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ROMANCE OF A SHIPWRECK

Strange Meeting of Relatives After Many Years.

In the latter part of the last century a steamer crossing the Atlantic was lost by collision in a fog. Among the passengers never heard from were a lady and her little daughter.

Twenty-five years passed. One summer a "want ad." appeared in a newspaper stating that a lady desired the position of chaperon to young people on a trip to Europe.

Miss Fay took looking at a picture which she was doing so Miss Craven the Italian came up.

"A copy of that picture is in father's collection at home," said Miss Craven. "It is also familiar to me," said Miss Craven.

"There has been a part my surroundings at some time in my life, but I can't recall when or where. I have had an uncle who had a copy of the picture in his library."

"Why do you say 'have or had'?" "Because I have not heard of my uncle for years."

"Did he see you or did you see him?" "I don't know. I was quite young when I last saw him. We drifted apart, I suppose."

"Whether there was something in the picture connecting the two or what was the reason, from the time of the conversation about it there seemed to be something in the voice or the manner or the walk of her chaperon that was familiar to Miss Fay. The incident led the two to that upon family matters connected with the past, and there was a singular sameness in certain events pertaining to both families. While there was some sixteen years difference in the ages of the two, they sprang up in the friendship between them. It was a coincidence that instead of a friendship during the trip, they would more likely be intimate for life."

One day while traveling in a railway car a gentleman asked Miss Fay if she would object to his raising a window. She said she would not. Then he asked if it would be disagreeable to her mother, referring to Miss Craven. The girl smilingly explained that Miss Craven was not her mother or any relation to her, whereupon the gentleman apologized, saying that he had been uncertain whether they were mother and daughter or an older and a younger sister. He certainly saw resemblances between them, though he could not define them.

Miss Fay had letters to people in Rome, which procured her an entree to the best Italian society there. A young man of excellent family fell in love with her and signalled his wish to make her a proposition of marriage. Unfortunately there was no one on the continent of Europe of whom he could

make a formal appeal, except the chaperon, who was not authorized to give the family consent. The result was that Miss Fay wrote her father of the affair. He took the first steamer, traveling night and day till he reached Italy.

"What sort of a chaperon is this you have," he exclaimed, "to permit you to receive attention to lead to such an unfortunate result?" "There is no unfortunate result in my case papa," she replied, "nor in hers either."

"What do you mean by her case?" "She's engaged already, while I'm waiting for your consent. A member of the Italian parliament a widower wants her."

"A fine pair to send abroad together. Both you and your chaperon receiving marriage proposals. However, I will look into this affair of yours."

While Mr. Fay's investigations were pending his daughter told him of the picture that both had seen in Dresden a copy of which was in both families.

"There has never been but one copy of that picture made," replied Mr. Fay, "and that was for me by special permission."

"That proves it," replied the daughter. "I have known it all the while. She is a relative of ours."

There followed an investigation not of a man's family, but of Miss Craven's. The next day Mr. Fay called upon that lady's father and said to him:

"I understand, sir, that you are engaged to Miss Craven, and she has told you she has no relative of whom you may make a formal application for her hand. When she told you this she was mistaken."

"Many years ago a ship was lost at sea by a collision with another vessel in a fog. My sister and her little girl were passengers on the lost vessel. I never had heard a word of the mother or of the daughter till yesterday. By a remarkable chain of coincidences it has been discovered that Miss Craven is my niece. The child was rescued and adopted and raised growing up with our family, who she was."

"The outcome was a happy one for all concerned. The two friends were delighted to find that they were cousins. Miss Craven was delighted to know that she was a member of the Fay family instead of being an orphan. This was especially so since she had married and prided herself on his ancestry, and it had been modifying to his finances that she could not even tell him who her parents were."

Flippant Flings.

One wonders why it has never occurred to the suffragists to urge that Feb. 29 be made a national holiday.

All the large cities report a 1915 marriage slump, but 1916 will tell a different story. Do your popping early, girls.

Three rules to avoid grip are said to be: "Don't kiss, don't hug and don't overwork." But whatever you do don't overwork. Topeka Capital.

A professor of Wellesley college says that after the war women will be a drug on the market. However, she forgot to add that a great many men will acquire the drug habit. Chicago Herald.

Quicksilver is thirteen and a half times as heavy as water.

With an eighteen foot telescope it is possible to see stars the light of which takes 2,700 years to reach us.

We know that chalk was formed under the sea, because if a little piece is rubbed to powder and examined under a microscope a lot of tiny shells will be seen.

College and School.

Forty states of the Union have taken some legal action toward safeguarding the sanitation of public school buildings, according to a recent bulletin issued by the federal bureau of education.

Egypt has twenty-six schools of higher education, technical and agricultural, and 4,000 students are enrolled. They are the most eager students of the near east.

Ten years ago Princeton had a faculty of 100 teachers, whose combined salaries amounted to \$165,135 yearly. At the present time the faculty number 150, and the budget for this teaching staff now amounts to \$401,310.

"And here is my photograph," "Now, girls," said the reporter, "I have described you as lovely, graceful and beautiful. Why take a chance at spoiling it all by printing a photograph?"—Pittsburgh Post.

Science Siftings.

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Panel 1: A man sits on a bench. A speech bubble says: "I'LL LAY ME SEE-BAR DOWN ON DE BENCH AN' TAKE A NAP."

Panel 2: A dog barks. A speech bubble says: "OH, G-S-I, UHH! CUIG DOG!"

Panel 3: A man is being pulled by a dog. A speech bubble says: "MY WOND! I TUGHT IT HUZ A COP! WOT D-YOUSE WANT?"

Panel 4: A man is being pulled by a dog. A speech bubble says: "DON'T WORR SO HARD NID I CANT BEAR TER SEE ANYONE WOIKN LINE DAT."

Panel 5: A man is being pulled by a dog. A speech bubble says: "HEL P! POLICE I'M ALL AFIRE!"

Panel 6: A man is being pulled by a dog. A speech bubble says: "THAT BUN'S TAKIN' A SWIM IN THE FOUNTAIN!"

Panel 7: A man is being pulled by a dog. A speech bubble says: "YER PINCHED FER SWIMMIN' IN DE PUBLIC FOUNTAIN."

Panel 8: A man is being pulled by a dog. A speech bubble says: "DIAST YER DUND STUTTERN' NID HADN'T BEEN FER YOUSE 'NDOUGHTN' O'HAD TER RISK ME LIFE TAKIN' DIS BATH!"

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