

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27, 1893.

OLD ACE.

Can any pleasure in life compare With a charming drive in the balmy air? A buggy light with shimmering wheel; Springs whose resistance you barely feel; A spirited horse of royal breed, With just a little more style and speed Than any you meet, and it matters not If his gait be pace or a swinging trot. The tassels sway on the graceful whip; You grasp the reins with a tighter grip; Your horse is off for a splendid dash, And needs no touch of the urging lash. You feel the puff of the startled air; It floats his mane and lifts your hair! The hoof marks time in its measured beat, For the swelling nostril that scorns defeat!

One glorious day in the balmy spring John Dorr was out with his new horse, King. Though both were rich, it was his design To buy him a faster horse than mine. By his side the sweetest girl in town, Of handsome features and eyes so brown That gazing in where the lashes curled Was like a view of another world. Where the angel lives and the angel sings, And she was one that had dropped her wings And come to earth just to let men see How sweet the angels in heaven may be! I envied the breeze its constant bliss Of passing her cheek to steal a kiss?

I loved the girl when we both were young, But getting older I'd lost my tongue. I learned in college Latin and Greek, But Cupid's language I could not speak, While Jack was perfect in Cupid's art, The only language he knew by heart. I envied John in his ride that day, And jogged old Spot in a leisure way, That two-mile drive to the sulphur spring, To test the speed of his new horse, King.

John took the lead and it touched his pride; For the fastest horse and the fairest bride Had been his boast! Did I pass him by? My heart, I reckon, could answer why—I'm almost certain I lost the race By lagging behind to look at Grace! Jack seemed more proud of his horse that day

Than he was of Grace, which made me say: "Be sure of your game before you boast; From dead defeat there may rise a ghost! I'll race you back to the town," said I, "For Grace's glove!" But he made reply: "What use to you is the senseless glove From the soft white hand of the girl I love? Suppose you win," he laughed in my face, "You get the mitten and I get Grace!" Said I: "No trophy I would so prize." And I caught a look from her soft brown eyes That drove the rest of it out of my head—I don't remember just what I said!

John laughed away till his eyes were wet. "Increase the wager; I'll take the bet!" "My glove," said Grace, "and the hand within.

Shall be the prize of the one to win!" I looked at John, but he didn't chaff! He didn't smile and he didn't laugh! "Must I, then, race you for such a bride," Said John, "and carry the load beside?"

"I'll carry," said I, "the precious load!" Her bright eye flashed and her fair cheek glowed!

She took her seat with little ado; I tucked the robe and my heart in, too! Said I: "Old Spot!" as I stroked his neck, And rubbed his nose and loosened his check, "She's Bob's own Grace if you do your best!" He pricked his ears just as if he guessed The time had come when his master's need Had staked all happiness on his speed.

When all was ready Grace shouted "Go!" A word both horses seemed to know. You heard the hoof with its measured sway Pacing along the great highway. You saw the swell of the panting side, The pink that glows in the nostril wide. I knew old Spot, if he kept that pace, Would win my choice of the human race. No word was spoken between us two; The tongue is silent when hope is new. A mile, a mile and a half we sped, And still old spot was a neck ahead.

Jack touched his horse with the tasseled whip; Then Grace, pursing her rosy lip, Uttered a sound like a lover's kiss—ps—ps! ps—ps!

The only time in the race she spoke Was when, over-urged, Jack's trotter broke He's running his horse and that's not fair!" And blushing up to her auburn hair, She grabbed the whip from my willing hand, A move that John seemed to understand— For she raised it high as much as to say, Well, running's a game that two can play! So he brought him down to an honest trot, But couldn't keep up with dear old Spot, Who forged ahead when he saw the whip And passed the stake with never a skip.

On through the village he kept his speed, For I was too happy to mind the steed; He would not stop when the race was done, But started home with the prize he'd won! Nor stopped till he reached the farm-house gate, Where good old mother was sure to wait.

I know the horse is a trifle old, But you can't buy him with all your gold! My Grace loves him and pats his neck, And says he's the best card in the deck: And rubs his nose till he kisses her face. She changed his name to dear old Ace, And smiling, says: "It's the proper thing, For it takes the Ace to beat the King!" As she purses her lips for the well-known smack, I'm glad the Queen didn't take the Jack!" —FRED EMBESON BOOKS.

WHAT A MOUSE DID.

A Busy Community Found Time to Go to a Great Deal of Trouble.

It was a sweet June day in town. The hour was of the stroke of 10. The people of Amsterdam avenue had breakfasted and were gazing from the windows of the six story flats upon the steam drill, the shovelers, the blasters, the masons, the roofers, the hodcarriers, the iron workers and the other similar characteristics of that booming neighborhood. The distant hum of the great business city seemed to come purring among the solid rows of brownstone palaces like the sounds from a sleeping kitten, anon rising above the nearer sounds of the builder. Nature appeared to smile upon busy man and to graciously approve of his industry. The sun shone upon not a single visible idler.

Upon this scene a little, innocent, 14 inch mouse obtruded. He had come from some debris of the morning and frightened by his own temerity or calculating on the general occupation to pass unnoticed hurriedly sought to cross the road.

A grocer's boy forgot his lazy gait, quickly dropped his basket and dashed after the terror of elephants and women. A driver stopped his cart and jumped down and headed the fleeing animal off. He struck wildly at aim with his whip, and the grocer's boy yelled with pain. Four men at work on a new excavation joined in the chase, and two shovels were smashed to fragments on the stones. Work on all the adjacent buildings ceased, and people came out from the stores and markets and took a hand in the scrimmage. They butted against one another and stamped on each other's toes in attempting to put an end to his frightened moonship.

In the meantime the latter, so everlastingly scared that it had no wit left, ran about in a circle and this way and that, untouched, from the sheer multiplicity of its pursuers. Getting nearer the opposite curb it finally discovered the friendly grocer boy's basket and made a break for it. So did the now frantic mob. In two seconds the walk was strewn with green peas, tomatoes, cucumbers and other garden truck. One man who had no part in any of this stepped on a tomato and fell with force enough to break every bone in his body, but only spoiled a suit of clothes. The grocer himself ran out and kicked the boy for setting down the basket. The whole neighborhood was excited and demoralized.

The mouse got away. Evading the kicks and blows of a dozen men and 20 boys, it dashed into a cellar head first. It had found the world pretty busy, but not too busy to knock off and give a mouse a little exercise.—New York Herald.

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