

**Bad Symptoms.**

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**Baron Manteufel.**

(Original.)

Baron Olbers was the possessor of a fine estate in Pomerania. As a young man he was considered very fascinating by women and before he was twenty-five had broken many hearts. But those whose hearts he broke were more fortunate than those he married late in life, for when he was older he would marry those he wished to possess, and they were always short lived. His neighbors who knew of his Bluebeard practices called him Baron Manteufel (Baron Devil).

By the loveliest of his wives the baron had a son, who as he grew up developed his mother's disposition. He was the baron's only child, and, although of an entirely different character, his father lived with him on fairly good terms. When the son, Herman Olbers, was twenty-five he went to his father one day and told him that he had fallen in love and wished to marry.

"I very much approve of your decision," replied the father. "I only hope the lady is young and beautiful."

"Both." And the son gave his father a glowing description of her beauty.

"Very well, you may write her that I approve of your marriage with her. Indeed, I will go and bring her here to you, and the wedding shall take place in this house instead of hers. Her family shall be at no expense."

Young Herman was delighted with his father's complaisance in the matter, attributing it to the fact that his father, who was a widower and was getting old, wished to have the house lightened up by a woman's presence. The baron a few days later ordered out his handsomest equipage and, arraying himself in his finest apparel, drove away for the bride.

Herman passed, a week impatiently, during which he heard nothing from his father or his fiancée. Then one day the two drove up to the house, and when the lady stepped out of the carriage the baron presented her as his wife. He had dazzled her with his great wealth, thus obtaining her consent to marry him instead of his son, who had nothing in his own right.

Herman Olbers went to live in a neighboring city. No one knew what effect the loss of his bride had upon him. Whatever it was, he bore it with outward equanimity. The young baroness lived two years and then died, as the baron's other wives had died, of ill treatment. Her stepson did not attend her funeral, but about the time of her death he shut himself up from his friends, who divined the cause. Great was the surprise, however, soon after this seclusion when he announced that he was to be married. He gave out to a few cronies that he would not make public the name of his betrothed until immediately before the wedding for fear his father would again supplant him.

That he was engaged soon reached the ears of his father, and one of Herman's friends, let out the secret as to why the name of the lady was not to be made known at once. This made Manteufel furious. By bribery of those making preparations for the wedding he learned the day and the place at which it was to take place. One morning a spy of his rode up to his house at a gallop to inform him that his son, having heard that his secret was out, was resolved to be married at once, and if the baron wished to anticipate him he had only time to reach the church.

Mounting his fleetest horse, Manteufel spurred over the country furiously. He relied on his personal magnetism, towering will power and vast wealth to turn the bride in his favor even at the last moment. All he feared was that he would not get there in time. On the way he met one of his servants, whom he had sent out to spy, telling him to make haste, as there was yet time. When he reached a point a few leagues from the church he was met by another, who told him that the bridal party was driving to the church. Manteufel spurred on, to find when he reached the church steps that the bridal couple had entered.

Flinging himself from his horse, booted and spurred as he was, he rushed down the aisle to the altar, where the ceremony was just beginning.

"Madam," he said to the bride, whose face was concealed by her veil, "I have come to save you from a marriage which can only prove your ruin. My son has no means except what I give him, and he is so worthless that I shall decline to support him. If you will consent to marry the wealthy Baron Olbers, I will give you every luxury."

Without waiting the bride's consent, taking her and the clergyman by storm, he ordered the latter to go on with the service, taking himself the place of groom. The order was obeyed, the bride mechanically repeated the responses, and the couple were pronounced man and wife.

Then the bride threw off her veil. If the word manteufel applied to the baron, frauteufel was equally applicable to the bride. She was a veritable

flag. The first words she spoke to her husband were:

"I've got you, baron, with all your wealth, and I'll make good use of it as long as you live, though I've signed a contract to relinquish it to your son when you die."

Baron Olbers from that moment lived a life of horror. In vain he strove to master his wife and drive her away from him. His efforts were furious bursts of passion; hers were persistent bedevilment. Curiously enough, the baron lived the exact term of the married life of Herman's mother.

Baron Herman Olbers never married.  
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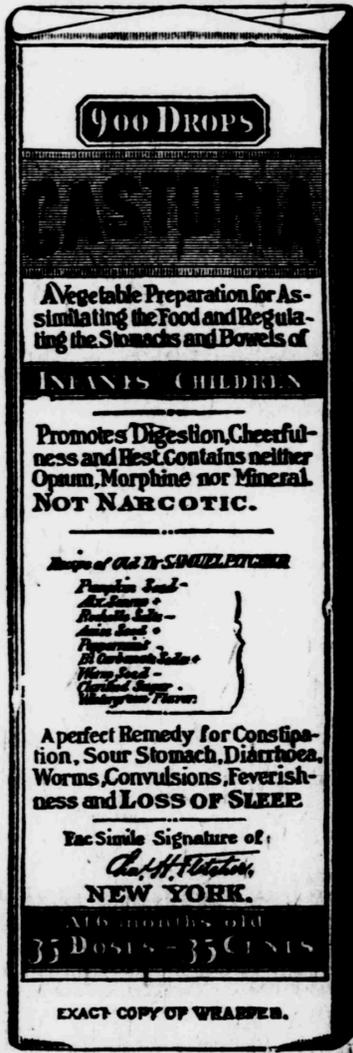
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