

Pecos Valley News.

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ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO FEBRUARY 14, 1907

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About the City

Mrs. Baker spent Sunday in Roswell.

Mr McCormick left Monday for Roswell.

E. C. King made a trip to Hagerman Sunday.

Will Watkins visited in Hagerman over Sunday.

D. D. Temple was a Lake Arthur visitor Tuesday.

Mr. Schwartz was among the Roswell visitors Sunday.

Walker Bros. left Monday for Old Mexico on business.

J. A. Martin went to Roswell Thursday of last week.

S. W. Gilbert was in Roswell the fore part of the week.

John S. Majors made a business trip to Roswell last week.

Blank deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, etc., at the News office. tf

Lee Turknett does hauling every day in the week except Sunday.

Ben Donaghe was in from the mountains Monday after a 1 ad of freight.

Mrs Luke Gage left Tuesday morning for Wichita, Kansas, to visit relatives.

S. P. Henry and Henry Angell were among the Roswell visitors last Saturday.

C. H. Loomis of Bradsworth, Canada, is visiting in Artesia a few days with Earl McBride.

For sale—A fresh, young milk cow. For particulars see C. L. Heath. 22-1f

REMEMBER! It's the Artesia Machine Shop that does you the most satisfactory work in town. tf

Miss Anna Chisholm visited with friends in Dayton last Friday, returning home Monday morning.

"Shorty" Haines visited in Hagerman last Sunday. Another thing he did was to miss the train coming back.

J. Bond and G. M. Harris who have been looking over the valley returned home to Walsenburg, Colo., Tuesday morning.

Do you know the secret of business being good at the Artesia Machine Shop? Ask anyone that has his work done there. tf

If you want prompt work and the sanitary conditions perfect send your laundry to Roswell Steam Laundry. 17ff

Horse shoeing is picking up at the Machine Shop, do you know why? They have a man there that understands his business. tf

The Artesia Hotel and Mr Geo. Kauffman are agents for Roswell Steam Laundry. Send your laundry to them. 17ff

J. P. Dyer handles the famous Blue Ribbon School Shoe, "best on earth." You will never regret purchasing a pair of them. tf

If your horses hoofs have been ruined by being improperly shod take them to the Machine Shop—they will put them in shape and tell you how to keep them so. tf

A union Sunday School meeting was held at the Christian church Tuesday night and a good program was rendered. After

the exercises a social time was had and everybody enjoyed themselves.

Cam Dow of Hope came in town Tuesday with a load of posts which he sold to Lockney & Dawson's new wagon yard. Mr. Dow has a claim across the Pecos and will go there from Artesia to improve it.

H. E. Mull and Co's well rig is now drilling on E. T. Gunter's land one half mile west of the college. When the water supply is assured the land will be cut up into five and ten acre lots and sold for fruit raising.

Among the sick folks this week were: Mrs. Twyman and the Twyman children, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Heath and Lee Newkirk. From the kind of weather we are having we judge that the spring fever is getting a hold in our town.

C. F. Herlacher and family left last Thursday for Deming, N. M., where they will make their future home. Mr. Herlacher has lived in the Valley some time and still owns a good deal of land near Artesia. They will be missed by many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sloane started for their home at Owensburg, Ky., Monday morning after a visit Mrs. Sloane's mother, Mrs. Breshler. Mr. Sloane was foreman in the Advocate office for some time and is well known in Artesia. He is now in the hotel business but expects to go back to the "case" before long.

"A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE."

On Friday night, February 15, the High School Dramatic Club will render the drama "A Soldier of Fortune," at the old Logan & Dyer building, proceeds to go to the High School Library.

Admission: 15 25 and 35 cents. Reserved seat tickets will be on sale next week at Fatheree & Robertson's drug Store.

NO MAN'S LAND.

R. B. Simpson, of Nevada, Mo., contributes the following to the literature of "No Man's Land":

"For years past I have heard men talk of the neutral strip or man's land and have never heard one who knew the origin of it or why it was so named and but few who knew the extent of it or exactly where located. It is a strip of land fifty miles wide and 150 miles long between Western Kansas and Texas, and extending a short distance into New Mexico. It extends eastward about half across Kansas.

"The latest opinion I heard advanced was that it was territory reserved by the government as an outlet for the Indians of the territory without being molested by the white man. While the facts are the government never owned it, it was a part of Texas before Texas was admitted into the union as a slave state. Texans desired to be admitted as a slave state and knowing that by the Missouri compromise no more slavery would be tolerated north of thirty-six thirty, in their application for statehood they made the line thirty-six thirty their northern boundary, cutting off a strip fifty miles wide lying north of said line, leaving the strip without an owner."—K. C. Journal.

PEGOS VALLEY NEWS

LONEGGER BROS DRILLING.

Lonegger Bros., who recently came here from Kansas, are pushing improvements on their 320 tract of land one mile south of town. E. A. Warren began an artesian well for them this week, and they have already built a substantial residence and otherwise improved.—Hagerman Messenger.

CLARENCE ULLERY WEDS.

Clarence Ullery, formerly connected with the Lake Arthur Land Company, and one of the most promising of Lake Arthur's young business men was married in Roswell Thursday to Miss Vyra Carlton, a beautiful young lady, who has resided in Lake Arthur with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Mercer, for the past year. It is a well matched couple and we wish them every success through life.

The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the Methodist minister, Rev. J. W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ullery, we understand, will take charge of the Michigan House.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED.

The people in the North Seven Rivers community deciding that it was time they had religious services of some kind, gathered at the school house last Sunday and organized a Sunday School. A good crowd was in attendance, and the following officers were elected: Superintendent, Joe Hooten, Ass. Supt. Mr. Pennington; Sec. Miss Nancy Hooten; Treas. Will McGonagill; Teachers Oscar Wood, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Brazier.—Lakewood Progress.

THE BOX SUPPER.

The box supper for the benefit of the base ball boys came off Thursday night. It was a success \$30.40 being netted from the boxes. This amount will nearly pay for the uniforms to be sent for. The prospects are fine for a strong team. The following young men are known to be good players: J. B. Morris, M. O. Becker, M. W. Evans, Bert Metcalf, Harry Dailly, John Londine, Fayette Carrilton, Thomas Cranthers, Clarence Howard, Pat Murphey and Roy Murphey.—Lake Arthur Times.

HOTEL DAYTON.

Mine host and hostess, J. C. and Mrs. Wilson, have leased Hotel Dayton to our sterling young business woman, Miss Annie Thernau, who will have the assistance of her father's family, of Sherman, Texas, where they have won much fame in the culinary art. They will cater to the palate of each epicure until we forget our sadness in being deprived of the ministrations of our former most highly esteemed host and hostess.—P. V. Echo.

MRS. STEPHENSON DEAD.

Word was received in Carlsbad, Thursday, that Mrs. Will St. Stephenson died at her home in Abeline, Tex., the early part of January. Mrs. Stephenson was a resi-

dent of Carlsbad for several years coming here for the benefit of her health, leaving for a trip overland to the north and west about a year ago, but owing to her condition the trip was abandoned at Roswell, and the family went to Abeline to live. Many friends in Carlsbad extend sincere sympathy to her husband and sister, Miss Mamie. She leaves a baby boy about six months old.—Carlsbad Argus.

At The Churches

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

BAPTIST CHURCH—T. C. James, Pastor. Sunday School, 10 a. m.; Preaching, 11 a. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m.; Preaching, 7 p. m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7 p. m.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH—J. H. Messer Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Junior Epworth League 3 p. m.; Senior Epworth League 6:45 p. m.; prayer every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—James A. Challenor, Pastor. Sunday morning Bible School 9:30; song and praise service 10:50 to 11:10; Lords supper and offering 11:10 to 11:30; Sermon 11:30 to 12; evening Junior endeavor 3; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30; night service 7:30; Ladies Aid Society Wednesday, 3:30 p. m.; Prayer and Teachers meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.; Choir Practice Mrs. D. W. Robertson, Chorister. Friday 7:30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. E. E. Mathes, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.; preaching 7:30.

CATHOLIC CHURCH—Rev. Father Robert, Pastor. mass at 10 a. m. on the first Sunday of each month.

EPISCOPAL.

Rev. E. McQueen Gray, of Carlsbad, Rector in charge. Service at the Baptist church the second Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH

Subject for the morning sermon, "The conversations of our God at the table," and at 7 p. m. "The mothers mentioned in the Bible." We take great pleasure in inviting people to attend our church. Love and sociality towards everybody is our motto. J. H. Messer, Pastor.

TWO ENJOYABLE EVENINGS SPENT AT

MISS BARKWELL'S BIRTHDAY PARTY, AND THE SOCIAL AT REV. MESSER'S

A surprise party was given to Miss Barkwell Feb. 6 at the home of Dr. Ross. Quite a number of young people attended and all report a most enjoyable time. One amusement of the evening was a poem written by all those present. Slips of paper with one word on them were given to each person and they were to write a line ending in that word. The result was

LIKE THE REAL THING

THE VILLIAN IN "A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE" SHOT THE HERO IN THE RIGHT EYE.

At a rehearsal Monday night of the play "A Soldier of Fortune" Gent Brown who has the part of the villain shot Ferris Heath in the eye with a gun loaded with powder and soap. In the play they are just ready to fight a duel and the villain takes a base advantage of the hero and pots him. If you want to know the rest turn out Friday night and see the whole thing. Monday night everything went well up to this part and then the villain done his part too well. The hero was carried off to see a doctor and the villain was started to the woodshed to interview a lath. On request of the ladies present this part of the program was postponed. As Ferris was the righthand man in the NEWS office the editor had to take off his coat and go to work. This accounts for the bum appearance of both the paper and the editor this week.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DESERT LAND—FINAL PROOF United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M.

Dec. 22, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Frank Wyckoff, of Hope, N. M., has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-claim No. 1132, for the S¹/₂ of the NE¹/₄, of Sec. 5, T. 18 S., R. 23 E., before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, N. M., on Friday the 8th day of February, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

Richard M. Bell, of Hope, N. M.; Chas. A. Cole, of Hope, N. M.; Stonwall J. Wilburn, of Hope, N. M.; Ezekiel N. Reeves, of Hope, N. M.

2-5-07 Howard Leland, Register.

a laughable verse setting forth the troubles of Billy Barney and Kitten Carmey. We wish we had room this week to publish it. Light refreshments were served after which a flash-light picture of the crowd was taken. The guests departed late, voting Mrs. Ross and Miss Barkwell ideal hostesses. Dr. Ross had long since gone to bed.

A pleasant social was held at Rev. Messers by all the young people's societies of the town last Friday night. Coffee and sandwiches were served and finch was the game of the evening. All report a good time.

It was Butler's men and machine that made the quickest well for the depth in the valley. Got em all skinned. tf

PIANO FOR SALE

An upright piano in good condition. Will sell at your own price. See A. C. Keinath, Artesia. tf

J. R. Blair has just received a carload of the famous Studebaker wagons. Best on earth. tf

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Published every Thursday at the office of Pecos Valley News, Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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Entered in the Post Office at Artesia, N. M., as Second-class matter, Oct. 9, 1906.

JAPAN will be just a little slow in taking hold of Uncle Sam. Dewey's target practice ground was in that vicinity.

EX-GOVERNOR Alva Adams of Colorado has started on a tour around the world. Nice thing to be governor of Colorado.

THE Carlsbad Argus has increased its size to an eight page five column. The appearance of the paper is improved but the editorials are as rank as ever.

ONE who has spent a winter in Artesia will not be anxious to remain in the north during the cold months. January was a delightful month and February promises to fully equal it.

VISITORS from the northern and middle states speak in highest terms of our excellent climate. They come from lands covered with snow and ice and are prepared to appreciate our sunshine and balmy weather.

THE bill remodeling Torrance county and changing the county seat from Estancia to Willard, passed the Council with a vote of 11 to 1. The Council also decided to loan Torrance county \$2000 for district court expenses.

POSTMASTER Harry W. Hamilton has succeeded in having a bill introduced in the Council providing for the setting of one-half of the school section southeast of town for cemetery purposes. In all probabilities the bill will become a law.

"Would it not be well for the Artesia people to let up on the county division question long enough to defend the water supply?"—Carlsbad Current.

Sure, brother, we stand corrected. Now, will you please let Artesia alone and turn the hose on your alkali flats?

THERE is a crowd of boys in Artesia who make a practice of 'rocking' peoples houses for the fun of the thing. Last Sunday they broke some windows in the Chinese laundry and the proprietor is on the warpath. It is about time that something was being done with these young hoodlums.

MULLANE says we pay but \$1.87 for county purposes, and Tracy writes to the New Mexican that Artesia precinct pays less than 20 per cent of Eddy County taxes, while Carlsbad pays nearly 50 per cent. There is one comment in particular that both should reread.

We have received No. 1 Vol. 1 of the Urton Record of which J. M. Hughes is editor and publisher. It is a neat, four page paper and is filled from top to bottom with interesting reading matter and well displayed ads. It makes no mention of politics but from the general trend of the paper we judge that it is to be republican. Success to it.

FRANCIS G. TRACY of Carlsbad in his love letter to the New Mexican, says that the people of his town are ready to stand shoulder with Artesia. No doubt, but at the same time they will manage to get their hands in our taxpayers pockets and continue to use the "returns" for the benefit of Carlsbad. We much prefer them at arms length.

FRANCIS G. TRACY has taken it upon himself to let the New Mexican know that he is the leading citizen of Graftville on-the-Pecos and then imposes on them to the extent of telling what he don't know about the new county. The main thing that is noticeable in Mr. Tracy's letter is the flowing rambling style in which it is written. He claims to have lived in the valley 16 years and as his rantings sounds like those of a sixteen year old kid, we judge that 16 years is about as long as he has lived anywhere. He says that we do not need any more officers, Carlsbad don't. She has all but one now and if the county is not divided she will control three commissioners after the next election in place of the two she now owns. Mr. Tracy is to be complimented on the beauty of his writing but when searched for information his article is not worth an more than the title of "Leading Citizen of Carlsbad."

WE have been thinking for some time that spring had again visited the Pecos Valley but this morning we are sure of it. As we came down town a little fellow not more than five or six years old, ran out across the street, and he was barefooted. Did you ever get barefooted? Did you ever get up on a cold morning early in the spring and all the while you were shivering with the cold, inform your mother that shoes and stockings were "roasting" you? Did you ever in the summer days while playing some game or other strike the big toe of your left foot squarely on a rock and walk on the heel of that foot for days after? Did you ever "sneak off" down to the swimming hole and wonder, while splashing around why people wore any clothes at all in the summer time or why they lived in houses when water was so near? If you did not, if you were one of those "mamma's darlings" who wore a starched collar all during the hot weather, Heaven help you for you missed the thing that makes a boy's life the ideal back-to-Nature way of living.

"Time and again we have disagreed with the New Mexican and with Col. Frost, but in the present hue and cry we wish to state that without their services the Pecos Valley would today be years behind what it is now, and most of all that the New Mexico Military Institute, the great boy's school that is closest to the heart of Roswell, could never have attained its present position and efficiency without the cordial support and considerable influence of both. It cannot be said that there was any selfish motive in

such support, either. The Pecos Valley is so far away from Santa Fe that from a revenue standpoint there is nothing in it, and yet year after year the New Mexican, through Col. Frost, has never failed to speak a good word for the valley and its Institute, and has turned the mind of the outside world to the valley and school in ways that have been of immeasurable benefit. The people of Roswell and the Pecos Valley owe a great debt to the New Mexican and Max Frost and should not forget it, even in the loyal support of the policy of Governor Hagerman, who has first call upon our unswerving allegiance, and will get it, so far as we are concerned."—Register-Tribune.

We are surprised that the Register-Tribune did not head the above article, "Give the Devil His Dues." During the campaign and until quite recently, this paper has opposed the Andrews-Frost-Burnum element with might and main. Now that it is apparent that this faction is still in the saddle with tight grip upon the reins, the Register-Tribune is willing to do even the tar bucket act, if it will assist them in defeating county division. "While the light holds out to burn," etc.

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
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CONTEST NOTICE
 Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., Dec. 27, 1906.
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John B. Easley, contestant, against homestead entry No. 8228, made June 25th, 1906, for the E-1-2 NW-1-4 and E-1-2 S-1-4 Section 21, Township 16 S. Range 26 E., by William W. Johnson, Contestee, in which it is alleged that the said William W. Johnson has never established his residence upon said tract and has never resided upon and cultivated same for more than six months prior to the date of said affidavit and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 25, 1907, before Albert Blake, U S Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, New Mexico, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 4, 1907 before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, Ne. Mexico.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed January, 21, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication
 Howard Leland, Register.
 David L. Geyer, Receiver, 24

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"I see it now. This has been a blind. He struck his forehead. 'Ha, yes, I have it now. It was a false scent, the villain, the fox is off with her on neither road with his tongue in his cheek grinning to think of me sitting and waiting for them at Devizes! Tom, the chaise, the horses! There's not a moment to be lost!'"

"Devil a horse or chaise for me, sir," cried his friend, and, nodding at Kitty, "I know when I'm in good company," he pursued, "if you don't. Sit down, man; there's punch brewing. Your vengeance will keep hot enough for you, but the punch won't!"

"Glory," cried O'Hara, staring at Sir Jasper as if he were a natural curiosity, "I've known many a madman, but I never knew one mad enough yet to run away from a punch bowl!"

With lace ruffles neatly turned back from his left hands, O'Hara began to peel the lemons.

"Do you," now said Captain Spicer, with an ingratiating chirp—"do you really care for quite so much peel in the bowl—ahem?"

The speaker stopped suddenly and seemed to wince quite away under a sudden look from the punch brewer, who had made a movement as though to put his knife and lemons down and employ his fingers differently, and the next instant found him whispering in Stafford's ear.

"You're a man of the world, I know, friend Stafford," said he, "no doubt you will laugh at my overnice sense of delicacy, but just now in my ravings poor O'Hara made a kind of threat. I believe, about pulling my nose. What would you advise me to do in the matter—look over it, eh?"

"Certainly," cried the spark, with a glance of the most airy contempt; "look over it as straight as you can. Look over it by all means, but as you value the symmetry of that ornament to your countenance, Captain Spicer, if I were you I should keep it well buttered."

With an art of which he alone was master Captain Spicer hereupon vanished from the company without being missed.

CHAPTER XXIII.

"IIS an orgy!" exclaimed Lady Maria.

"Oh, Jasper!" sobbed Lady Standish.

"I would be interesting to know," further trumpeted Lady Maria, "which of these gentlemen is supposed to have run away with the widow Bellairs."

"Oh, Kitty," sobbed Lady Standish, "My God!" said Sir Jasper, laying down his reeking glass and hardly believing his eyes.

Mistress Kitty, seated between O'Hara and Stafford at the end of the table, while Lord Verney and Sir Jasper faced each other, continued, unmoved, to sip her fragrant brew and cocked her wicked eye at the newcomers, enjoying the situation prodigiously. She laid an arresting hand upon the cuffs of her neighbors, who, all polite amazement, were about to spring to their feet. "Keep still," said she; "keep still, and let Sir Jasper and his lady first have their little explanation undisturbed. Never intermeddle between husband and wife," she added demurely; "it has always been one of my guiding axioms!"

"Well, Sir Jasper Standish, these are pretty goings on," cried Lady Maria, "for a three months' husband! (Hold up, my poor dear Julia) Frolicgate!" shouted the old lady, boring the baronet through with one sinistral eye. "Disolute wretch! Highwayman!"

"I demand," cried Lady Standish's plaintive treble, in her gentle, obstinate heart she had come to the fixed resolution of never allowing Sir Jasper out of her sight again—"I demand to be brought back to my mother and to have an immediate separation."

"Running away with women out of the streets of Bath!" cried she, "and supposed to be engaged to my nevy! Poor, deluded boy!"

"And my dearest friend! Oh, Jasper! How could you?"

Sir Jasper bent in upon his wife's pipe with the anguished roar of the goaded: "Denice take me," cried he, "if I don't think the whole world's going mad! I hope with the widow Bellairs, Lady Maria, mad'st I trespassers, my lady?" He positively capered with fury and wounded feeling and general distraction as he drew the incriminating documents from his breast and furnished them, one in each hand, under the very nose of his accusers.

"What of Red Curl, madam? What of the man who kissed the dimple?" In his confusion he hurried the last

two demands straight in Lady Standish's face, with all the indignation of outraged virtue, exclaimed upon her deepest note:

"The slanderer, I deny it!" Here Mistress Bellairs deemed the moment ripe for her delicate interference.

"My lovely Standish," she cried, "you look sadly. Indeed I fear you will swoon if you do not sit. Pray, Mr. Stafford, conduct my Lady Standish to the armchair and make her sip a glass of cordial from the bowl yonder."

"Oh, Kitty?" cried Lady Standish, and devoured the widow's face with eager eyes to see whether friend or enemy was heralded there.

"My dear," whispered Kitty, "nothing could be going better. Sit down, I tell you, and I promise you that in ten minutes you will have Sir Jasper in his knees."

Then running up to Sir Jasper and speaking with the most childlike and deliberate candor:

"Pray, Sir Jasper," said she, "and what might you be prating of letters and red curls? Strange now," she looked round the company with dewy, guileless eyes. "I lost a letter only a day or two ago at your house—a," she dropped her lips with a most entrancing little simper, "a rather private letter. I believe I must have lost it in dear Julia's parlor, near the sofa, for I remember I pulled out my handkerchief—"

"Good God!" said Sir Jasper hoarsely, and glared at her, all doubt, and crushed the letters in his hand.

"Could you—could you have found it, Sir Jasper, I wonder? Mercy on me! And then this morning—'tis the strangest thing—I got another letter, another rather private letter, and after dispatching a few notes to my friends, for the life of me, I could not find the letter any more! And I vow I wanted it, for I had scarce glanced at it."

"Oh, Mistress Bellairs!" cried Sir Jasper.

"Tell me," cried he, panting, "what did these letters contain?"

"La!" said she, "what a question to put to a lady!"

"For God's sake, madam," said he, and in truth he looked piteous.

"Then, step apart," said she, "and for dear Julia's sake I will confide in you, as a gentleman."

She led him to the moonlit window, while all followed them with curious



"What of the man who kissed the dimple?" eyes, except Verney, who surreptitiously drank his punch and slid away from the table, with the fear of his aunt in his heart. And now Mistress Kitty lunged her head, looked exceedingly lachrymal and exceedingly coy.

"Was there," she asked, "was there anything of the description of a—of a trailing lock of hair in the first letter—'twas somewhat of an Auburn hue?"

"Confusion!" exclaimed the baronet, thrust the fateful letters into her hand and turning on his heel stamped his foot, muttering furiously, "Curse the fool that wrote them, and the feathered bird that dropped them!"

"And what of the fool that picked them up and read them?" whispered Mistress Kitty's voice in his ears, sharp as a slender siletto.

She looked him up and down with a fine disdainful mockery.

"Why will you men write?" said she meaningly. "Letters are dangerous things!"

He stood convicted, without a word. "La! What a face!" she cried aloud now. "I protest you quite frighten me. And how is it you are not over-

joyed, Sir Jasper? Here is your Juno proved whiter than the driven snow and more injured than Griseldis, and you not at her feet?"

"Where is she?" said Sir Jasper, half-strangled by contending emotions.

"Why, there, in that armchair in the angle nook."

Mistress Kitty smoothed her restored treasures quite tenderly, folded them neatly and slipped them into the little brocade bag that hung at her waist.

"Indeed, Lady Standish," said Mr. Stafford, "a glass of punch will do you no harm."

"Funch?" echoed Lady Maria. Then turning fiercely on her nephew, "What, no lord!" said she, "would your mother say? Why, you are positively reeking with the disolute fumes!"

"My dear Lady Maria," interposed the urbane Stafford, "a mere cordial, a grateful fragrance to heighten the heart after fatigue and emotions, a sovereign thing, madam, against the night air—the warmest antidote. A sip of it, I assure you, would vastly restore you."

"I" said she, "I drink with the profligate and the wanton! The deceiving husband and the treacherous friend!" She gave the fiercer refusal for that she felt so strongly in her old bones the charm of this description, a sovereign thing, madam, against the night air—the warmest antidote. A sip of it, I assure you, would vastly restore you."

"Tooh, pooh, my dear ladies, if that is all," said Mr. Stafford, "then, by heaven, let the glass circulate at once! Indeed, your la'ship," turning to Lady Standish, "so far from your good Jasper having anything to say to Mistress Bellairs' presence here tonight, let me assure you that he and I set out alone at an early hour this evening, with no other object but to be of service to your ladyship, when your anxious husband had been led to believe was likely to come this way—somehow, ah, unsuitably protected, as he thought."

Then he bent down and whispered into Lady Standish's pretty ear (which she willingly enough lent to such consoling assurances. "As for your friend," he went on, "our delightful if volatile Bellairs—she came here with a vastly different person from Sir Jasper; poor O'Hara yonder, who's drinking all the punch! She will tell you herself how it happened, but, gracious stars, my dear Lady Maria, have you not yet been given a glass of the—of Mr. O'Hara's restoration?"

"Allow me," cried Kitty, who, having just settled Sir Jasper's business for him, had now freedom to place her energies elsewhere. "Dearest Lady Maria, how sweet of you to join us in our little reconciliation feast!" She took a brimming glass from O'Hara's hands and held it, with a winning smile, for Lady Maria's acceptance.

"Madam!" responded the matron, scowled, drew her voluminous skirts together and became impenetrably deaf.

"Ah," cried the widow on her top-most notes, "madam, how I should have revered such a relative as yourself! Next to the joy of calling my Lord Verney sweet of you to join us in our little reconciliation feast!" She took a brimming glass from O'Hara's hands and held it, with a winning smile, for Lady Maria's acceptance.

"Forgive me, dear Lady Maria," trilled the widow.

"Mercy on us!" ejaculated the old lady; then, as if unconsciously, groped for the glass in Mistress Kitty's hand.

"Sit down; sit down all!" cried Mistress Bellairs. Stafford echoed with a joyful shout. There was a call for a fresh bow. O'Hara's eyes began to dance, his tongue to resume its glibness. And Lady Maria was surprised to find how long her tumbler took to empty, but, curiously, never failed to be looking the other way when Mistress Bellairs with tenderest solicitude plied the silver lade in her direction.

"I hope," said the ancient lady, now wreathed in smiles—"I hope that Mr. O'Hara's cordial is not really stronger than Madeira wine, which my physician says is all I ought to drink."

"Madeira!" cried Mr. O'Hara, "Madeira wine is a very fair drink; it is a fine strengthening drink, but 'tis apt, I'm afraid, to heat the blood overmuch. Now, claret," he went on, pursuing the thesis—"claret's the wine for gentlemen—only for the devil of a way it has of lying cold upon the stomach—after four or five bottles. Do I hear you say 'Port' over there, Tom, me boy? I'll not deny but that port has qualities; it's strong, it's mellow, but it's heavy; it sends a fellow to sleep, and that's a terrible bad mark against it, for 'tis near as bad for a man to sleep when he has a bottle going as when he has a lady coming. Then there's champagne for you; there's exhilaration in champagne; 'tis the real tippic for a gentleman when he's alone—in a tete-a-tete—but 'tis not the wine for great company. Now, my dear friends," said O'Hara, stirring his new brew with the touch of a past master, "if you want to know a wine that combines the fire of the Madeira with

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