

TWO VIEWS.

Said the cynic to the poet:
"All your song is lying verse
When you take the world and show it
Always better—never worse!
Life is but a cloak of sorrow,
Folding down its somber side
Close upon the bright to-morrows
That the future has denied.
Fondlest wishes, if we gain them,
Greet us with a smile and tear;
Dear desires, if we attain them,
Lose their luster as they near.
You who sing in happy measure
Aye of light and love and pleasure,
Better keep your fancies furled;
There is such a strain of sadness
Under all the seeming gladness
In the world!"

To the cynic said the poet:
"Sorrow can not be denied;
You who hate the world, and know it
Only on its darker side.
Life is but a garment: trouble
Is the stormy wind that blows
All the fabric backward double,
And the gleaming lining shows!
Though this life hath sorrow in it,
'Tis a garden gay with flowers;
They may wear a rose who win it,
In this fair bright world of ours.
If a joy come to thee—share it;
Take thy cloak, and nobly wear it;
Keep thy bitter fancies furled;
There is such a wealth of gladness
Over all the seeming sadness
In the world!"

—Florence May Alt, in Jury.

ONE NIGHT IN NO. 37.

A Story of Ghosts and Rats at Bracing Hall.

"Positively not a room, my dear madam; no, not so much as a closet vacant," and Dr. Morris smiled blandly, and washed his hand with invisible soap in imperceptible water."

That Bracing Hall was a popular sanitarium I was well aware, but I was not prepared for this; what was I to do, where should I go at that late hour? I, a maiden lady, an entire stranger in the Catskills? I consider that for any man to smile under those circumstances, even in a perfunctory and purely professional way, was nothing less than brutal.

"There is No. 37," said an attendant satellite, in exactly the tone in which he might have suggested the North Pole or the equinoctial line, or any other remote and unsubstantial impossibility.

"Yes," repeated the doctor, musingly, as if a novel and pleasing problem had been unexpectedly submitted for his consideration. "Yes, there is No. 37."

"Perhaps the lady might not object," continued the attendant.

"Object," said the doctor, suddenly waking up. "Good gracious, Jones, why should this lady object; why should any one object to No. 37?"

The subordinate was about to speak, but the doctor stopped him by a wave of his hand. "Let No. 37 be prepared for this lady," he said, giving to his words all the force of royal mandate.

"I wish to know, Jane," I observed to the housemaid who conducted me to No. 37 half an hour later—

"Please, ma'am," said that young person, interrupting, "my name isn't Jane, it's Sabina."

"Then I am not going to follow the example of your parents and sponsors, who were clearly foolish persons, Jane. I repeat I wish to know what is the matter with this room?"

"Oh, don't ask me, ma'am. I don't wish to frighten you—but I wouldn't sleep in it—not for a hundred thousand million dollars."

"Then you are a very foolish young woman; is it damp?"

"Oh, no, madam; the whole house is dry as a bone."

"It is the—the-ahem—the Cimix Cactularius?"

"Well, it is pretty bad, but I don't think it's quite as bad as that," returned Jane, slowly, with an air of bewilderment.

It was painful to a lady of my excessive refinement, exceedingly painful, but the occasion was urgent, and it was evident that I must sink to a common level of expression if I wished to be understood.

"It is small, Jane—it is brown—it is alive—very much alive—it bites!"

"Oh, no, ma'am," answered Jane, glowing with sudden enlightenment, "we don't never have none of them nasty things in our beds."

"Then what is it?"

"Well, if you must know," replied Jane, with the air of one struggling vainly with the inevitable, "though it is worth as much as my place is worth to tell you—it's ghosts!"

Ghosts—haugh! Really the ignorance of the lower classes is colossal; clearly our public school system is far from perfect, but what could be expected from a girl called Sabina? I have always thought there was a great deal in a name, and I don't in the least care what playwright person may have said to the contrary. There is something in a name which insensibly molds the character; mine is Sarah Margaret.

"Ghosts, Jane, ghosts, when it has been clearly demonstrated by the Society for Psychological Research that there are no such things as ghosts."

"It was the gambler, ma'am, what lived here before it was made into a sanitarium," Jane went on, with irrepressible volubility; "they was playing poker, an' he was killed, an' every night—every night—his ghost—"

while far away the winding Hudson gleamed like a string of silver under the moonlight. Lights in happy homes twinkled like fire-flies through the gloom of dense woods, giving just that touch of life needed to break the solemnity of forest and mountain.

The moon was up, nature awoke, a breeze swept by bearing the music of a tumbling brook, the melody of murmuring pines, the love notes of a belated bird singing to his mate.

How long I had slept I can not tell, when suddenly I was wide-awake with the room brilliantly lit and presenting an appearance totally different to what it had been when I retired. On a side-board were half-emptied bottles and decanters, and at a table four men were seated deeply engrossed over a game at cards. Great was my astonishment to find my apartment thus invaded, I seemed to lose all personal considerations in watching the feverish anxiety of the players, and in wondering what would happen next.

Suddenly their voices were raised in anger, one of the players accused another of cheating, and in a moment there was a general uproar. The two men were struggling desperately together, glasses were upset, chairs were overturned and then I caught the glitter of a knife and the gleam of a pistol.

The two spectators made no attempt to separate the combatants, although it was evident that a tragedy was imminent. The taller of the two freed his hand from the other's grasp, the long murderous looking knife was uplifted, but as it descended the other raised his pistol and fired; there was the dull thud of a heavy body falling and then, overcome with horror, I lost consciousness.

How I attracted their attention I do not know, but suddenly I became aware that the remaining three were standing over me calmly discussing my proposed death; my blood seemed to freeze in my veins and into those terrible moments was compressed the agony of years of torture.

"She is sound asleep," said one, "an' anyhow I never did take kindly to killin' women."

"She has seen the deed done," said the second significantly.

"That dead men tell no tales is just as true and truer of women," said the third, "so I had better make it safe," laying as he spoke a murderous hand on my throat.

With a desperate effort I broke through the spell of horror that had held me; I struck out wildly and encountered a soft resisting body, the lights were extinguished as I opened my eyes, and nothing remained but the sound of as some one hurriedly retreating.

I never knew till that moment what a vast amount of stored shrieking force a small woman possesses; mine was sufficient in an incredibly short time to bring to my room the doctor, the satellite, Jane Sabina and half a dozen guests, none of whom were remarkable for the careful finish of their dress.

With a graphic power that has entirely deserted me, or I should make my fortune as a story writer, I related what had occurred.

"It does not matter whether I was asleep or awake in regard to what I saw, although of course I was awake; but I know I heard something hurry away, and I know that I felt something when I struck," I said in conclusion, pausing only through sheer physical inability to utter another word.

Sabina Jane incoherently remarked something to the effect that it was "just what she'd expected of them nasty ghostesses" and then in company with the majority of my visitors disappeared. The doctor looked puzzled and remained silent, the satellite, however, spoke; he was never a voluble person, but on this occasion he confined himself to one word.

"Rats!"

"Do you really think it—they was rats?" I gasped, growing ungrammatical in my confusion.

Had I not felt well assured that the doctor was deeply impressed by my ghostly visitation I should have said that he smiled, but that of course was impossible at such a moment. Some people I have noticed are afflicted with muscular twitching and when I glanced at him again he was as solemn as a sphinx; even the satellite put his hand before his mouth and coughed in a modest, self-deprecatory way, as if his feelings were too much for him.

"I will bring Mrs. Morris to remain with you until you dress," said the doctor, "and then you had better take a sedative and share her room; to-morrow I will have a thorough investigation made and if I find that any one is trying to perpetuate a stupid story by playing a still more stupid practical joke, I'll—"

At this point the doctor's voice sank and although his remarks appeared to gain additional energy, I am under the impression they were not intended for my ears or for publication.

The result of the investigation showed that my nocturnal visitors were rats, a small colony of which had evidently enjoyed undisputed possession of a spring mattress for a considerable period. And so the ghost of Bracing Hall was laid, but the oddest part was the satellite's guessing it; for such a man it was quite remarkable, and showed great natural perspicacity; the moment he heard my story, when every one else was quite at sea, he looked at the doctor and said: "Rats."—Mary Hasbrouck, in Drake's Magazine.

Weight of the Earth.

As a matter of fact, the earth has no weight. Weight is the pull of gravity toward a center and when speaking of the weight of the earth we must consider the pull of gravity towards the sun, and in that respect the earth is equally poised. All parts of the earth pressing toward the earth's center equalize each other, so that a tow line would pull the earth thousands of miles out of its orbit. Rather than penetrate an atmosphere of another body so thin that no animal life could exist in it, our earth would make a great circuit to get around it. The almost imperceptible attraction of one of the other planets pulls our earth thousands of miles out of its regular path.—St. Joseph Herald.

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