

### THE LOVER'S DREAM.

BY C. L. MARION.

Adieu! my love; farewell forever!  
God knoweth when we meet again;  
Our love will never be destroyed;  
Although I will rend my heart in twain.

Wouldst thou know why I would leave thee?  
Ask it of thine own false heart;

Thou know'dst my guilt, but wouldst deceive me,  
And mark me with thy curse.

We vowed our loves, my soul! I love thee still;

But thou wert false and loved me not;  
Although my heart with vengeance hated all

Toward thee for whom I am forsworn.

I marked thee, but I have repented of it;

It is a serpent in love's guise;

Whose love, professed, at thy doth scoff;

Yet him you love, not as love the wise.

Thus was I part; I, broken-hearted, betrayed

By one who seemed so pure and sweet;

For I have lost my heart, and destroyed

Is now a desert 'neath thy feet.

Oh! thou creature, bold and deadly!

'Tis truly thy soul doth bear a stain;

Yet with the innocence of a child,

Thou say'st thy heart doth pure remain.

Ah! woman! well may thy bairns spread;

For in thy cradle in those soft robes,

Whose once pure beams my own were fed—

Not Merly I give these none; arise!

The maid awoke, where in gray she'd slept;

Then rose her soul; it shrunk;

And then she wailed in accents broken;

"Nay—nay, love—not so—you wrong me much;

Why shouldst thou seek my love to prove?

Merly I give these none; arise!

"Therefore, Gerald, this blind endeavor

To blast my life, and thine as well?

I am innocent, now as ever;

Believe me, when I tell thee I tell."

He receded, and gazed on the maiden's face,

She then suddenly laughed, and waved his hand;

"Thou once to me wert living grace;

But canst now no more my heart command."

She shrieked, and wildly then her love embraced;

While in her breast fierce passion reigned;

She who once was "true" is now a "cheat";

And gaily his fair brow did strike.

"Thank God! Oh, Gerald, art thou waked at last?

methought thee dead, when I saw thee first;

Oh! pray, have you from sweet existence passed?

My heart would sure with anguish burst."

He raised his throbbing head, and wailed

"How came I here? Have I been ill?"

He asked. "I gazed at Pan, then the ground,

And suddenly—

While gentle hands did a smother kiss his brow,

A loving voice stote to his ear;

"No, not ill; you have but slept—now,

Ack! no more, but only the storm is near."

Toward the lightning flashed, the thunder roared,

And started much the dreamer awoke.

A man awoke, and gazed on the maiden;

And gaily his fair brow did strike.

"Thank God! Oh, Gerald, art thou waked at last?

methought thee dead, when I saw thee first;

Oh! pray, have you from sweet existence passed?

My heart would sure with anguish burst."

"Forgive you, Gerald? Yes, my love, I do;

And rejoice? What was but a dream now o'er;

But I am wakened, I beseech of you;

I dream such dreams as this no more."

BLUMLINGTON, III.

### OLD-TIME REMINISCENCES.

Aristocracy and Its Opposite in the South Compared.

BY W. W.

In delineating the leading characteristics and peculiarities of the different sections dealt with in these chapters concerning Southern life, it must be borne in mind steadily that the difference in traits between the people of the highland and lowland was to the most casual observer, very marked, even of the people of the same State.

Where the habits of the one, from their mode of living, were very simple and unpretentious, of course causing an absence of rigid etiquette, or indeed of what may be considered etiquette at all, the other class, with their large plantations, their hosts of servants, their formal dinners and parties and so on, made all this occasion of a code of politeness and the exacting of deference, if possible, very removed from the free and easy life experienced in cabins and oftentimes in hunting camps among the hills.

One of the plain and obvious results of this was that in any after-dinner quarrel growing out of too much jollification or too much sensuousness, or in a row on court-day upon some occasion of public speaking and partisan heat, while the mountaineers not in possession of expensive and deadly luxuries—Colts, revolvers—would proceed on the instant to settle it, what they euphoniously termed "skullduggery" the lowland gentlemen, just as unfeignedly proceeded to settle like differences with the bowie-knife or the pistol. "Honor" was always "pricking them on" until the result was that they were more sensitive and fearful concerning public sentiment than they were of what might promise to be deadly combat with, possibly in some cases, their best friends; and the cases were numerous enough where, out of such hasty and mistaken action, not infrequently followed tragedies which seemed in the end quite as deplorable to the visitor as the惨quished in some bloody street-fight.

I remember one of these, a street-fight, between two young men, lawyers, who had been like brothers, the quarrel springing out of something perfectly trivial in nature. The result of it was that one of them was shot dead by the other on the spot, and although, as usual where influential friends stood ready to avert from the slayer the penalties of the law, that did not trouble him; all his life carried a Nemesis in his own soul that amply avenged the murdered man. An old neighbor told me that the slayer would never sleep without a light in his own room, and the constantly recurring dream through life was that his victim had him down, with the blood from the fatal wound in his heart was flowing over his slayer and suffocating him, a hideous nightmare than which the imagination of Dante could hardly conjure up anything more terrible.

As for law and its extreme penalties in such cases, it must be acknowledged that a horse-trif, if caught, stood a much better chance of punishment.

"He has killed his man," was a phrase that in many sections of the lower country, carried with it something perfectly tragic in nature.

"He has killed his man," I said, and I shall never forget the aspect of matters in a court-room once, in Tennessee rather noted, with others adjoining, for its lawlessness in avenging of individual wrongs or insults. The case was one of aggravated, cold-blooded murder, the man who had the deed being a noted desperado. He came in size and ferocious in aspect, like a deadly insulin in some trifling remark made by an unthinking and so the ruffians taking their stand on his own hands, procure a double-barreled shotgun, charged it heavily with buck-shot, and, hearing of the arrival of his victim in the village some weeks afterward, coolly hunted him down, and, in the most dastardly way, emptied one barrel, with fatal effect, into his body. A comrade of the murdered man, offering to help his friend into the adjoining house, he, too, was threatened with the other barrel by the burly ruffian, and as I told me afterward, "seeing the devil in the villain's life," never talked so prettily in his life, though with some effect, for the gun was lowered, and he was forced to help his poor friend and to go unburden himself.

Well, the court-room where this trial took place was a curiosity. Not more than eighty or one hundred people were

present, so little was the event a startling one in that quarter; the greater part of the spectators were inside the bar chattering and laughing with the lawyers and overlooking their shoulders and their documents; the Sheriff was walking up and down the court-room smoking a pipe, and the Judge, a notorious sloven, although reputed an able jurist, with long unkempt hair, a collar open and a shirt unbuttoned, who had with distaste looked of one who had been drinking all night, was walking up and down nervous on the little platform which was his outlook on the proceedings. As for the prisoner, he seemed in no wise concerned, nor, as it afterward resulted, need he have been for he was never brought to even nominal punishment.

As for the other mode of settling personal difficulties—the hill country method—nothing could be more plain and summary. "Walk with me, sir," and the ground reached, possibly behind the Court House or some vacant lot close by, the two parties met, and the "knock under" was entered upon with fierce vigor, but in a promiscuous manner that utterly defied all rules. No boxing, no "science" here. But if, after getting out of wind, in a fierce attempt to throw each other, one could get the other down, and the thumb or ear betwixt his teeth, until the present would make sing out "enough," the victor let him up, or he would pull off, and a dose of "tangle-foot" was the rest; the feet would waver, and the hand, a hand of a silver for of those gathings.

And, indeed, it did not take that kind of reminder to stamp the memories and hardships and adventures of the past in the minds and hearts of those who followed and profited by them. Such names as Lost Kettle creek and Greasy Rock spring, with numberless others quite as significant, have served to mark, step by step, the adventures of the first comers, since most localities were designated, in their simple way, with the occurrence of some such incident as a river or a brook, a camp-ground, a lost cattle, or a dead horse.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly enough exemplified, however, by the demonstrated alacrity with which they entered upon the late war. And a funny illustration of this was as those first-mentioned, as those close akin to them, that gave many portions of the South a reputation for a lawless disregard of life, such as in the long run has proved of the most serious detriment to its substantial advancement; and I have only given those two cases out of many with which I became acquainted, in order to indicate the marked difference there was in the modes of settling personal difficulties between individuals of the same section, but of different classes and habits, growing out of difference of locality and diverse of living.

For fighting, *per se*, and from something like admiration and love for it, there is no denying the soft impeachment, abundantly