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THE VACANT HOUSE.

Down over the door of the bluebird's box
A curtain of lace is drawn;
No need of bolts or of iron locks
Though the little blue tenants are gone,
For the curtain swings out in the autumn air,
And a thoughtful old spider has fastened it there.

They came with the robin to herald the spring,
And a right royal welcome they had;
Their gay little chirrup would bubble and ring
Though the weather-vane's temper were bad;
And often they'd sit for a minute or more
Up where the spider has curtained the door.

And then they were carrying timbers of straw
From the stack that was out in the shed;
Both busily working with hammer and saw,
And feathers for filling their bed.
And now through the branches I see them no more,
And the thoughtful old spider has curtained the door.

I saw a red squirrel out calling to-day,
Run up on the branches to peek,
But the shades were all drawn, and he hurried away
With a nut hidden back in his cheek;
And I hope that the tenants, when winter is o'er,
Will thank the old spider who curtained the door.

—Florence Josephine Boyce, in Youth's Companion.

THE CORAL FISH'S CHARM.

By Marie St. Felix.

JUST when I fell in love with Bobby, or Bobby fell in love with me, we were never able to agree.

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"Everything goes in threes. It must fall again."

"It will," said Bob, gravely.

"Now look here," I said, seriously; "you simply mustn't believe in it like that. It's awfully odd, of course, to have a snip of coral cutting up such capers, but it's a mere coincidence, you know."

"Call it what you like," said Bob, "it doesn't alter the facts. Whenever I'm on the threshhold of a sorrow, my little coral is sure to give me warning; so I can't part with it, you see."

"But I can't see that it does you any good to know something hideous is about to happen. Isn't it bad enough to meet disaster when you must? Think what a fret you'd be in if it came off while you are away—you'd be worried sick. You can just leave it with me, Bob. I won't let it swim away—and I'll give it back when you come home."

But Bob wouldn't give in, yet. What possible use could it be to me—I didn't believe in it, and didn't care for it, while he cared for it more than anything he had—then it might be unlucky to lend it—and what the deuce did I want it for, anyhow!

Well, of course, I wasn't going to explain that I wanted it just because he cared more for it than anything else—because it seemed a part of himself—because I wanted something he had kept always near him; but I waxed very eloquent, and, at last, I won!

"If I die over there," he said, as he slipped the little coral on my chain, "you'll be the first to know it, Doll. The fish will leave its link."

"Or if you fall upstairs, or stub your toe," I mocked.

"I don't think it bothers about trivial things," he said, solemnly—"but it will tell you if I am dying, dear."

Even two years must have an end, but they seemed quite endless to me. Bob wrote me, to be sure, but his letters could hardly be called voluminous, nor did they appear with overwhelming frequency; in fact, I was lucky to get a line a month! But Bobby had a lot to do ...

... over to New York for a few last odds and ends I needed for my trousseau. We went for a day, and the day lengthened into a week, with one delay and another; but at last all our errands were done, and we were ready to return home the day following.

I had heard from Bob that day. He had a beastly cold, and was barking like a dog, he wrote me, but felt sure these good June days would put a more silvery voice in his throat by the time of my return.

Somehow, I could not sleep that night. That is, I fell asleep when I first retired, but woke at two o'clock, and could not sleep any more. My eyes seemed propped open with sticks—I couldn't close them to save me. I got up and sat by the window, awhile, watching the twinkling lights of the city; the silvery Diana, alone on her tower; a policeman strolling leisurely along his beat.

And I thought of Bob; and of all the dear future when we should belong wholly to each other, and how I should live for him every minute of every day.

And I took the little coral fish that hung about my neck and kissed it—because Bob loved it, and what Bob loved was dear.

And then a very strange thing happened. The little fish trembled in my hand. I cannot expect you to believe it—I wouldn't believe it myself, though quite distinctly I felt its tiny body shiver in my hand. Yet, when I looked at it closely, it lay quite still.

But if the fish had not shivered, I was shivering now, and hurried back to bed.

"All nerves!" I told myself. "Gone to pieces, got paresis," I quoted savagely. "The next thing I'll fancy I see the chairs walking around."

And then the clock struck four.

By and by I slept, and woke in the bright daylight, but somehow I felt only half awake. When mamma came to ask me into her room for breakfast, it was an exertion to answer, and after she had gone I still lay staring at a gold humming bird on the wall paper, balancing itself on a golden trellis, over which gold honeysuckles grew.

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Don't Leave the Old Home.

Those citizens of Kentucky who are indulging a restless desire to better their farming conditions and have Texas as their objective point in their minds should ponder the subject well. Mr. Charles M. Wheeler, one of the most intelligent and reliable observers of farming situations in Texas, who has for a score or more years lived in that state, writes to the Farmers' Home Journal as follows concerning emigration to that great state: "I see the railroads running into the west and southwest are making low rates and offering great inducements to home-seekers. This is well enough. There is plenty of room and plenty of unsettled land. But the people in the old states had better remember the old maxim: 'Look before you leap.' Opportunities are good for those who have money to ...

Look out For Him.

A book agent who has been talking the county school teachers into buying a costly reference book, is meeting with some trouble in his hands. He was arrested and fined $30 and the costs the other day for disturbing a school. The teachers say his scheme to sell them the book and take their notes for it, with a written promise that if the book is not satisfactory by a given time they come to the County Superintendent and get their notes back. But he heads them off by discounting the notes in bank, and the teachers have to pay them whether or no. Teachers as well as others should be shy of these slick-tongued agents, as there is always trouble for the unwary. Don't sign any notes or obligations for strangers. Nine times out of ten they turn up in the hands of a third party, innocent purchasers, and you lose your recourse and have them to pay whether you have the value received or not.—[Ex.

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"Newspapers are sheets of paper on which stuff to read is printed. The men look over the paper to see if their name is in it ...

Well Said.

Here is a clipping we have had for some time, having forgotten from whose paper we took it. It's certainly full of good truth. "A Kentuckian kneels to none save woman and his God." These proud words of the heroic Crittenden, spoken beneath the monastic shadow of a white-walled Spanish crypt, when ordered by his executioners to receive their fire in a kneeling posture, express in characteristic words and feeling the pride of state, tradition and ancestry, which has ever distinguished the men of our soil. The spirit of pride and defiance seems indigenous to Kentucky. From the highest to the lowest, in by-paths and hedges, it is found and flourishes. The haughty, though poor, mountaineer, at the expense of life and limb keeps his honor untarnished, even to third and fourth generations. The equally proud monarch of the Blue Grass values above all things his good name and reputation, and will die in its defense. But in both sections of our fair Commonwealth there exists a sentiment that is superior even to family pride, and that is respect and reverence for womankind. Nowhere are the ladies honored as in old Kentucky. The glamour of mediaeval romance yet hovers over our sunny clime, and we feel for the daughters of our State all the chivalrous idolatry that stamped the knights of yore. An exemplification of our respect for family which attracted wide-spread attention occurred last week in Illinois. A Kentuckian under a nom de plume, bravely met a felon's death without divulging the secret of his identity for fear of attaching stigma and bringing dishonor to an honored name. Of such men are our people composed; there may be evil in them, but the good is uppermost.—[Lancaster Record.

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