

THE COMING MAN.

A pair of very stubby legs, Imposed in leather hose, A pair of little stubby boots, With rather downy toes; A little man, a little man, Cut as a mother can— And lo! before the steamer, in state, The coming man.

His eyes perchance will read the stars And search their unknown ways; The woods are full of secret ways; Will you be a friend to me? Promote their keen and flashing glance Will be a nation's light— The world is full of wasteful bent On some big fellow's kate.

That braw, where mighty thoughts will dwell In solemn, secret state, Where fierce Alfonso's restless strength Still rules the world. Where science from now-hidden caves New treasures shall be found— "The world is full of a troubled doubt, Are we two, or three cents, more?

Those lips that, in coming years, Will plead, or pray, or teach; Who will be the world's best teacher, From world to world may teach; That, sternly grave, may speak command— O, that I could be such a man! Are coaxing now for gingerbread With all a baby's soul?

Those hands—those little busy hands— So sticky, and all brown! Those hands, whose action seems To tell all order down— Who know what strength may lie Within that chubby grasp, Though now 'tis but a fatty stick In study hold they clasp?

All blessings on those little hands, Who work, who spin, who knit, And blessings on those little feet, Whose race is yet unborn! All blithe, all happy, learn to plan The world has not learned to plan! Whate'er the future holds in store, God bless the coming man!

IDAT'S LOVERS.

Oh, I loved in my youth a lady fair, For her azure eyes and golden hair.

High and clear the sweet tenor voice ran out through the bracing, frosty air. It was an October morning; the woods were glorious in crimson and gold, the fields were covered with frost, and the wind, cool and delicious, blew gently from the west, carrying health and strength to frames debilitated by summer's sultry heat.

"Who is that singing?" called Ida Miller, from the boughs of a chestnut tree, to her cousin Lou, seated underneath, gathering up the bright nuts as they fell.

"I don't know; it's some person over in the next field. He's a good singer; hope he won't come along this way," exclaimed Lou.

Ida did so, and the nuts came down in a torrent. Deeply absorbed in gathering them into her basket, Lou Miller did not look up until her cousin called out again, in a half-frightened voice, "Lou, as sure as you live, that person is coming directly this way. See the leaves falling, I suppose he wants some chestnuts. He's a young man, in a brown suit, with a gun on his shoulder, and oh! so good-looking!"

"Hush! he'll hear you," said Lou.

"Come down, quick, before he gets here."

"Not I," replied Ida. "I can't get down, without climbing all the way back along this slender branch. I'm going to stay up here, and see him he goes."

"Oh, I don't come down; he'll see me, and a pretty figure you'll cut, perched up there like a squirrel. Come down, quick," coaxed Lou.

"I won't, I tell you; I've got a secure resting-place, and I'm going to remain here."

Meanwhile the stranger approached and saluted Lou Miller with a graceful bow, and a pleasant "Good morning," which the maid answered gaily.

He was wonderfully good-looking, at least, so thought Ida Miller, surveying him from her airy eminence. A tall, erect form; brown hair, glossy and curling; frank, laughing blue eyes, and handsome lips, adorned by a drooping, light-brown mustache. Surveying the branches overhead, his eyes caught the little figure of Ida hid among the leaves. Lifting his hand to his shoulder, he said, laughing, "Is that a hand game, or do we have to look for the shooting of such rare and beautiful birds?"

Lou laughed.

"Our laws forbid it, certainly," she replied.

Poor Ida was covered with confusion when she found herself discovered, and, in endeavoring to change her position, her skirt slipped from the main bough, and she fell, with a sharp cry, hanging by grasping a slender branch with both hands. This bout with her weighty skirt, and she found herself swaying "between heaven and earth," but fortunately only a few feet from earth. The young man caught her in his arms, and deposited her safely on solid ground. Between fright and shame, the poor girl was speechless; she could only glance shyly at the sun-bright hot blouses dyed her face and neck.

The young man regarded Ida's ray of light with undisguised admiration. Never, he thought, had he seen any one half so lovely. Her short, curling hair, black as jet, hung in picturesque confusion over neck and forehead; her cheeks were red as June roses, while the great brown eyes above them were half closed with tears, and the scarlet lips beneath parted with a touching smile. Her small, round and smiling figure was clad in a coquettish walking dress, revealing feet and ankles of exquisite mold and fairy-like proportions. Lou broke the embarrassing silence by bursting into a ringing laugh, in which the others joined heartily.

"You must not undertake to break your nose," said Lou, "but you will be certain to break your neck," said Ida.

"But the chestnut? I'd only got one branch shaken," replied Ida, trying to withdraw her hands.

"Well, we must let the squirrels have them, I suppose."

"For no means, ladies," said the stranger; "I am a good climber, and will gladly shake the tree for you if you will."

"We should be much obliged to you, but the trouble would be too great."

"No trouble at all, I assure you," he said, taking off his coat; and in a moment he was gliding up the tree with the ease and agility of a squirrel.

The bright nuts came rattling down like a shower of hail, and soon the ground was almost covered. To gather them up was a work of time, and I am afraid the young man did but little good in filling the basket, for he kept up such a continued conversation that they gave but little attention to the gathering on hand. And I think that little Ida, too, was lost her tender heart as she watched his handsome face, and listened to his pleasant, musical voice. The basket were filled at last, however, and the young ladies were ready to go home.

"Can you tell me where Dr. Miller lives?" asked the young man, throwing his arms around the chestnut tree, I vowed that they should be your resting-place through life!"

"And I love you at first sight, too," confessed Ida, shyly.

"Even so, darling. If you do not love at first sight we never will love at all," said Ida, kissing her lips.

With which little bit of doubtful philosophy we will leave them.

Ida, if we are not cousins," said Rafe, pressing her little hand, and smiling down on her blushing face.

"Of course you will go home with us," Recollect there is no resurrection for dead time.

"Yes, I ran down here from town for a week's shooting, and a beautiful week it is, I am staying at your father's; if you will tolerate me."

"We shall be glad enough to have you there. And we must be going, for it is nearly dinner time, and this bracing air gives one an appetite."

"It does, indeed. I, at least, feel a strong desire to taste some of my aunt's excellent dishes."

Rafe Miller and his wife were greatly delighted to see their favorite but bright-faced doctor was a welcome welcome. The doctor was a young physician, living on a fine farm not far from a large town. He was a joyful old man, disposed to take life easy. His daughter Louisa was his only child; but he loved his brother's orphan, little Ida, as much as he did his own child, and treated her in every respect.

The weather was clear, cool, and the sun was bright. Rafe Darrel enjoyed some fine sport in wood and field. Of those attractions, he spent a large portion of his time in the hunting or in walking with the young ladies. I suspect that Ida's brown eyes and cheeks influenced the handsome young man a good deal.

"But the course of true love never does run smooth; and ere long he discovered that he had a rival in the person of a stalwart young man named John Gordon. He walked into the parlor one evening dressed in his best. Ralph Darrel saw at once by his manner that he was little Ida's "beau." The knowledge did not please him, and he retired to his room in a fit of the sulks.

"What the mischief see in him to be booby to like?" he said confidentially to his pillow. "But what difference does it make to me? Am I in love with Ida? and when it is improperly called or when allowed to remain on the foot too long before removal and paring of the sole, then corus are almost certain of being produced. The avoidance of these causes of corus constitutes their prevention, and, to a great extent, also their cure. The careful lowering of the inside heel, sufficiently to remove its bearing upon the shoe; applying a properly-fitting shoe, or a splint or remedial support to the heel once monthly, will result in a gradual diminution of the same.

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