

When the land was white with moonlight,
And the air was sweet with May,
I was so glad that Love would wait
Forever and a day.

Now the land is white with winter,
And dead Love had away,
I am so glad that Love cannot wait
Forever and a day.

—Annie R. Aldrich, in the Century.

IN DOUBLE BONDS.

RE. RIPLEY, I think perhaps I've found something at last.

"You never have," Mr. Ripley's accent did not contradict her young lodger's remark, though her words had the appearance of being so.

"Yes," continued the first speaker, holding up a letter just come by the morning post; "see this! It is from Mr. Richard Allison, whose advertisement I answered the day before yesterday. He asks me to call at Room 7, No. 108 Rocker street, at 9 o'clock this morning. If I have leisure, if I have leisure, I will do for the past month. I must do what I can to make a good impression, you know."

"You couldn't help doing that," said Mrs. Ripley, and she looked with a little sigh at the graceful girlish figure in its suit of sombre black, as it disappeared through the door.

"Poor child, I do hope she won't be disappointed," she added fervently; "there's not many brought up as she is, and she would be willing to work and do for themselves after always having everything done for them," she added, taking up her work again with an earnest wish for the success of the orphan girl, who she had known for but a few weeks, had, by her lovely face and gentle manners, interested her and filled her with an almost motherly anxiety for her welfare.

An hour later Miss Thordyke was looking at No. 108 Rocker street, a tall brick building, seeming very wide awake with its numerous windows and liberal display of signboards and official notices. At each side of the door was a thin marble slab with a list of names of the inmates of the building. In its appropriate numerical place she found that of her possible employer, over the words, "Real Estate."

Mr. Allison's office—outside of which she usually passed on her way to the heart and a shortness of breath due wholly to excitement—was on the third flight, in a cozy corner at the end of a long, narrow hallway. At the moment the temptation to flee became almost irresistible, but knowing hesitation would be her ruin, she drew a long breath, and pushing open the door, crossed the threshold. It was a large, clean, airy room, well furnished and carpeted, and it looked more inviting than she had expected. From behind a desk of the kind known as "roll-top" came a startling sound, which, with a little start of her visible over the top, showed the presence of the occupant.

As she made a step or two toward the scratching chair, and the connection became apparent between the tuft of hair and a head, the owner, who had been looking at her with a keen and watchful eye so that she could see him.

She thought him about thirty years old, though the full brown beard he wore, and his somewhat difficult to tell his age with accuracy. Having assured herself he was Mr. Allison, she timidly made known her errand.

"Ah, yes," he returned; "sit down, Miss Thordyke."

He was not man of words. He asked few questions, contenting himself with learning she was a stranger in town, had lost both father and mother—the former within six months—and knew nothing, from experience, of the duties attending the place for which she had applied.

"You may come in, and see how we like each other," he said, and, to her great relief, the important matter was settled for the time being.

"I think we shall get on," he said at the end of the first week, and she had taken that as permission to stay.

Gradually the newness of her surroundings wore off, and she settled down among them as naturally as the great sea or the desks, of which was now devoted to her special use.

She could not resist herself, however, on one occasion, to make some important place in the thoughts of her commanding master these bulky pieces of office furniture. She thought him the most respectable man she had ever met; but she was also the busiest, and consequently could not have much time for unnecessary talk.

It did not take long to see she was in to see a confidential clerk, or that Mr. Allison had a great deal of business at the moment she could only guess; and she had to be content with a few words, and to be heard long and close conversation on affairs which, in her mind, were invested with great interest.

One gentleman in particular she began to notice, from his almost daily appearance, and he had become a familiar name on her lips. He was a young man, and she was not sure she had ever met him before. He was a young man, and she was not sure she had ever met him before.

She had speculated a great deal about his home life, and wondered how much he related his impetuous reserve when at his own residence. She knew scarcely anything about him except that he lived at Lindenale, about ten miles out of town, whence he came every day on the train, and her early suspicion that he was unmarried had been confirmed by a phrase from the lips of a lady caller, who had playfully hinted on her way of a young girl's bachelorhood.

One morning Mr. Morton entered the office in some haste.

"It's all arranged," he heard him say, and I find I must leave at once. I have your certificate filled out, and I believe you said the funds were ready. You can give them to me to-day, I suppose."

"No, I cannot," returned Mr. Allison, who was at the moment deep in the contents of a letter. "The money is not ready. They are not in town, and I must sell some Government bonds now in the safe deposit vaults at Boston. I will try and have the money for you in the course of forty-eight hours."

Morton made no reply, but Millie chanced to look up just then, and she was much startled at the reflection of his face, presented by a mirror hanging on the opposite wall.

Plainly Mr. Allison's words had not pleased him, for the expression on his bleak features vividly illustrated rage and disappointment.

When Mr. Allison sat down again Morton had fully recovered himself to an outward appearance, and after a little more conversation in too low a tone for her to understand it, he went away.

In the afternoon Mr. Allison astonished his clerk by asking if she thought she could take sole charge of the office for a few days. He was going to Boston at five o'clock, and could not tell just when he should return.

Had she dared she would have tried to dissuade him from going, for she was the result of his journey would be to put a large part of her property in Morton's hands. She did not speak here, but she was so uneasy she determined to watch for an opportunity of doing so.

opportunity, "before you went out you asked if I had anything to say to you. I had and did not dare say it."

"Indeed, Miss Thordyke! Am I, then, the object of so much dread?"

"Oh, no, sir," she answered, looking down at the carpet, not quite able to meet his eyes just then, "only I feared you might think me impertinent or malicious."

"Not in the least, that would be impossible," he assured her.

"I want to know if you think—that is, if you are quite sure—Mr. Morton is wholly trustworthy?"

He was surprised. He looked at her twice before replying. He implied you think him otherwise. He came to me highly recommended, and he is the agent of a company in which some of the heaviest business men in New York are closely interested. Why do you doubt him?"

For reply she told him what she had seen in Morton's behavior that morning, and to excite her suspicions. He listened attentively, and she saw her words were making an impression.

"From parts of your conversation I could not avoid hearing," she said in conclusion. "I have inferred you mean to give some money into his charge. It is because I feel so sure he ought not to be trusted with it that I speak."

Before she could say more some one came down the passageway outside and presently opened the office door. Mr. Allison started up, and received from the boy who entered a telegraphic message. As he read it a curious look came over his face, and in a moment he handed it to her without a word. It was dated in New York and ran thus:

Stop negotiations with Morton; have discovered crookedness. M. L. & Co.

She could well afford a feeling of satisfaction as she read these words, and there might have been a little of the "I told you so" in the look she gave him as she returned him the paper.

"Yes," he said in answer to the look; "honor where honor is due, always. I admit the superior keenness of your penetration, and it has perhaps saved me the half of my fortune, for which I am very thankful to you. I did not guess I had engaged a clerk who would work so well over my interests, and see what I was blind to. Such devotion deserves much better reward than I can offer."

Miss Thordyke—Millie, if he pursued, changing to a more serious tone and speaking with marked hesitation. "May I ask if you would deign to do a more important position than you have held?—that is—of—of—equal partner?"

He had been long enough in saying it, but there was no mistaking his meaning. Millie was too much astonished to speak.

"At least, I may believe my case not quite hopeless," he ventured, after waiting in vain for a reply.

When she looked to meet the handsome blue eyes looking down at her so tenderly, the last of her doubts was swept away; then she knew her love now awakening to a fuller life, had been borne long before; and he, reading from the depths of her heart what words could have told but so eloquently, clasped her in his strong arms, and she no longer cared to call his own—Boston Globe.

SELECT SIFTING'S.

One ostrich egg is a meal. Birds will eat it greedily.

There are 140,000 Chinese in the United States.

The royal standard of Persia is blacksmith's apron.

England has not been engaged in war during Lord Salisbury's administration.

The "monkey wrench," so called, was named after its inventor, Mr. Muncy.

At the age of forty a man usually attains his highest weight; a woman at fifty.

Men with gray or blue eyes are usually better marksmen than those with dark eyes.

Paper from rags was made in 1006 A. D., the first linen paper in 1319 and paper from straw in 1809.

The shortest street in the world is Mansion House street, London, which is only a few yards in length.

May and April of this year were the wettest months of their names in the history of Kansas for twenty-five years.

London's six principal railway lines carry annually over 200,000,000 people, and the tramways about 160,000,000.

It is just 100 years since the Cornishman, William Murdoch, discovered the coal gas might be used as an illuminant.

Three weeks after a tree near Jackson, Miss., was used as a gallows it showed signs of decay, and a month later it was dead.

The first book in which the word America appears was printed in the little mountain town, St. Die, in 1507.

French chemists claim they are able to produce the finest gems by artificial processes, and expect soon to have them on the market.

The Humane Society of Detroit, Mich., has placed little tubs filled with water about the streets of the city for dogs to drink out of.

It is reported that the first Chinaman to die in Sing Sing (N. Y.) Prison during the entire forty years of that institution's history died the other day.

The little town of Cumberland, in Rhode Island, boasts of a meeting house which was built in 1740. The late President Garfield's mother worshipped in it in her youth.

During a recent storm at Hopkinton, N. H., an eagle, under which Lafayette and his party stood at a reception given them in 1829, was struck by lightning and demolished.

There are now over 230,000 words in the English language, acknowledged by the best authorities, or about 76,000 more than in the German, French, Spanish and Italian languages combined.

The famous Khajjah Mountain of India pierces the Khasia Amrao Mountains about sixty miles north of Inetta at an elevation of 8900 feet. It is 12,800 feet long and double in width.

Justin Lipsius, an eminent man of the Sixteenth Century, made bold to recite Tacitus from beginning to end with one of his audience placed before him with a drawn dagger, with which he was to be stabbed if he missed one single word.

Making Atar of Raes. The center of the star of Raes industry is at Kasanlik in Roumelia. According to Turkish etymology, the meaning of Kasanlik is the place of stills or big kettles. It is said that the cultivation of rose bushes and the art of distilling the petals of these flowers was introduced into this place long ago by a Turkish merchant from Tunis. The roses are now cultivated in 150 villages of the district of Kasanlik, which forms the northern part of southern Roumelia. Geographical Magazine.

An automatic slot machine for matches for forestful smokers is a late invention.

Doctors say a healthy adult should eat at least ten ounces of meat each day.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

COTTON reports are discouraging. A GOOD crop of tobacco is assured. GREAT BRITAIN has 16,850 locomotives. NEW YORK makes 55,000 watches a week. ANOTHER land war is threatening in Ireland.

BEANS are very plentiful in the Sierra Nevada this year. This is an year in most of the apple growing States. GUATEMALA has guaranteed against all United States vessels.

A LARGE number of Russian Hebrews have settled in Ireland. The census of Oklahoma Territory shows a population of 38,103.

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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S DAY SERMON.

Text: "Launch out into the deep."

Christ, launching out into the deep, was the theme of the sermon. The speaker, Dr. Talmage, urged the congregation to have faith and courage in their spiritual journey.

He said that the world was full of people who were afraid to launch out into the deep. They were content with the shallow waters of the material world, but they were missing the deeper waters of the spiritual world.

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