A KISS BEFORE **ENGAGEMENT**

[Original.]

Aleen and I were on the beach.

"A woman," said Aleen, "is more prone to forgive than a man. She has more heart. A man acts with justice, a woman with tenderness."

"I doubt if any woman can be charttable to another woman."

"I can. When there is an opportunity, I will show you."

"Would you forgive a girl for permitting me to kiss her without my being engaged to he. "

"I would not forgive you if you did." "Well turned. Why would you not

"The man is the stronger. He should not take advantage of woman's weakmess. Whom have you been sinning with?"

"If I should give you her name, I would be doubly guilty."

"A girl who would so demean herself would not care"-"Don't blame her. You have just said

that you can be charitable." To this the only reply was a brief

silence. "I suppose," she said presently, "you can tell me what sort of a looking thing she was."

"Thing? She was more than a thing. She was a human being with Titian hair, brown eyes and a skin white as "You mean she was a redheaded girl

with a chalky complexion." "On the contrary, she was very pret-

"What were the circumstances leading up to"-

"The kiss? Oh, that came about very naturally. If you had seen it all, you wouldn't blame her."

"I do blame her." "But you said that when there came an opportunity you would show me that you could be charitable."

"Charity begins"-"At home?"

n mild flash to her eye at the asper-

"When the sin is confessed and the sinner is penitent. But tell me more about this bold jade."

"She was gentle, confiding. Her voice was soft and sweet. So innocent was she that she did not wait for me to kiss her; but, throwing her white arms around my neck, she kissed me."

"The horrid thing?" There was a long silence. Aleen sat down on the beach and began to punch the sand with her parasol.

"You are offended at me," I said, seating myself beside her. "I am hurt that I should have be-

stowed my friendship on such a trifler. When did this disgraceful episode take place?" "Last evening."

"Where?"

"Very near where we are sitting." I saw a spark of sunlight refracted from her eye by a tear. There was no mistaking it.

"Aleen," I said, "forgive me." "You have treated me shamefully." Aleen, no one in the wide world

save you"-The time for words had passed, and it was fortunate that there was something besides words crowding in to take their place. I put my arm about her waist, drew her toward me and kissed her.

A burst of merry laughter from behind, a child's arms about my neck, a rosy mouth against my cheek!

"Aleen," I said, "this is the 'thing," the 'redheaded girl with a chalky complexion,' the 'sinner,' who kissed me. She has offended again."

Aleen rose and without a word walked away and crossed the board walk, and in a few minutes her retreating figure was lost within the portals of the hotel. "Is she mad?" asked my little friend.

"Mad doesn't express it. Can't you find a word in your child's vocabulary that will better describe her condi-

"What did you do?"

I had drawn her on to bitterly condemn a woman who would receive a kiss from a man to whom she was not engaged and then kissed her myself. "I have acted very badly," I said to

the child, "and am heartily ashamed of myself. I wish you would go to her for me and tell her so."

I took her hand in mine and led her to the hotel. Since it was her bedtime and I preferred that Aleen's anger should have time to cool I deferred the message till the next morning, but the next morning Aleen's mother announced that her daughter was indisposed and would keep to her room.

Toward evening a cold wind came up, and the guests of the hotel occupled the drawing room. Aleen sat reading at the other end from where I was. She did not deign to look up at me, though I was quite sure she knew I was in the room. My little friend came in and bade me good night.

"Go tell Miss Aleen," I said to her, "that you have taken back the kiss you gave me yesterday and wish to give it to her.'

from her book when she came up, and I saw that the messenger spoke. Then for the first time in twenty-four hours I saw Aleen's face break into a smile. She did not look at me, but took the

child in her arms. Later Aleen put down her book and left the drawing room. I strolled out on to the plazza and found her looking | Made a speech denouncin' the boys for "Bill?" out upon the ocean. I approached her, put my arm about her, kissed her, and the next stage in our relationship was

betrothal. When my wife attempts to fling in my face a catalogue of the superior virtues of woman, I fire a round shot at her in this little episode.

F. A. MITCHEL

THE CRY FOR SLEEP.

Slamber is of Greater Importance to Life Than is Food.

In "Witchery of Sleep" is printed this: The cry for sleep is ever greater than the cry for bread. Existence depends on both, but we eat to sleep, while we sleep to live. Sleep is of far greater importance than food for the preservation of life. Sleep is the chiefest thing in physic. It has neither substitute nor rival. Take away sleephope even is gone; nothing is left. Most of the mischievous stories told about the ability of great men to do without sleep are untrue, and the foolonly three or four hours at night and cuts down his own hours of sleep might better open a vein and lose a quart of blood than lose the sleep ing from osculation. which is life itself. It is undoubtedly true that Napoleon, an inconceivably foolish, reckless man in matters affecting his physical welfare, did deyears, but he paid for it dearly. In was so slight that he actually went to sleep during the fighting. Chronic

drowsiness weakened his brain, weakened his force of character. The foundation of his downfall was laid in Russia, when lack of sleep and unwise living generally had taken away his mental elasticity, deprived him of all power to form and carry out resolutions and resulted in his final ruin.

Four Ways to Health.

Hygienic living demands imperatively the absolute purity of the four following necessities: Air, water, food and thoughts. Granted these, you have the constituents out of which nature formulates such a perfect creature that the inward purity seems to lend a radiance to the personality. It is not simply a few breaths of fresh air a half dozen times a day that a woman needs, but a continuous supply, and just as the greater part of women are half starved for fresh air so they are also stinted, oftener from ignorance than necessity, in the quantity of water the body requires to keep it clean and A slight color came to her cheek and healthy. Pleasure of a pure, elevating nature has come to be recognized as having a distinctly therapeutic office, and hence to be one of those factors which merit the same consideration and attention as other necessaries in a well ordered life.

A Dream and a Reality.

An Irishman and a Scotchman once went traveling through a western prairie. It happened that one afternoon they shot a single quail, which would do for the breakfast of one of them on the following morning. Knowing that the bird was not enough for two, they agreed to have it eaten by the one who should have the best dream during the night.

When they woke early in the morning, the Irishman said to the Scotchman, "An' phwat did you dr-ream, San-

"Well," answered the Scot, "I dreamed that I saw a beautiful basket descend from heaven, and then I got into it and was borne up to paradise.

"An' I dr-reamed," said the Irishman, "that I saw you goin' up an' thought the quall."

Heaven a Home of Wealth. Yaas, they's life an' happiness a-plenty

in cheerful labor in the open fields an' a mighty slim chance for the doctor. Why, they's even wealth in it ef it's lived right; not riches, maybe, but wealth. Why, the way I read Scripture, it seems to me we're given to understand thet heaven is a home of wealth. "Many mansions" sounds that a-way, I'm shore, an' golden streets shows that they won't anything be considered too good for use. An' sometimes I've thought thet maybe it meant to give us to understand thet simple riches, like gold, was to be trod underfoot. An' all the Revelational in the walls or doors or somewhere. not let loose in piles, to be swapped or squabbled over. No riches to possess, but these wealth to enjoy.-Ruth Mc-Enery Stuart in Century.

The Mouths of Leaves. The botanist, the real investigator who has got down to making real explorations for himself, will talk to you about the thousands of minute stomates on the surface of a leaf. These invisible stomates are really the mouths through which the leaves take in carbonic acid. They are most abundant on the upper surface of leaves. Each is an oval opening guarded by a pair of lips which open and close according to requirements. They vary from less than 1,000 to more than 20,-000 to the square inch of leaf surface.

A Graceful Compliment.

Some famous compliments have been paid to members of the sterner sex, and one of the most gracefully turned was that uttered by Boileau, who, when the virtuous De Mesmes, president of the parliament of Paris, was elected an academician, congratulated him in these terms; "I have come to you, sir, in order that you may con-She danced off to Aleen, who looked gratulate me on having you for one of my fellow academicians."

A Finished Orator.

Tourist-Larkins, who came out here two years ago-he blossomed into quite a public speaker, didn't he?

Bowlder Jim-Yep. I s'pose he's what you'd call a finished orator. lynchin' a greaser hoss thief, and they finished him.—Kansas City Journal.

"My uncle died yesterday, sir, and I want you to officiate. Can you say

something nice about him?" "But I didn't know him." "Good! You're just the man."-Life.

ETHICS OF KISSING.

A WOMAN'S VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT OF OSCULATION.

Those Men Upon Whom a Modest Maiden May Lavish Kisses Without Compunction and Those Toward

Whom She Should Play the Miser.

There are still occasions, however rare, when inactivity, much as it has fallen into disfavor, continues to be masterly. When a modest maiden is in doubt as to whether or no she should kiss or allow herself to be kissed by ish man who reads that Napoleon slept any man not related to her by close ties of consanguinity, she best displays her wisdom by giving berself, not him, the benefit of the doubt and so refrain-

An absolutely safe list of men whom it is allowable to kiss might be compiled from the list given in the Book of Common Prayer of persons whom it is prive himself of sleep in his early forbidden to marry. There can be no possible impropriety in any woman's his last battles his power of resistance | being kissed by her father, grandfather. brother, uncles, etc., whenever occasion may offer. Still, public opinion is much less in favor of kissing than of yore, and affectionate greetings are no longer considered good form in market places or what answers for them in the present generation.

To the prayer book may be added cousins within the degrees forbidden in marriage by the Roman Catholic church, but these in moderation. The young man cousin who is greedy in the matter of kisses from his pretty cousin is not to be trusted. He

Should be denied And set aside and mortified.

Kisses of greeting or parting, of good night, good morning and of congratulation are still general, although by no means so frequent as they were formerly. Indeed, kissing as a practice is much less popular than it once was. Between doctors and the moralists it is constantly falling more and more into disfavor, while, still more fatal, Fashion, with a big F, sets her face as a flint against all demonstrations of feel-

ing as ill bred. All the same, the man who becomes engaged to be married, as a usual thing, expects a kiss from his flancee to seal the bargain, not for publication, so to say, but as a guarantee of good faith on her part. If she is willing to promise to marry him, he reasons, she ought to be willing to let him kiss her. Moreover, he desires a kiss or kisses upon general principles as something to which he is entitled by the unwritten law of tradition. On the other hand, the party of the second part has herself to consider in the matter. A woman should be sure of her own bona fide intentions of matrimony and doubly sure of those of her lover before she sets such a sign and seal to the contract. Engagements of marriage are by no means irrefragible, and she who kisses least is likely to have least cause for future regret. At all events a prudent woman will wait until the engagement is announced before she permits any kissing. There are men who have serious objections to marrying any woman who has been engaged to another man, for the simple reason you wouldn't come back, an' so I ate that they do not choose that any man whom they take to wife that he has kissed her as her lover. It matters little, rather more, that the kisses have been given in good faith to an affianced husband. It's a way men have.

Sir. she's yours! You have brushed from the grape its soft From the rosebud you've shaken the deli-

cate dew. What you've touched you may take-A noted "lady killer" of a past generation who had been engaged many times and who boasted to his intimates that no woman had ever refused an offer of his hand in marriage was once asked why in that case he was still a bachelor. "Because I am waiting until I can find a woman who will not per jewels, why, they seem to be set either | mit me to kiss her before we are married," he replied.

Even though a woman be fully assured of the inevitableness in due time of her marriage she will be wise not to be too liberal of her caresses. Most things in this world are rated as valuable in direct proportion to their rarity. Were diamonds as common as pebbles they would be worth no more commercially than the common stones of the beach and highway. Moreover, one may have too much of a good thing. King Midas' story is an old one. "Too much water drowned the miller." It is a common practice with confectioners to allow a new apprentice all the candy which he or she can eat, certain that in a little while the surfeit of sweet will destroy all taste for sugar in any form. It is human nature essentially to tire of what we have much of and to prize most the fruit which hangs highest

and is most difficult to obtain. Consequently the woman who is chary of her favors, who is niggardly even with her caresses, will find that her lover values them all the more, and that his respect, as well as his affection, for her becomes the greater in sure of her. It has long been a maxim that no man shall kiss and tell; nevertheless, the woman is safest by far of whom there is nothing which it were better it were left untold.-Helen Old field in Chicago Tribune.

Privileged Person. Caller-Well, the nerve of that! Merchant-What's that?

snip of a boy referring to you as

Merchant-Sh! That's our office boy. So long as I can pretend I didn't hear him it's all right.-Catholic Standard and Times.

Some people seem to think they have to prove they have a mind by speaking it.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

KANSAS CITY BRIDGES GONE.

Traffic Between Two Municipalities

Carried On by Boats. Kansas City. Aug. 18.—Boats are again being used to transport persons between the two Kansas Cities, the James street foot and wagon bridge and the Metropolitan Street Railway company's bridge over the Kansas river having carried out by the strong current. The river is higher than at any time since the June flood and other structures are in danger. The wrecked bridges are temporary pile affairs, constructed hastily two months ago. A further rise is expected, as half a dozen tributaries to the Kansas west of here are bank full.

The river has been turbulent for over a week past and the strong current has brought in great quantities of driftwood. The James street bridge doated down and took out the street railway bridge, severing the main line of communication across the river and carrying with it the Kansas City (Kan.) gas main and the telephone cable. Last night that city was practically in darkness. The wreckage of the two bridges finally lodged against the Chicago Great Western bridge, and while it weakened that structure and put it out of service, it will, it is believed, remain intact.

Further on much driftwood caught at the flowline bridge, which furnishes the Missouri city with its principal water supply. No damage resulted to this bridge and no apprehension is felt regarding it, unless there is a rise above four feet higher.

All streams in Kansas, including the letter in full: Kaw, the Smoky Hill and the Republican rivers, are rising, the result of The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.: eat, that I had begun heavy rains, and this water is expected here late today.

DIES ON MOUNTAIN TRAIL.

and Succumbs to Heart Failure. Santa Barbara, Cal., Aug. 18 .- An inquest held over the remains of Miss Catherine Grathwol, who died on the a pelvic disorder which left her very mountain trail to the summit of the Santa Yinez range, developed the fact that the young woman's death was caused by heart failure, brought about by exhaustion. The coroner's deputies, who went after the remains, re turned after a most difficult and hazardous trip. The body had to be tied on the back of a horse and brought over the narrow trail in the darkness. Miss Grathwol had requested the friends with whom she was making the ascent on horseback to proceed without her, after half the distance had been covered, saying that she ill he could, but she did not improve the The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O. would remain until their return. The

were futile, and she died half an hour later. Miss Grathwol came to Santa Paul, accompanied by her mother, hop-

ing to regain her health. The other members of the party have returned uninjured.

KIDNAPS WOMAN FOR RANSOM. fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature

She Escapes from Bandit Who Demanded \$50,000 for Her Return. Davenport, Ia., Aug. 18 .- A report comes from Sunbury, Ia., of the kidnaping of Mrs. John Hilsrow, wife of a wealthy farmer, and an attempt to extort \$50,000 ransom from her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Hilsrow were decoyed from their home by a man who stated that their son was ill in a nearby town. While they were driving along the road with the stranger, it is said Hilsrow, who is old and feeble, was thrown from the buggy and was told that his wife would be held until he brought the money to a certain secluded spot. Mrs. Hilsrow was imprisoned in the cellar of a deserted farm house. During the night, while her captor was away from the house. she made her escape, running to a farm house of the neighborhood. In the meantime her husband had communicated with the county authorities. but no trace of the kidnaper could be found. Mrs. Hilsrow is in a critical condition from exposure.

Hail Does Great Damage.

h ilstorm passed over that section last night and damaged a district twentyone miles square. It commenced about four miles north of town and took in a section seven miles wide, going south. The estimated loss will be in the hundreds of thousands. Nearly every northern window in this town was broken.

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Not Over-Wise.

There is an old allegorical picture in the act of heedlessly treading on a

A TRUE STORY.

How a Young Wife Regained Her Health and Beauty.



great rise in the river, which seems fruit grower of that place, writes the sumption in her famunlikely. At most the river will not following letter to the Peruna Medicine ily and she was in Co., of Columbus, Ohio. We print the such bad shape; so

Afton, Va., June 4, 1900. are worthless and a humbug, that I for believe she eats and feels better now one, am glad to be able to say I have than she has for years. Young Woman Becomes Exhausted found one that is everything and more than is claimed for it.

"My wife was very much run down and out of sorts in every way. She had weak, nervous and no appetite at all. "One day I happened to be at my father's store, S. A. Birch, Coresville, I had no idea it would do half what it Alb county, Va., and noticed your medi-

cine he had there for sale. "I thought it might help my wife, so I brought a bottle of it home and within a week she commenced to eat and now she is hungry all the time and not half the medicine has been taken. We both igree that it beats any medicine to bring on an appetite and to put the nerves in good shape that we have ever had anything to do with. We had our family toctor to give her medicine and he did

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r u n down, nervous, weak, and could not

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