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### THE BOY AND THE MAN.

A WOMAN'S TRAGICOMEDY IN ONE EVENING.

The boy came at seven-thirty P. M., and stayed.

I did not want him. I knew that the moment might come when his presence would be positively obnoxious, yet I could not get rid of him. He was well-meaning (in so far as he could be said to have a meaning), light haired, long-legged.

He sat on the sofa, and put himself into thirty-two distinct attitudes, not one of which was graceful. I could not exactly tell him to go, and anything short of that he disregarded.

He wore a pink striped waistcoat and a blue tie.

He did not admire me; his idol was in short frocks and fuzzy hair. Other boys worship the seasoned belle, but his taste in enslavers was the only peculiar thing about him. I never cared for the very young attached to me; and the very young despairing for another is even worse.

He did not even talk of Her. I wished he had. I would have sympathized to the best of my power. Presumably I was too antique in his estimation (I was twenty-seven) to take an interest in such things. He talked of love, to make up for his silence on the nearer subject. I listened and wearied, and took out the fancy work I kept for the boy and never finished.

He spoke with the superior air of one instructing the ignorant. I was, I am afraid, absent minded, and he languished after awhile.

I offered him sweets, and insulted him into a ruby blush.

After that he stared sadly at me as if he had come for no other purpose than to feast his eyes for one last time on my adored features.

He was very much like the immortal Toots.

At last the conversation got upon its legs, and, in a rickety fashion, managed to keep moving.

The marriage question (not the improper marriage question) seemed to interest him greatly. He did not ask for my advice, but merely soliloquized at some length. He mentioned the desirability of early marriages; the impossibility of asking a girl to share ten shillings a week; the expense of bringing up a young family; there was the education of the sons and the portion for the daughters.

"You would not educate them?" I inquired, covering an incipient laugh.

He thought he would let them choose between an education and an income. "Besides they might marry."

"To be sure," I assented. "And there might be grand-children."

A puzzled look crossed the Boy's face; he had not thought of the grandchild-ron.

"O, that would be all right," he said, after a short silence.

"A man is only responsible for his own family. Directly responsible, of course."

Here I threaded a needle. "But there

is no harm in looking at things from all sides."

However, we had plunged too far into futurity, even for the Boy; he took another bypath from the same thoroughfare.

"I think it very wrong for people to throw obstacles in the way of marriage," he remarked, solemnly.

"But on the other side," then said I, "it would never do to encourage the the thing too much; if the couple quarreled, they would lay the blame of the position on you."

This was evidently a new idea; he pondered on it some time.

The Man came in, sat down, and waited.

"People might some times interfere unintentionally," the Boy said reflectively.

"They might," I agreed—I hope not grimly.

The Man looked at the clock and figured.

"Is that the right time?" he asked.

"Two minutes slow," said the Boy.

"Thanks," said the Man. "I have to catch the eight-thirty-five train."

My needle would not thread. Then I said: "So soon!" and "When do you return?"

"I don't know," he answered. "It depends."

"Don't get fever at the Rock," said the Boy, paternally. "I have known such lots of fellows go off like you, and they never came back."

"I hope this will be an exception," I said. (O, would no one take the Boy away and bury him?)

"Thank you," said the Man.

The Boy got up—was he going?

He merely looked at a photograph over the mantelpiece, and sat down again.

"That is a nice looking girl," he remarked. "Some people think appearance everything. Now, I notice carefully how a girl acts to everybody, and learn her all around, then make up my mind."

"Does it take long?" I inquired (with polite interest, I hope; how I longed to stick my crewel-needle into him).

"Is——" (the Boy's mind had wandered).

"To learn her all around?"

"Not very long. Of course, it depends——"

The Man, who had been staring at the ceiling, began to hunt savagely through a six months' old magazine.

(Ting—ting—ting—ting—ting—ting—ting.)

I wished he would go—the Boy, I mean; O! I wished. Could one be diplomatic?

"I wonder," I said, "I wonder could you post a letter for me?"

"With the greatest pleasure," said the Boy. "For the country?"

"Yes, for the country."

(O! my evil star!)

"O! that's all right," he said. "I need not run with it." Then in an explanatory tone, "You see the next post is out tomorrow morning. Any time till ten will do."

My heart sank. The Man, who had

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In the Matter of the Estate of Richard P. R. Millar, deceased.

To The Creditors Of Said Estate:

You are hereby notified that the county judge will sit at the county court room in Lincoln, in said county, on the 15th day of November, 1900, and again on the 15th day of February, 1901, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 15th day of August, 1900, and the time limited for the payment of debts is one year from the 15th day of August, 1900.

Notice of this proceeding is ordered published four weeks successively in The Courier, of Lincoln, Nebraska, a weekly newspaper published in this state.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court this 2d day of July, 1900.

(SEAL.) FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge.

By WALTER A. LEESE, Clerk County Court.

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### Notice to Creditors.—E 1465.

In the county court of Lancaster county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Nathaniel Leech, deceased.

To the Creditors of Said Estate:

You are hereby notified, that the county Judge will sit at the county court room in Lincoln, in said county, on the 1st day of December, 1900, and again on the 1st day of March, 1901, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 1st day of September, 1900, and the time limited for the payment of debts is one year from the 1st day of September, 1900.

Notice of this proceeding is ordered published four weeks successively in The Courier of Lincoln, Nebraska, a weekly newspaper published in this state.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court this 14th day of July, 1900.

(SEAL.) FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge.

By WALTER A. LEESE, Clerk County Court.

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### Notice of Final Report—E 1380.

In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

In re estate of Christina Hass, deceased.

The state of Nebraska to Theodore Kline, guardian of Jacob Kline, insane; Jacob Kline, Charles Kline, Theodore Kline; to all persons interested in said estate, and to any other heirs or next of kin of the said Christina Hass, deceased.

Take notice that Theodore Kline has filed a final report of his acts and doings as administrator of said estate, and it has been ordered that said matter be set for hearing on the 14th day of August, 1900, before said county court, in the court house, at Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., at which time any person interested may appear and contest the same; and notice of this proceeding is ordered published for three weeks consecutively in The Courier of Lincoln, Nebraska.

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