

A BOARDING SCHOOL TYPE.

Girls Who Fall in Love with Each Other.

It may not be known to many readers—and especially to those to whom the inner life of a girls' boarding school is a sealed book—that at the present moment there are hundreds, and indeed thousands, of cases of two girls who genuinely "love" one another, or at any rate act as if they do, and believe they do.

This "love" is, so far as its signs and symptoms go, as fervid and soul-stirring as the love between the normal lad and lass; it is characterized by similar jealousies and heart burnings, and is of equal if not greater intensity. In one respect these irregular "love affairs" differ from the normal ones. It is almost always the case that the love on one side is much more demonstrative and passionate than the other; that is to say, the "lovers" seem always to remain at the wooing stage, the one being coy, "stand-offish," or cold, while the other is ardent, aggressive almost, and intensely jealous.

The type of girl who "falls in love" with one of her own sex is not usually difficult to recognize. She is highly nervous, or "highly strung," as it is called, and is characterized by weakness of the emotions, hysteria, and morbidity. She is generally extremely diffident in the presence of those of the opposite sex, to whom she is an object of little or no interest, particularly, perhaps, as she is usually plain in face and awkward and clumsy in carriage.

Of course, the peasantry ascribe to Slieve-na-Guile magical qualities, and declare that it was solemnly cursed long centuries since by St. Brendan, the fabled first discoverer of America. But common sense has another explanation of the mystery. So utterly desolate and barren is the mountain, and so constant are the rains which fall upon it and the mists which envelop its miles of moor and heather, that a stranger easily loses his way upon the summit. Sense of locality once lost upon Slieve-na-Guile, the wanderer in nine cases out of ten finds himself a prisoner, unable to leave those dreary solitudes. Wet to the skin, shivering and hungry, he roams from spot to spot, until finally his mind gives way under the hopeless struggle to escape, and he becomes temporarily insane. Rescue, restorative and food soon bring him back to sanity again.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

SHR DOESN'T KNOW YET.

Meeting Was Stamped Before Her Question Was Answered.

There had been several good speakers before Miss Susan Bloomfield pulled down her vest, ran a finger around the edge of her collar, and advanced to the edge of the platform.

Upon her chin and cheeks, and a complexion like a piece of breakfast bacon; but she had a convincing way of shaking the index finger of her right hand, and she was frequently applauded by her enthusiastic sisters.

After she had dwelt at length upon the injustice of depriving women of the privilege of suffrage and had held man up as an infernal animal, whose speedy extermination was all that could possibly save the world from going to destruction, she exclaimed:

"And now they want to tell us what we must wear! (Laughter.) They seek to measure our skirts for us and to dictate the style of our sleeveless (Groans.) Shall we submit tamely to the oppressions? (Cries of No; no!) Shall we permit these bipeds, who, according to one of their own number, have descended from monkeys (hilariously) to foist their ideas of beauty upon us? And this brings me to the main point of my argument. What makes women beautiful? That is the question—what makes her lovely? What?"

But at this point a meek-looking man had been listening quietly to the roasting of his brothers arose and said:

"Girls, if any of you know, don't keep it back. Tell her. Don't let her go away from here without knowing, if you can help it."

He then grabbed his hat and ran, and the meeting broke up in wild confusion.—Philadelphia Times.

Dickens and His Friend.

An incident illustrating Charles Dickens' chivalry to an absent friend is related. Sims Reeves had been engaged to sing at a certain dinner, but was unable to be present on account of a sore throat. Dickens announced this, and the announcement was received with a general laugh of incredulity. This made Dickens very angry. "My friend, Mr. Sims Reeves," he said, "regrets his inability to fulfill his engagement, owing," he added, with great severity, "to an unfortunately amusing and highly facetious cold."

Girls, Learn to Cook.

Every girl imagines that she can become an experienced cook after she gets married, without previous practice. Still, it is demanded that the man have practice in his trade or profession before trying to earn a living.—Atchison Globe.

Thief-Proof.

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MOUNTAIN OF MADNESS.

A Peak in Kerry County, Ireland, That Makes Men Insane.

The mountain of danger and dread is Slieve-na-Guile, in the Irish county of Kerry. The name, "Slieve-na-Guile," signifies, in Gaelic, "Height of Madness," and an appropriate name it is, if one believes the stories told by travelers and the local peasantry. It is an accepted tradition that any person reaching the topmost peak of Slieve-na-Guile becomes instantly insane, and continues in a state of insanity until taken at least five Irish miles from the dreaded mountain. Curiously enough, said history lends its support to this legend. Only one year ago an American tourist of position and standing in his own country got lost while traveling through Kerry, and inadvertently scaled Slieve-na-Guile. A searching party set forth, and after many days, found him a raving lunatic, on the barren wastes of the mountain. Again, not many months since, the political prisoner, Whistleton, on being released from Dartmouth jail, and while waiting for an American steamer became lost on the "Height of Madness." He also was discovered entirely crazy. But when both of these persons were brought to a safe distance from the mountain they at once recovered their full mental powers. During the past 100 years it is calculated over 80 wanderers have been overtaken with madness while crossing the mountain.

Accordingly, she soon called on a leading druggist for curcuma seeds, one ounce, holding the recipe in her hand and reading from it. He blandly said he never had a call for them before, but would order some and have them in a day or two. She waited a proper length of time and called again. The druggist referred to his bill and read a footnote which said: "None in this city, will try Boston." Boston could not furnish them, but would try New York. New York responded: "Can't find; would probably cost one dollar or more an ounce, if obtainable."

Not long after her husband dropped into another drug store one evening, and the conversation was running on the expensiveness of some kinds of drugs, and he joined in with a bit of his wife's experience on curcuma seeds. The druggist listened intently to the yarn and said quietly: "There must be some mistake about this—it is not curcuma seeds that you want—it is curcuma, ground curcuma. I sell lots of it every day for coloring chow-chow yellow."

"I don't care," said he, "the recipe reads:

Celery seed, one ounce.
Curcuma, " "

"I've read it a dozen times, and if those ditto marks don't call for curcuma seeds then I don't know how to read English."

So the pursuit of curcuma seed was dropped, and he carried home some to the skin, shivering and hungry, he roams from spot to spot, until finally his mind gives way under the hopeless struggle to escape, and he becomes temporarily insane. Rescue, restorative and food soon bring him back to sanity again.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

THE WRONG NUMBER.

Advantages and Disadvantages of the Telephone in Private Houses.

A young woman who lives at No. 17 Blank street left an order at a downtown grocery and when the time for the delivery wagon to appear had passed she grew anxious and hastened to the nearest telephone.

Perhaps in her nervousness she spoke indistinctly to the exchange girl. Anyway this is the conversation which ensued:

"Hello! Why didn't you send your wagon to No. 17 Blank street?"

"Wait a moment—Hello! I don't find any such street on our order book. What's the name of the party?"

"The name is Wigglesworth. I gave the order myself."

"That's funny. Old person or young person?"

"Young person."

"What style did you order?"

"What style? Why, I ordered a lot of things and you promised they'd come up on the first wagon."

"Say, I guess you've made a mistake."

"No, I haven't. The mistake is yours."

"Who do you think you are talking to?"

"Why, to Simpson's—the grocer."

"No, you're not. You're talking to Thompson, the undertaker."

Br-r-r-r! and the bell rang off.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—People pretend to be very anxious to go to church when the preacher is taking his vacation.—Washington Democrat.

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