

Selected Story.

THE SISTER'S STRATAGEM.

"You are a most unhappy man, I must say, Mr. Strother!"

"I've got good cause. You're enough to try the patience of a saint."

"As if you are a saint! A pretty saint you are, with a temper worse than—well, the worst I ever saw or heard of!"

"And a wife worse than Xantippe."

"I shall lose my patience very soon. The idea of my being a scold! I wish I was one, Mr. Strother, you'd get your just deserts; I'd make your life a burden to you."

"You needn't wish yourself any worse than you are now, madam, to accomplish that."

"Call me pet names; I'm used to it."

"I won't live with you another day. I'll leave you and go back to mother's, you insulting wretch, before I'm a day older."

"Now you begin to talk sensibly, Maria; I really wish you would!"

Mrs. Strothers went into the usual hysterics, under cover of which her husband beat a precipitate retreat. They had been married only two years, and quarrelled continually.

Mrs. Strother's sister was visiting them at that particular time, and she heard the foregoing conversation. After Mr. Strother had gone, she quietly asked her sister if such scenes were of frequent occurrence.

"Everyday—almost," sobbed Mrs. Strother, rubbing some camphor into her eye with startling effect.

"Who begins it?"

"Why, Mr. Strother, of course! I am not quarrelsome!" exclaimed Mrs. Strother indignantly.

"No, I perceive not. Well, I see your husband is a perfect brute. I wouldn't live with such a man for the universe."

"I suppose you think your husband a paragon!" snapped Mrs. Strother, spitefully.

"Oh, no; but then he never quarrels with me." And Mrs. Strother's sister smiled maliciously.

"He must be a very even tempered man then, if he never quarrels with you," she said, with a scornful curl of the lip.

"He is; for which I thank the Fates."

Mrs. Malcolm—that was the name of Mrs. Strother's sister—turned away her face to conceal a laugh. She saw the quarrels between Mr. Strother and his wife were only surface troubles—the deep current of their love was, as yet, unchanged. She perceived this from her sister's acidity when she had offered to join with her in Mr. Strother's condemnation. But she also saw that the everyday "unpleasantness," if not met with prompt and vigorous remedies would ultimately end in mutual estrangement. One thing was certain—the blame was not on one side alone, therefore the remedies must be divided.

"Maria," she suddenly said, "I wish you would come and pay me a visit, both you and your husband. I told Mr. Malcolm before that I was going to bring you home with me; and if you don't go I promise you I won't come to see you again in a hurry."

"I don't know; but I'll go if Mr. Strother will," she finally said.

Down sat Mrs. Malcolm, and wrote a long letter to her husband, which she sealed very privately, and sent to the post-office by a boy whom she gave a shilling to carry it.

In due season, Mr. Strother returned from his business, and accepted the invitation. And accordingly, when Mrs. Malcolm's visit was ended, they accompanied her to her home.

Mr. Malcolm met the party at the station. He greeted his brother and sister-in-law quite kindly, but when he turned to his wife he looked as savage as need be.

"So you're home at last, are you?" he growled. "You've been gadding about half the time since our marriage, and now for the sake of getting rid of you, your brother and sister have brought you home."

Mrs. Malcolm glanced hastily at her sister and her sister's husband, before she replied. Their faces were as red as fire, and they looked much distressed at this "family jar."

"You needn't say anything," she tartly responded. "Who was it that went off to the Lakes last summer, and was gone a month, I would like to enquire?"

"I did—to escape the constant din you made about Brighton."

"I didn't."

"You did."

"You are not speaking the truth, Mr. Malcolm, and you know it. I wish you'd remember what happened to Ananias!"

"And I wish you'd remember Saphira."

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ALL that Tract, Piece and Parcel of Land, situate, lying and being on Lot or Township Number Twenty-one, in Queen's County, bounded as follows, that is to say: By a line commencing at a stake fixed in the north side of the road leading from Morris' Mill to the old Malpeque Road, in the western boundary of fifty acres of land in the occupation of Alexander McSwain, junior, and running thence by the magnetic meridian of 1764 north seventy chains, or the rear boundary line of farms fronting on said first-named Road; thence west four chains and nine links; to the division line between the said Township and Township Number twenty-three; along said line south five chains, to a jog in said division line, thence along said jog west seventy-five links; thence south seventy-six chains to the old road; thence along the north side thereof north-easterly to the place of commencement, containing thirty seven and one-half Acres of Land, a little more or less; together with all Buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging.

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at the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon, at the Court House in Charlottetown, under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the fifteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and made between Martin Martin, of Big Belfast, Lot Fifty-seven, in Queen's County, Farmer, and Ann, his wife, of the one part, and Daniel Hodgson, of Charlottetown, Trustee under the will of Charles Wright, deceased, of the other part (and which said Mortgage was duly assigned by the said Daniel Hodgson to Edward J. Hodgson, by Indenture of Assignment bearing date the fifteenth day of December, A. D. 1876):

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Big Belfast, on Lot Fifty-seven, in Queen's County, bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a stake at Big Belfast Creek, on the division line between this farm and the farm in possession of Hugh Martin, lately now the family of the said Hugh Martin; thence west to a piece of land in possession of Malcolm Buchanan, and heirs of the late John Buchanan; thence south to the north division line of the portion of the farm in possession of the said Hugh Martin; thence east to the west boundary of the land of the late Timothy Shae; thence following the courses of the Creek to the place of beginning, containing by estimation 50 Acres of Land, a little more or less; together with all buildings, rights, members and appurtenances thereto belonging.

For further particulars, apply to Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod, Solicitors, Charlottetown.

Dated this 12th day of March, A. D. 1878.

EDWARD J. HODGSON, Assignee.

March 12, 1878.

AUCTION.

To be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY, the Eighteenth day of APRIL, A. D. 1878, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, under and by virtue of a Power of Sale, contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the sixteenth day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-six, and made between Angus McDonald, of Springton, Township Number Sixty-seven, in Queen's County, farmer, and Mary Ann, his wife, of the one part, and Daniel Hodgson, of Charlottetown, in said County, Esquire, of the other part (and which said Mortgage was duly assigned by the said Daniel Hodgson to Edward J. Hodgson, by Indenture of Assignment bearing date the sixteenth day of December, A. D. 1876)—

ALL that Tract, Piece and Parcel of Land situate, lying and being on Lot or Township Number Sixty-seven, in Prince Edward Island, bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a brook crossing the western boundary of land in the possession of one Myles Melnis, and thence running south along said boundary, for the distance of forty chains or thereabouts, until it meets the northern boundary of Lot or Township Number Thirty; thence running along said boundary west, for the distance of fifteen chains, or until it meets the eastern boundary of land in the possession of one James Nicholson; thence running along said boundary north, for the distance of thirty chains or thereabouts, until it again meets said brook; thence running along said brook easterly to the place of commencement, and containing Fifty-five Acres of Land, a little more or less.

ALSO—All that Tract, Piece or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being on said Lot Sixty-seven, commencing at a stake set in the south side of the new road leading from Charlottetown to Bedeque, called Anderson's Road, eight chains westwardly from the division line between Lots Numbers Twenty-two and Sixty-seven; from thence running westwardly along said road the distance of eight chains; from thence running southwardly, at right angles with the said road, fifty seven chains; from thence running eastwardly and parallel with the said road the distance of eight chains, and from thence running northwardly in a direct course the distance of fifty-seven chains, or to the said stake at the place of commencement, containing, by estimation, Fifty Acres of Land, a little more or less, together with all Buildings, Rights, Member and Appurtenances thereto belonging.

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