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TRIUMPH OF LOVE.

"You refuse?" cried "Yaller Pete," the half breed cow puncher, renegade and all around bender and villain, his beady eyes snapping viciously. "You refuse?"

"I not go to your wigwam; not be your squaw; no good white man, no good buck, no how," answered the most beautiful maiden on the reservation, turning away scornfully, displaying a wild grace as she moved.

"You love paleface Dick Morley; he has a finer wigwam, he tells you big lies, he likes white squaw best. Blimey he'll get tired of you, kick you out, then you'll come to me."

"Oh, I hate you," replied the dusky one, "go."

"All right; I go. But listen to me—I'll have his heart's blood if he gets you away from me. I say it."

This was six months before the dashing cattle puncher, Dick Morley, had won his brown sweetheart and taken her to his wigwam, which was a comfortable house of logs, containing two rooms, with skins fantastically adorning the walls and furniture, the result of his leisure, in a not unskillful manner.

Outside were growing the hardy vines and flowers they had together planted, which Lolita had lovingly tended during his frequent absences, when it was not convenient for her to accompany him from home.

Happy as the noisies in spring were they, this primitive pair. She was beautiful and loving and childlike, he was stalwart, brave and kind, with a child's heart, too. He never tired of teaching his dusky bride the secrets of love, and during the long evenings he tried from his own rather limited store to teach her the A B C's of his language, and the best of all, when they were married over the snow every time it was amusing to her. She could not see the use of them, they were like the birds of the air, and with as little head of the morrow as they.

There was seemingly not a cloud in their rosy horizon. In the mind of Lolita there was nothing save a passing recollection of Yaller Pete and his threats. Who, indeed, could harm her Dick?

Yaller Pete's whereabouts were made known from time to time by his almost periodical raids upon the cattle, carrying them off to his camp, to be rebranded in the canyon some miles away. Yaller Pete so called because he had, as a half breed, inherited all the vices of both white and Indian parent, and some of the virtues, had long been a menace to the legitimate cattle men in that section, and innumerable traps had been set to catch him, but his gang almost invariably escaped and his dug out was always inaccessible. The boys were now contemplating a serious attack on Pete at an early date, meaning in good earnest to banish him to earth, as his depredations had well nigh exhausted their patience. Meanwhile the busy seasons was closing and they were trying to get through branding as soon as possible.

The 14th of February dawned brightly over the still snow-covered plains, and Morley, looking out, felt a thrill of the coming spring through his rich veins. Bidding Lolita a fond good-bye, he jumped on his broncho and started off to his work a few miles distant, intending to be back before nightfall as usual. Lolita gazed long and wistfully after the departing form of her husband, and unconsciously felt a little sad, but resolutely threw the feeling off she proceeded with her household duties, which, being simple, were soon finished. She then passed into her little patch of garden, which was her special pride.

Meanwhile Dick Morley had passed a busy day, and at dusk started home, ward-mind-and-heart-intense upon the coming meeting. Entering up to the door he was somewhat surprised and a little disappointed at not seeing the beloved form running to meet him, but thinking she had playfully hidden as was her wont at times, childishly surprising him, after a pretended search for her, he quickly entered and called to her, and receiving no reply entered the larger room still hearing no sound, the silence struck him alarmingly. He called loudly and rushed out and around the small enclosure, hunting now with a desperation born of fear. No one answered, and he returned to the house, now frantic with fear. He then noticed what in his haste he had previously overlooked, a piece of common brown paper, pinned to the door knob. Quickly seizing it, he saw on it what appeared to be a rough sketch of a heart, daubed in with red earth of some kind, from which drops of red were scattered, evidently representing blood. Through the center of the heart was a piece of wood, that was intended for an arrow. Underneath all were roughly written the words: "This is your valentine—I got mine."

A dozen or more cowboys sitting around the camp fire that evening, discussing the morrow's rideance of Yaller Pete's outfit, were startled at hearing the rapid approach of a horse, and the immediate appearance of Dick Morley on his almost exhausted broncho. Without waiting for inquiries, Dick exclaimed: "Boys, Lolita is gone; Yaller Pete has taken her. If you would help me save her, come at once." He showed the paper and told how he found the cabin deserted on his return home, and how Pete had in the past threatened his wife. There was a rush for bronchos, and

all were soon under way, galloping with blood at fever heat, all eager to avenge Dick's loss, as well as their own loss of cattle. Dick was popular with these rough fellows, and could command their lives if needed.

There were a good thirty miles of plain to cover before they could hope to reach the foothills, and they fully knew their danger, for Pete would be prepared with scouts. He commanded over twenty men, collected at different times from the Indian camps and from the off-scourings of the nearby cities—fugitives from justice, most of them, a most villainous lot.

It was nearly dawn when fourteen resolute cowpunchers, headed by a desperate, heart-broken leader, approached the fastnesses of the hills. A shot from the enemy from an ambush went wild, and then followed a shout and rush from the punchers, who, though in the open, unhesitatingly crowded into the thicket through a hall of bullets. Dick, while his companions were bravely fighting hand to hand with the renegades in the bushes struck a side path, and, working his way through the underbrush, came upon a clearing in which stood a large tent, which he approached cautiously.

As he neared the open flap which served as a door he heard the hiss of Lolita, accompanied by the demoniac laughter of Yaller Pete.

Dick suddenly darted to the door, but Pete, who was quicker, seized the girl in his arms and placed her between them, sneering, "Well, don't you want your wife? Why don't you take her?"

"Out of the way mongrel; I'll kill you!" was the frantic answer.

"I guess not," said Pete. "If you do, you will shoot her, you see."

It was a moment of terrible indecision, for Dick, with the big drops of sweat pouring down his face, knew he was powerless while that brute held her in his arms to protect himself.

Relief came in an unexpected way. During the fighting in the brush outside, the cowboys, disturbed by the air of a wildcat, which, deeming itself attacked, and thoroughly frightened, made a mad rush over the high ground toward the tent, and seeing the opening in the tent which served as a hole and landed fair and square upon the shoulders of Yaller Pete, who, startled for the moment, loosened his hold, involuntarily, and in that second Lolita sprang into her husband's arms.

Leaving Pete struggling with the unexpected enemy, Dick, carried his fainting burden into the air, and almost collided with his men coming in search of him, having settled the renegades, the latter having made a run for it when they found their leader missing.

At that juncture they were greeted with sounds of curses, intermingled with snarls and screeches. The tent flap opened, and out rolled man and cat, a bloody mass, Pete fighting for his life with a dirk, and trying to overcome the animal. One of the boys immediately finished the latter, but Pete was done for. He lay panting on the ground in horrible agony, and in a few seconds all was over. With a last curse and venomous look at Dick and the woman he had wickedly coveted he expired.

Slowly rode the punchers homeward, driving their recovered captives before them and helping along their wounded.

Dick Morley, happy in the restoration of his Lolita, holding her tightly in front of him on the faithful broncho, breathed a silent prayer. San Francisco News Letter.

The Japanese prince drew in his breath with a hissing sound, as he went over the young girl's hand.

"Prince," said she, "I have been up against a lot of Japs, and they all hiss like that when they meet you. What's the reason anyway?"

"The reason is politeness," the prince answered. "I hiss—like this—I draw in my breath—I keep on drawing it in as long as I remain near you. For if I blow out, some of it might be blown in your fair face. What an offense! Shocking! And so we Japanese always hiss in exchanging greetings. Out of politeness we hold our breath."—Chicago Chronicle.

There is a remarkable provision in a request by the late Mr. Harry Cowen Coley of Bishop Stortford Memorial is conditionally left to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for the equipment of a modern lifeboat station, but the deceased wife or any child of his shall be at liberty to enter upon, row, or sail the said boat at any time when she is afloat, be the weather fair or foul, so long as their doing so or their presence there shall not hinder the life saving efforts of the crew.—London Tit-Bits.

Of late years the Greek and Latin classics have fallen very greatly in value, and the time has long passed since books of this character were regarded as the head and front of every library worth the name.—The Connoisseur.

Ready written essays, compositions and translations in any language are being supplied to students of Budapest by a bureau at 8 cents a page. The Government has been appealed to to suppress it.

The idea that genius and eccentricity are inseparable has been discarded long ago.

CAPTAIN LEON'S SEA MINE.
 Remarkable Invention for Use in Naval Warfare.

Capt. Karl Leon, of Swedish Artillery, claims to have made a remarkable invention for naval warfare. hitherto the torpedo and the sea mine have been separate engines managed under entirely different conditions. Capt. Leon's invention blends them into one. He has produced a torpedo which, while capable of being discharged from a ship's tubes, and of being used in all respects like an ordinary torpedo, can also be made to serve the purpose of a mine in the open sea, and in this way brought to bear against ships in places at present sheltered from the danger of mines. It can be kept at a desired depth for a considerable time.

Idea Derived from Animals.
 It is interesting to note how man has borrowed many of his ideas from the animal world. Wasps made paper from wood long before man decided it was a good substitute for rags. The folding compass and folding pocket compass are only copies of the folding lower jaw of the dragon fly. The flying squid, a species of cuttle-fish, has a way of projecting itself as high as 12 feet above the surface of the water by forcibly expelling water from its body. Man saw this and invented the skyrocket. The ropemaking machines used in the United States navy yard follow almost the precise lines that a spider does when making his own frail cable.

Chinese Differences.
 His compass points south. In saluting you he puts on his hat. Walking with you, he keeps out of step. He shakes his own hand instead of yours. He says east-south instead of south-east. To be polite he asks your age and income. He throws away the flesh of the melon and eats its seeds. His women often wear trousers, while he often wears a gown. He presents cigars to his friends as you present cigars or books.

Protecting Submarines.
 When a submarine boat becomes disabled beneath the surface of the water and cannot rise its crew is in a bad predicament. To remedy the difficulty an inventor has contrived an auxiliary boat to be carried in the submarine and to be a part of it, practically, until needed. In time of accident the crew of the incapacitated submarine would enter the little craft and when the containing chamber had been flooded the bolts would be withdrawn and the vessel with its human freight would clear itself and rise to the surface.

Mahomet's Dove.
 The prophet Mahomet was a great man. In his way, but, like nearly all the priests of ancient times, he was not above practicing tricks to gain and hold the confidence of his followers. You have all heard of his dove, which would sit on his shoulder and seem to be talking in his ear. Mahomet claimed that the Holy Ghost took the form of the bird to give him inspiration, but the truth is that the prophet had taught the dove to eat wheat out of his ear.—Chicago News

Great Cost for a Losing Trade.
 Chartreuse, the liquor of the Carthusian monks, was the invention of an aged baker. On the expulsion of the Carthusians from France the Chartreuse receipt was bought at auction for \$175,000. The French buyers undertook, however, a losing business, for the monks are now making their liqueur in Spain, and epicures prefer it to that of the French firm.

The Weaving Industry.
 In 1890 the weaving industry did not make any marked development, and the value of the goods woven was about \$15,000,000. But recently, aided by the progress of applied chemistry, and also of technology, the industry has made considerable progress, and last year the weaving capacity reached \$100,000,000. With the cotton industry it has become one of the principal sources of revenue.

Concerning his Theft.
 A collection of arms and armor recently received from Spain, which was offered for sale at auction in 1839, has since been identified as containing many of the extra pieces from the superb series of suits in the Royal Spanish Army—stolen from there by an unscrupulous official, his theft being concealed from the authorities at the time by an accidental fire.

Retains their Customs.
 The Euche Indians, 500 in number who live in a remote part of the Creek Nation, cling to their own language and many principally among their own tribe, after being conquered and absorbed by the Creek Indians more than two hundred years ago. In some cases a Euche may marry a Creek, and the children will speak to the father in the Euche language and to the mother in Creek.

Encouraged to Sing.
 At the work of a Warrington (England) firm of soapmakers the girl employes are encouraged to sing part-songs while at work. The object is to relieve the monotony. In the departments that number more than thirty girls and have not noisy machinery they are encouraged to sing during the last hour of work in the morning and in the afternoon.

HOW MOSLEM GUESTS BEHAVE.
 A Few Conditions that Must be Religiously Observed.

Here are some interesting Mussulman injunctions of conviviality. The honor of being served first belongs to the invited guest who is in the possession of any high title or who has, in any way or sphere, distinguished himself. If the host himself is the oldest in the company or has any high decoration of merit he must first begin the meal without delay, in order not to let the others unduly wait. It shows bad upbringing to be in a melancholy mood at table, or to speak of disagreeable things or to engage in inappropriate discussions on matters of religious piety. Foremost of all, one must always be in good humor and talk of pleasant things, as did the Prophet himself.

You must always help yourself from the side of the dish nearest to you and never try to find out the best bits, which ought to be left for other guests. If one of the invited has not much appetite you must ask him up to three times, with some kind chosen words, to partake of the meals. A longer insistence would cause ennu and would be most inappropriate. You must never stop eating before this, because in doing so you will embarrass them and cause them to finish quickly in imitation of you.

Never eat gluttonously, but also never attempt to conceal your good appetite. Always eat little by little. Exaggerated compliments are always misplaced. The host's duty is to make his guests feel as comfortable as possible, encouraging the timid and shy, and to fix the attention of a guest when he is eating. Even if the host is not accustomed to eat much, he must always try not to finish before others. Should any dish be forbidden to him by his medical attendant he must, at the same time, excuse himself before his guests.

It is absolutely necessary to avoid every movement or gesture which is apt to create disgust. One must, for instance, never tell anecdotes of a doubtful nature, never remove pieces from the mouth and never sneeze without turning away one's head, never yawn, or clean the nose, or approach the head too near the dish. On quitting the table every one should wash his hands, the most distinguished if the company first of all. Always wash them standing, never spit on the floor and rinse well the mouth. It is good and pious work to invite friends to dinner, and especially people of the same religion.

On the great day of judgment the time spent in good company with the necessary observation of enumerated rules of conviviality will be accounted to one as a high merit. It is therefore advisable to eat slowly in order to prolong this time. Never go to a dinner party without being invited unless you are a very intimate friend of the host. In the last case it is even permissible to enjoy a dinner at a friend's house without his presence, as did very frequently the Prophet himself and his disciples. A good Mussulman ought always to have a few ready dishes for some chance friends or people of his own religion. He must, however, never fall into debt and never entertain others at the expense of his own household.

If you enter a house where rearing is going on never take part in it without being invited. If you happen to notice that the invitation extended to you is not sincere leave the house under some pretext or other as soon as possible, not, however, without having previously tasted some little bit. This is a sign of good upbringing and shows the spirit of perfect courtesy.

Artemus Ward.
 workmen. Quality of dress counts but lag in his presence. Never was a man more misunderstood. He had not one trace of coarseness or real awkwardness. Though far from handsome, he had a fine, lithe figure, with smooth, light hair, teeth white and delicate, and the most beautiful hands. His voice was peculiarly soft, and his whole demeanor was that of a well bred, sensitive and modest gentleman. Even his most intimate friends could hardly understand why nothing of the clown ever cropped out in facial or bodily contortion when he was saying his odd things, but surely it never did, and his perfect poise and gravity on these occasions no one who knew him can ever forget. Artemus Ward had no trace of local coloring or local prejudice, nor was his speech marked by a single provincialism. He was a cosmopolitan gentleman.—Putnam's Monthly.

What Counts in Business.
 In advocating the painting of machine tools with a light color the Iron Age says it is a well recognized fact that the lighter and neater a shop the better and neater are the workmen. Quality of dress counts but little under manufacturing conditions, but a man who does neat, good work habits, and, reversing the viewpoint, conditions which tend to make a man personally neater may be reflected in his work.

There are in the world 11 cities with over 1,000,000 inhabitants.

A RELIC OF CLIFF DWELLERS.
 Recently Found in the Montezuma Valley New Mexico.

It is a curious fact and one much commented upon by archeologists that the pictographs so common in the cliff and cave dwelling regions of New Mexico are almost wholly absent from the ruins of the Mesa Verde in southwestern Colorado.

In one room of the cliff palace are found some straight line markings, but there is nothing imitative of animals, birds or reptiles in this, the balcony or spruce tree house.

Recently, however, there was found in the Montezuma valley, about a mile and three-quarters southeast of Cortez, on the slope of a beach which arises from the McElmo canon bottom, a slab of rock about six feet long by four and one-half feet high, on which there are deep carving similar to the markings on the Puye and San Cristobal ruins of New Mexico.

This detached slab was lying on an incline and had apparently split off from a larger rock some distance above it. There are no similar rocks near, where this was found, but in one place about 200 yards away there are a few characters cut in a rock. It required four horses to remove this stone record from its abiding place to the yard in the rear of the Montezuma county court house, where it now reposes.

Unorganized House of Commons.
 The general life of the House remains what it has always been, one of feverish idleness. It is slier when the Tories are in, more feverish when the Radicals come to power. But it is still unorganized. An immense volume of work is done behind the scenes by men who get little praise for it. Work in committees is usually careful, precise and conscientious, as debate on the floor of the House is often the reverse of these qualities. This side of Parliament should be developed: more members should be drawn into the stimulating and useful sphere, and drawn out of the lounging habit of terrace and tea room. The devolution both of bills and estimates to grand committees is the real antidote to the peril of the closure, the cure for ennui, blind voting and the modern tendency to use the Commons as a kind of cock and hen club. Private members want more responsibility, a better chance of developing special talent and knowledge than can be attained by means of the set debate on the floor of the chamber. There, no doubt, is the final, dramatic test of the possession of the true Parliamentary quality. But it should not be the only criterion.

Tunnel Delimitation.
 Delimitation in a tunnel is probably one of the novelties of international law. It has just been carried out between Italy and Switzerland in the Stimpion. There have been several ineffectual disputes as to the precise point at which one jurisdiction ended and the other began, and to place such incidents out of the range of possibility for the future, a mixed commission was appointed to draw a boundary line in the bowels of the mountain. Their work has just been successfully completed. It is noted as a curious detail that the temperature in the tunnel during the work was about 52 degrees Fahrenheit.

Clock Encourages Thrift.
 A New York man patented a device for the encouragement of thrift. It consists of a toy savings bank with a clock attachment. The clock is set in the face of the bank and cannot be wound unless a dime is dropped in the slot. A winding cause the dime to fall into the vault and the clock will run but 24 hours without rewinding, the contrivance saves the accumulation of 70 cents a week. The theory is that the necessity of depositing a dime every day will lead to slipping in other coins at odd moments and this establish a habit of saving.

How Deer Select Their Food.
 How sensitive deer are in the matter of food was proved once again during the hearing of a case at Felt-ham, England, where three men were charged with sleeping in a deer pen in Bushey Park. A keeper said they had pulled down from the racks about ten shillings' worth of hay, which the deer would not afterward touch because it had been lain upon. In fact, the deer would not go near the pens, as the men had slept there.

Motor Cars in England.
 About \$60,000,000 is at present invested in England in the manufacture of motor wagons. About 250,000 men are employed in them, or as chauffeurs, etc., and their wages aggregate \$75,000,000 a year.

Book Bound in Gold.
 In the jewel house of the Tower of London there is a book bound in gold, even to the wires of the hinges. Its claps are two rubles set at opposite ends of four golden links.

In Honor of Japanese Heroes.
 The Mikado and the Crown Prince of Japan are each having an album made of photographs of all the military and naval officers killed in the war with Russia.

Immense Royal Palace.
 The Escorial, the royal palace near Madrid, is so large that it would take four days to go through all the rooms and apartments, the distance being about 120 miles.