

The Lady of the Road.

From "Wheeling in Arcadia."—By Clinton Ross.

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We discussed it many times after the weary day was over and the merriment passed but another was weary. We saw before us vacation, and Arcadia. Tommie said you could find it on a wheel, and finally he persuaded me. My persuasion was complete the third day out. To be sure, we had not yet found Arcadia, but we had the flavor of some good health already and were hopeful that when we least expected it we should cross the boundary. The road had gained our spirits. We were already why exasperated in the gyping, why the most entertaining piece in Wilhelm Meister and in Kenelm Chillingly are those where the heroes take the road "over the hills and far away," why Pietro Otto is the most delightful of Stevenson's stories, and "Walking Tours" the most exquisite of his essays—although I have not heard of the real charm of Pickwick in the coaching, and the too long of horns, and that Dick Turpin was more here than scamp.

And so feeling fit, and our hearts attuned to simple natural things, we rode into the woods that were to be the scene of our first misadventure. The road was smooth and promissory; through the branches at our feet, the shimmer of a lake, where Tommie said we might loaf comfortably for an hour with our pipes. So we left our steeds by the roadside and sat down for comfortable contemplation. An hour must have passed when Tommie gripped my arm.

"Look, Fletcher—over there!"

I followed his eyes and saw by our wheels—a bit of sunlight on her face—a most charming young woman, who was gowned in white, and whose admirer's achievements of the modiste. She was young, I say, and blonde; and she was smiling to herself, and looking over her shoulder as if she were before we even fancied it—was in the saddle as easily as any boy, and tearing around a curve, and out of our ken.

"Well, I'll be hanged," said Tommie. "I hope she'll bring it back," said I.

"Particularly as it's my wheel," said Tommie. "But she's riding down by the side of her; she had vanished."

"Get on yours and catch her," said Tommie.

"Oh, she'll bring it back. She won't!"

"Yes, she was!"

"A gentleman of the road," said Tommie.

"No, a lady—times have changed," said Tommie. "Well, I'm after her, Fletcher."

And he, too, was around the curve on my wheel, leaving me laughing and mourning. But five minutes he was back, let and irritable.

"There are three forks of the road just beyond. How in thunder am I to know which is the look?"

"That's had enough," said he. "I can't afford another wheel this year."

"I'll take it," said I, "that she's just playing a trick."

"It's rather near a theft," said Tommie. "Confound you, it wasn't your machine. It was the other's. You could see it better with you. She's gone; the wheel is well, perhaps it's paved by this time."

"You think you're funny," quoth Tommie. "Fiddle on, and I'll walk to the road."

"No," said I, "I'll walk to the road. But she was an infernally pretty—"

"Thief!"

"Now, Tommie, you don't know that," said I.

"Well," said he, "haven't the evidences of my senses?"

"You sometimes lie," said I. For I saw he was not pleased; it wasn't my wheel, and of course I could philosophize more easily than he. The summer of the road had turned at the three roads, since our map refused to be explicit; and presently we came on a rustic in boots.

"Did you see a woman riding a man's wheel?"

"I saw," said the rustic.

"I should remark," said Tommie; "she stole my wheel."

"You don't say," said the rustic.

"Where does this road lead?"

"Nowhere," said the rustic.

"Don't you live here?" asked Tommie.

"Since 'was born, golly," said the rustic.

"Then where the deuce will this road bring you to?"

"That depends on where ye gold," remarked the rustic practically.

"Oh, Lord!" said Tommie. "I've a notion to sound this fool in the road."

The rustic looked frightened and retreated a step.

"We want to go anywhere—to find the stolen wheel," said Tommie. "This 'ere road goes to Arcadia," said the rustic.

A female Dick Turpin! Arcadia! We opened our eyes and looked at each other. "It's a queer name that Mervale calls his place," said the rustic. "It's round that turn."

"I'm despairing of getting anything more lucid from him, but it appeared that at least we had reached Arcadia, I began to laugh when Tommie said irritably: "Shut up."

About the turn we came on a road leading from ours between high gate posts; and there on a grassy bank was our lady of the road. I stepped back embarrassed. She was laughing to herself. Yes, she was undeniably pretty. And as we passed she began to sing in a voice that probably was not a good one by common standard; but here in the wood, singing to herself, it seemed singularly delightful. I clutched Tommie and held him back.

"Sing no more ditties, sing no more, Dump us so dull and heavy. The fraud of men was ever so, Since summer first was leafy."

"And of women," said Tommie, stepping forward, cap in hand; at least he remembered so much of his manners. The singer started, and drew herself up.

"Sit!" said she, like the affronted lady in the play.

"I beg your pardon," said Tommie. "That was a very pretty song."

"What is that to you, sir? It's Shakespeare," she said.

"You'll excuse me," said Tommie; "but we have had a mishap. My wheel has been stolen."

"Stolen!" she cried in a voice that was almost a shriek. "How in the name of heaven did that come?"

"Yes, down by the lake," said the malicious Tommie.

"Oh," she cried, "how can I explain? There it is, I thought it was Fred. I thought Fred and Harry left it there."

"It's no matter," said I. "I'm sorry. It was a natural mistake. I had looked at the blue eyes. Did I tell you before they were blue? Tommie calmly walked to his wheel. "I am glad you did it," he said; "because it has given me a chance to know you."

"You're atrocious," she said; and turned and fled up the road behind the gateway.

"Tommie," said I, "you're a cad."

"Tommie leaned on his wheel, laughed and whistled. "Wasn't she jolly?" he said. "I'm going to follow."

"You are not going to do anything of the kind," I cried. "But he always is a stubborn; and it ended by me following him."

The road led from the wood into a broad sunny lawn which was dominated by a great stone house, where a man was just stepping into a high dog cart.

"Why," said Tommie; "it's Harry Wharton."

At the moment Wharton saw us.

"Well, I declare," he cried, coming forward.

"He didn't go after all," said Tommie.

"He the Harry of the 'Fred and Harry' probably."

"Do you think she did?" I cried fiercely; but Tommie was explaining to Wharton that we had lost our way and Wharton was insisting on the hospitality of the Mervale house, which he had rented for the summer. He explained; and Tommie was accepting, while I stood speechless. At the moment our lady of the road came out of the house and blushed at the sight of us and looked as if she wanted nothing so much as to take to her heels, which were very pretty heels, I must assure you, topped by a delicious ankle. Wharton presented us. "Miss Rose Burton," he said, "the lady who says, 'we've met before.'"

"You have?" said Wharton.

"I don't remember," said she, giving Tommie a glance that was more than a glance, but only seemed to delight him. But she

rewards me by turning to me and extending her hand and saying in a low voice, "I don't see why your friend is so odious about that mistake."

"I don't know, I'm sure," I said. Mrs. Wharton just then appeared and I had her—

"I don't mean Mrs. Wharton—to deserve it. I began to believe that Arcadia was all the poets have claimed for it. I told her that I knew it was a mistake; but I tried very hard to defend Tommie's churlishness. I told her she had rather startled me when I saw her mount Tommie's wheel," she interposed.

"Oh, I don't know," said I.

"How Harry and Fred—"

"And Fred?"

"Oh, he's my brother. How they'd laugh. I was going to say, 'But a joke is with him who laughs last—with your friend.'"

"I think you did Tommie disservice," I said, trying, I'll confess, to make his case a worse one.

"I don't know," she said, as if much provoked.

"Yes, he might," I assented.

"Yet in strict fairness I feel called on to tell him how my party, and that night as we sat smoking and reviewing the day's adventures I said:

"She thinks you insufferable, Tommie."

"I don't know," said I.

"Why, yes," I replied with rather a self-conscious air.

"Well, I believe I believe there'll be more fun in his house than on the road. I don't believe that we can have another adventure like—"

"Like getting your wheel stolen. Do you want another?"

"She's an amusing girl," said Tommie inconsequently.

"Yes, she is," I agreed. "But—you see you're offended her."

"Oh, I don't know. I said from the first you'd get your wheel back."

"And you told her that, and that I insisted she was a thief."

"Well, yes," I admitted guiltily. "I believe you think she'll like you any better for running me down?" he asked as sarcastically as he could.

"I don't think I wanted her to like me?"

"Your manner—you consented as."

"You're the conceited ass, Tommie; for you think you've made an impression. I hope I may have."

"And that I haven't?"

"Well, you can't be answered honestly."

"You think you can be being disagreeable."

"Look here, Fletcher, let's solve for ourselves that moot question—why way will make the most impression on a girl that's flattery or brutal frankness."

"We may break her heart, said I, resolved that I would not let her get the best of me.

"I think she'll look for that," Tommie said.

"Or, she may break ours," I commented.

"We'll risk that," said Tommie.

"We may end by disliking each other," I said.

"Oh, if I lose, I'll hold it against you," said Tommie.

"But I may against you," I said.

"Such a Tom-boy sort of a girl, too!" said Tommie.

"I think you wrong her. I have found some fine girls—"

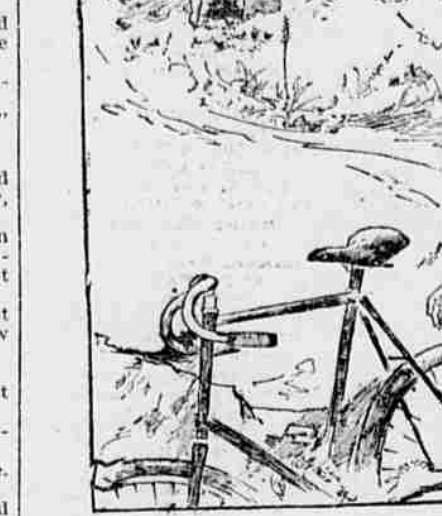
"Oh, you have. Well, you're a quick one," he retorted.

Those dear people who formerly lived in Arcadia successfully eliminated pain and jealousy and rivalry—at least judging from their own accounts; they doubtless lied a bit about it. For in my own experience I am bound to say that there may be drawbacks, even to Arcadia. My consciousness of a few in the place began to grow when Tommie was absorbing rather too much of her attention. I felt at first that she was but leading him on, and then I thought in beginning his veracious account that I might well leave the solution ungiven—like the famous riddle of the lady and the thief. Of our two systems of tactics, which was the more likely to win with a girl like Rose Burton? If Tommie at times had the better, there were other days when I seemed to be more in her favor. Once I accused him of using my flatteries, of not playing fair, when he retorted that I had known him long enough to trust him.

"You never can trust even your best friend—when there's a woman in the case."

"Fletcher," said Tommie gravely at this, "that ancient saying is gospel truth."

"From that moment I felt that it was not a fair test case; but indeed I had ended



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RULES THAT HAVE BEEN TESTED AND FOUND TO BE OF SERVICE.

The number of people afflicted with this peculiar and uncomfortable sensation after eating is by no means small. It means simply that the apparatus of human life is not allowed to perform its duty as that of an organ without impediment. Devil Jack was hauled up before the superintendent and directors at once, and given a day's suspension from his duties. His job of hauling nitro-glycerine and no one else could be allowed to take Jack's place at double the pay, why the old teamsters had to refuse. Every day the camp used to hold his breath and wish the day was over when Jack was due at the mine. The day was over when Jack was due at the mine. The day was over when Jack was due at the mine.

VICTIMS OF INDIGESTION.

Secondly, eat something which requires considerable chewing, especially at the beginning of a meal. This involves the use of dry foods, but it does not mean the entire absence of liquid. The reason why food that has to be chewed is valuable is because in the process of mastication a large amount of saliva is secreted and this is important factor in digestion. If liquid is desired at meal time it is not likely to do great harm if it is not too cold, provided it is not swallowed at the same time as the food. Every man who washes down each mouthful of bread with a swallow of milk, tea or coffee has no saliva mixed with his food; whereas, if he thoroughly masticates his mouthful of dry food, swallows it, and then takes his swallow of milk, he will interfere far less with the proper processes of digestion.

REASONS WHY A WORKINGMAN PREFERS THE GREAT STANDARD.

A workingman, writing to the New York World, says: Under free coinage of silver, before the advent of the gold standard, I got \$1.25 a day. Today he gets \$1 a day. Then a barrel of flour cost eight days' work. Now I can get a barrel of flour for four and one-half days' work. Then one and one-fourth bushels of corn cost one day's work. Now I can get two bushels of corn for one day's work. Then ten pounds of sugar cost one day's work. Now I can get ten pounds of sugar for one day's work. Then six pounds of pork cost one day's work. Now I can get ten pounds of pork for one day's work. Then ten pounds of sugar cost one day's work. Now I can get ten pounds of sugar for one day's work. Then six pounds of pork cost one day's work. Now I can get ten pounds of pork for one day's work.

TERROR ON WHEELS

The Reckless Teamster Who Hurlled Dynamite at Wild Cats.

JACK WILSON'S NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPRESS

How He and Bill Soggs Terrorized the Mountains and How They Appeared with Load Every-body Took to the Woods.

"I have been in nearly every mining camp in the United States west of the Mississippi river and in all mining sections in Mexico, and have, of course, seen some of the toughest frontiers anywhere," said M. Howard, an old-timer from Tombstone, Ariz., to a Globe-Democrat reporter. "Such characters as 'Wild Bill,' 'Yellowstone Jack' and the dozens of others who have been famous in flash literature for an apparent recklessness of human life and dare-devil deeds have been known to me personally. But the most ultra-reckless of them all and the most indifferent man to his own safety I ever came across, was a little squeaky-voiced, haphazard teamster named Jack Wilson. I never can forget that fellow, and neither will the hundreds of men who were compelled to work about him."

Wilson was at work for a mining company in Alpine county, in central California. In 1877, Nitro-glycerine was used to loosen the gold quartz in the hard, rocky sides of the mountains. There were a lot of men in camp who passed for bold, reckless and fearless fellows, and each would have made a good character for a sanguinary dime novel. But when any of them was offered \$50 and \$60 a week and "found" just to drive the nitro-glycerine wagon from the mine station five miles away to the mining camp every other day, it was amusing to hear the excuses he would make for preferring to work like a Trojan ten hours a day down in the quarry around the diggings.

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"I did—at first. But you know I believe that was the reason I thought so much about him that—"

"Then it's true that you can make more of an impression on a girl by being disagreeable."

"Well, if you'll have it so," she said. As for me, I turned away. They didn't notice me. In the evening I ventured to say to her:

"Ah, I've been congratulating Tommie."

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DEMONETIZATION OF IRON.

Restoration of 16 to 1 Free and Unlimited Coinage of Iron Demanded.

Alexander P. Hull of Atlanta is a strong 16 to 1 man. He does not believe in half-way measures. The free coinage of silver idea is too tame for him. He is willing to see the silverites and go them 100 points better. Here are his declarations, proposition and argument, as set forth in the Atlanta Journal.

"Having been deeply impressed by the arguments of Judge Crisp, Bryan, Stewart, Jones and other silver leaders, and especially grieved, shocked and horrified by the awful crime of 1873, as so luridly depicted daily in the columns of the Atlanta Constitution and other silver organs, I have changed my views on the money question, and am ready to maintain the proposition following in joint debate or newspaper controversy:

"I accept the arguments of the advocates of silver and agree with their remedy as far as it goes. However, it does not go far enough. Let us have plenty of remedy—in fact, enough to make debt and poverty the order of the day. The remedy I propose is in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of pig iron at the ratio of 16 to 1 with gold by the United States alone, independently of any other country, and approved by the best authority obtainable that such a policy on the part of the United States will raise prices, put plenty of money into circulation, and give the honest debtor a chance to pay his debts, thereby making the whole country prosperous."

"Now, in the first place, it may be urged by some 'who do not understand the subject of standard value' that a free coinage act for iron would not raise its price to a ratio of 16 to 1 with gold. To them I reply that the stamp of this government, and the legal tender qualities of the iron dollar would instantly make the bullion value of pig iron the same as the mint value. 'For who would not understand the subject of standard value' that a free coinage act for iron would not raise its price to a ratio of 16 to 1 with gold. To them I reply that the stamp of this government, and the legal tender qualities of the iron dollar would instantly make the bullion value of pig iron the same as the mint value. 'For who would not understand the subject of standard value' that a free coinage act for iron would not raise its price to a ratio of 16 to 1 with gold. 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