Extraordinary Scenes at Wedding 1883

On Saturday morning last, a couple of young people, hailing from a neighbouring village, drove up to the door of the Roman Catholic Chapel to present themselves at the altar for the purpose of being joined together in the bonds of matrimony.

On reaching the door, they were confronted by a young woman bearing, on her arm, an infant, which she at once presented to the bridegroom, who indignantly refused to receive such a wedding present.

She then demanded 30s, which she said was due to her, under a threat, in the event of his failing to pay, of interrupting the service in the chapel.

But the gentleman was not to be cajoled or talked over, and the party forced their way into the chapel and up to the altar rails, followed by the woman and her blessed baby, who took up her position by the side of the bridegroom.

The intruder was rebuked by the officiating priest and ordered to leave the church. After some hesitation, she reluctantly complied, and the sacred rite was duly administered.

But on returning to the fly, the couple were again met by the disconsolate and irate mother, who renewed the attack, and, whilst they were being packed into the conveyance, she climbed, cat-like, with her baby up to the driver's box and there took her seat, declaring that where they went, she would go also.

Entreaties failed, remonstrance was in vain; she would not sir an inch, and presently the driver moved on. But before the park gates were reached, the situation became much too hot to be endurable to the new-wedded wife and she lustily shouted for the driver to stop. The couple then left the fly, and walked away, leaving the intruders as the sole occupants. On being told she would be charged with the cost of the conveyance, the woman at last gave up the game.

The wedding party was soon overtaken, and conveyed to the Tisbury Railway Station. But for this, it is not unlikely that the former might have insisted on hanging on to the engine which conveyed the newly wedded couple away.

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