

Selected Story.

Mr. Fitz-Hume's Experiment;

AND HOW IT SUCCEEDED.

Mr. Augustus Fitz-Hume sat in his luxurious bachelor establishment in Mayfair; and pondered deeply. The subject of his cogitations was a wife, or rather how to get one. There were enough young ladies who would be glad to bless their lucky stars for the privilege of becoming mistress of his home, as he well knew; but he also felt tolerably well assured the home was all they cared for. For the fortune, they would wed its owner.

'Hang the money!' he exclaimed. 'I wish I'd never had a penny, and then—but botheration! Then I should have been too poor to marry anyhow. Why couldn't I have just wealth enough for all my wants, and nothing more? I'll foil them, though—the mean adventuress!'

A furious pull at the bell-ropes brought the housekeeper to the room in a hurry. 'Pack up your traps, Mrs. Ashfield,' he exclaimed, abruptly, for I am going to close the house.'

It was evident he had come to some conclusion.

'Shut up the house, Mr. Fitz-Hume?' ejaculated the housekeeper, almost believing she had lost her reason. 'Why, such a thing has not occurred since your lamented uncle took possession, five-and-forty years ago!'

'That makes no difference; I'm master here now, and I shall close it for the present. Meanwhile your wages can still go on, and that of such domestics as you consider indispensable. Have you no relatives you wish to visit?' he inquired.

That settled it. The proffer of continued wages removed Mrs. Ashfield's scruples quite effectually. She then remembered she had friends she had not seen for years.

Three days later, Mr. Augustus Fitz-Hume was safely domiciled in a quiet lodging-house, and shortly afterwards he began to sell his diamond rings, and seals, and other paraphernalia of fashionable life, as well as dress himself in plainer clothes. A rumor that his property had been lost through an unlucky speculation was soon affoot.

He lost friends rapidly. By twos and threes they ceased to know him as he met them in the street. He only laughed and snapped his fingers at them behind their backs. Had his adversity been real, he would not have felt inclined to laugh.

Then came the time when his circle of acquaintance got narrowed down to three. But three of all his former friends still clung to him, true in adversity. It is no wonder that he grew misanthropic.

In Regent Street, one day, he met a carriage containing some of his former acquaintances, who had been absent from town since he closed his house. He thought they would not notice him; but each inmate of the carriage bowed politely as of old.

'They have not heard the news,' he muttered, cynically.

He was mistaken. That night the owner of the carriage called to see him.

'Rather close quarters, my friend,' he said as he took a calm survey of Augustus's not very pretentious surroundings.

'Pretty close, indeed,' said Mr. Fitz-Hume, icily. 'But since I lost my property, of which I suppose you haven't heard, I have become quite economical.'

'But I have heard!' cried his auditor, abruptly, 'and that is why I came. I knew you needed friends now, if ever; and the fact is—well—my daughter, sir—I mean I came to offer you the position of head-clerk in my counting-house. Will you accept it?'

'Ahem! Well I will think of it. But it is a long way from my lodging-house.'

'Hang your lodging-house. You can live in my family as a well—as a sort of guest, you know.'

Augustus looked him over closely. Mr. Stanley was a wealthy man—very wealthy, he was called—and in his face there was nothing to warrant the suspicion that he had learned Augustus's secret, and wished to curry favor, by aiding him while under an apparent cloud; so that idea was speedily dismissed. Of course, he quickly thanked him, and accepted the offer.

Once cozily settled in the Stanley mansion, it was not long before he wondered why he had not noticed Nellie Stanley before. She did not seem to feel above him, notwithstanding the wide difference in their positions; and she treated him as cordially—more cordially, he thought—before the change in his fortunes. He would not have been human, had he not learned to love her.

The climax came when she gave a grand party. Then, before the elite of the town, she did not hesitate to receive attentions from him, on which but one construction could be placed. He thought her quite a heroine, and asked no further proof that she could love him.

The next forenoon they met in her father's library, where he had waited to see her.

'Nellie,' he said, as soon as the usual courtesies had been exchanged, 'I come to you this morning to know my fate. I

know the difference in our positions, and would not urge you—only let your heart decide. My heart I lay before you.'

She blushed prettily, and seemed composed for a moment; then she gave him her hand.

'I have loved you, O so long!' she said. 'And I feared that you would never love me. You were so suspicious before you lost your wealth that all women were mere adventuresses. I was heartily glad when papa said you had lost it, and I—'

'You sent him to negotiate with me!' cried Augustus, finishing the sentence intuitively, and giving it labial emphasis.

'I loved you so,' she murmured, deprecatingly.

'I do not doubt it, dearest.' And Mr. Augustus Fitz-Hume believed himself the happiest of men.

They were married. The wedding was very unpretentious, as became the bridegroom's straitened circumstances; and he was in a constant ecstasy, as he thought of her surprise when he should tell her that his fortune still remained. He sent for Mrs. Ashfield to come and re-open the house, and put it in full condition to receive its mistress. Meantime they remained at her father's.

'Augustus,' said his wife, one day, 'I have a favour to ask of you—will you grant it?'

'I will, if in my power, darling!' he exclaimed.

'Well, poor papa is rather short of money—won't you lend him a few thousands?'

'Me! Why, you know—'

'Oh, I know what you have been pretending,' was the quick reply. 'But then it wasn't so—you never lost your money.'

Augustus Fitz-Hume was dumb with astonishment and chagrin.

'How did you find that out?' he gasped.

'I knew it all the time. When I heard that you were penniless, papa went directly to your banker, and learnt the contrary. I think we managed shrewdly.'

'I think you did,' cried her husband desperately; 'but do you think that I'll endure it?'

'How can you help yourself? We are married now—will you apply for a divorce?'

'No, I won't!'

'Then what will you do?'

'Answer me one question. Do you really love me?'

'Yes, I do.'

'Well, if you love me, we will drop the subject.'

'I think you'd better,' she said, quietly. 'We think so too.'

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