

## A Flirtation and a Typewriter

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worse if your typewriter is a man."

cause my typewriter is a man."

such things to me."

our friendship to a clerk."

"What now?" impatiently.

can improve the situation.

"My typewriter is no clerk."

watching your rage."

"You did it?"

"Impossible!"

writer.

"You think so? That is too bad, be-

"Why, he knows as much about me

"Such confidence may do very well

so far as business matters are con-

"I love to see you look like that,"

said the man. "If the music were not

"I do not care who he is, nothing

"Oh, yes, you do care. That letter,

to which you take such exception, and

which I really prided myself was

rather a neat job, is the work of the

blushing man you see before you?"

"I did it with my little fingers."

"Dearest young woman, nothing is

impossible to one with my talents. I

must go now, people are settling

down again. What a bore the music

is: I am coming to call to-morrow

whether you want me or not, and

next time be sure you are right before

you accuse a nice gentleman of all

Natalie pondered and wondered, and

Was it possible, she asked herself

as the music thundered to a grand

finale, that this entertaining some-

what frivolous man-of-the-world, un-

derstood the manipulation of a type-

"I will prove him," she said as she

moved out of the opera house amidst

extremely good fun to flirt with and

the luxuriously attired mob. "He is

if he's told the truth about this affair

of course it's all right and there need

derbeck entered the Morgans' private

sitting room he found a cheerfully

bubbling tea kettle and a radiant girl.

He did not notice a queer-shaped ob-

Natalie was in high spirits and they

skirted the dangerous shoals of love-

Harry Vanderbeck knew just how

far to go in such delicate matters, and

as Natalie knew just where to stop

him, both found the pastime exciting.

Natalie regarded him with wide, won-

dering eyes.

your obvious duty to send me away?

I do not know enough to go of my own

"I want you to do something for me

"What bliss! I hope it is something

first," with a pleading smile.

"Are you aware, my dear, that it is

ject on a small table in a corner.

making, as was their custom.

The next afternoon when Mr. Van-

be no break in our little intimacy."

arrived at nothing but perplexity.

sorts of horrible crimes."

"You are not thinking of making ! any new business deals, are you? Here is a very important typewritten young woman to whom you dictate letter," said Bub, who was sorting the your correspondence. I suppose it is mall, flinging the missive across the a young woman, the matter is even

breakfast table to his sister. Natalie knit her pretty brows. "Must be an advertisement," she commented. "How disappointing, when I expected a letter from Mr. Vander- to let him know that you dared write

She languidly opened the stiff envelope and then a cloud darkened her as I do myself." eyes.

This was the letter: "Dear Daintiness-I am rushed with | cerned, but you had no right to reveal business, my two partners being ill. which must account for this method of communication. I know that you care to hear from me, and flatter my- going to blare forth in a minute I self that you would rather receive a should delay my confession half an line in this unconventional way than hour longer, just for the pleasure of none at all.

"I think of you constantly and the fact that I shall be unable to run up



"Well, upon my word, what effrontery! A typewritten letter, and to me!" for over Sunday, as you suggest, does not mean that you are any the less dear to me. I think we understand each other so well that explanations and excuses are superfluous between

"I am hungry for a sight of you. What are your plans as regards coming to town? Everything is very gay here, but, as you must know, life is never quite complete to me when you are absent.

"Do sit down upon receipt of this and write me one of your nice breezy letters with all the news, especially that pertaining to your charming self. Thine ever,

"HARRY." "Well, upon my word, what effrontery! A typewritten letter, and to me! I will teach His Impertinence a lesson. Write him a nice, breezy letter. indeed! He will think me a regular cyclone when I tell him of my opinion

of his method of correspondence." Bub cried "Hear! Hear!" and Natalie left breakfast untasted in her annovance.

A week later Mrs. Morgan and Natalle went to town to do some shopping. Harry Vanderbeck spied them at the opera.

"You deserve a good scolding," he said, bending over the girl's pretty brown head.

"What, then, do you deserve?" she retorted.

"I should hate to get al. my deserts, I've been such a mean scamp generally, but what particular sin do you re-

fer to now?" "I am not in the habit of receiving typewritten letters from my masculine friends.

"Ah, dear little lady, but I told you

I was extraordinarily busy." "There can be no excuse for offering a lady such an insult."

"Wherein lies the harm?" "How obtuse you are. Can you pre- free will. I presume you are going to tend that it is in good taste to say dire this evening, and dining means nice, intimate things, such as that let | a frock other than that fascinating ter contained through a third person? affair you have on." Why, the mere thought makes me blush. I ought never to speak to you again. How your typewriter must be laughing at us both. Oh, it was vulgar to do such a thing."

very difficult, that I may show my valor.

kind of a task ladies in the past used NEED OF THE CANAL. to set for their faithful knights, but it is extremely up-to-date, which is always my endeavor. I am crazy to ENTIRE COUNTRY RECOGNIZES see how these strange looking machines are managed. Won't you show me?"

The man turned a bit pale at the sight of the typewriter, but his pause was so slight as to be imperceptible, "Certainly," he said, stepping forward. "It is scarcely so romantic a

task as rescuing your glove from a lion's dea, but much simpler. By the way, Miss Charming, a piece of paper is a requisite of this task." "Will a piece of note paper do?"

·Anything writable will do." He ran the paper into the machine with a flourish, and began to rattle,

the keys at quite a respectable speed. Natalie regarded him with wide. wondering eyes. "He can do it," she thought. The young man pulled the paper out of the machine and held it up to

her. There were several lines, reading: "This is a sample of the work of this machine," all perfectly writ-

"Thank you," said Natalie. "It is very interesting."

"Don't mention it. Shall always be glad to do any typewriting you may have, but I warn you in advance that my charges are rather high." "It seems ungrateful, but I really

"The best of things must have an end, even the task of writing on the typewriter at the whim of a fair young creature. Ha, hum! So rolls he world away."

must send you away now."

Natalie pressed his hand gently in parting, and there was a tender self-"It is absurd to try to evade the reproachfulness in her eyes. He knew question in that way. I mean the she regretted her suspicion of him, and his gay farewell was intended to assure her of his forgiveness.

Vanderbeck paused for a moment on the curb outside. "What a stroke of luck that she did not insist on my writing any more when that is the "And you were shameless enough only sentence I know," and he swung on to a car feeling well content.

WAS EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

Minister Turns Apparent Predicament to His Advantage.

Rev. F. W. Sanford, leader of a new sect at Shiloh, Me., that threatens to exceed in numbers Dowle's army, tells a story of a Presbyterian minis-

"This minister," says Mr. Sanford, was making a tour of Maine, preaching each Sunday in a different church. It happened that on one particular Sunday he had no new discourse prepared. This, however, did not bother him. Would he not be among strange people?

"It chanced, however, that when he arose in the pulpit he saw a number of last Sunday's congregation seated in the front row. A delegation had come to hear him again, intending, if he pleased them, to offer him the incumbency of their church.

"What was he to do? He suspected the cause of the delegation's visit, and he wanted to please them mightily. An inspiration came to him, and, trowning down upon his hearers, he

"'Dear Friends: I have been much pained by a report that has reached me. I preached last Sunday, as you know, in Shiloh church. Well, I have been reliably informed that the good people of Shiloh took umbrage at my discourse. They questioned its orthodoxy. How am I to reply to them? How am I to defend myself? But one way is open to me. In order to refute this baseless charge from Shiloh I am going to repeat, sentence by sentence, and word for word, the sermon I preached there last Sunday. Give me, I pray you, your attention, and see if you can find in my sermon a single unorthodox thought."-Chicago Record-Herald.

She Was Stuck on the Place.

A strange thing happened in this village recently during a lull in the heavy rains, and it happened to one poor, lone hen, and caused her owner to gaze and wonder in astonishment. This particular hen in question has a brood of about twenty chickens which she is forced to scratch for and shelter from hawks and do other things that are necessary for motherly hens to look out for when chickens are

Well, it happened that one morning the rain stopped for a few hours and the ground was exceedingly soft and susceptible to the pedal extremities of all kinds of walking creatures, especially hens. Mrs. Hen started out to scratch for a few choice worms and

About an hour later her owner came into the yard and saw her scratching on the ground and supposed she was covering her chicks from some passing hawk. He went up to her, but she did not start. And good reason, too; she was stuck in the mud up to her feathery breast. The man, of course, extricated Mrs. H. from her embarrassing position and she hustled back into the barn to wait until the ground dried .-Biddeford, Me., Record.

Thoughts on the Seasons.

Flattered with promise of escape From every hurtful blast, Spring takes, O sprightly May, thy shape Her loveliest and her last.

Less fair is summer riding high In tierce solstitlal power. Less fair than when a lenlent sky Brings on her parting hour

When earth repays with golden sheaves The labors of the plow.

And ripening fruits and forest leaves All brighten on the bough;

What pensive beauty autumn shes, Before she hears the sound Of winter rushing in, to close The emblematic round!

"My typewriter, mademoiselle, is a stolid thing of iron and steel, not given to laughter."

"That depends," said Natalle with a Such be our Spring, our Summer such; So may our Autumn blend laugh, flinging the black cloth from the typewriter. "It is not exactly the "Through heaven-boun hope, her end! —William Wordsworth.

ITS NECESSITY.

Obstructionists in the Senate Are in Opposition to Their Party Followers in Scheming to Delay the Construction of the Panama Waterway.

Senator Gorman's tactical maneuvers on the isthmian canal question have been successful only in uncovering the weak points in the Democratic Democratic Senators who originally

favored the Panama route and who voted for the Spooner bill and to ratify the Hay-Herran canal treaty have no reason for opposing the present canal treaty. Democrats who held that the treaty

with Colombia made too many con-

cessions cannot logically oppose the

present treaty, which makes no concessions inimical to the interests of the United States. Senators who formerly favored the Nicaragua route are right in the ab-Panama route. The contention that there is greater risk and greater pos-

sibility of scandal in constructing a

canal on the Panama route than on

the Nicaragua still stands. As a canal on the Nicaragua route is impossible and as a canal on the Panama route can be constructed under more favorable circumstances than ever before, the real friends of

ama canal, Senator Morgan is not satisfied with a "canal strip" ten miles Isthmus, canal strip, Colon, Panama and all. His bill provides that all out some compensation. He would give for it \$10,000,000, which he rethat contains only 31,571 square miles. the shape of \$15,000,000.

No Fooling With the Tariff.

the country has just commenced to recover do not admit of introducing stract. The Inter Ocean believed any new uncertainties until the sky years ago and believes now that the has materially cleared. Had the boom Nicaragua route is preferable to the continued there might have been some grounds for the opponents of the tariff to argue that it was bringing too much prosperity, but now that the boom has had a check the danger that would follow the introduction of a further disarrangement of trade conditions could invite nothing but disas-

The Republicans have always stood for a tariff that would enable Amerian isthmian canal have accepted the can industry to thrive. There is no

wide. He wants to annex the entire the rights and properties of the Republic of Panama of every description shall vest in the United States of America, without reserve, and shall be subject to their sovereign jurisdiction. It is true that Senator Morgan does not propose to take the Isthmus withgards as a good price for territory He does not neglect also to provide a balm for the bereaved Colombians in

The eloquent senator will be warmly welcomed to the ranks of the "imperialists." The important thing to the country, however, is the fact that Senator Morgan has finally admitted that the Panama canal is a probabil-

The unsettled conditions from which

situation, preferring a canal on the occasion now to pull away any protec-

trance to the harbor, preventing gunboats from going out and battleships and cruisers from going in and getting coal. Besides this, Japan has the Russian gunboats Varaig and Koretz crught at Chemulpo. They were bound for Vladivostock. The Japan fleet was under command of Vice Admiral Togo, and four fast cruisers, the Chitose, Shikishima, Yashima and Iwate, circled outside, drawing the fire of the Russians. They then joined the main fleet and all went in to attack the armored cruisers In the Japanese fleet, which consisted of two divisions, were the Mikasa, the flagship; the first class battleships Ashi, Fuji, Inashima, Shikashi Ma. Patsuse and the dispatch boat Tatsuma. The record division of the fleet,

THE FIRST SHOT.

It is Fired by Japan in the Eastern

War.

CHEE FOO-The Japanese fleet at-

tacked Port Arthur at midnight on

Two Russian battleships and one

The two battleships disabled are the

Poltava and the Czarovitch. The dis-

abled armored cruiser Boyaim and the

grounded battleships block the en-

Russian cruiser were disabled by tor-

Monday.

pedoes.

Asama and Iwatz. When seen by the steamer Foo Chow Tuesday morning the fast cruisers were circling in a radius of six miles. No torpedo boats were seen and it is probable that they left the vicinity after the torpedo attack of Monday night. The Russian fleet outside of the harbor consisted of the battleships Petropawlawsk, flagship: Pereswet, sub-flagship; Pobleda, Poltava, Czarovitch, Retvizan and Sebastopol, and the cruisers Novik, Boyarin, Bayaru, Dianu, Palada, Askold and Angara. The disabled battleships are inside Forts Huan Ching Shan and Chi Kwan Shan. The cruiser is outside, but within range of the forts.

under command of Admiral Kamim-

ura, on the flagship Idsumo, consist-

ed or the armored cruisers Yakuma,

LONDON-The naval men in London regarded the result of Japan's first attack with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur as being a staggering one. They pointed out that Viceroy Alexieff's reference to "mines" obviously meant "torpedoes," and said that if the Russian vessels have been struck by "white head torpedoes" they probably have been sunk or are resting on the mud in Port Arthur, in any case hopelessly out of action for a considerable time.

TO SAVE BALTIMORE.

Prompt Action to Prevent Loss of Trade Advantages.

BALTIMORE-The scene in stricken Baltimore began to be visibly clear Wednesday after a conference between Mayor McLane, a special joint committee of the legislature and a formidable delegation of representative business men. This conference was arranged with a view of meeting in a practical way the awful exigency which this community faces. At this meeting besides the mayor there were present influential members of the state law-making body, a dozen bank presidents, former Governor Smith, United States Senator-elect Raynor and several of the leading cirizens.

The supreme question to be decided was that of calling on the national government for soldiers to take the place of the two militia regiments now doing duty in the burned district. The constitution of Maryland requires that no such request be made of the president except by request of the state legislature. The legislative committee was present and consulted with the mayor and city officials on that point. It was shown that this is not a time for sentiment as to the ability of the state to take care of itself, and that the United States soldiers were needed and needed at once. On this score it was shown that the militiamen were already much exhausted, and that the militia on active duty is costing the state \$50,000 a day.

The announcement of the legislative committee that it would recommend at once the immediate passage of the resolution was received with pleasure by the officials and business men present.

NEWSPAPERS IN BAD SHAPE.

Temporary Arrangements for Getting Out Editions.

BALTIMOR .. Md .- The newspaper situation in Baltimore is temporarily

The Sun will use its job printing plant, which was outside the fire lines. The Herald is being set by hand in the office of the Catholic Mirror, and will be printed on the presses of the Evening World, which was also out chance to do this were it not for the of the burned district. The American has established temporary quarters in Eutaw street, and the Evening News has headquarters in the offices occupied some years ago by the Herfarmer's prosperity is intimately link. ald at Eutaw and Baltimore streets, and will send their matrices to the Philadelphia Press, the copy being forwarded by wire and special messerger. The German Correspondent is getting out its morning edition at the offices of the World.

Gladness in Berlin.

BERLIN.-Japan's initial success in the first attack with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur produced a deep impression both on the people and military and naval critics here. Groups gathered around the distributers of the "extras" in the streets and read the news almost with exclamations of gladness. The comment at the marine department was that even the temporary disablement of three warships placed the Russians at a great disadvantage in the future operations.

UNSATISFACTORY BASIS FOR RECIPROCITY NEGOTIATIONS.



Uncle Sam-You see, my dear Lady of the Snows, the things you have to sell are precisely the things we have to sell. If we should consent to so foolish a piece of business as to rob our farmers of their protection, we should certainly insist upon an open market for our manufactures,

Miss Canada-Then we can't trade. We want to build up our own industries.

Panama route with all its risks to no | tive wall, and even if the threadbare canal at all.

The Democratic senators honestly in favor of an isthmian canal accepted this view of the situation when they voted for the Spooner bill. They have not changed their views and are now objecting, not to a canal on a particular route, but to the means used to secure control of the route. This objection is personal or political and cannot stand in the court of fina! issue when the question is a canal on the Panama route or no canal at all.

On this question no one doubts how the American people would vote. East and West, North and South. Democrats and Populists, as well as Republicans, they are in favor of an isthmian canal. Mr. Gorman's scheming to defeat the ratification of the canal treaty has developed the strength of the canal sentiment in the Democratic party. There is no opposition to the ratification in the

Republican party. Why, then, treat the question as a party issue? Why not act upon it in question, and put aside Mr. Gorman's theory that any question, no matter how vital to American progress, may be used as a football in the game of politics.-Chicago Inter Ocean.

MORGAN'S CHANGE OF HEART.

Senator Would Now Annex the Isthmus of Panama.

Senator Morgan has "recognized" the Panama canal. But the venerable assailant of the President's Panama policy will not recognize the new republic. Instead of recognizing it as an independent government he would grab it and annex it to the Union.

If anybody in this country took Senator Morgan seriously on the isthmian canal question his bill for the annexation of Panama, introduced in the Senate, would be regarded as an alarming and unexpected manifestation of "imperialistic" tendencies on the part of the venerable statesman from Alabama.

Senator Morgan has viciously lampooned the president for alding the formation of the new republic and for recognizing its independence. He precipitated the revolution and denounced the Panama canal treaty as unlawful.

But the venerable senator has executed an amazing flop. He no longer sits up nights with the Constitution and screams with frenzy as he contemplates the outrage perpetrated made up his mind that nothing can wrong from first to last .- Lafayette now prevent the building of the Pan- (Ind.) Call.

argument that a tariff is not needed to protect goods that can be made for the export trade had any weight at any time it has always been offset by the fact that if a tariff is not needed particularly on any specific line of manufacturing, it does no hurt to that industry. Even the Democrats in Congress see that this is no time to howl calamity or to jeopardize the interests of the country, and they would hardly be extremists if they could effect anything by it. The most of their noise will be for the benefit of the galleries.-Pittsburg Times.

Farmers and Exports. Some of the Democratic orators

would be pleased to make it out that the falling off of the exports, which was shown by the last reports, was caused by the present tariff laws, and that the decrease of the exports worked injury to the farmers. Some have gone so far as to say that the Dingley law is responsible for the falling off of the exports of farm products. It so its real character, as an American happens that most of the products which have shown a decrease in export are on the free list. There has been no decrease in the production of farm products. No one has been complaining because his corn crop, or his wheat crop has been a failure. Prices also are good. If the exports have fallen off it means that instead of selling in a foreign market the farm- arranged as follows: ers are selling at home. Everyone is employed and is a consumer. Home people are consuming home products. The farmer is feeding his neighbors in American commercial centers. But the farmers would not have had a fact that the present tariff schedules make it possible for the factories to work night and day to make goods for the home and foreign markets. The ed with the prosperity of all the other classes of the country. Is the farmer satisfied? It is not likely that one who stops to consider will vote for a change.—Davenport Times.

> Wrong from First to Last. With the tariff kept at the protec-

tive point American plants will be charged the president with having enlarged to do all the work necessary for this country. With the tariff taken off, with Democratic free trade, the European mills would hold that trade and gain more as this country grew. American steel and iron workers would then come into direct competition with foreign labor and wages would go down. The trust would not upon the sovereign state of Colombia | be crushed. There is nothing plainer by the people of Panama. Having than that the Democratic idea is