

MINE AND THINE.

A blue-eyed tender maiden With altruism fine, One day asked of her lover: "Pray, what means 'mine and thine'?"

And he, touched by her beauty, And carelessness of gain, Answered with love and freedom, And made the matter plain.

"Those eyes," he said, "my dearest, In one sense, sure, are thine, But to look with love upon them, Is mine, and only mine."

"Thy lips so sweet and rosy, With which none can compare, Are thine—and so thy cheeks are— And thy locks of golden hair."

"But lovinly to kiss thy lips And toy with locks so fine, Are not for any other— That right is only mine."

opened it and read it. At first I could not understand what it all meant; then I turned it over and went through it again. It ran as follows: "Dear George: Come home at once. In opening your valise to get your soiled linen to send to the laundry, I discovered it packed with bank-notes! What does it mean? Is anything wrong? Come home at once."

My first thought was to hasten home, but upon reflection I resolved to step around to the bank and acquaint the officials of my discovery. I found the president of the bank in his private office, engaged with several lynx-eyed individuals whom I suspected from their appearance to be, as it turned out they were, detectives.

When I was granted an interview and explained my discovery, it created, very naturally, a sensation. At first the old gentleman was inclined to regard me as a crank, but when I asked him to allow a clerk to accompany me home, he seemed to be satisfied I was in earnest. He consented to my proposal, but after a moment's thought he said an escort was unnecessary, thinking, doubtless, that the handsome reward would be a sufficient inducement to insure the safe delivery of the precious valise.

As I left the bank and turned up the street in the direction of home I was joined by a young man who came running out of the bank after me, hat in hand. He said "the old man" had reconsidered the matter, and sent him to accompany me back with the money. This seemed to me to be quite satisfactory, as the fellow was a very genial young man and immediately fell to discussing the robbery of the bank. He congratulated me on my good fortune, and knowingly hinted that "the old gentleman" would treat me cleverly in the way of reward.

I said this young man was a very genial fellow, but somehow I soon began to feel an instinctive distrust in him. I plied him with questions concerning the habits and business methods of the missing teller, but he returned evasive answers. In one or two little things he contradicted himself, and finally, when I unexpectedly asked him how long he had been employed in the bank, he replied, after looking at me in a dazed sort of way: "Oh, about a year or two." At once the thought came to me: What if my "escort" was one of the young men I had seen outside the president's office; perhaps he had overheard our conversation, and had planned this neat scheme of playing the role of a clerk of the bank sent me for "protection," as he insinuatingly put it. If so, I readily saw that he intended to make an effort to get his hands on the valise and then seize the first opportunity to bid me good-by.

This theory was strengthened when I noted that my "protector" seemed gradually to become very uncommunicative, and the conversation during the rest of the journey referred to passing objects and sights. Try as hard as I could, I failed to get anything satisfactory out of him concerning the robbery.

When I reached home I politely asked the young man to take a seat in the hall while I stepped upstairs to get a glimpse of the treasure. I found my wife at the head of the stairs, very excited. In an adjoining room we examined the valise, and, at a rough estimate, we placed the amount at about the figure the newspapers said Swope had carried off with him—somewhere about \$90,000. I did not tell my wife of my suspicions of the young man downstairs, but I resolved at once to arm myself in order to be prepared for the worst. It is a well-known fact that in Kentucky the sixth commandment has long ago been declared unconstitutional, and I quickly made up my mind that if my bodyguard showed any signs of playing me false I would let him have a dose of cold lead.

Contrary to my expectations, the young fellow made no offer to carry the valise as we started on our journey back to the bank. At the end of the short street on which I lived we stopped to take a car. My friend had again become very affable, and as we stood on the corner he offered me a cigar. I took it, thanked him, and, placing my valise carefully on the ground between my feet, I struck a match to light it. Just as I was in the act of doing so, I received a blow from the left that sent me staggering into the middle of the street. At the same moment my "protector" disappeared in the other direction.

"Look here, young man," said a gruff-voiced fellow in uniform at my side, as he shook me violently; "I thought you told me you were going to take the train West to-night. It has just pulled out, and you're left."

Opening my eyes, I looked around the waiting-room in a confused way, and then reached for my valise. It was nowhere to be found! My brusque arouser instantly took in the situation, and, with a look of intense disgust on his face, said, as he turned away: "I guess that student-like sport who was sitting beside you has taken care of your baggage. He passed me a few moments ago on his way to the train with a couple of valises. Next time you go traveling, young man, you had better take some one along with you to care for you while you sleep."—N. Y. World.

A Show to Be Opened. It is announced that the alabaster quarries of King Tete and the tombs of Sheikh Said at Cairo, which are now being excavated by Percy Newberry and a survey party sent out by the Egyptian exploration committee, will be open to the public next winter. The discoveries already made range from 3,800 B. C. to 1,400 B. C., and include some notable bas-reliefs and inscriptions.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

Interesting Items Gleaned from People's Party Exchanges.

The public debt increased nearly four million dollars during the month of April.

Some one has appropriately named Grover Cleveland "The old-man-afraid-of-his-congress."

C. Wood Davis says "the man does not live who will ever again see 3 cent hogs or 20 cent corn in Kansas."

There is not an old soldier in the country that will refuse to take the silver dollar in payment of his pension.

Our sister republic, Mexico, has a law of recent enactment placing railroads rates under government control.

We haven't heard of any laboring men whom Cleveland has appointed to office. Guess laboring men are not "in it."

The Standard Oil octopus reached out its tentacles recently and took in its only rival, the Manhattan Oil company and absorbed it.

Jerry Simpson has given up his trip to Europe this season. He has been at Medicine Lodge for several weeks looking after his farm.

The Minnesota legislature adopted Ignatius Donnelly's resolution favoring government ownership of railroads. Oh, it is coming, sure.

The South Carolina Farmers' Alliance saved its members nearly \$1,000,000 during the last year in the purchase of fertilizers for their crops.

The Massachusetts legislature comes forward with a memorial to congress asking for government ownership of telegraphs and telephones.

Pat Egan intends to leave Chili before his successor reaches there. Mr. Egan is considerate. Some time is needed for the disinfection of the legation.

Powderly says the Homestead workmen lost the fight because a dollar can stand hunger better than a stomach, which is a homely but expressive way of stating the truth.

The total number of men employed on the railways of the United States at present is about 760,000, of whom hardly 150,000 are members in good standing of labor organizations.

General Weaver will go east again in a few days, and expects to be in Philadelphia about the 15th. He is doing a grand work in arousing public sentiment down there.

The sledge-hammer used by George L. Douglas in battering down those doors is in the hands of the Kansas populists, and is branded on one side "No. 177, A. T. & S. F."

Governor L. Welling and wife attended the opening ceremonies at the World's Fair. The governor says: "No Kansan need feel ashamed of our display or building at the World's Fair."

Boston's monumental liar, Edward Atkinson, declares that western farm mortgages are to a large extent political hodgepods, and that farmers are to a greater extent creditors than debtors.

"The Coming Nation is the name of J. A. Wayland's new paper lately started at Greensburg, Indiana. Mr. Wayland was connected with the Coming Crisis at Pueblo, Colorado, for a time.

Farmers of the west who have been robbed by the great binding twine monopoly called the cordage trust will be pleased to hear that the great octopus has passed into the hands of a receiver.

The state committee appointed to investigate Senator Martin's election and Ady's claims to a contest have concluded it is not necessary to come to Kansas, but will dispose of the case at Washington.

Mr. Powderly says: "Quarreling among labor organizations should end. If it does not end, the labor organizations should end, and quickly, for there is no earthly use in organizations wasting effort on each other."

The Omaha World-Herald in grumbling over the hoggish World's Fair rates of railroads, says: "The people might take a notion to run the railroads themselves, and they will if they take a notion." The world is moving.

The Colorado Sun very tersely says: "The election of Carter Harrison to be mayor of Chicago carried to the prospective visitor to the World's fair the assurance that if the exposition grounds are closed on Sunday, other places will not be."

Mr. Bisell the new Post-Master-General has given it out that applicants for postal honors that do not intend to give the office their undivided attention need not apply. Getting a fat office and then appointing deputies to do the work is not business.

The Trades and Labor Assembly of St. Paul, Minn., has adopted resolutions approving the course of the Minnesota legislature in investigating the coal combine. Congress will also be urged to take steps toward the government ownership of the great coal fields in this country.

A cloak which sells for \$20 in London shops is sewed by women who receive 2 cents per cloak for their labor. The facts came out in a police court, where a woman who had sewed 127 cloaks sued the cloakmaker for her wages, amounting to \$2.54. The cloakmaker wanted a reduction in the price, to which she refused to consent.

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