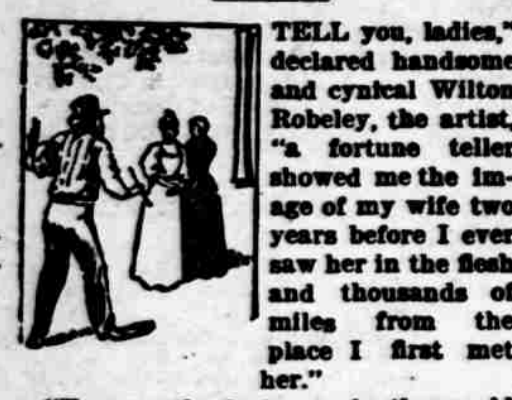


THE ARTIST'S STORY.



TELL you, ladies, declared handsome and cynical Wilton Roberley, the artist, showing me the image of my wife two years before I ever saw her in the flesh...

Then as now I occasionally broke entirely away from my usual surroundings and was one day strolling alone through Rue de Boulogne. As I passed one of the most pretentious houses I was startled by a scream for help...

Woman-Battling with the Flames. Under the spell of her supernatural phenomena it will not describe the 'Inner Temple of Mysteries' to which she conducted me...

College Girl. She was a college girl of lofty ideas and superior attainments, such as college girls have in their early days. When she left her family to rest in the mountains for awhile, she said haughtily...

Discontent. 'The voice of the people,' said the man who was talking about the coming election, 'the voice of the people is the voice of God.'

CATCHING A GRIZZLY.

By springing his trap, and when I returned my eyes were upon me in that same fixed and troubled look.

My immediate reward was a revival of strength and spirits on the part of the young lady. The mother introduced herself as Mrs. Gilson, her daughter Miss Gilson, and when she said, 'Luce, we had best get back to the hotel.'

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Heliotrope Perfume. A delicate odor, heliotrope, is obtained in small quantities from the heliotrope hedges of the Riviera by the process of maceration—a quantity of very pure lard being placed in a copper vessel with the flowers and melted over a slow fire.

Eating Slowly. The opinion that hurry in eating is a prolific cause of dyspepsia is founded on a host of authorities.

From Her Point of View. Both were very young. They stood gazing into a store window, admiring the pretty frocks that children so love, and turning to look at the ragged figure beside her.

New Girl (Just going on the stage)—'Is it true that if I go into the chorus I can never rise? They say I'll never be able to get out of it.'

Thoughtful Enquirer. Heljak—Li Hung Chang always carries his coffin with him when he travels.

THE FIRST ON RECORD.

THE FIRST PERSON TO RECOVER FROM HYDROPHOBIA. Doctors Don't Know What to Make of the Case, as Recovery Was Considered Impossible—Caused by the Bite of a Mad Cat.

MAN has had hydrophobia, that awful disease which doctors say is absolutely incurable, and lives to tell about it—the first instance ever known.

By the afternoon of the following day he began to feel a shooting pain from the tip of his right forefinger up his arm and into his head.

She did not complete the sentence aloud, but it continued in her thoughts as she suddenly recalled that the cat had not bitten him in the left forefinger but in the right.

An hour afterward Mr. Schlesenger grew worse. Shooting pains commenced to cross his head with increasing acuity.

He was forced to retire to his bed, however, and the doctor was again called. At 10 o'clock Mr. Schlesenger's frame suddenly grew rigid.

He did not tell the patient his real thoughts, however. Schlesenger was told that it was a severe case of neuralgia and that it would cease at a certain hour that night.

Country Barber (affably to total stranger)—Very tryin' weather this, sir. Makes you feel as if you'd like your body in a pond an' your 'ead in a public 'ouse!—From Punch.

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THE DEVIL FISH AND WHALE FIGHT TO DEATH.

The illustration is from a description of a duel to death between a devil fish and a whale. The interesting spectacle was witnessed by the crew of a British brigantine enroute from Ceylon to Australia.

Several hours were consumed in dragging, guiding and driving the bear to the top of the hill, and in being dragged, guided and driven by him in turn, and when he got there he was so nearly fagged out that there was little difficulty in wrapping him about with ropes, leading him into a wagon and hauling him through the forest to camp.

When the details had returned with the various articles needed for the capture the fun began. One man climbed to the top of the log cage and let the noose of a stout rawhide lariat down through a crevice, while others from each side took two limbs and tried to slip the noose over the bear's head.

A Colony of Vegetarians. At Oranienburg, near Berlin, a colony of vegetarians was started some years ago, and is growing slowly but steadily. Founded in 1893 by seven enthusiasts on the subject, there are at present 47 households where 37 families and 10 single men have built houses and raised their cabbage.

Something Lacking. 'There is one thing that is badly needed in our post office,' remarked Wheeler, as he opened another dumpling.

What Women Talk About. Regular redingotes are being imported for autumn wear. Fresh linen in the cellar at this season is said to prevent malaria.

The Motted Discourteous. 'If there is anything that I love,' said Mr. Spickles' wife, 'it is a good rope. I know that it is very strong to be anxious for it. I can't help it when I hear another woman singin'.'

Soft tulle, over a scarf of colored silk or satin, is employed as a new dinner table decoration. Don't dress the little folks up in fussy fashion if you want them to enjoy their summer outing.

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WILD STEERS WRECK A BIYCLE.

Men who are posted in the ways of western range riding, and especially those of the Texas breed, know it is extremely hazardous to approach them on foot or in any unusual manner.

Dr. A. B. Hamilton of Laramie, Wyo., should have known better than to try to cross the range near a big bunch of steers on his bicycle, but it seems he didn't, and now the doctor is laid up with a broken shoulder blade, his back is lacerated by fright and his jawbone is shattered.

There are few living things except a race horse of high class that can outrun a Texas range steer when once in full motion. Dr. Hamilton made a brave case, but the case gained on him at every jump and he could feel the hot breath of the leaders almost at his side before he had covered half a mile.

The bicycle did not escape. It lay directly in the path of the maddened animals and was crushed into a worthless wreck.

Every one ought to be allowed to accumulate during his lifetime what he pleases, but when he dies there ought to be a maximum that he may leave to relations or friends, all in excess of this maximum going to the state.

Cyclers seem to possess in a large measure immunity from sunstroke. There was one prostration Saturday in the big cyclists' parade in Cincinnati, but it is an exception that serves only to prove the rule.

Desperate Remedy. 'Darling,' he said, 'you must, you shall be mine!'

The Weather. Country Barber (affably to total stranger)—Very tryin' weather this, sir. Makes you feel as if you'd like your body in a pond an' your 'ead in a public 'ouse!—From Punch.

It has been found that nearly all the rivers in west Africa, within 1,000 miles east and west of Ashantee, yield gold. A doctor says that half the deafness prevalent at the present time is probably the result of children having their ears bored.

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