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By Laura Jean Libbey. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

it was late when Aurelia put in an appearance; she came dancing into the old kitchen like a veritable sunbeam, and before nightfall everybody about the farmhouse had declared it was quite a different place since Miss Aurelia had come back. Gay, variable as April sunshine, all felt the subtile influence of her presence, and worshiped her on sight.

It pleased Margaret to see her idolized, but her pleasure was mixed with one great fear-would Gerald's heart go out to beautiful Aurelia. as the hearts of all the others had gone out to her?

And the pale lips murmured over and over again: "Heaven will keep him true to me

-he is all I have." That night passed much as the previous one, and again on the morrow Margaret rose early, for this was the day of Gerald's return. He would reach the farm early in the

The noon meal was over, and both girls rose from the table simultane-

"What are you going to do with yourself, Margy, to kill time?" queried Aurelia.

portant to do," replied Margaret, with a deep blush.

"I think I'll take a book and go down to the orchard and read," declared Aurelia; adding, petulantly: "I think it would make me desperate to live this kind of a life, Margy-I should die of ennui. I have only been here two days, but it seems

"If you'd busy yourself with work like your sister does, you wouldn't find time hanging so heavily on your hands," said Mrs. Romaine, sharply, looking at the petulant little beauty over the rim of her specta-

The lovely red lips curled scorn-

fully. "Margy loves to work; I don't," said Aurelia, tossing back her dark, curly head; "and, every one to her fancy, Aunt Romaine. I like butterfly life-I don't see why I wasn't born one resting on roseleaves, flitting about in a sunshiny world, that is full of laughter and leisure."

"You are just about as useless as one, my dear," declared Mrs. Romaine, adding, emphatically: "Booklearnin' may be a good thing, but all the fine schoolin' you got- and much sense in your head, that's cer- grant if it lay within my power." The idea of a sensible young woman wishin' she had been born a butterfly! Good Lord! Who ever

heard o' the like!" "I thought you said that I was not sensible," said Aurelia, with a with this parting shot she caught | pliance with that which I ask-simup her book and sun-hat, and danced merrily out of the old farmhouse kitchen, in the direction of the or-

chard that lay beyond. Meanwhile Margaret walked slowly through the waving corn-fields, in the direction of the main road. on her cheeks, "that you will not There was an old-fashioned stile, let Aurelia know of our betrothal which separated the farm from the just yet. Promise me, Gerald, that road, and when Margaret reached you will not. I have made the same

she murmured, glancing eagerly at agreed to-to-say nothing about the sun-dial hard by; "Gerald will it."

be here very soon now.' of a moving figure in the dim dis- ways believed you incapable of keeptance. She knew, she felt by the ing one single thought back from way her heart began to beat, that one whom you loved? you surprise

the buggy over to him; five times you, Margaret, I shall not mention that distance would have been --- it until you wish me to do so. Does

ing for him to have walked. The advancing figure came neares and nearer with great swinging strides so near now that Margaret

could see his face. Yes, it was Ger-The girl's face flushed and paled. and she clasped her hands nervously over her heart to stop its wild,

glad throbbing. "How dearly I love him," she said

By the time Gerald Romaine approached, the flush had faded from her face, the wild heart beats had died down-only the sweet. smile remained on her face-the same quiet smile that always greeted him. "Margaret!" he exclaimed, hurrying eagerly forward, "finding you here to welcome me is indeed a sur-

He had gained her side, and, stooping down, laid his lips lightly. carelessly, upon the white forehead of the fair face upturned to him. and clasped in both of his her extended hand.

"It cannot be possible that you have missed me?" he said, laughing. "I think I have, Gerald," she answered in a low voice, "but that is not what brings me here; I-I-wanted to have a little talk with you." "As long as you like, dear," her, and Margaret never forgot | with the horrible fear that had seiz- declared Aurelia, laughing a low, said. It was the first time he had the sound of it on his lips.

it be here, Margaret?" he asked. "No," she said a little nervously, "we will walk slowly to the house and talk as we go.

CHAPTER VI.

Margaret and Gerald walked on, hand in hand, together in their utter silence, for a moment. "You wanted to talk to me, Mar-

gy," he said smilingly, "but you "I-I have something very im- | seem in no hurry to begin." "I wanted to tell you first of all, Gerald, that Aurelia has come," she said, raising her shy sweet eyes to

tually forgot to ask you about it - chat," said Aurelia, and without of course you are deligned to her with you again. But I do hope," he went on carelessly, "that her coming will not interfere with our

edly attached to Aurelia." "Thank God that he will be faithful and true to me," thought Margaret, looking up at the silent heavens; she had forgotten that he had

not yet seen Aurelia. "I suppose she is quite a fine lady," he pursued-"young girls just home from boarding school always imagine themselves that - and farm life will be dull for her. Is she looking

"You shall soon judge for yourself," said Margaret, wistfully. "This is what I wanted to speak to you about, Gerald - I have favor to ask of you, which you must grant; and without asking my rea-

"Consider the promise given beforehand, Margaret; you know you could ask no favor that I would not

Still she hesitated. "You know you may speak to me freely, Margaret," he added earnestly-"why do you hesitate?"

"I am afraid my request will seem strange, Gerald," she faltered malicious little laugh. And I "but I-I-want you to promise comply to please me," "You arouse my curiosity wonder-

fully, Margy," he declared. "It is only this which I want you to promise me, Gerald," she said, the color coming and going swiftly request of your father and mother, "I shall not have to wait long," and-to-to-please me they have

"Do you know, Margaret," he said, Even as she spoke she caught sight looking at her keenly, "that I alit was he for whom she watched and me; of course I will not mention it to her if you say so; anyhow I It was quite three miles to the should suppose you would like to station, but Gerald Romaine would break anything of that kind to your have laughed at the idea of sending sister yourself. Of course, I promise

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"Yes," she answered tremulously, and the little hand that he still held clasped in his, trembled slight-

"Come around by the orchard and touch recalled him to himself. I will present you to Aurelia; she is started violently. reading there under the trees; you know she has not seen you since you asked. were a boy-she would not remember

you-come, Gerald." the result of it."

They walked up and down together an hour under the trees, while he than sunshine and shadow.' cast her sky even for a moment. He one would realize she was but

core, her noble Gerald. must have a deep, true love for the et, let us go into the house-it is young girl whom he asks to be his tiresome sitting here." wife," she said to herself.

At length they turned toward the | talked of Aurelia-nothing but Aurehouse, and their way led through the lia.

archard. er, as they walked along under the said adding easer't, "and perhaps trees, both absorbed in the conversa- you call get Aurella to Join us, do tion, when suddenly Gerald Romaine try," stopped short, riveted to the spotthe words he was uttering died on his lips, he forgot to finish the sen-

vanced, he had caught sight of Au- beat in Margaret's breast. relia, and Gerald Romaine stood still with surprise, and the heart of the girl by his side turned cold as she saw the passionate admiration in his face. He stood like one fascinated, unconscious of everything around him but the dazzling brilliancy and the exquisite beauty of the

girl before him. He saw a slight, girlish form in a her lips; "how much, only Heaven | pink mull dress, standing under an slightly toward them, and her two arms-white, rounded, and beautiful -- from which the pink sleeve fell half way, were upraised, and the little white fingers were breaking off sprays of white blossoms from the down-

drooping boughs. Gerald Romaine's eyes traveled from that slim, perfect form, would have charmed a sculptor, to the girl's exquisite face-dark, dimpled, and sparkling - with a flush on the cheek and lips like the crimson heart of a red wild rose, crowned in dark, curling hair, and eyes so dark, dazzling and intense, that, as she turned them on him in a startled way, the glance fairly took his breath away. The heart in his bosom seemed to throb with a new sensation a sense of pleasure so great, it was

Margaret looked into Gerald's flushed face and kindling eyes, and

"Shall | ed her. She controlled herself by the great-

est effort, and taking Gerald by the hand, advanced. "Aurelia," she said, and the sound of her voice was so weird, she won-

dered that they did not notice it, "this is Gerald, the playmate of our childhood; surely you have not forgotton him?" Aurelia took a step forward, he red lips parting in a dazzling smile as she held out her slim white hand. She gave him one glance from those great wine-dark, wonderful eyes, and he never afterward had a distinct idea of what she said, or how he

answered her. "Let us sit down here in the grass, have," said Gerald. "I declare I ac- in the shade of this old tree and the matter, he flung himself straight-

way at the beauty's feet. "Sit down, Margy," said Aurelia, pleasant rambles; you are so devot- in her sweetest voice, "while Gerald and I chat over old times. I suppose it is the proper thing to do-to call you Gerald. Mr. Romaine sounds

so awfully formal." "Do call me Gerald," he cried, eagerly, and he had to check himself from adding impulsively: "The name never sounded so sweet on wo-

man's lips before." He seemed to quite forget that Margaret was standing there. "Do sit down, Margy," repeated Aurelia, gayly; and, although Gerald did not second the invitation,

Margaret sat down. An hour passed, and still the conversation was kept up between Gerald and Aurelia with unflagging interest. Once or twice Gerald turned to Margaret with some commonplace remark, but at one bright smile from Aurelia he instantly forgot her

Ah, he never looked at her with eyes like that, nor was his manner so impassioned or eager. This was a fectly true that when he first looked phase of Gerald's nature that was new to Margaret. Still, for all that, she made excuses for him in her doom. thoughts. No woman liked to believe that her empire over the heart she craves, and which in time past has loved her, is completely over. tions that had taken possession of No, she will not bring herself to believe it until the knowledge is forced

Margaret tried to convince herself that Gerald was trying to make himself agreeable to Aurelia for

duty's sake. At length an interruption came, in the shape of a message for Aurelia, from the farmhouse, that Mrs. Ro-

maine wanted her. Aurelia arose at once, shaking the white blossoms from her lap, tossing her. them all in a shower over Gerald, with the sweetest, gayest laugh in the world, and hurried away, leaving

Would he turn to her eagerly, glad that they were alone together again? over the pink clover fields for Gergaze: and there was a dreamy. mus-

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Margaret saw him raise one of the white apple blossoms that had fullen on his breast to his lips. She touched him on the arm, and that gentle

"Is not Aurelia beautiful?"

"As beautiful as a poet's dreamthe very embodiment of girlish love-"Not just yet, Margaret," he said, liness," he declared, and as he spoke quickly; "why, I have had hardly a his cheeks flushed, and his eyes kinmoment to talk to you; I want to dled again. "How strange it seems tell you of my trip to New York, and to me, Margaret," he went on musingly, "that you and Aurelia are twin sisters; you are no more alike

her of his hopes and future "Which is like shadow, Gerald?" plans, and that, Heaven help her, she asked in a low voice. He looked was the happiest hour of Margaret greatly confused; the words had Lancaster's life. As Gerald talked sprung from his lips unconsciously. to her, her hopes rose like a fairy "Your sister is like the restless air-ship. Ah, how mad she had been sunshine-you are like the cool, to let the cruel cloud of doubt over- sweet, restful shade. She is so gay would be loyal to her to the heart's thoughtless schoolgirl of seventeen, you are so wise-so calm-so sensi-"He had never shown much demon- ble- Ah, well, why follow up comstration of affection, but then it was parisons where both are so perfect, not his nature to be demonstrative; parisons where both are so perfect, still, he must love her, a man surely each in her own way. Come, Margar-

On the way back to the house he

"We must have our usual moon-They were falking earnestly togeth- light ramble to-night, Margaret," he

Aurelia Went With them, and hour that followed was but a repetition of the afternoon scene; Aurelia enjoyed it-there was but one heavy Raising his eyes suddenly, as he ad- heart amongst the trio, and

"This," said Gerald, as he parted from them that night, "has been the happiest day of my life. Aurelia blushed-Margaret's grew as white as the white roses on the clambering vines outside the win-

CHAPTER VII.

"Margaret," cried Aurelia, the two girls found themselves alone together that night, "how does happen that in describing Gerald Romaine to me, you never told me how very agreeable he was?" "I am very glad you find him so,

dear," replied Margaret, trying to "I wonder, too," Aurelia went on, "that knowing such a man, you have never fallen in love with him. You

must be as unimpressionable as marble. But then, perhaps, he is not "Is he your ideal?" asked Margaret, quickly.

"I like him better than anybody have seen so far," declared Aurelia, "but I cannot say whether I should like him well enough to marry himor not." "You must not think about - marrying him-until-he asks you,"

sponded Margaret, in a very low, husky voice. "He is sure to do that very soon,"

not see?" "See what?" asked Margaret, in voice more husky still. "Why, that he was in love with me from the first moment that we met! I feel it-I am sure of it. Don't look so terribly shocked. I do actually believe he could have asked me to

marry him then and there. I saw it in his eyes." Margaret listened with a face pale, but calm, though the fiery lashes of a whip could not have stung more than those thoughtless words Aurelia had uttered. Was his love for her so weak that it could die at sight of a fairer face? No, she would

not-she could not believe it. For long hours after the rest of the inmates of the farmhouse were asleep, Gerald Romaine paced the orchard to and fro, smoking his cigar | year.

-and thinking. "I cannot imagine what is coming over me," he muttered, impatiently, stopping short under the trees. cannot rest - I cannot eat-cannot sleep. Life seems all different with

me since-this afternoon." In one moment a star has fallen from heaven-in one moment earthquakes have destroyed fair citiesin one moment Gerald Romaine had awakened from the indifference which was wrapped like a mantle about his heart to the first throb of real love his heart had ever known, he stood there transfixthe orchard, his eyes riveted for the first time upon the glorious beauty of Aurelia Lancas-

He thought it was admiration that thrilled through his heart with such an electric shock; he never dreamed it was love-he would never have owned it-he would have been the first to deny it most bitterly, and would have believed in his own denial; but all the same it was perinto Aurelia's dazzling face, he loved her with a love that was his

He walked up and down under the trees asking himself what could be the meaning of these strange sensahim-the fever that flushed his face when he thought of Aurelia's dark bright eyes, and the cold that froze him and gave him a foretaste of the bitterness of death when he said to himself that it was because he was

to be her future-brother. When he closed his eyes in sleep that night his last thought was of Aurelia-when he opened his eyes the next morning, he found her name on his lips-he had been dreaming of

The summer days glided on, and at Romaine Farm a strange drama in real life was being enacted. Two Gerald and Margaret sitting there hearts were blithe and gay enoughand one was breaking. There was no more rambles alone

No; his eyes followed the slim, girl- ald and Margaret, for he was always | er Aurelia, and drew her little white ish form flitting over the clover mea- anxious that Aurelia should come dow, and his whole heart was in that with them, and Margaret wrapped herself in a mantle of pride, making One incident happened at last that changed the whole course of the three lives of those who were drift-

> the brink of a precipice, and it happened in this way: They had gone out for a row on the water one moonlight night, and at Aurelia's suggestion that has dad

> ing on so swiftly and so surely to

their skiff for a little island down the river afar out in midstream.

"What a regular Eden," cried Aurelia, springing out of the boat, disdaining Gerald's eager hand; "what a delightful spot for a piculc-do let us explore it." "Not to-night," said Margaret, "I

feel tired, my head aches." She might have added, too, with truth, "and my heart pains worse than my head." "Sit down and rest here, Margar-

et," said Gerald, eagerly, "and if Aurelia is so anxious to see the island, I will show her around it-you shall rest." "Do you really, wish to show ner around, and-and leave me here?"

faltered Margaret, in a low voice. "Yes," he asserted eagerly, "you shall not tire yourself. We will manage without you, I feel quite Margaret sat down upon a mossy

stone, and it was not until the sound of their gay, laughing voices were lost in the distance that she gave herself up to the full abandon of her grief, laying her face down upon the cold stone and sobbing as though her gentle heart would break. She was beginning to see matters as they really were—the scales of

blinded delusion were falling from her eyes at last. Was this the end of her dream of a happy home and a loving husband, who was to love her better than the whole world beside? Had he loved her with so feeble an apology of affection that it had died out of his heart when he saw the fair face of Aurelia? If so, what was such a

love worth? Had she tasted happiness but to lose it? Had she dreamed a lovedream but to wake and find it vanished? Ah, Heaven! she had been so unspeakably happy, and now, without warning, the cup of happiness had been dashed from her lipsthe blissful delusion had been dis-

In her despair she realized how much she loved him as she knelt there lonely, weeping, broken-heart-Was it fair because Aurelia had the brightness of the stars in her eyes, and lilies and roses in her dimpled cheeks and curved lips, that she should take her lover from her? Was it fair that he should go off so happily with Aurelia, while she sat there neglected, stretching out her

arms to empty air? An hour passed slowly by, and yet another dragged its slow length along, and yet Gerald and Aurelia had not returned to her. Margaret was terrified at being left so long alone, and called aloud to them at length. Surely they would hear her voice wherever they were, the island was not so large, but only the echo of her own voice came back to her. Again she called to them, but with the same result, and with a nameless fear in her heart that could not be shaped into words, she started out to search for them. Surely this was but a cruel jest-if they intended it for that-to tease her. She made a tour of the entire island, calling them as she hurried along. At last she reached spot where the boat had been tied. One glance, and then a great cry of terror broke from her ashen lips -

her white hands, and, without a moan, sunk down on the very brink of the tide-washed sands in a deep Slowly the tide rose, creeping nearer and nearer to the stark, white, upturned face, framed in its pale, curling hair. It would not be long ere those curling, feathery waves would creep over that still, white face, and shut it out from the gaze of the pitying moon-for the water was rising higher and higher. Owing to the recent heavy freshets thereabouts, the river was swellen. It was no unusual thing for the lit-

the boat was gone! She threw up

every beautiful nook about the place until at last she grew tired of the and Aurelia.

rough, uneven paths. "If you would but lean on me, Aurelia," he breathed, gently, sit down here and rest awhile, and let me talk to you."

"There is the boat down there ; I would rather sit in that," she ans-Gerald was only too eager to obey her slightest wish. In helping her

passion maddened him. An uncontrollable longing came to him to have her all to himself for . few brief moments to talk to her. If he could but sit with ner names

clasped in his for a little while, earth could hold no greater bliss He was not strong enough to withstand the sweet temptation. "I will untie the boat and we will with the tide a few yards

down the stream," he said; "you shall take a lesson in rowing back, if you will." To this Aurelia agreed, and the little boat with its two occupants was soon floating down the stream

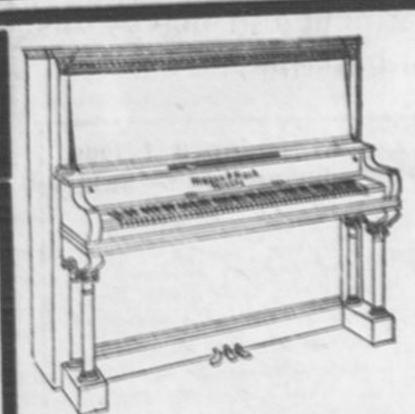
with the tide. It was so sweet to sit there alone with this girl whom he had learned to idolize so madly-in the bright white moonlight, and watch dazzling, beautiful face, and the little white hands trailing idly through the waters in which stars danced as golden as the night sky overhead which reflected them. Her beauty fairly

bewitched him. Who has not known the delights of lovers' hours that flit by swiftwinged? What lover counts them, or knows how they have passed? They seemed like moments gliding by, sweet and bright as a beautiful

He gave himself up to the magic dream. witchery of the hour; he bent nearhand from dimpling waves, and the thought pulsed madly through his brain: Ah, would that he could hold it clasped thus, forever and forever. He wondered if, had he been free, he could ever have won the love of a peerless girl like If-he-had-but been free ! Great Heaven! that thought brought him with a shock to-Margaret.

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