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MIRANDA'S PINGPONG

By G. B. BURGIN

It is all over; finished; done with; exhausted! So am I! So is Miranda! But little Noel Hartley is as fresh as a rose and wonders why the Rev. Arthur Greentox thinks so much of her. The Rev. Arthur also wonders—many things.

In crises like these Miranda and I have sometimes talked desperately. One another of an eternal Separation, with a capital S. We have drawn pathetic pictures of how we would divide everything between us, and she should go and live with her mother, while I strode into life's highway, manfully putting the past behind me in order to become great and useful.

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and almost blinded way, as if he were at a penny reading, and from mere force of habit, announced that "Mr. Reclamation would give a Smith." Before he could be prevented young Smith began on "It was at Flores, in the Hazores, and Noel was the only person present who had the pluck to say that he had had her ever since. We started with myself and the vicar, and he didn't play badly for a beginner, although between "serves" he frequently stopped to explain that he had seen a picture of "Prehistoric Pingpong" in Punch and that if any one would give him Mr. Reed's address he would communicate with him on the subject, as even prehistoric animals had their feelings and could doubtless be influenced for good if treated with kindness. When he lost, he became a little testy; so we played it all over again, and I let him, as Noel said, "rump home an enny winner." That dear child! In learning the most extraordinary exploits from her best friend the landlord of the Spotted Dog.

After Miranda had won her game against the churchwarden no one else in the village professed to understand pingpong or to have the hardihood to play it in public, so about 9 o'clock we came to the Capulets and Montagues, the Burridges and the Hindleys, the blanket fund and the sewing club. Noel told me afterward, with a scarpish smile, that she and the landlord of the Spotted Dog had arranged with the villagers that they were not to interfere. The landlord had a dim sort of idea what Miss Jarvis was going to do, and he worshipped Noel to such an extent that the child believed that if he could have "got at" the Rev. Arthur's modest glass of table beer he (the landlord) would have "housed" the poor curate or "painted his bit" whatever that may mean.

When old Mrs. Burridge's name was called, she smiled at Miss Jarvis and said, "Do 'e tell the gentry, dearie, as his reverence is goin' to play for me, and God be good to us all." She went to sleep again, and old Hindley got up and said, "Little miss is a goin' to play for I, and I've got four quarts on her."

Then this scarpish child, with eyes of heavenly blue (she's only twelve), her golden hair flowing down her back (blue ribbon), white tennis tights, blue sash round her dainty waist, white doekin shoes and another blue ribbon at her pretty throat, floated up to the table, produced a lucky penny and held it out to the Rev. Arthur, with a smile so sweet, so pure, so holy, that old Mrs. Gammel burst into tears and said "the pretty creature" is a most too good for this world, and it do seem savage-like for a girl big man to worrit her so."

"Wh-w-hat's that for?" asked the Rev. Arthur, taken aback. "Toss for service, please," said Noel. "Your call." The Rev. Arthur called, "Head." "Tail, I think," said Noel politely. "Yes, tail it is. I servee." "Cer-certainly. By all means, Miss Noel," said the Rev. Arthur. "You go to the other end," said Noel, "and mind you, keep within the lines of the table."

"I-I don't see any lines," protested the Rev. Arthur. Noel explained. "You—you won't think me unkind if I win?" asked the Rev. Arthur, who is the tenderest hearted man in the world. "Certainly not," replied Noel. "I wouldn't be sportsmanlike."

"I think we are ready to begin," said the Rev. Arthur after a bewilderment. "I-I have been ready for the last five minutes," Noel declared. "I am anticipating your service," said the Rev. Arthur. "Something happened. This small child 'served.' A streak of white flow over the net, touched the table in the left hand corner, and disappeared through the doorway."

"One—love," called the umpire. She served again. This time the ball caught on the edge of the table and went into the stove. "Two—love," called the umpire. Noel took another ball. It touched the table, smothered the Rev. Arthur lightly on the nose and divagated into Mrs. Burridge's lap.

"Three—love," called the umpire. Yet again. This time the ball lodged in the Rev. Arthur's lower chest. "For, so softly it flew, the sight could not follow it in its flight." "Four—love," called the umpire. And once more. The Rev. Arthur, with flashing eyes (he was beginning to get excited) returned the ball into the net.

"Five—love," called the umpire. Noel bowed. "Your service, Mr. Greentox," and turned back her cuffs. "If the ladies will pardon me, I will divest myself of my coat," said the Rev. Arthur. "Strip, by all means, if you like," said Noel. And he stripped. But it was no good. The game went on until it became twenty—two. He made two.

"John Livezey and Mrs. Clummet," called the umpire. "One turn more, I think," said Noel to the Rev. Arthur. "I'm playing for John. Your service, Mrs. Clummet. John won." "Martha Roggetts and—oh—Chumpy Poe," called the umpire. "I play for Joe," said Noel. "I suppose you are Martha Roggetts?" "Am," said the Rev. Arthur, and he looked like another Martha who was "amused" with many games. They played that game until the Rev. Arthur began to improve. Besides, the blood of his ancestors boiled in his veins. But it boiled to no purpose. Noel won easily.

"Elthu Sands and Jane Lovejoy," called the umpire. "My service, Jane," said Noel to the Rev. Arthur. The Rev. Arthur did not like it, but he played and lost. "Thyrza Thistethwaye and Tom Gerridge," called the umpire. "Thyrza did a little better, for weight began to tell." "Sarah Thorne and Martin Clarke," called the umpire. "Better make the game ten points, Sarah, instead of twenty," suggested

The Power Of a Cut

(Original) My grandfather, a veteran of the Mexican war, told me this story to illustrate an axiom that opinion is more powerful than law.

It was back in the first half of the last century, when the regular army of the United States was a little family, so to speak, that a young artillery officer was ordered to report at the then frontier post, Fort L., Manton Burnett was one of those fellows whom everybody loved.

The belle of the post was Colonel Houghton's daughter Edith, whose flirtations had commenced with ends at West Point and continued with officers of all grades and ages, though she was still only twenty-two or three. At the time Burnett reported at the fort she was engaged in a mild affair with Major Stoddard, a native of Mississippi and a man of forty. He confessed the adage "No fool like an old fool" by being infatuated with a girl who was only enjoying what she considered an innocent amusement. At any rate, to flirt was as natural to her as to breathe.

As soon as Burnett appeared on the scene she dropped Stoddard, took up with the newcomer and found an experience entirely new to her by falling violently in love with him. Stoddard was furious. It is questionable whether he was more unkind toward Burnett or Edith Houghton. It is said "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." Here was an instance where a scorned man was the fury. Stoddard was so unable to conceal his feelings that he soon had the whole garrison laughing at him. He determined to show them that it was no laughing matter.

In the army, especially at frontier posts, all the officers play poker; at least they always did in the good old times. One evening a party of officers, including Stoddard and Burnett, were engaged at the game when Stoddard suddenly upon Burnett and accused him of cheating.

"You lying scoundrel!" said Burnett. "What do you mean?" "That will do," replied Stoddard, rising. "No more play tonight. We have another matter of more importance to attend to."

Some of those present remonstrated with Stoddard, while others turned their backs upon him contemptuously. All knew he would challenge Burnett, and he did, though he found it impossible to find any one of the officers to bear his message and act as his second until Burnett requested one of his men to do so.

The meeting took place early the next morning a mile from the fort on the river "bottom." Just before it occurred Burnett told his second that he intended to purposely miss his man, giving as a reason that, as the two had been suitors in the affair and he was uncertain which of the two she preferred. Besides, he would like to see the military career of his second, and he was unable to move his resolution, whereupon he declined to serve, and Burnett selected me, but kept from me his intention. At the first fire Burnett fell with a ball in his right side. Stoddard was unhurt.

It was a melancholy party that carried the wounded man back to the fort for the surgeon pronounced the wound fatal. The affair put an end to any uncertainty as to Edith Houghton's preference, for she was wild with grief as soon as she learned what had happened. However, after her first giving way to her feelings she nursed Burnett so tenderly that he pulled through. At that time the effect of the mind on the system was not understood as it is now, but even then it was apparent that the mental stimulant Burnett experienced in Edith Houghton's love turned the scale.

The colonel made no comment on the affair until Burnett was pronounced out of danger. Then he sent for Stoddard, with whom he was expected for an hour in his private office. After the interview it leaked out that the colonel had demanded Stoddard's resignation, intimating that if it were not forthcoming he would prefer charges. Stoddard refused to resign, asserting that he would stand trial, taking a change of venue to another post, where the feeling was not prejudicial to him. The colonel, not desiring that his daughter's name should be mixed in the affair, felt constrained to let the matter drop.

It was at this point that the rest of us interfered. We called a meeting of the officers of the post and unanimously decided to give Stoddard "the cut." The next time any one of us met him we walked by him with the salute, but with no other recognition. Stoddard had not counted on this, and it affected him at once. He bore it for awhile without any action, then applied to be ordered elsewhere. For two months he was waiting for a change he lived with a dozen brood officers, not one of whom would speak to him unofficially. Now that his infatuation for the girl was somewhat cooled by her action, our treatment broke him down, and when he went away he looked like an old man. But this was not the last of it. No class of men are so hard on each other in case of wrong doing as soldiers. A statement of the affair was sent to Stoddard's new post assigned by every one of us, and on his arrival he found himself cut. Then he resigned and spent the rest of his life in obscurity.

Burnett married Edith Houghton and afterward distinguished himself in the civil war. F. A. MITCHELL

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