FIRST LOVE.

Kate Dallas was the prettiest girl in society that winter.

People's ideas of beauty differ as widely as the poles, but Kate's dewy, scarlet lips, and pearl-clear complexion, with its rich relief of golden hair and eyes deep blue, like the petal of a larkspur, claimed a sort of allegiance from every one—and I, as Miss Dallas' fiance of course was the mark of envy for half the young men about town. And, to tell the truth, I could hardly realize my own good luck!

She had really promised to be mine—the fair, graceful young belle—to become the beacon star of my home—the guardian angel of my life! I tried to think of these things when I saw her the queen of the drawing-room circles and the favorite where all were fair! And I tried moreover to remember them when it happened, as it often did, that Kate was unreasonable or disposed to be capricious and exacting.

"You are late to-night, Fernando!" she said, pettishly, one evening as I came into her presence.

She was looking bewitchingly pretty, with her cherry lower lip pouted a trefle her pretty brows contracted and a deep carmine flush upon her cheeks, while the violet silk dress that she wore made her blonde beauty even more brilliant than its natural effect.

"Just five minutes, Kate that's all!" I apologized, as I set down beside her, and drew her little hand into mine, by way of making peace with her. But she jerked it petulently away.

"Did you bring the white tea roses?"

"I couldn't get them Katie upon my word. There has been a floral masquerade somewhere up town, and every tea rose is gone. I ordered a lot of white violets—they are sweeter still!"

"I don't want them," fretted my fiance. "When I say tea roses I mean tea roses!"

"But, Katie, I'm not a magician, to make flower blossoms at midwinter!"

"I wont have the violets, any way!" said Kate fanning herself violently. "Don't sit so close to me, Fernando—you have been smoking! with a curl of her pretty lip and an indescribable grimace of disgust.

"Only one cigar, Katie, and I suppose that the wind would have removed all traces of that long before I got here!" I confessed in laughing contrition.

"I hate cigars!"

"But, Katie——"

"And you know it, Fernando Orr."

"Indeed, Katie, I didn't intend to annoy you."

"But you do annoy me—and you keep annoying me—and—"

"Stop a minute, Katie!" There was a something in her tone that warned me to protect my own dignity. "Do you really mean what you say?"

"Yes," she retorted. "I suppose you take me for a child, who don't understand her own words, but I'm not a child, and I won't be treated so!"

Katie!"

"And I won't be scolded, either," went on the spoiled child, shrugging up her shoulders. I'll never marry a man that won't indulge me and look up to me, and let me have my own way in everything. I can't bear to be snubbed, and governed, and scolded, and I won't—I'll break the engagement first!"

"Are you in earnest?" I asked gravely.

She tore the diamond ring from her forefinger and gave it back to me!

"There!" she said, defiantly. "I am free from man's tyranny now, at all events!"

Perhaps she thought I would insist on her retaining the sparkling token of our engagement—perhaps she expected a pretty little scena, wherein I should go down on my knees and ask pardon for my cigar and the missing tea roses, and the five minutes of tardiness, and the various other delinquencies of which I had most undoubtedly been guilty. But if any such impression had taken possession of her mind, she was very soon disabused of it. I had already endured enough to bring me to the limits of patience, and rose quietly up.

"Good-by, then, Katie!"

"Good-by, Mr. Orr!"

I stopped at the door and turned round.

"Katie, if you should think better of this during the next week I will come to you at any time you choose to send for me!"

"You needn't trouble yourself," said Kate haughtily; "I shall not send!"

So we parted for fifteen long years. It was love's first young dream with me, and I was a little inclined to be sentimental about it at first; but then years afterward, when I married Florence Silon, out in Chicago, I was as heart whole a young gentleman as the United States could afford. Florence was not, perhaps, so radiantly pretty as Kate Dallas had been, but she had one of those pure faces which make a man feel better and holier only for looking into its sweet lineaments; and, moreover, Florence didn't object to cigar smoke, and had a way of being satisfied with whatever offerings I laid at her feet, whether they were tea roses or white violets. And when I saw Florence Silon sitting opposite me as my wife, I could not regret the abrupt termination of my first engagement, although I still rembered Kate Dallas' golden hair and limpid eyes, and wondered within myself what luckless cavalier was the present object of her pretty despotism!

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"Fernando, I'm quite sure you have missed the way!"

I burst out laughing at the bewilderment of my wife's voice.

"I looks like it, Flora, I must say. Well, we must drive back to the last cross-roads—five miles if it is a step."

I looked around at the fine old woods on either side of the solitary road, in hopes of seeing something like a human habitation.

"Look, Fiorence!" I cried triumphantly, as I checked my horse, "isn't that smoke?"

Florence shook her head.

"Mist from some low-lying stream, more likely," she said, incredulously.

"As if my eyesight were not more trustworthy than that! I tell you, young lady, that is smoke. There's a rural cot among those cedars, and I intend to cast myself and you upon the hospitality of these dwellers in the wilderness. I am hungry."

"So am I," laughed my wife, "but I don't believe—"

I sprang out, picketed my horse to a tall birch sapling and gave my arm ostentatiously to my bright-eyed companion.

"At all events," I said, "we'll go and see."

Across the cool aisles of the midsummer woods—through dense underbrush and thickets of wild roses, that showered their pink petals round our feet as we walked—over a clear stream, by the aid of a fallen log, we made our way, until Florence's doubts were solved by the actual appearance of a little one-story cottage or cabin of unpainted wood, in a stump-dotted clearing, where a melancholy pig, rooting under the porch foundation, and a patch of yellow-looking stunted cabbages in the back-ground, denoted something like civilization.

"Oh, Fernando!" whispered my wife, as we saw a course-looking shock-headed man, smoking a short black pipe in the porch, with his elbows on his knees and a greasy newspaper before him, while two or three sun-burned elves in faded clothing played around his feet. "Let us go back! This is such a horrid place!"

"I dare-say we can buy a draught of milk or even a raw cabbage here," I reassured her. "Why, Florence, child you wouldn't make much of a soldier!"

The man looked up as we approached and we explained the dilemma in which we found ourselves.

"Oh, of course—of course," he said, with a gleam of courtesy which showed he had not always passed his life in these dreary wilderness. "Sit down. Jamie, call your mother. I believe my wife's somewhere round at the back of the house, splitting kindlings."

Florence opened wide her soft brown eyes at this speech.

"You are an invalid?"

"An invalid," with a hearty laugh, which plainly indicated the sound condition of his lungs at least. "Not much of the invalid about me, I guess?"

"Then why don't you split the kindlings for her?" asked frank Florence.

He arched his eyebrows with lazy scorn.

"I don't believe in this business of Woman's Rights and Female Suffrage," he answered, slowly puffing at the black pipe "I'm for keeping women down where they belong. If my wife isn't hard at work she'll be whining and complaining about the days when we were better off. I'm not the man to humor a woman's whims. St. Paul's better than any of your modern apostles, and he believed in keeping women at work.

Florence was about indignantly to combat this position when a little bare-legged urchin came tumbling round the corner of the house.

"Mother ain't splittin' kindlings—she's gone to the spring for water! I hollered to her to come quick, Poppy wanted her!"

"That's right, sonny!" said our host complacently.

Almost in the same minute a bowed-down, weary-looking woman emerged from the wall of woods below the house, carrying a brimming pail of water in either hand—a faded, bonnetless woman, whose yellow, lustreless hair was twisted into a tight knot at the back of her head and whose brow was already seamed with wrinkles, though she had scarcely reached middle age. Yet there was an impalpable something in the wan face that strained my memory strangely.

"Kate Dallas!" I involuntarily exclaimed.

She stopped and set down her pails, coloring scarlet; I saw that our recognition was mutual.

"Let me carry them I said, advancing.

"Needn't trouble yourself!" said the master of the house. "She is used to it; aren't you Kitty? So you know my wife, eh sir?"

I introduced myself and Florence, and learned, in my turn, that my "first love" was married to Mr. Sykes, who had failed in business three times in New York and its neighboring cities, and taken to "farming" by way of final settlement in life.

"You see that we are very poor," began Kate, nervously, "and——"

"Nothing to be ashamed of in that," broke in her husband as she was stopped by a fit of coughing, the consequence of a black pipe which Mr. Sykes had relighted and was puffing vigorously into her face.

"You don't object to smoke nowadays, Katie," I said, a little mischievously. But I was sorry a moment afterward, when I saw the scarlet mounted into her cheek.

We remained only long enough to partake of a slight repast of crackers and milk, and Katie turned away her head as Mr. Sykes pocketed the bank-bill I handed him, with a gruff:

"All's fish that comes to my net!"

Poor Kathie! I knew how mortified she was, but I did not wish to witness her discomfiture.

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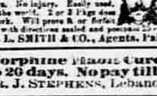

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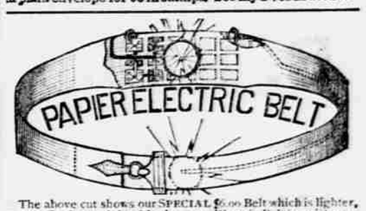

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