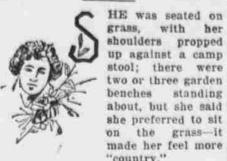
### BY MUTUAL CONSENT.



"country," To intensify this feeling she had and had pinned on her bright head a great hat drooping with roses. By her side leaned a white parasol edged with lace.

Her companion, a young man in tennis flannels, who was stretched at her feet, had commented sarcastically upon her "rustic attire," and a hot discussion had ensued, a discussion happily interrupted by the arrival of a servant with a tray of iced lemonade.

"Ah," said Miss Gresham, helping hersen to one of the frosted glasses, "If there is one person for whom I entertain an undying affection it is Betty. I know we are indebted to her for this. She is one of those rare people who always do the correct thing."

"Betty," repeated Markland, lazily, sipping his lemonade, "and who is Betty ?'

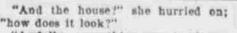
"He has forgotten Betty!" cried the girl. "and has no more shame than to confess it! Betty, who was always his sworn companion and who has helped him out of I do not know how many scrapes. This is the effect, I suppose, of college and travel and society."

"Betty!" again repeated Markland. "Ah!" a sudden light springing to his eyes-"your old nurse, of course. Why, certainly I remember her-dear companion of my youth! But I did not recognize her by so common a title. To genius, a good angel, rather than an ordinary mortal." He lifted his glass-"To Betty," he said; "may her shadow never grow less."

"Betty was asking me about you the other day," said the girl; "she wanted to know if you still rode and boated and swam like you used to. I told her you had given up dancing because of the exertion." She looked at him innocently

"Did she ask you anything about your own life?" said Markland, sitting up-"a resume of how you put in your time

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"Awfully-everything gone to pieces; HE was seated on dust, cobwebs and mold everywhere: grass, with her the family portraits white with milshoulders propped dew.'

"Oh, Tony," she cried, "how dreadful! stool; there were You really ought to do something about two or three garden them.

"I shall," he said. "I was fond of the place as a lad, and the trip down here she preferred to sit has awakened all the old feeling. I am on the grass-it tired to death of society, the exertion made her feel more of dancing"-smiling-"and the bother of being agreeable to people that one

doesn't care a rap about; so I have half clothed her fresh young beauty in a made up my mind to marry and settle marvelous organdy, so sheer that her down in the country; that is"-slowlyarms gleamed through it like alabaster, "if I can persuade the girl I love to consent to bury herself for my sake." Miss Gresham looked down; her face had lost a little of its bright color, but

the pallor was in no way unbecoming. "I thought the best thing to do was to come and talk over the matter with you," he said, after a somewhat awkward pause; "you always help a fellow so with your advice."

"I imagine," she replied, "that if a woman cared for a man she would go with him anywhere."

"Exactly, but that is the questiondoes she care for me? You see"-gazing at her steadily-"she is a society girl, used to a good deal of gaiety and movement and excitement, and it does not seem quite fair to ask her to come down here, does it? It looks conceited and selfish, as if one thought a good deal of oneself, don't you know!"

She looked at him gravely. "Do I know her?" she asked. "Is she

some one you have known a long time?" "Oh, yes, since I was quite a boy."

"Is she pretty?" "Of course, you ought to know that." "And clever?"

"I suppose"-slowly-"she never says unkind things or sees through other people as-as-some of your other friends do "

"Unkind things? No. But as to seeing through people"-breaking into a me she has always seemed a beneficent | laugh-"I am obliged to admit that she does. You see, she has been out a lot, and the rosy bondage is a bit out of place; natural enough, don't you think?

"I suppose so"-doubtfully-"one cannot go through life with one's eyes shut; that is, if anyone has any brains, and yet, somehow or other, I don't quite like the description. You are such a good fellow, Tony, for all your affection, that you ought to marry somebody very much above the average." "And so I shall."

"You always said," she went on,

that I might choose a wife for you. Don't you remember just before you went to college that last ride we took?" "Assuredly." "How we agreed to ask each other's

advice about the people we should marry, and how we promised that neither of us would get engaged without the other's consent?"

"Of course I remember. I am quite willing to abide by the old contract. I shall never marry without your permission.

### Bables on Bicycles.

There is reason in the crusade which has been begun at San Francisco against their fathers do, but the real point is 20c, a bushel! that the practice is too dangerous. Accidents are always liable to occur, and while the rider takes his own chance and has every opportunity to save himtends to rob the rider of nerve at critical times. Those who are managing the campaign in California rely partly on the law of that state which makes it a misdemeanor to place a child in It with 10c, postage to the John A. Sal -Hartford Times.

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 $\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \mbox{ little Virginia boy, who was much} \\ \mbox{interested in listening to a discussion} \end{array} \mbox{ Society men add to their leng deferential to old ladies} \\ \end{array}$ of a war question between this country

and England, asked: "Papa, if we go to war with England will the Yankees help us fight for our

country And he added, "If they do we can whip the English to pieces.

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Des Moixes, January 13 .- Patents have been allowed, but not yet issued, as follows: To the Prouty-Fowler Soap Co., of Des Moines, for three trade-marks, to-wit: The word symbols, Bo-Peep, Peek-a-Boo, and Jack-Tar. Te.J. H. Kinsey of Milo, for a wire stretcher specially adapted to be clamped fast to a post. for stretching fence wires and splicing broken wires. To Deborah Owen, of Van Wert, for a novelty for women, described in one of the claims as follows: A dress protector consisting of an overskirt gathered at its sides at the lower portion thereof, and provided with fastening devices to secure the said side portions about the ankles of the wearer and also provided with fastening devices along the lower edge. between the first named fastening devices, to secure the same between the legs of the wearer. Printed copies of the "Come," she said. "I will compro- drawings and specifications of any one patent sent to any address for 25 cents. Valuable information about securing, valuing and selling patents sent free. THOMAS G. AND J. RALPH ORWIG, Solicitors of Patents.

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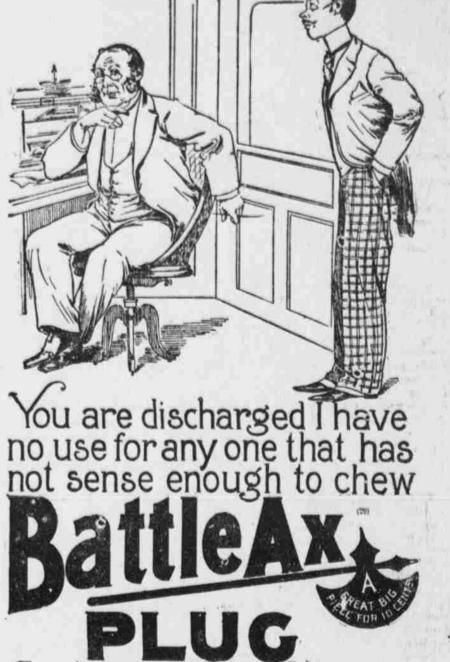
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"Do you know," he said, "I have been marveling over you ever since I came. I cannot quite realize that you have been ten days in the country without being bored. How have you accomplished it? I thought that the day of miracles was past."

"My good Tony," remarked Miss Gresham, patronizingly, "you must not judge other people by yourself; it is a very foolish and narrow-minded way of doing. Because you cannot exist happily without your clubs and theaters is no reason why I can't."

"I never knew you belonged to a club," observed Markland, mildly. "Have you developed into that wonder, a new woman?"

"Oh, nonsenke! You know I was speaking figuratively! I mean that I am not wedded to any particular state | I don't understand. Iof things-that I can adapt myself to circumstances and enjoy whatever comes."

"Can you? How delightful! But, jesting aside, has it not been rather make my meaning clearer. I love you slow for you here, without any girls for you to see through and scorn and be amused by-nor men to analyze and to marry me. I would have told you so draw you out and get interested in?"

no men? "I have your own word for it, I heard you refuse four of your best place?" frien le permission to visit you down here, and I inferred that the common

herd had been no better treated." "Yes" she said, "you were right. My solitude has been uninvaded. I have been reating and enjoying myself thoroughly. By the way"-suddenly-

"who told you that you could come !" "No one, but I had to run down to my pince on business, and I thought it and tell Betty."

would look unneighborly not to drop in and find out how you were getting 01." "Very thoughtful, indeed! So you

have remembered your old home at last! How long has it been since you were here?"

"Five years"-pondering-"five years this June."

"Is it much changed ?"

"A good deal; the old willow by the pond is down; fell in the August storm, Baston tells me."

"Oh, I am so sorry! We used to-" she paused, blushing.

"Yes," he responded, "so we did." And he glanced at her laughingly.

'Oh, Tony, really?' "Really."

She gazed at him with parted lips and shining eyes. "You are very trusting-how do you

know that I shall not take a base advantage of your implicit confidence and refuse my consent altogether? You don't know how lonely it will be going out next winter without you. I have got so used to having you around that I don't believe I'll enjoy myself in the least unless you are there." She pondered a moment.

mise. I won't forbid the banns altogether, but you must not think of marrying until I am tired of society and ready to take the fatal step myself. How will that suit you?"

"Perfectly, if you don't put it off too long.

"Oh, well, that I don't know. I have about decided to become a spinster."

"Come, now, that isn't fair. Suppose we agreed to be married the same day? That meets with your approval? Well, to keep that promise fresh in your memory"-reaching over and taking her hand-"wear this for my sake."

He drew her glove off very gently and slipped a loop of diamonds on hor finger

The blood flashed to her cheeks. "Tony!" she cried, the full meaning of his action breaking over her, "Tony,

"Ob, yes, you do," he answered, drawing a reassuring arm about her, "but for fear you might make a mistake and go off and marry another fellow, I will -I have always loved you. I have cents, Sure to please, never dreamed of asking anyone else before, but you are such a dreadful "How do you know there have been little flirt that I was afraid to test my fate. What say you, sweetheart? Shall

we marry and settle down at the old

"And it was I all the time," she murmured, "and I thought you meant -----"

"Who?" asked Markland, curiously, "Oh, never mind"-hastily-"I see now what an absurd idea it was. So yeu always loved me, ever since I was a child? Well, really, Tony, it was only fair, for I never cared for anyone as I cared for you. Come, let us go in

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