## A Golden Heart

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(Continued from last week.) one never lorgets France; nor do I Some day I shall go back to it, and the remembrance I shall take with me will be of the cold hearts and icy mature of Englishmen," said Lola, slowly; and with those words she

#### CHAPTER VII.

The days passed on; the old Squire was happy and content. He was now to all intents and purposes a rich man. Lord Rhysworth had settled on him such a sum of money as would enable him to live in luxury and comfort at White Cliffe; and, when the old man died, it was all to revert to his daughter. Dolores never prget the day when her lover came, ith all the papers and deeds needful this end in his hand, and asked to see her. She always obeyed even his that wish: so she went at once to him. There were no excuses, no coguettish delays to enhance the value her presence.

That morning she thought he looked rather grave and anxious. She asked if he was troubled; and he said "No," but that he had something very serious to say to her. She sat down to listen.

"You must know, Dolores," he said; "that, whenever the heads of our house have married, it has been their custom to bring presents of costjewels to the bride. Darling, I would give you jewels worthy of a ausen's acceptance-even then they would not be good enough for youbut in their place I bring you these papers, and my wedding-present to you is this sum of money that I have attled on your father. It will make im rich for life, and at his ileath will come all to you. Take them b your hands, Dolores, and pourself shall give them to him." She thanked him in simple, kindly words; but he was not content.

"I want something in return, Dobres. Do you know what it is?" "No," she replied. She smiled to think how little she could give him. "I want something you have never given before, and to make it of any value you must give it to me of your own free will. I want to kiss you, Dolores-only one. Will you mive it to me?"

She was silent for awhile, and the fair, young face grew very pale. Then she slowly took the papers in her hand and held up her face to kiss im. It was done so innocently, so solemnly, that he was somewhat aw-

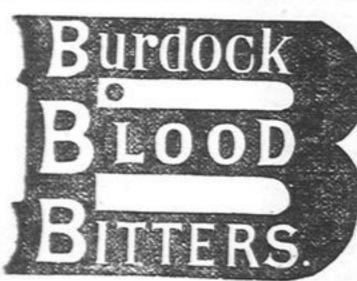
"New," she said, "I will never give even one thought to any other man." "I am sure you will not, my dar-Mng," cried the delighted suitor. "I not know why I should be blessed with the love of such a pure and aithful heart. I have more to say, Dolores. Though I buy you with no wels, still you will have finer diamonds and rubies than any other ady in the land. The Rhysworth diamonds are considered as fine as any in Europe. You will look like a

The girl clasped the papers in her mands more tightly. "I would sooner have these," she said, 'better than all the jewels in

the World. She went to the Squire with the papers. Lord Rhysworth would not accompany her, although she asked to do so.

"No," he said; "it is your present your father, and you shall give it him alone." To the end of her life she remem-

pered that scene. It was late in the Rernoon when she sought the Squire his study, and the sunlight from



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western sky fell full upon his white hair as he lay asleep. Her entrance aroused him. He uttered her name, but in a tone so peculiar that she could not tell whether he had murmured it in his dream to some dead Dolores, who lived perhaps on-

ly in his memory, or to herself. The girl went up to him with the papers in her hand. How was it that such strange thoughts and fancies haunted her? She could almost have believed that, in letters of blood on the papers, she traced the words, "The price of my life." She kneeled down by the Squire's side.

"I have brought you riches, papa, freedom from care, happiness, and I hope length of days to enjoy it all." She never forgot his emotion when he held the papers in his hands, while he blessed her and thanked her and praised her as few fathers have ever praised a child. She thought that after all she had done well

After that, Lord Rhysworth began to hurry on the day for the wedding. Why should they wait? He was his own master; he had friends to consult; and, if the Squire did not object, who else should? "I have waited long enough for a wife, Dolores," he said; "and

promised to me, why should I delay? Come and make my home bright for

that I have a most beautiful

She had no reasonable excuse to defer the wedding, nor did she seek any; so the day for the ceremony was

"Who will be your bridesmaids, Dolores?" asked Lord Rhysworth one day, when they were discussing the She looked up at him in wondering

"Bridesmaids!" she repeated. have forgotten all about them." He seized her hand and almost crushed it in his passionate clasp.

"Is it because you are so happy, Dolores, that you have forgotten these details?" he asked fiercely. The clear, sweet eyes looked calmly

"I am quite content," she replied. "You must have bridesmaids," he went on, more composedly. "Why not ask that beautiful French girlyour friend, is she not?-Miss de Ferras and the Misses Fielden? There are three of them, and with Miss de hastily. Ferras you will have four." "I suppose," she said, "it is de rig-

ueur, but I would much rather married without them." He looked at her in consternation.

"I have been to many weddings," he replied, "and I have always thought, Dolores, that after the bride the most important persons were the She laughed a low, sweet laugh

that dispelled his fears. "I hope, my dear," he said, "that. although you are marrying a man so much older than yourself, you will be as much interested in your wedding as other girls are. We must have it all in proper order- a su- poses to have a grand ball in honor when I come back," he said, "In all els, and a bevy of fair bridesmaids. I shall give to each of them a present worthy of the occasion." She saw that he was a little troub-

"You forget," she remarked. "that I am not accustomed to weddings. I have never seen one.'

Lord Rhysworth was delighted with the explanation. "I have been thinking very serious-

ly," he said, "about whom I shall ask to be 'best man.' You see, Dolores, our wedding will be quite a county affair. I have thought of asking Sir Karl Allanmore. I like him better than anyone else. What do She was silent for some time. She

was asking her own heart if she had strength enough to bear this; and the answer was "No." She meant to be a good and true wife to the generous, noble-hearted man at her sidetrue to him in thought, in word, and in deed; but she would rather this man were not near when she uttered the vows she meant to keep.

"Would it not be better," she said, at last, in a clear, loud voice, "to ask one of your own relatives? After all, Sir Karl has nothing to do

"Perhaps you are right," he replied-"at least, if you prefer it, months if you were not here." your wish shall be law." "I should prefer it," she said. "Ask one of your cousins from Aidershot. You told me you had two

stationed there." He was delighted with the interest she showed, and agreed most heart- friends."

It so happened that Lola received hers on the same morning that Sir Burdock Blood Bitters is the business. He heard her laugh as she opened the letter and read its con-

> "What do you think I have here?" be chief bridesmaid at Dolores' wedding! Are you going, Sir Karl? us!" she went on, watching the handsome face as she spoke. "I am getting knowledge fast. When I came back from Germany I thought should be sure to marry first; and I shall not always remain there. used to picture half the girls in the shall come tack to Scarsdale some

at my good fortune. But now-" He was amused in spite of himself. "But now?" he repeated. "What is the difference between them and pow?"

"Now I see my rival, the white rose, married first, and I shall have

to weep tears of envy myself." "Do you know," cried Sir Karl. impetuously, "that I can never tell when you are jesting and when you

'And do you know, Sir Karl, that I do not even know myself? The wise man says, 'Know thyself,' I should think there is no girl living who knows herself less than I do. I am never sure of myself. I am a mass of contradiction. I have good impulses -feel sure of that-but I do not carry them out. I have lofty aspirations too, and there are times when I long to do great deeds."

Sir Karl begun to have an unpleasant kind of feeling that she cared for him more than he liked. He tried to put the idea from him at first, tried to laugh at it; but it was in vainthe uncomfortable conviction grew daily. She said so many things upon which he could put but one interpretation.

No woman, he argued with himself, however, would ever show any open preference for a man. He must surely be mistaken. He thought at times that the wisest precaution would be not to go to Beaulieu, and resolved to be on his guard against Lola de Ferras. But he had yet to learn how clever a woman can be when she has an object in view.

Notwithstanding his resolve not to go to Beaulieu without very urgent reasons, every day Lola found some excuse to request his presence. Madame de Ferras had had some slight ever made. Oxygen is life. difficulty with the local board, and at Lola's suggestion she had appealed Chemist who spent 20 years in learning All diseases that begin with fever-all inflam to Sir Karl for his help, which he how to liquify oxygen-how to get oxygen mation-all catarrh in any part of the bady-all most cheerfully gave her; but he now in staple form into the blood. Ozone is poisoned blood. found that it necessitated frequent interviews with madame. So it happened that; on the day

when she received the invitation to Dolores' wedding he felt a strange, inexplicable aversion for her. "You are in no hurry to go away,"

she said to him. "Sit down and let us discuss this affair. Shall I ac-

cept the invitation or not?" "You must be the best judge of that," he replied.

"Some people say that it is unlucky to be a bridesmaid," she remarked. "I have a great inclination to tempt fate. Will you be there, Sir Karl?" "In what capacity?" he asked.

"The capacities in this case are very limited," she laughed. "There are but four-father. bridegroom, 'best man,' and guest. The last character is the only one in which you could appear. Are you going in "No," he answered, gloomily, "not

even if I should be invited-and that is not very likely." "Then I shall lose all interest in the affair, and the wedding festivities will be dreary enough. Why will you

not go, Sir Karl?" "I am not invited; even if I were I should not go, as I have said." "Not if I urged it?" she interrogat-

ed, archly. "No, not even then," he replied, He did not want her to think he

would do anything he disliked himself for the sake of pleasing her. There must never be any mistake about the footing he was on with She was quick enough to see that

was not pleased with what she had said. She changed the subject adroitly, and went on chatting in her usual piquant style until he was turned to the original subject. all over the country we shall have re- made a terrible mistake.

joicings and festivities. Mamma pro- "I hope to find you very happy perb wedding dress, magnificent jew- of the wedding. Lady Fielden has probability you will be the wife of arranged to have a fancy ball; and some wealthy, kindly man, mistress I hear that the Duke of Ranford will of a fine establishment, and a queen provide a series of brilliant enter- of society." tainment. He is Lord Rhysworth's He paused, startled and awed by greatest friend. What will you do her manner. She stood beside him, in celebration of the event, Sir Karl?"

"Nothing at all," he replied, abruptly. "The wedding does not concern me in the least. Why should I celebrate the event, as you call it?" "It would look kind and neighborly," she answered. "If you do not, will make people think that you have some reason for it?"

"The real reason why I do not anticipate taking any part in the wedding festivities is that I am going to Paris, and I am not sure how long I shall remain there."

"Do you really mean that you are going to Paris, Sir Karl?" she said. "Why should you go there? How cruel of you! Do you not know how much we shall miss you? Do

He tried to laugh lightly; but in truth he was ashamed of being as it were, wooed

shall miss you so much, Sir Karl!" she added, coaxingly. "Do not go. It lightens the day for me him, that I care for him as no other I could bear the long weeks and He could hear the vibration of passion in her voice; he saw that in her

eyes which he had never read in any oman's eyes before. "You will not miss me so much,"

he replied. "You have so many "I grant it-many friends; but none

like you, Sir Karl. All of them put together are not equal to you. I-I Oh, do not go to Paris! I do not know what to say to you; but do not go!" The beautiful face was all shadow-

ed with pain, the dark eyes filled with tears. Whatever were her faults, Lola had a deep and sincere affection for Sir Karl. He tried to speak carelessly, but he

was touched by her emotion; yet the more sure he felt that she loved him, the more unconquerable was his feeling of distrust and vague dislike. "You are very kind to think so much of me," he said. lightly. must go to Paris, however. But

day, I suppose." "I hope you will not be away right?" long," she said; and he saw that her lips were colorless and quivered with

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consoling words; but he reflected that any show of sympathy to her might be dangerous; and so they remained in silence for some minutes. until Lola had regained her compos-

in a quiet, matter-of-fact way: all emotion, all agitation had vanished. She perceived at once that if she was to win him it must not be in that fash-

"You are not thinking of going yet, Sir Karl," she said-"not just yet, I "It will take me some little time to get my affairs in order," he re-

plied: "but I shall go as soon as I not? I should like to give you one or two commissions in Paris, if you

will accept them." "I shall be well pleased to render you any service," he answered; and to himself he added, "except that of falling in love with you."

"Thank you. It is seldom we have a chance of getting anything from there. The name of De Ferras is proscribed in France. I will write out the list for you."

"But suppose that I am absent for some years?" he said. "Are they things that you want at once?" The same tempest of emotions swept over her face.

"I will wait," she answered in a strange voice, "until you bring them You will come back some day-home must have some tie for you. You will come back, and it may please you to find me waiting for them-and for you."

Her voice was full of tenderness. she had startled him, and that he full of passion, and love shone in her eyes. He was simple, frank, and honest. He said to himself that, if she really cared for him it was cruel to let her continue the delusion. He quite in a good humor. Then she re had better say something that would open her eyes at once to the truth; "I should imagine," she said, "that but in trying to be diplomatic he

and raised to his a face white and full of pain, with eyes half blinded with indignant tears.

"You wish me that?" she said. "You hope that, when you come home, I may be the wife of some other man-the mistress of some other home?"

"Certainly," he replied, deeply embarrassed, "What better fate could I desire for you?" "You wish it? Remember this, and

carry the memory of my words away with you. I would rather be dead than that such a thing should hap-Without another word she went

away, leaving him alone. Lola was in a whirl of emotion. She had gone to a pretty, white summer-house in the grounds, where she spent many of her leisure hours. could not have trusted herself any longer in his sight.

"Cold and cruel heart," she murmured. "He must know that I love woman will ever care. that I love as no other woman ever will, that I would give my life for him! He must know it, although my lips have never uttered the words. And can not he love me? I can amuse him, while I have seen him tired and bored with others; I under-

stand him thoroughly; why can not he love me?' "I shall be successful," she said to herself, as she went back to the house. 'It may be long years, but shall win in the end; and thenthen I shall be happy!"

With a resolute look on her face, which was never to leave it again, she went back to her mother. "Has Sir Karl gone, dear child?" asked madame. "I had not finished my business with him." "He was in a hurry to-day; he

going to Paris, mamma - to our beautiful France, and going soon." Madame's countenance fell. "Going away!" she said, slowly

on the dark head. "Does it grieve thee, dear Lola, I that he is going away? I have often thought that this sweet face was the brighter for his coming. Am

"He has been a pleasant friend, and I shall miss him very much," she replied. "Nothing more, Lola?" said madame, gently, "Only a pleasant

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"They are scarce enough, mamma," answered the girl, with a careless laugh. "I am sure that amongst our friends the bores outnumber the pleasant ones. Sir Karl is decidedly ter. When she spoke to him next it was an agreeable companion. He understands one without the trouble of entering into a long explanation. Before I speak he very often seems to know what I am going to say." "That is the quick intuition of

are persons who hardly need to exchange two words; they seem to read each other's minds at a glance, When does Sir Karl go, Lola?" she added. "He did not tell me. He said that he should not be here for the wedding "We shall see you again, shall we festivities; and, as Dolores is to be married in a few weeks now, he will go soon, I should think."

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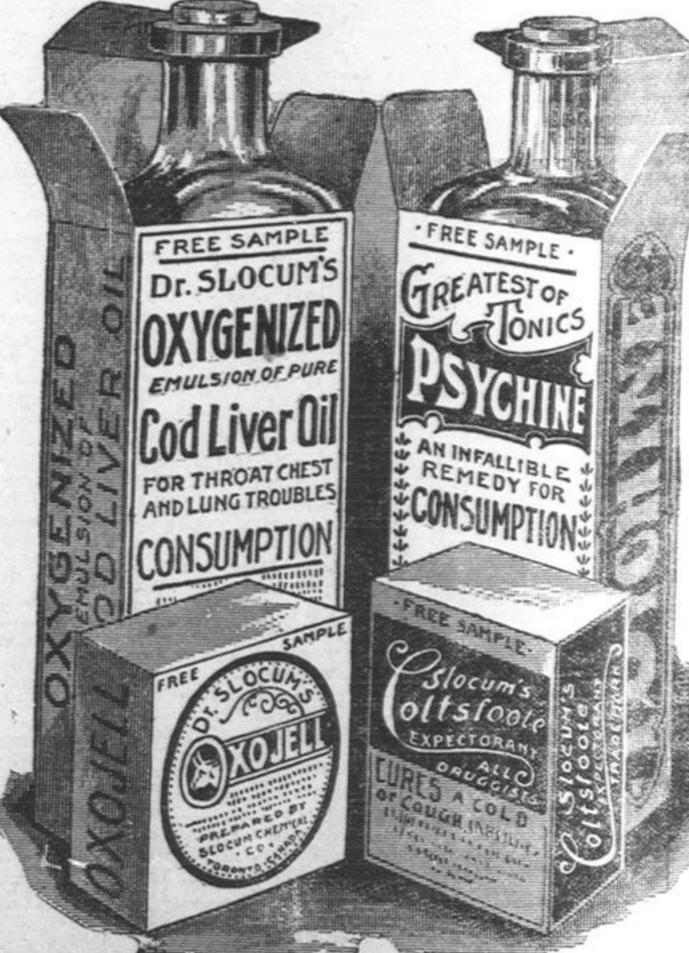
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