

A WOMAN'S WAR.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "SOLA THORNE."

CHAPTER XXX.—CONTINUED.

Mrs. Gramme's countenance relaxed. "You are right, my dear," she said. "There is no other face in the world like it."

And then Miss Cameron, with all a proud woman's annoyance at having betrayed a secret liking, remarked, coolly— "There was nothing particular in your strange visitor's admiring Lord Rylestone's face—every face that is sure to be popular."

"Why, Mrs. Gramme, you are weaving quite a romance about your visitor," laughed Adelaide. "I mistake you, that the romance was woven already, my dear, when she came here, was the occasion of my reply. I was vexed with myself afterward that I had spoken so freely to her, for she asked me such strange questions."

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silence—silence which was yet so eloquent that Margaret could hear it. She restrained her emotion and went forward and stood by her side. There were tears in Miss Cameron's beautiful eyes as she turned round to her.

"This is Lord Rylestone's portrait," said Lord Rylestone's wife. "Walton Court belongs to him. I am only a tenant." "Why does he not live here?" asked Margaret, briefly. "All her old anger surged up, and she looked at the golden-haired girl with a look of scornful contempt. Her husband's face, who had sent him into exile and spoiled his life."

"It is a long story," replied Miss Cameron. "And a very sad one. What a noble face! This is the face of a noble man. And the lips seem parted just as though they were about to speak."

So they stood before the portrait—the dark-haired, beautiful woman who was Lord Rylestone's wife, and the golden-haired girl who looked at the face they both loved so well. Margaret was the first to turn away—she could not bear to see the girl's shining eyes directed toward her husband's face.

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not so much because I need your services as that I shall miss your society. I have grown so fond of you that I shall count the hours of your absence."

Margaret went, and at St. Martin's Lane found her husband waiting for her. Her heart had hungered for it, her soul had longed for it, and now that she had it, it exceeded all she had hoped for. Every line breathed such passionate love, such intense devotion, such a time she forgot everything else in the happiness of knowing how dearly she was loved.

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"It is quite right," she said. "Just touch the bell, dear. Now let me see it sealed, stamped, and addressed, and then my mind will be quite at ease. I will return with the post-bag in my hand, the address and sealing the letter, and take the footman came in."

"Bring me the post-bag, please," said Miss Cameron; and in less than ten minutes she returned with the post-bag in her hand. Miss Cameron produced a little key, opened the bag, placed the letter in it, locked it, and handed it to her husband before Margaret had time to think.

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Love in a cottage is an old style that has been completely superseded by the modern love in a shanty. An ungrateful looking man went into a Milwaukee drug store, the other day, and asked for a bottle of 'snarely.' The estimate of the police expenses in Russia this year exceed those of last year by a million roubles.

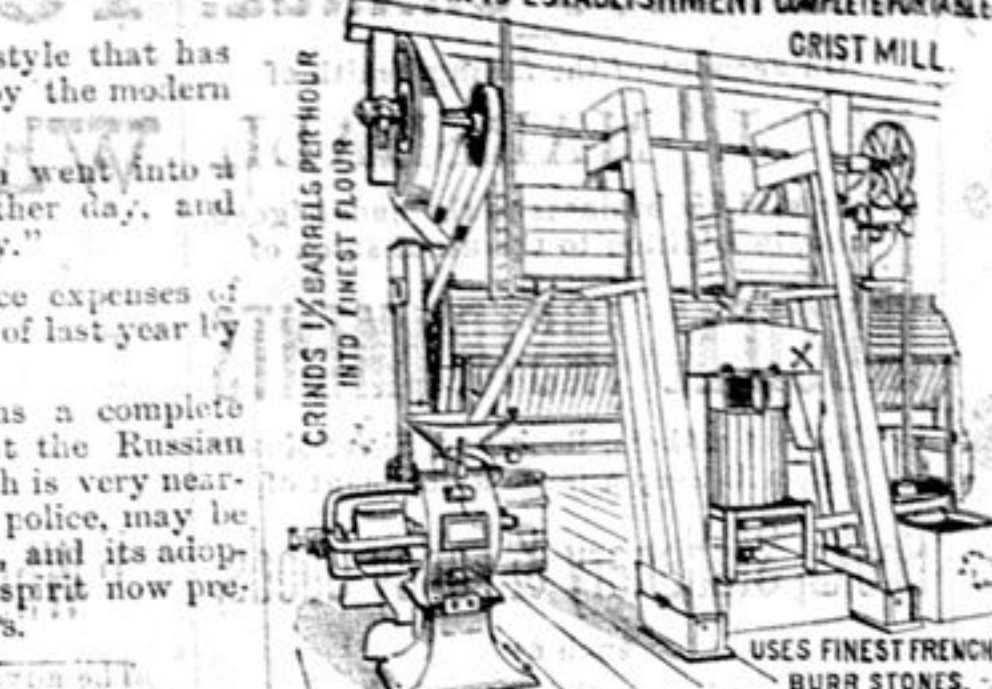
An imperial ukase ordains a complete change of uniform throughout the Russian line. The new costume, which is very nearly that recently given to the police, may be called 'national in character, and its adoption is more sign of the spirit now prevalent in the highest quarters.

Thought is a constant, though silent agent in making a man what he is. It is with us in every waking hour. We have the power to cherish one class of thoughts and to dismiss another, to encourage those that lift us up and to retrain those that drag us down. We can never stop thinking any more than we can stop breathing; but, as we can in a measure control the quality of the air that we breathe, so to a great extent we can determine what we will think about. It is quite as necessary to guard the mind against the intrusion of thoughts as from books or companions of the same sort, and it is possible to occupy the mind so fully with what is good, noble, and uplifting that there shall be no room for desire to harbor what is false, low, or injurious.

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