

SOME VALENTINE DAY SKETCHES.



A ST. VALENTINE'S DAY REVERIE.



ROMANCE OF A VALENTINE.

It was the fourteenth day of February and the lovely Estelle was sitting in her luxurious boudoir when a package was handed her which she opened and exclaimed with innocent delight: "It is a valentine!"

How exquisite this wreath of hand-painted roses—delicately tinted, as all tea-roses should be. And this little pocket! What can it contain? A ring. Amazing. And written on it this motto: "Think of me." There are no Cupids, with bows and arrows, and lines, rhyming with love and dove, charms and alarms, rain and pain, etc.—but a neat blank verse expressing regard and admiration, and conveying no hint of the donor or other information than that he was one unknown to her, who for the loves of art and travel, which had always ruled his life, would soon be far away on the other side of the blue waves.

Estelle took the ring from his hiding place and slipped it on her finger, curious to know if it fitted, then her maiden modesty suggested that she ought not to accept and wear a gift from an unknown giver—and she withdrew it quickly from her finger and determined to return it. But now the question arose: to whom? where?

After reasoning with her conscience she again put it on her finger. It fitted nicely and produced a mysterious presentiment of coming bliss, and a sensation about her heart which she had never known before painted her cheek with the lovely color of the tea roses on her valentine, and she said emphatically, "He shall be my ideal; I can construct him as I like—I shall make him as handsome as Apollo and as gifted; and who can chide me if I become a hero worshiper?" And he only asks that I think of him.

Her soliloquy and state of curiosity were interrupted by a friend and comrade of the art school, Mrs. Bird, a widow lady of wealth and an enthusiast about art, like herself, whose errand was to propose a journey together to the cradle of art. Estelle was only too glad to accompany her and accepted without hesitation. A feeling she could not account for prevented her from showing her valentine or speaking until long afterward of the little talsman that now seemed almost like a betrothal ring. The congenial friends made their trip a series of delights—and would have regretted reaching their destination so soon if they had not been just in time for one of those annual fetes which the American club of artists delight to celebrate.

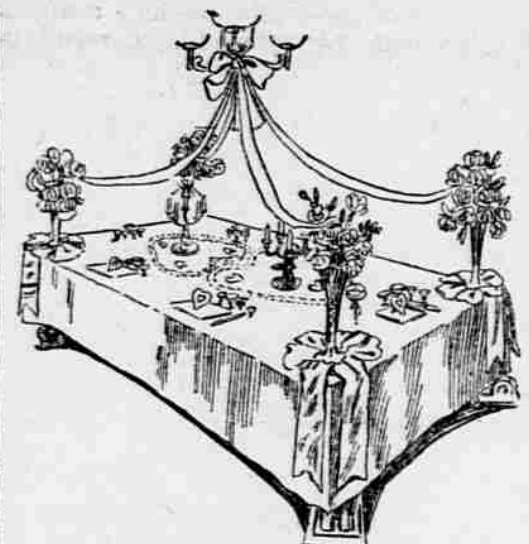
As they were speeding along on their pleasure jaunt seated on the deck of a comfortable boat watching their companions and enjoying a delicious breeze and the varied scenery—mountain, crag, castle, monastery and dark forest—Estelle observed a picturesque looking young man, artistically dressed, as suited the occasion, gazing with a sur-

friend, Henry St. Leger, and she very soon found herself absorbed in conversation with the most attractive man she had ever met.

But it was long after this, on another St. Valentine day, when the artist friends homeward bound, sat gazing down into the dark blue waves—that she laughingly gave an account of her first valentine and the little circlet of gold, which she observed, but did not know why, attracted his attention and excited his curiosity, that he ventured to tell of his long years' study and self-denial, whilst at the same time he had followed and worshiped a star which he thought too far above him to be obtained, but which he now, by the aid of St. Valentine, hoped would ever more be his guiding spirit.

A St. Valentine Dinner.
The New York Herald offered a prize of \$25 for the best design in table decorations for a St. Valentine dinner of six. A large number of drawings were submitted, and the prize was awarded to the design herewith presented.

The table is seven feet by four and a half. The cloth is white satin damask and the center-piece a diamond shaped,



THE DINNER TABLE.
plate glass mirror, eighteen inches long by fourteen wide. Hearts fit about this outlined as solidly as possible in red carnations. Within the hearts stand five branched silver candelabra, with red candle-shades. Three small heart-shaped cut glass dishes filled with heart-shaped chocolates, peppermints and wintergreens, and one with salted almonds, are placed near the candelabra.

At the corners of the table are flat looped bows of satin ribbon, five inches wide, with long ends reaching to the bottom of the table cloth. On each bow is placed a slender cut glass vase, eighteen inches high, with twelve American Beauty roses arranged carelessly. The ribbon should match the roses. From the chandelier four ribbon streamers, four inches wide, of the same shade, are suspended and fastened on to a rose in each vase. In the center a carrier dove is hung, with a small white envelope attached to its neck by a silver cord.

At each corner are four forks, four spoons, two knives and five glasses, for water, champagne, claret, sherry and cordial. On the napkin is placed a white linen picture frame, heart-shaped and embroidered with solid red hearts, outlined in gold. In them may be inserted either the dinner cards or a suitable valentine verse, but who knows if there might not one day be slipped into some of these pretty favors the presentment of that very face which maidens long to dream of on St. Valentine's Eve?

To secure the vases to the table, a simple device may be employed. Sew a piece of kid the size of the standard of the vase, in the center of each bow, then sew each in turn firmly to the tablecloth, and underneath, to the same place, sew a piece of tape in the middle, leaving the ends to tie to the legs of the table or tuck underneath. Mix plaster of paris with water to the consistency of cream, moisten the kid with water and spread a thin layer of the plaster over it. If the vase is placed thereon and held firmly till the plaster sets, no unpleasant disaster like overturning it need be dreaded.

Overexertion on the football field caused the death of Joseph Kapp of Brooklyn, N. Y.



prised and earnest look at herself. His rich brown hair and glowing eyes of the same color reminded her of her ideal, the beautiful hero whom her imagination had created, and she felt the finger encircled by the mysterious ring give a little throb in unison with her heart beat. At this moment to her surprise her friend Mrs. Bird gave him a smile and nod of recognition and before she had time to recover from her confusion of mind, Mrs. Bird requested permission to introduce her artist

Ye Oiden Valentine.
HE fingers of Time have encrusted with gold The page that I cherish for memories old; I gaze at the couplet that's homely and true, "The rose it is red and the violet blue;"

And here is the heart that was lovingly drawn By one sleeping now at the gates of the Dawn, And oft as I linger o'er picture and line A tear lies empearled on the oid valentine.

'Twas wafted to me in the long, long ago, When the world sweetly slept 'neath its blanket of snow, When high on the mountains and deep in the dells We heard the clear notes of the silvery bells; But fairer to me than the feathery flier As white as the wings of the Angel of Peace That covered the earth in the winter sunshine, Was the once snowy page of my oid valentine.

A thousand have smiled at its quaint little rhyme Who know not the story that clings to its time; It brought to my cheeks then a healthier hue, Love's roses are red and its violets blue— As red as the cheeks of the sender, I know, As blue as the eyes that I loved long ago; No wonder I cherish in shadow and shine The fast fading truths of the oid valentine. Whenever this page and its rhyming I see The portals of Memory open for me, And back from the years with their shrouding of snow Come a hand and a voice that I missed long ago; And over a picture that hangs on my wall Rays that are golden a moment doth fall, And beautiful grows in the winter sunshine The wee, crumpled page of the oid valentine.

Why He Did Not Start.
A lazy man is seldom so very lazy as not to be able to invent some excuse for his inactivity. Harper's Round Table tells a story in point.

Patrick was the captain of a schooner that plied between New York and Haverstraw on the Hudson. One day his schooner was loaded with bricks, ready to start for New York, but Patrick gave no sign of any intention to get under way. Instead of that, he sat on deck smoking a pipe.

The owner of the brickyard, who was also the owner of the schooner, and who had reasons for wishing the bricks landed in New York at the earliest possible moment, came hurrying on board and demanded of the captain why he did not set sail.

"Shure, your honor," said Patrick, "there's no wind."

"No wind! Why, what's the matter with you? There's Lawson's schooner under sail, going down the river now."

"Yes, I've been watchin' her, but it's no use my gettin' under way. She's got the wind now, and, faith, there isn't enough of it for two."

Her Cards Well Played.
The fair young woman looked her bejeweled and florid employer coldly in the face.

"No, Mr. Boodlemech," she said, "I cannot afford to make social acquaintances of those whom I meet in my business life. I must decline to go to dinner with you this evening, and I shall certainly not attend the opera in your company. I am exceedingly sorry, for you have been kind to me. If I have displeased you, be it so. I cannot help it. I am your typewriter. It will become one of my station to speak so to the man whom the whole business world fears and honors and upon whom society has smiled. Yet I speak from the heart. What I have spoken that have I said."

They were married a week later.—New York Herald.

The First Valentine.
(According to Darwin.)

From Sentimental Sally.
"Sentimental Sally" sends us the following valuable and seasonable contribution: He who would have me for his valentine Must have no other love than mine; I cannot share his heart, I will not have a part, I must have all, or none. For he my heart has won, And there he reigns alone, A monarch on his throne.

Peaceful Slumber Unknown. DREADFUL DREAMS DRIVE SLEEP AWAY.

For Eight Years a Lady of Emporia, Kansas, Suffers Unspeaking Aged—She Relates Her Experience.

From the Republican, Emporia, Kan.
Mrs. Jennie Carlow resides at 719 Merchant Street, Emporia, Kansas, and is the wife of W. R. Carlow, proprietor of the Carlow Wagon and Blacksmith Works, who is so well known as the "Past Grand" and as one of the most active members in Lodge 15, I. O. O. F., of Emporia.

The distress of a condition of chronic sleeplessness is so terrible. Mrs. Carlow's sufferings from it so well known, our readers we feel sure, will welcome the good news that she is now well, and will be glad to show how the cure was accomplished.

Mrs. Carlow's statement is hereto appended in narrative form:

"For many years I was a confirmed invalid, suffering constant pains through my breast and back, of the most excruciating type, rendering me absolutely helpless. I was unable to rise up or lie down without assistance, and was subject on the least exertion to flutterings of the heart and such shortness of breath, or dyspnea, that I often thought I was dying.

"Peaceful slumber was unknown to me. I would fall into a doze only to be awakened by the most horrible dreams, of too frightful a character to describe, and in the morning, instead of being refreshed and rested, I would be utterly exhausted.

"I was attended at various times by every physician in the city, but none of them would do me any good, though I spent hundreds of dollars in my quest of health. About three months ago, Mrs. Elizabeth Drake, whom you perhaps know, spoke to my husband advising a trial of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, stating that they had permanently cured her after years of suffering from milk leg, and he at once procured a supply for me.

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The above is an exact report of Mrs. Carlow's statement. CHARLES HARRIS, (Signed) Reporter, Emporia, Kan.

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