply: "Why, that's the United States ambassador." — Philadelphia Telegraph.

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