OUR OWN.

If I had known in the morning
How wearily all the day
The words unkind
Would trouble my mind
I said when you went away,
I had been more careful, darling,
Nor given you needless pain;
But we vex "our own"
With look and tone
We might never take back again.

For though in the quiet evening
You may give me the kiss of peace,
Yet it might be
That never for me
The pain of the heart should cease.
How many go forth in the morning
That never come home at night,
And hearts have broken
For harsh words spoken,
That sorrow can never set right.

We have careful thoughts for the stranger,
And smiles for the some time guest,
But oft for "our own"
The bitter tone,
Though we love "our own" the best.
Ah! lips with the curve impatient,
Ah! brow with that look of scorn,
'Twere a cruel fate
Were the night too late
To undo the work of morn.

LOVE ON A LOG.

—o—

"Miss Becky Newton."

"Well, sir."

"Will you marry me?

"No, I won't."

"Very well; then don't, that's all."

Mr. Fred Eckerson drew away his chair, and putting his feet up on the piazza, unfolded a newspaper. Miss Becky Newton bit her lip and went on with her sewing. She wondered if that was going to be the last of it. She had felt this proposal coming for nearly a month, but the scene she had anticipated was not at all like this. She had intended to refuse him, but it was to be done gracefully. She was to remain firm, notwithstanding his most eager entreaties. She was to have told him that though respecting his manly worth and upright character, she could never be to him more than an appreciative and earnest friend. She had intended to shed a few tears, perhaps, as he knelt writhing in an agony of supplication at her feet. But instead he had asked her the simple question, without any rhetorical embellishments, and on being answered had plunged at once into his newspaper, as though he had merely inquired the time of day. She could have cried with vexation.

"You will never have a better chance," he continued after a pause, as he deliberately turned over the sheet to find the telegraph reports.

"A better chance for what?" she asked shortly.

"A better chance to marry a young, good-looking man, whose gallantry to the sex is only exceeded by his bravery in their defense." Fred was quoting from his newspaper, but Miss Newton did not know it.

"And whose egotism is only exceeded by his impudence," retorted the lady, sarcastically.

"Before long," continued Fred, "you will be out of the market. Your chances, you know, are getting slimmer every day."

"Sir!"

"It won't be a great while before you are ineligible. You will grow old and wrinkled and——"

"Such rudeness to a lady, sir, is monstrous," exclaimed Miss Newton, rising hastily, and flushing to the temples.

"I'll give you a final opportunity, Miss Becky. Will you mar——"

"Not if you were the king of England," interrupted Miss Newton, throwing down her work. "I am not accustomed to such insults, sir."

And so saying she passed into the house and slammed the door behind her.

"She is never so handsome as when she is in a rage," thought Fred to himself, after she had gone, as he slowly folded up his paper and replaced it in his pocket. "I was a fool to goad her so. I shall never win her in that way. But I'll have her," he exclaimed, aloud. "By Heaven, I'll have her, cost what it may!"

Very different was the Fred Eckerson of the present, pacing nervously up and down the piazza, from the Fred Eckerson of a few moments ago, receiving his dismissal from the woman he loved, with such calm and imperturbable exterior. For he loved Becky Newton with all his heart. The real difficulty in the way, as he more than half suspected, was not so much with himself as in his pocket. Becky Newton had an insuperable objection to an empty wallet. The daughter of a wealthy Louisiana planter, reared in luxury, and the recipient of a weekly allowance of pin money sufficient to pay Fred's whole bills for a month, she had no immediate idea of changing her situation for one of less comfort and independence. Besides, it had been intimated to her that a neighboring planter of unusual aristocratic lineage had looked upon her with covetous eyes. To be sure, he was old and ugly, but he was rich, and in her present mercenary state of mind, Miss Becky Newton did not desire to allow such a chance of becoming a wealthy widow slip by unimproved.

But alas for human nature! If Becky was really so indifferent to Fred Eckerson, why did she run up stairs after that interview, and take the starch all out of her nice clean, pillow-shams by crying herself into hysterics on the bed. It was not all wrath, not all vexation, it was not all pique. There was somewhere deep down in Becky Newton's heart, a feeling very much akin to remorse. She was not sure she would not some day be sorry for what she had done She had no doubt she could be very happy as Fred Eckerson's wife, after all.

"But then," she cried, growing hot with the recollection, "I never could live with such a man,—never!"

When Fred Eckerson had walked off some of his feelings on the piazza, he concluded to take a look at the river. The Mississippi, which flowed within five hundred yards of the house, was at the time nearly at the height of its annual "spring rise." Its turbid waters, rushing swiftly towards the sea, had nearly filled the banks and in many places had broken through the levees and flooded the lowlands for many miles. A crevasse of this description had been made in the farther bank, nearly opposite the house, and the windows of the Newton mansion commanded a view of a vast and glittering inland sea, not laid down on the maps. The main current of the stream bore upon its coffee-colored bosom an enormous mass of floating timber, which was dashed along in the boiling flood, rendering navigation wholly impossible. The waters were still rising, and the frequent crashes far and near told of the undermining power of the current, as sections of the sandy banks succumbed and disappeared, carrying with them the trees which overhung the stream.

Now, it happened that by a curious coincidence, Miss Newton also resolved to look at the river. She dried her tears, and putting on her hat, slipped out by the back door to avoid Fred, and soon found herself at the foot of a huge cotton wood tree on the bank below the house. Throwing herself upon the grass, and lulled by the bubbling of the rapid flood beneath her, she soon fell fast asleep. Had she possessed any power of foreseeing the future, it would have been the last thing she would have done. For although it was very pleasant dropping asleep there in the shade, with the soft sunlight flittering through the leaves overhead, the awakening was not at all to her mind. A terrible crash made chaos of her dreams; the ground slipped from beneath her; the tall cottonwood toppled and fell; and Miss Becky Newton found herself suddenly immersed in the cold flood, with her mouth full of muddy water. In a moment more, somebody's arm was around her and she felt herself lifted up and placed somewhere in the sunshine, though precisely where, she was as yet too bewildered to know. Getting her eyes open at last, she found Fred Eckerson's whiskers nearly brushing her face.

"Well!"

"Well!"

"Where am I? asked Becky, shivering and looking around her.

"In the middle of the Mississippi," replied Fred, "and you are in the fork of a cottonwood-tree, and you are voyaging toward the Gulf of Mexico just as fast as this freshet can carry you."

"How came you here!"

"In the same conveyance with yourself, Miss Becky. In fact, you and I and the tree all came together, to say nothing of a portion of your father's plantation, which, I fear, is lost to him forever."

Becky was silent. She was thinking, not of the accident or the perilous position, but of her appearance when she was lying asleep on the grass.

"How long were you there before this happened?" she asked.

"As long as you were. I was up in the tree when you came."

"You had no right to be there," she said, coloring,—"a spy upon my movements."

"Nonsense!" he replied. "You intruded on my privacy, and while you slept I watched over you, like the sweet little cherub that sits up aloft."

"Thank you for the service, I'm sure," she said, bridling.

"You snored awfully."

"Mr. Eckerson, remove your arm from my waist."

"Then put yours around my neck."

"Indeed I will do no such thing."

"You will fall into the river if you do not."

Becky was silent for several moments, while their unwieldly craft whirled along the current, rolling from side to side and threatening every instant to turn completely over and tip them off. At last she said—

"What are we to do?"

"I think, now that I am started, I shall go on to New Orleans," he replied.

"To New Orleans," exclaimed Becky. "It is a hundred miles."

"Yes, and the chance for a free passage for such a distance is not to be neglected. You can go ashore if you prefer."

She burst into tears.

"You are cruel," she said, "to treat me so."

"Cruel!" exclaimed Fred, drawing her closer to him, quickly,—"cruel to you?"

There was no help for it, and she again relapsed into silence, quite content, apparently, to remain in Fred's arms, and evincing now no disposition to rebel. For once in her life she was dependent on a man.

"I want to go to New Orleans," continued Fred, and after a pause; "because there is a young lady of my acquaintance residing there, whom I have an intention of inviting into this neighborhood."

"O!"

"If we don't go to New Orleans, and if we get out of this scrape, I shall write for her to come anyway."

"Ah!"

"I shall obtain board for her in St. Jean, which will be convenient for me as long as I remain your father's guest. I can ride over after breakfast every morning, you see."

"She is an intimate friend, then," said Becky.

I expect to marry her before long, he replied.

"Marry her! Why you—you proposed to me this morning."

"Yes, but you refused me. I told you then you would never have another chance."

Becky was silent again. It is a matter of some doubt whether, had Fred at that moment, sitting astride that cotton-wood log with his feet in the water and his arm around her waist, proposed to her a second time, she would have accepted him or not. To be sure a marvelous change had come over Becky's feelings since her tumble into the river: She felt just then that one strong arm like that which supported her, was worth a thousand old and decrepid planters, and she recognized the fact that a man who could talk so coolly and unconcernedly in a situation of such extreme peril, was one of no ordinary courage. But she was not yet quite prepared to give up her golden dreams. The dross was not quite washed out of her soul, and she did not yet know how much she loved Fred Eckerson. Besides she did not half believe him.

The clumsy vessel floated on, now root first, now sideways, and now half submerged beneath the boiling current. Their precarious hold became more uncertain as their frames became chilled by the cold water, and every plunge of the log threatened to cast them once more into the river. In vain Fred endeavored to attract the attention of some one on the shore. The cottonwood retained a course nearly in the middle of the stream, too far from either bank to render their outcries of much avail. As it grew dark, their situation grew more and more hopeless, and to Becky there appeared to be no escape from death, either by drowning in the darkness or by exhaustion before daybreak.

Yet to die in this man's arms seemed not wholly a terror. She could hardly think, if death must come, of any way in which she would rather meet it. Was it possible she loved him, and must needs be brought within the valley of the shadow before she could know her heart. Had she loved all along? While she was thinking about it, chilled by the night air, she fell asleep. When she awoke the stars were out, but she was warm and comfortable. Raising her head, she found herself enveloped in Fred's coat.

"Fred!"

"Well!"

"You have robbed yourself to keep me warm. You are freezing."

"No I ain't. I took it off because it was so awful hot," and taking out his handkerchief with his disengaged hand he made a pretense of wiping the perspiration from his brow.

"How long have I been asleep?"

"About three hours. We are drifting in sight now."

"Shall we be saved?"

"I don't know. Put your arms around my neck. For I'm going to take mine away."

Becky did this time as she was bidden. She not only threw her arms quickly around his neck, but she laid her head upon his breast, without the slightest hesitation. In the darkness, Fred did not know that she imprinted a kiss upon his shirt-bosom.

"Hold fast now!" he cried. "Hold on, for your dear life!"

The log had been gradually nearing the shore for some time, and it now shot suddenly under a large sycamore which overhung the bank and trailed its branches in the brown flood. Quick as thought Fred seized the limb above his head, and pulled with all his might. The headlong course of the cottonwood was checked; it plunged heavily and partly turned over, its top became entangled in the sycamore, and a terrific crackling of limbs ensued. With a sudden spring Fred gained the projecting branch, dragging his clinging burden after him. In another instant the cottonwood had broken away and continued its voyage down the river, while the bent sycamore regained its shape with such a quick rebound that the two travelers were very nearly precipitated into the stream again. Fred, half supporting, half dragging Becky, worked his way to the trunk by a series of gymnastics that would have done no discredit to Blondin, and in a moment more both had reached the ground in safety.

"That's a business we are well out of," he said, when he had regained his breath. "Now where are we?"

He looked about. A light was glimmering from behind them, a short distance from where they stood. Becky could not walk without great pain, and Fred lifted her lightly in his arms and started for the house. It proved to be the dwelling of a small planter who was not lacking in hospitality. Here their wants were quickly attended to, and under the cheeering influence of warmth and shelter, Becky was soon herself again.

They drove home the following day, Fred having procured the loan of the planter's horse and chaise for that purpose, promising to return them by Mr. Newton's servant the day after. The morning was bright and clear, and the fragrance of the orange groves was in all the air. Becky, who had maintained almost utter silence since their escape from the cottonwood, was no less silent now. Fred himself did not appear particularly communicative, and many miles of the long ride were taken without a remark from either. It was Becky who spoke first.

"Fred!" she said.

"Yes."

"You have saved my life, have you not?"

"Happy to do it any day," he said, not knowing exactly what else to say.

"I thank you very much."

"Quite welcome, I am sure."

There was another long silence, broken only by the sound of the horse's hoof upon the road. Fred himself seemed to have lost some of his habitual ease, for he kept his whip in constant motion, and held the reins nervously.

"Fred?"

"Yes?"

"Are you going to write to that young lady in New Orleans?"

"I s'pose so."

"Hadn't you—better—try again—before you—before you write?"

He turned his eyes full upon her, and opened them wide.

"Try again? try what?"

"I've been thinking through the night," said Becky, bending low to hide her face and carefully separating the fringe of her mantilla, "that—perhaps—if you asked me again the same question—that you did yesterday morning—I might answer a little—different."

"Becky's head went against Fred's shoulder, and her face became immediately lost to view.

"You darling!" he exclaimed, "I never intended to do otherwise. The young lady in New Orleans was wholly a myth. But when, may I ask, did you change your mind?"

"I have never changed it," she murmured. "I have loved you all the time, but never knew it until last night."

And to this day, when Mrs. Becky Eckerson is asked where it was that she fell in love with her husband, she answers, "On a Log."

CÆSARISM SQUELCHED.—Governor Dix's Democratic Republican head was "level" when he refused the other day, in a letter to the Mayor of New York, to sanction the "arming" of the city police, and drilling them as a military body. It is steps like this, the setting up of an *armed force*, soldier guards, to overawe the people, that leads to the final usurpation of power by daring despotism, ever on the look out to "strike." If there is is anything in God's earth that riles the blood of a *man*, a *true man*, it is an armed petty official, who, in being thus armed, tells the citizen that he is looked upon as one who must be governed and ruled by *force*, instead of *opinion*. We are glad to see that Governor Dix, *General* Dix though he is, knows how to discriminate, touching the introduction of military organizations in the government of a people. "Armed police" in the United States, which calls itself a Republic, sustained by "opinion" expressed through the ballot box, is an atrocious insult to the people.—N. Y. Day Book.

A Columbia, Pa., clergyman, while preaching his sermon one Sunday evening, perceived a young man and woman under the gallery in the act of kissing each other behind a hymn book, and did not lose his temper. He did not fly into an unseemly rage, and call upon the sexton to rush up the aisle and disband the rioters. No! he remained calm. He beamed mildly at the offenders over his spectacles, and when the young man kissed her for the fifteenth time, he merely broke his sermon short off in the middle of "thirdly," and offered a fervent prayer in behalf of "the young man in the pink necktie, and the maiden in the blue bonnet and gray shawl, who were profaning the sanctuary by kissing one another in pew No. 68." And the congregation said "Amen." Then the young woman suddenly pulled her veil down, and the young man sat there and swore softly to himself. He does not go to church as much now as he did.—Bellefonte Watchman.

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Common Pleas.

D. L. Turner, Judge of Probate, Plaintiff, vs. Milton L. Miles, Defendant. } Judgment of Foreclosure.

BY virtue of the Judgment of Foreclosure in this cause, I will sell at Edgefield C. H., on the first Monday in October next, the Mortgaged premises described in said premises, consisting of a TRACT OF LAND, situate in Edgefield County, on waters of Shaw's Creek, waters of Edisto River, containing Three Hundred and Fifteen Acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of James Booth, —— Lorrick, Bennett Smith, —— Lucas, and others.

TERMS—The costs and one-half of the purchase money to be paid in cash. The balance of the purchase money on a credit of twelve months, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by bond and a mortgage of the premises sold. Purchasers to pay for titles extra.

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Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
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Common Pleas.

E. P. Coleman, for another, vs. W. A. Strother. } Execution against the Property.

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Court of Probate.

Wyatt L Holmes, Trustee, vs. Lewis Holloway. } Petition for sale of Land.

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State of South Carolina

EDGEFIELD COUNTY.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Angeline B. Hood, Plt'ff, vs. David H. Hood, Defendant, } Copy Summons for Divorce.

To the Defendant David H. Hood.

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Dated 8th September 1873.

GRIFFIN & BUTLER,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

To David H. Hood the Defendant in this action.

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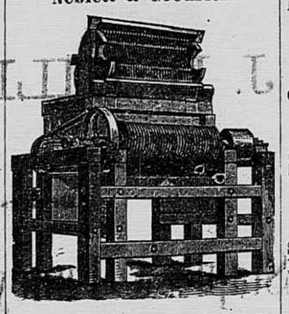

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