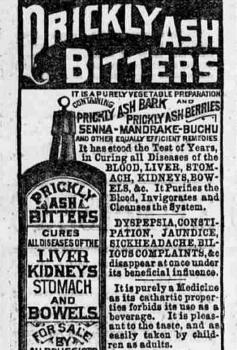


Converting a savage is as hard as taming a rhinoceros, which it is said, will die of a broken heart before it will abate its natural ferocity. The second nature of an Indian is hate of the white man, and this inborn dislike must be subdued to a respect for a white teacher before any good impression will take hold. To see a savage, therefore, at the feet of a Christian missionary learning the divine pre cepts is an exhibition of wonderful will power of the former over the latter. An instance of the kind is the mission service of Rev. L. N. St. Onge, P. P., who, through very trying exposure during ten years of hard Indian missionary life in in the Rocky Mountain region, pursued his noble calling. Of this he writes that he encountered a worse enemy than the savage (developed from his mode of life)and taking hold of him with the tenacity of death itself. With this enemy he struggled very hard, which, like the Indian's projudice, he had to grap-ple because it was violent, and, like his own will power over the savage-that which he employed to conquer and subdue—was in its nature as overpowering as the influence he exerted on the savage It penetrated with magical effects and made its permanent result. Let him explain. In 1882 he wrote from Glen Falls, N. Y., stating., "I am kept in bed by rheumatism and am a cripple trying the virtues of your great remedy I could not bear the pain yesterday, but a single application stopped it and made me sleep comfortably. I trust it will reduce the swelling and allow me to walk." Oct. 29, 1886, he writes again: "Every thing I used failed to relieve me until I tried St. Jacobs Oil. One application was sufficient to stop the pain, and a very few applications to reduce the swelling in the joints. I, therefore, recom-mend that remedy to every one afflicted as I was, and consider it a duty to give it unqualified praise." As a priestly duty he makes it known. The same sense of heroic duty prompts him, and in conquering the instincts of the savage by patience he has by patience found the greatest discovery of the age.



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Pluck and Luck.

Boston Courier.
A maid went out one summer morn, She searched the fields all over; When to her home she did return She brought a four-leaf clover.

To bake conceived a notion, And made some biscuits light as foam That floats upon the ocean.

She's wedded been who made the bread For half a year and over.
But not a suitor had the maid
Who found the four-leaf clover.

Why Men Don't Marry.

A contributor writes to the St. Paul Globe: Why does not my friend marry, when he might win any young lady his bride? is a question one hears asked very often, and I have thought long and deeply on the subject myself. Why do not young men marry as they did in the generation gone by? Mr. Editor, it is not, as you say, because of their inability to settle down to married life. I think it is as you say, but in another sense. Very few young men possess the ability to settle down to the kind of home life which most girls expect to lead. The exalted idea which girls have of how they should live in this fast age is enough to forever put to flight any stray thoughts of matrimony which may enter the mind of the average young man. Money is indeed at the bottom of the whole question. Give young men more money and there will marriages. When

say give men more money I refer to those who work, for if I am not mistaken it is in the ranks of the toilers that we find the least inclination to marry. A man must earn a large salary to support a wife in these days. If a man gets married he must hire somebody to keep house for him. This is undeniable in a majority of cases. Were I to marry I should insist that my wife's own fair hands prepare the tea table or the meal as well as share it with me, that I might enjoy it the better. I am a firm be-liever in the powerful influence which woman may wield over man for good or evil---just as she wills it-therefore I believe the destiny of the young men of to-day lies in the hands of the girls. Where woman's influence leads society, there man will follow every time. Just as long as woman's every went is sup-plied, every whim gratified, just so long will marriages decrease. Then throw not the blame on the young men of to-day; they are blamed for enough, God

Were the girls of to-day themselves willing to make a little sacrifice and be content with less expensive clothes and less jewelry, and give up a little of their passion for balls, theaters, and so on, a man might find courage to look for a wife who known something beside playing a piano without going into the country. As it is he has no nome, and most find solace in something, so he seeks the saloon, the club room or the comfort of a pipe or cigar.

As society exists now I believe it to be detrimental to the happiness of the sexes to encourage matrimony, and until girls are willing to make some sacrifice at the matrimonial altar and become wives in fact, as well as in name, I believe it to be my duty, as well as he duty of every one, to encourage I have written this with an bonest desire to defend the position of young men from the attacks of the press and pulpit.

Midgets to Marry. Boston Globe: Love enters the breasts

of the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve as well as the giant races of man-kind. That the lilliputian loves with the same devotion and with as much ardor as his brobdigungian brother has been demonstrated in Boston within the past twenty-four hours.

Joseph Totman, the courteous little general, whose age is twenty-six, and whose height is three feet six inches, s well known to thousands of Boston-The general is a firm believer in the couplet-

Two souls with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one, And Princess Ida, a blonde beauty of the most pronounced type, is the adored

Princess Ida came on to Boston from

Waukeegan, Ill., her birthplace, last Monday accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Mnry Snerwood. Owin to circumstances over which the princess had no control she met the gallant general and before their acquaintunce had been of many hours, they knew they had been created for each other. Since the arrival of the princess the general has been a most devoted lover, and yesterday he screwed his courage up to that point where he felt himself adequate to make known his burning love, and forthwith went forth to "die or conquer." He sued most carnestly for her hand, and in return she smilingly replied that she reciprocated his love, and would with gladdening heart become Mrs. General loseph Totman. Right there and then the day was set, and in Music hall, on the afternoon of March 8, will be witnessed a marriage coremony the uniqueness of which has never been seen before in the city of culture and refinement.

The stage will be converted into a bower of beauty, made so by sweet smelling blossoms and rare tropical plants. An orchestra of twenty lady musicians, all dressed in spotless white will discourse the wedding march and other appropriate music. The bride will be attended by a retinue of maids, all members of the dwarf family, and the general will have with him small men, although none so small as he.

The affair is under the direct super vision of William Austin of music hall fame, and one of Boston's best known and most popular clergymen will unite the smallest couple that ever stood be-fore the marriage altar in this city. Two skilful panmen have been engaged to write the invitations, 10,000 of which will be sent to the first people of the city and sinte.

A word about the bride and groom It would be difficult and would require a diligent search before a couple could be found having more marked beauty than the Princess Ida and General Tot-man can boast of. Together they preent a striking appearance, and cannot fail of attracting even more attention than was ever bestowed upon General Fom and Mrs. Thumb. Princess Ida is

eighteen years old.

It is safe to say that this wedding ceremony will be witnessed by a much larger assemblage than has been present at any previous occasion of the kind in Boxton.

A Fend Settled by Marriage.

Cedar Grove is in a fair way of settlement through the clopement of a young member of each family.

Jack Teliman, of Roseland, is the son of a wealthy farmer. He is tall and handsome, about twenty-two years old, is popular with the young men, and the girls consider him a great eatch. His fair bride was until Sunday night Miss Minnie Van Iderberg, the daughter of Minnie Van Iderberg, the daughter of Jabez Van Iderberg, of Cedar Grove. She is about nineteen years old, of medium height, well educated, her form is perfect and her face as pretty as that of any girt within a radius of 100 miles of her home.

The Tellmansand Van Idenbergs have been on bad terms since way back in 1840, when Jack's father and Minnie's grandfather had a long and bitter inw-suit over a piece of farm land, part of which was claimed by each. settled in a manner not satisfactory to both parties, and since that time bad blood has existed between the families. On frequent occasions there have been serious fights between the young and middle-aged men of the families; in fact whenever the young men met they fought. Last summer Minnie Van Iderberg

came to Roseland to visit an old school mate, Fannie Walker. One afternoon they went out on horseback. After half an hour's ride they went toward the high blug at Deep lake, South Roseland. When near it Miss Van Iderborg's horse shied at some object and suddenly went over the bluff, throwing his rider a distance of twenty feet into the water. Jack Tellman, who was approaching

on horseback with a friend named Charlie Kenworthy, saw the accident and putting the spurs to his horse dashed around the side of the bluff, dismounted and sprang into the lake. After a severe struggle he reached the shore with Miss Van Iderberg. She murmured "Saved!" "Saved!" and and then lost consciousness. After lying apparently dead for a few

minutes she revived, but when Miss Walker told her that she owed her life to a Tellman she swooned again. Finally she was taken home by Miss Walker and Mr. Kenworthy. Her parents were informed of her little adventure in which one of their enemies had figured. They warned her not to have anything further to do with him.

She was but human, however, and an everlasting love sprang up in her bosom for the man who had risked his life to save her. She met him frequently at a quiet little place near the bluff which so nearly caused her death. The fact of the meetings was known only to Miss Walker and Mr. Kenworthy, but the families of the young lovers got wind of the state of affairs on Sunday and raised a great row. On Sunday night Minnie went to

church. She has not since been seen. Jack Tellman also disappeared on Sunday night. The two were seen to meet after the

church service and seemed suddenly to disappear from view. On Thursday members of both families received letters from the runaways, stating that they were married in

Orange late Sunday night. They are now in Philadelphia. Jack is well supplied with money, and says that he may take his bride through the west before returning home.

Everybody here and in Cedar Grove, however, believes that the couple will

soon return and that the families will become reconciled and united in the friendship of fifty years ago.

He Lost His Bride.

Chicago Tribune: Miss Eva Simpkinson, daughter of Henry Simpkinson, a prominent and wealth citizen of Cin-cinnati, eloped recently with Walter G. Cameron, a young man about town, and they were married in Lexington. gant invitations were issued a few days ago for the marriage of Miss Simpkin-son to Charles H. Judge, a St. Louis druggist. The event would have taken place Wednesday evening, February 29, at the Walnut Hill Methodist Episcopal church. It seems that the young lady, who is twenty-one years of age and a so ciety belle, objected to the match, and to escape it accepted Walter Cameron. The Simpkinson family is one of the oldest and wealthiest in the city. Miss Eva's grandfather, John Simpkinson, is a millionaire and a magnificent reception was being arranged to take place at his residence after the marriage to Mr. Judge. Miss Simpkinson did not tell her relatives of her rash act, and they were greatly prestrated to hear what she had done. Charles H. Judge is a promising young man, formerly a resident of this city, while Cameron is one of a class of young fellows who is considered fast. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron returned to Cincinnati after the ceremony, but have no hope of obtaining the pardon of the wife's relations, who feel that they have been disgraced. Of course the preparations for the next week's wedding, which would have been one of the most fashionable and notable of the year, have been discontinued.

How a Woman Would Propose. New York Sun: I think it would be funny to hear a woman propose to a man.

wonder how she would do it. "I think you're the nicest man I ever saw, and-I never loved anybody be--but, well-of course-I could marry plenty. There's Harry Thompson-and Mr. Jones-I know they would-if Ibut I'd rather have you than any-

body."
"When shall the wedding day be?" "Let me see: the 21st-no, I've got to go to a wedding on the 15th-I think it will be the 15th-I don't know. And then ther's Mrs. Wilkerson's german on the 20th, and the ball on the 22d. Per-haps about the 29th—if Mary Farallones doesn't give her garden party. Let us say some time next month, dearest."

After Thirty Years. A correspondent writes to the Atlanta Constitution from Chayton, Ga.

the pleasure of interviewing a Mr. James H. Whiten, who has just returned from a thirty years' stay in the wild west. His experience in frontier life, which is full of Indian skirmishes; bear hunts, etc., is quite interesting; but the separation from his wife of a period of thirty years, and what led to heir meeting, is the most interesting

feature of his story. In January, 1857, Mr. Whiten was married to Miss Nancy Fowler, a beautiful young lady who resided near West-minster, S. C. Young Whiten was very ambitious to prepare for his wife a commedious home, both being very poor at the time of their marriage. He made up his mind to try his fortune in the west. The gold fever was spread ing through this country at that time like a contagion, and Pike's Peak was the objective point. So in the following spring, when winter's winds had given place to the breezes of spring and before the honeymoon had fairly waned, yows of everlasting devotion and fidelity were exchanged, and Mr. Whiten turned his face westward.

After roughing it five years among desperadoes and Indians, and having gathered considerable money, he decided to return to his Nancy; but not so to be. The civil war was then in full blast, and, while passing through the state of Texas, Mr. Wilson was called on for his services and had to respond. During his term many letters were writ-New York Journal: A bitter feud of on for his services and had to respond. The commander of the post surveyed bearly fifty years' standing between a family of Roseland, N. J., and one of ten to the precious one, but no answer. He felt the deadening influence of the

ever came. Through an acquaintance he was informed that this wife had refugeed to parts unknown." In the soldiers camp, in the state of Kansas, the news of Lee's surrender reached him. Being destitute of means on which to travel, and having learned through an effort to establish a communication that the one was dead for whom it was his pleasure to live, he returned to Colorado, there

to spend the balance of his days in the solitude of the west. For twenty-two years, said Mr. Whiten, "I wandered over the plains and prairies, my thoughts ever carrying me back to the place where I kissed her goodbye." It seems that his grief instead of relaxing, grew more poignant. In the fall of 1887 he met an old friend, Joe Steel, in Montana, Mr. Steel told him it was very likely that his wife was still living; that he had a faint recollection of a marriage in an adjoining county of a Mr. Southern to a Mrs. Whiten, who had long since given up her former husband for dead, and that Southern was dead, so he was informed, and that the widow's postoffice was East Mad-ison, S. C. Elated by these glad tidings, Mr. Whiten directed three letters to Fort Madison, one to Mrs. South-ern, one to Mrs. Whiten and one to Mr. — Whiten, a supposed son of his. Eagerly did he wait for a reply, but none came. The letters remained in the post office until one day the post-master at that place was fixing to make a legal disposition of them, when a countryman, Mr. John Latham, chanced to step in. The postmaster causally asked Latham if he knew any one by the name of Nancy Southern or Nancy Whiten, Latham happened to be well request of the postmaster, carried the letter to Mrs. Southern. She answered him at once, explaining her second marriage; that she heard he was dead, and expressed great anxiety to see him. Mr. W. at once took the train for Westminster, S. C., having been, by her letter, informed that she lived at the same old place. Arriving at Westminster, he proceeded to the old country homestead, where the parting took place. There under the willow tree in the yard, where they parted thirty years before, they met again. Time and trouble had, of course, left its impress on both. Said Mr. Whiten: "Though the black curis she once were were streaked with gray, and the sparkling eye was dimmed, and the tint of the rose had left the cheek, yet she was as dear to me as ever. We are now living together as happily as when ver parted in the spring of 1857. My son came to see me last Christmas-the first time I ever saw him-and we all had a jolly

Backed Out at the Altar.

There was a remarkable scene at an intended marriage at the house of a Frederickton, N. B., clergyman the other afternoon. At 4 o'clock a young man, a well-known resident of Candigan, and a young lady residing on George street with the intention of getting married. The ceremony had been commenced and the prospective bride said she would secrept the young man as her husband. The minister began to draw a picture of marriage that had proved to be unhappy. Without waiting to hear the bright side of the picture she pushed her lover's hand away, declaring: "I* will not have yoy." The young man was thunderstruck, but neither he nor the minister could induce her to change her mind. She seized her wraps and left the house and the marriage was indefinitely postponed.

Very Romantic.

San Francisco Chroniele: She was ery romantic. Her father was a millionaire whose life had been devoted to sausage-raising. He was very practical naturally, but all the poetry of her family was right in her. She was beloved by another millionaire's son, but she had been reading romances and stuff, and when he proposed to her she declared he must do something poetical for her. "Dearest, what can I do?"

"Become a poor artist." "I couldn't be any other kind of an ar-

"I mean you must protend to be a poor artist. Pa does not know you. You must come and make love to me and I will fall in love with you. Pa will object and make a row. We will elope and get married, and when it is all over we'll tell him, and it will be delight-

And so he became a poor artist and took a poor studio and daubed on canvasses and pretended to paint pictures. And there was another millionair's daughter got to coming to his studio and sitting for her picture. In those delightful little tete-a-tetes he forgot all about the romantic maiden, and when the romantic maiden came one night in peasant costume as a sweet surprise to run away with him she found he was married to the other girl and had gone off on his honeymoon. She thinks that romances are all lies now, and nothing happens in real life as it happens in books. She's about right.

She Married Too Much.

Charleston, S. C., Special to the New York World: Dr. Atkinson, a leading druggist of Chester, was engaged to Miss Little of Gaffney City and went there two months ago to marry her. She could not be found and he went home unmarried. She came home immediately after his departure and Atkinson determined to marry her, and he re newed his correspondence with her and induced her to appoint another day for the marriage. Monday was the day and the marriage took place. The bride and groom are now in Chester. Saturday John Mintz came to Gaffney and was very much shocked to hear of the marriage of Miss Little, as he had married her only two months ago and they agreed to keep their marriage secret for two years. Mantz showed a certificate of the elergyman who had married them, and also his written promise not to divulge the secret for two years. Mintz is an intelligent boy of nineteen and of good family. Miss Little is pretty, young and mischiev-ous, but of the best soond standing.

THE COMMANDER OF THE POST

By Wallace P. Reed, in Atlanta Constitution. It was very dull at Cottonboro during the summer of '64, The village was situated on a small

river in Florida leading to the gulf, and it was supposed to be a place of some strategic importance. For four years a small force of feder-

als had been endeavoring at odd times

to capture Cottonboro and a small force of confederates had succeeded in keeping them back. A hot July sun was blazing down on Cottonboro and the streets were deserted. Here and there in some shady nook might have been seen a few soldiers playing cards, and telling stories, but there was no other sign of

Colonel Melton was pacing the side-walk in front of his headquarters. He was the commander of the post, but he had very little to do. There was no fighting in prospect, and it was not ne-cessary to keep the men under very

strict discipline.

sultry summer heat, and gasped for breath. "I must take a nap," he said, "there is nothing to be done here. Just then he saw a cloud of dust in the

distance, a mile or so away.
"I will wait," he remarked, "there may be trouble in that quarter. The commander was right. In a very few minutes a number of cavalrymen rode in with a captured spy.

"Shall we hang him or try him?" asked the leader of the party. Colonel Melton was about to give an offband reply, when his eyes fell upon the face of the prisoner. He saw a handsome youth covered with dust, and bearing the marks of travel aed expo-

"Leave him to me," said the colonel quickly, "I will question him pri-

When the prisoner was alone with the ommander of the post the latter said: "Clara, I penetrated your disguise at a glance. How is it that you are here?" The prisoner gave a captious nod, such as only a woman could give. "John Melton," she replied, "I am

sorry to look upon your hated face "But you are in trouble," answered

the commander grayely, "and I must see you out of it." "I scorn your help!" cried the dis-uised spy. "You deserted me after I guised spy. 'You deserted me after I had been a faithful wife for years, and you left me to face the world and earn my own living. My talents found employment down this way as a spy, and I went into the business with a full knowledge of the consequences. You may tell your men to take me out and shoot

"I cannot do that," replied the com-mander, "nor can I allow you to be tried. If you are held for trial you will be searched by a crowd of rude soldiers. My wife must not be subjected to such indignities."

"Your wife!" sneered the spy. "What did you care for her when you ran away from her?" The colonel shivered, and then looked

straight into the woman's eyes "I had my reasons," he said, "and I have never regretted my action. I wish you were dead, but I don't propose to have a hand in heaping disgrace upon

The woman's eyes fell, but in a mo ment she recovered herself. "Then, John Melton," she said, "I am

"You are," answered the commander of the post; "not a hair of your head will be harmed." He spoke with an air of authority, and the woman looked at him with a newly kindled interest in her eyes.

"John," she said softly.
"None of that," responded the col-nel. "When I left you, it was for good and all. I must get you out of this scrape, but you must never cross my path again."

"But what are you going to do?" asked the spy.
"Leave it to me," said the colonel.

Then he called in a couple of soldiers and told them to bind the spy's hands. "Leave his feet unbound," said the colonel, "I am going to make the fellow take a walk with me.' "How is that, colonet," inquired Cap-

tain Dallas. "A secret of state," whispered the colonel, "it is the only way to get it. I will walk with him to the place where he has buried his papers." "Good!" eried the captain. "Well,

as his hands are tied, it is safe." In the course of a few moments the commander of the post started off to the woods with his prisoner.
"The cunnle will come back by him-

self," said a soldier to a comrade, with a significant wink. All the soldiers smiled as they watched the couple. "The cumule wants to do a little shooting himself," they said. "Well, it is

Colonel Melton escorted his prisoner through the woods for a mile or so. At last he paused. "Clara," he said, "do you know where you are now?"

"Yes," she answered, "I could now make my way back to the lines if left

The colonel cut the spy's bonds. "Goodbye, Clara," he said.
"But you?" asked the spy. "What will become of you?"

"Be off at once!" shouted the colonel. I must return, and you must not lose a moment. The frightened woman sped away through the forest.

The commander of the post quietly followed her trail for an hour or two.

When he was satisfied that she had eached a place of safety he retraced his steps. He was almost in sight of Cottonbord when he drew a pistol and placed is against his head.

The discovery of Colonel Melton's dead body excited the garrison at Cottonboro to a high pitch of wrath, but there was nothing to be done. "That d—d spy!" said one of the offi-cers, "He got loose in some way and murdered the best soldier in Florida."

This was the general verdict. It was thought the spy had taken advantage of the colonel, and had assassinated him.

Nor did the spy ever find out the true explanation. She knew the maguanimity of her husband, but she never knew the secret of his death. Perhaps the commander of the post

did not care to live in the same world with his wife. Perhaps he preferred death rather than return to Cottonbord without his prisoner. No one ever knew. But a gray haired

woman in one of the northwestern states spends hours at a time in her little cot-tage with folded arms, thinking of the mysterious chapter in her life.
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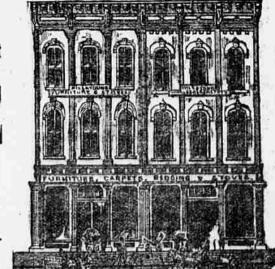
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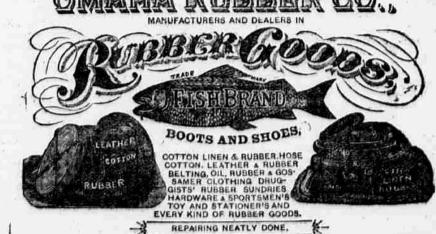
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