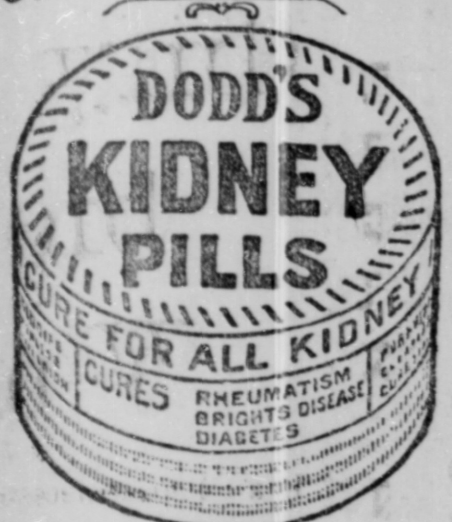


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Therefore he had no feeling of guiltiness when he suddenly met Kittie—yes, Kittie, in a carriage stopping before a



"You are quite sure this isn't going to be a nuisance?"

house where she had evidently left one of her party. The searching electric light fell full upon her face, but there was no time to speak. The carriage drove off, and he and Mrs. Millicent walked on. He was not uncomfortable about it till after he got home. Then he began to think how Kittie would demand explanations and how impossible it would be to satisfy her. He resolved that he would see her, the first thing in the morning, explain it all and get through the little scene as soon as possible.

But Kittie was not in when he called in the morning, nor was he more successful when he tried to see her in the afternoon. The first rebuff irritated the second antagonized him.

Gerald Hayes was a sweet natured man, easily led and quickly influenced, but obstinate if one tried to drive him. His heart hardened against Kittie for her absurd misunderstanding and her silly idea of punishing him.

He resolved to ask Mrs. Millicent to drive with him that evening. She went, and he had the pleasure of passing Kittie as she was driving with her mother. She didn't see him, but sat so unnecessarily straight and was so elaborately unconscious that Mrs. Millicent exclaimed: "What is the matter? Don't you know Miss Nicholson?"

"Not tonight, it seems," he answered grimly. "She looked at him keenly, but said nothing more."

"This has been a delightful drive," said he, when he helped her out. "Won't you go again with me? Would tomorrow be too soon?"

She looked at him and laughed. He was so big and yet so boyish. The frown that had wrinkled his forehead when he passed Kittie still shadowed his handsome face, and this little trick of using her for a foil was such an old one and so transparent.

"Not tomorrow," she answered gently, "but some time, certainly."

"I wish you would go tomorrow," he said earnestly, his face dark with trouble; "I really wish it very much."

He was forming the desperate design of driving with her every evening and passing Kittie every time.



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"Not tomorrow," she repeated, and left him disconsolate.

On the morrow he had other things to think of, for Kittie wrote to him at last.

It was a very angry, short letter.

After your outrageous conduct you can hardly expect me to see you again. Our engagement, which most fortunately has never been announced, is now ended. I have no ring to return, but I send with this whatever things I have that might remind me of you. Do not try to see me, for it is useless. With many regrets over my own foolishness, believe me, truly yours, KATHERINE NICHOLSON.

To this he answered:

MY DEAR KITTIE—I came to see you on Monday with a full explanation of my "outrageous conduct," but you evidently did not care to hear it. I have done nothing which I can look upon in any way as a reason for breaking our engagement. I am therefore compelled to believe that you wish it broken. Against your wish I will not appeal. Believe me, very sincerely yours, GERALD HAYES.

After sending this note he felt very miserable—so miserable, in fact, that it did not seem to him he could exist without consolation, and so he went to see Mrs. Millicent. He made so many cynical remarks to her in the course of his visit about the faithfulness of women that she had a very good idea what had happened and was intensely amused. She sang to him, and he seemed to quite enjoy all the melancholy ballads, reveling especially in one with the pleasing refrain, "When love is a lie and hope is dead."

"You're feeling down tonight, aren't you?" she asked after she had finished singing.

"Yes," he answered, biting the ends of his moustache and glaring savagely. "I've had rather a blow today."

"He would have told her all in a minute, but she would have liked him less if he had, and so she headed him off."

"Do you ever read Browning?" she was going to say, but the absurdity of the question struck her, and she changed it to

"There is a little verse I love. It goes:

"Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be— The last of life, for which The first was made. Our times are in his hand! Who saith: 'A whole I planned; Youth shows but faint; Trust God all, nor be afraid.'"

"I think that fits your case. The best is yet to be. You've only seen half—hardly that. See it all before you decide it's so worthless."

"Do you really think one can get over one's troubles and forget them and—and be happy without the things that one wants?"

"I think you can," she said smilingly. "I know you can. It isn't the time now to write and so they lived happily ever afterward" at the end of your story. It would make the story too short, too stupid. But it will be written there yet, never fear."

"I think I shall go away," he said gloomily. "I'm feeling rather seedy, and a little change does a fellow such a lot of good."

"Oh, don't go now!" she answered. "I'm expecting Miss Sherlock from Virginia and her cousin to stay a month with me. I've rather depended on you to help me entertain them. They're nice girls, both of them. I think you'll like them."

"Very well," he said, rather dejectedly. "I'll put it off for the present. You've been so good to me, I'd like to help you if I can."

The "nice girls" didn't appeal to him, in the least, but he went home cheered by Mrs. Millicent's sympathy and words of encouragement.

"Oh, you big, handsome, silly, fellow!" she thought when he left her. "You think you're so miserable, and you'll go to sleep the minute your head touches the pillow." But she, who had really known trouble, lay awake half the night thinking of many things.

Her guests came after a few days, and they really were nice and very, very pretty too. Gerald saw them daily, and before the month was over he was madly in love with Miss Sherlock—that is, he didn't call it "madly" to himself. He felt sure that Kittie had broken his heart in the most unfeeling manner and that he would never feel again as he had felt toward her. But, after all, life went on. He was not especially happy, and there was a charming, congenial girl who made him happier whenever he met her. Why couldn't he make the sensation permanent instead of so intermittent? So he reasoned, and so one night, when he and she were alone together, he reached over and took her hand.

She drew it away with a frightened little manner that staid the words on his lips.

"I beg your pardon," he said simply. "Your rings are very beautiful." She held out her hand to him, the color warm in her cheeks.

"Yes," she said with a little gasp. "I do not always wear them, but this one I ought to—I should"—She faltered and stopped.

His face was crimson. "You mean—" "Yes, it is my engagement ring." She spoke with a sort of tumultuous energy, as if each word had gathered itself for a leap.

"There was a short, awkward silence. "Do you think that's fair?" he blurted out at last.

"I don't understand you." "Yes, you do. You know what I was going to say. You stopped me with this. Don't you think your confession is a little late?"

"How could I know? How dared I imagine such things? Do you think a

girl believes every man she meets will fall in love with her unless she wears a danger signal? I never dreamed—I never suspected—I hope now it isn't true." The tears rose in her honest eyes, and the sight of them gave Gerald the first real pang he had felt.

"Never mind," he said with a sort of pathetic dignity. "I dare say it's my fault. I'm a good deal of a fool."

"And you'll believe," she said, looking at him with sorry, shining eyes.

"I shall believe nothing but good of you."

He raised her hand to his lips and kissed it.

A good woman is very apt to exaggerate the pain she gives a man by refusing him. She measures his grief by her capacity to love some one else and finds his loss great and terrible. As a matter of fact most men have been refused at one time or another, and very few of them have been blighted in the process.

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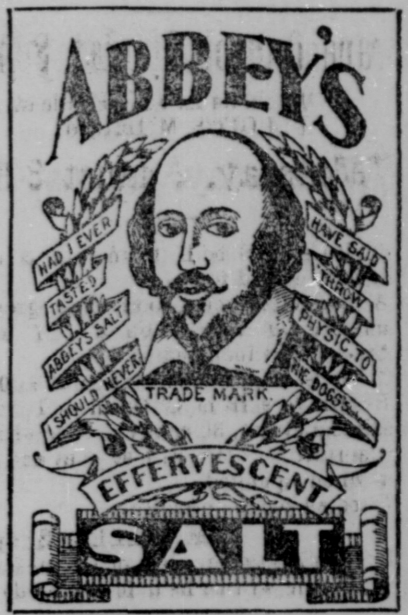
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