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The race was to the Swift.

Frank Wenter is a "goner."

The G. O. P. is again on top in Chicago, having captured the mayoralty chair and a large majority of the aldermen. We are in hopes of seeing a better government of the city in the future. The civil service law passed by a large majority. Mr. Wenter can again devote his time and energies to attending to the drainage canal business.

It is with pleasure that we note the organization of two fire companies in this place, which have been duly organized and officers elected. The north side company has 32 members, while the south side has only 20. We expect that they will soon be out for practice, so that when called upon for duty, they will be ready.

We believe that there is a reward of $5 offered for the first man to get the hose cart to the first fire. This is a good thing and we believe that if the Village Board would make a standing offer of, say $5, to the company that was first at a fire and ready for business, it would be an inducement for both companies to see which could get in its work first.

VILLAGE CANDIDATES.

We do not see any need of devoting very much space to the candidates nominated for village officers, as there is no opposition.

W. S. Carpenter, for President, needs no introduction, as he has filled the position for the past year, and seems to be the choice of the people again, judging from the way the caucus went.

In Messrs. A. H. Wetten, Jas. Chilvers and G. H. Bunge we have three new men, as yet untried as trustees, yet it is hoped and expected that they will prove themselves worthy of the position. All of them are good business men, and we think will do the best, in their judgment, they can to promote the good interests and welfare of our town.

J. M. Wells, as clerk and collector, needs no introduction from us. He is thoroughly capable to handle the office.

Quite a little discussion arose over the legality of the caucus committee having power to fill the vacancy caused by W. A. Tope not accepting the nomination. The members of the committee held that they had a right to fill said vacancy, but some of our citizens thought otherwise, so circulated a petition to have Mr. Bunge's name placed on the ballot.

On reading the law over carefully, we find that this committee has no authority to fill such a vacancy, on the grounds that it does not represent any political party that cast at least 2 per cent of the votes at the last preceding general election. The caucus held was not a party caucus in the eyes of the law. This is the law as our village attorney interpreted it to us. The people who made the original nomination by petition have the right to fill such a vacancy. In this case it was generally supposed that Mr. Bunge's name was to take the place of Mr. Tope's, although the petition did not so state it.

The truly progressive man is he who concedes to his neighbor the privilege to express his honest convictions, whether they agree with his own or not. Reason is the guide God gave us, and all should make the best possible use of it. Man reasons upon the things he does not know, and he is guided by the light he can bring to bear upon the subject at issue, yet it is like choosing one of many paths in a forest to a certain destination. One may be shady and tempting, another may be smooth, another straight, while a fourth may be stony and crooked, yet if his destination be truth and he earnestly seeks it, he will lay aside all prejudice and all preferences, and by bringing all the light in his possession to bear upon the case, choose the one that he believes to be the right one. But were four men to choose for themselves which path to take, each would be likely to choose a different one, and still each find what he considered good reasons for his choice. On every subject that comes before us for our investigation, there are many paths from which we must choose. Some choose one, some another, yet who can tell which one is right? Time alone can solve these things, and the man who says he is right and all others wrong, shows that nature was careless when he was constructed. It is right for us to think for ourselves and get as near the truth as possible, but at the same time let's remember that other men, with as good judgment and acute perceptions as ourselves, differ with us, and that egotism and bigotry are the bitterest enemies of truth, and say to our neighbor, "Go search for the truth and let time be the judge between me and thee."

We publish this week an analysis of the water furnished by our waterworks plant. This is absolutely correct. It was procured free of cost by that efficient member of the board, Guy L. Bush, and was furnished him by the kindness of some of the officials of the C., B. & Q. R. R. Co. It will be seen that it furnishes a very favorable comparison with surface water, and indeed is far above the average from like wells in this part of the state. It is corroborated also by the statements of those who are using the water in their residences, that it is not near as hard as they had reason to expect it would be, judging from their experience in other places. The analysis shows but little alkali, in comparison, while the water contains but 26 and 89-100 grains incrusting solids; the water from shallow surface wells in this vicinity, from 12 to 20 feet deep, contain 57½ grains incrusting solids, and 7½ of non-incrusting solids, making a total of 65 grains, while this analysis shows but a total of 28½ grains. Lake Michigan water analyzes about 8 grains per gallon, and we understand the DesPlaines river about 20.

This analysis is very gratifying, and taken in connection with all the other favorable features, and the complete success which has crowned our efforts in establishing a first-class system of water works, great credit is due our people in sustaining by their votes and influence, and our careful, capable and thoro' going business men on the Board in giving us without oppressive financial burden, a water-works system which will be a great factor in health and convenience, and an invaluable inducement to those who may contemplate making their homes in our village.

A Dangerous Game.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "MY DEAREST HEART."

CHAPTER XX.

Lord Martin Pomeroy came the next day. The whole house was in excitement. He was a man who was beginning to be talked about in the political world as well as the long-absent husband of Gwendoline. She was nervous and agitated, and talked to me restlessly of him. He was so good and honorable and steadfast; and her piteous eyes sought my face, asking me more plainly than words if I thought he could forgive her and love her.

She gave orders to the maid for her most becoming dress, and put jewels which he had given her, and which she had not worn for a twelvemonth, on her white neck and arms, and looked at herself in the glass, wondering if she had lost the beauty which won him, or if in the days of her rebelliousness he had learned to despise it.

When he arrived, she did not press forward to welcome him, but stood a little back from the group in the hall, a bright color flickering in her fair cheeks, her large eyes sparkling and flashing with a golden light, her golden hair glowing beneath the gleam of a lamp, and in it one great crimson flower of the color of the rich velvet that trimmed her shimmering white dress.

I saw that his portrait had told me no lies. The tall well-built man with the decided mouth and the keen eyes was a man to respect; his voice was honest and pleasant to the ear, the clasp of his hand was firm, and his tones were kind and clear. He greeted his sisters-in-law with brotherly friendliness, but his eyes sought his wife at once. And when he saw her, and saw too the expression of her face, there came a softness and a gladness into his own that made it handsome. He strode across the hall to her, and took her in his arms and kissed her.

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At dinner Gilbert and Ulric joined us. I scarcely know how it went off; but I knew that Gwendoline was battling with happiness against a few remaining fears. The presence of Lord Martin, almost a stranger to three of us, threw a certain reserve over our talk, and I was nervous and beginning to dread what miserable results might follow if Crawford Carden should break his word and seek to divide this newly-united husband and wife. I could not help watching them and wondering what would happen; would he forgive her folly?

"You are very quiet to-night," Hilda suddenly said to me. "I suppose it is because of your position as the hostess, as lady of the Grange."

Lord Martin looked across the table at me as she spoke in a clear bell-like voice, with a little smile on her proud lips. His eyes were very searching, even in a cursory glance, but they were kind; he might have expected the Grange as his wife's fortune, but he showed nothing but the most courteous consideration for me.

I felt the color rising in my face, the hotter for the laugh I attempted in answer. I was surprised by Hilda's remark, for it was not often she addressed me, and never con'd I remember that she had thus openly and smilingly alluded to Gilbert's inheritance. I did not know this was but part of a determined scheme.

When dinner was over, the gentlemen joined us directly in the drawing-room. Annis and Ulric, Lord Martin and Gwendoline, sat together and laughed and talked, and Lord Martin told of his life abroad.

"Shall you be willing, Gwendoline," he asked, "to go back with me and share all the little deprivations a life abroad must have? They shall be as few as it is possible to make them, and there are many atoning pleasures. I hope you can make up your mind to it;" and he looked at her earnestly.

She answered, in very low, trembling accents—

"If you will have me."

Hilda was at the piano, and she had summoned Gilbert to her side to turn over the pages of her music, and was carrying on a light conversation with him. Her pale dress, with its full sleeves and square bodice and thick white ruff, as in a picture by some old master, suited to perfection her fair face and pale yellow hair, dressed high and entwined pearls.

I looked at the ormolu Dresden clock on the mantelpiece; its hands pointed to five minutes to nine. No one seemed to be heeding me greatly, so I slipped out of the brilliant room, with its pictures and china and velvet seats, its flower-scented music-laden air.

Out of doors the night was warm and still and fine. There was no wind to chill me, and indeed I was in a fever-heat as I stole through the dark copse, hearing the music grow fainter and fainter to my ears, and casting one look back at the light streaming through the windows upon the terrace-walk. I could still see its gleam through the trees when I stood by the shrubbery wicket.

Mr. Carden was not there, and, when presently he appeared, he was full of apologies, to which I paid no heed. Then he began asking a variety of questions concerning Lord Martin.

"Mr. Carden," I said, "they will answer all these questions at the Grange. You know what I have come for. Please do not detain me longer than necessary."

"A thousand pardons! I will not keep you an unnecessary moment," he answered.

I did not guess the delay was necessary to him; he was only waiting for the curtains to be drawn across the bright gleaming window, a preconcerted signal. He drew forth the letters.

"You have been playing with edged tools," he said. "You knew I loved you; you knew you were leading me to suppose that I was not distasteful to you——"

"How dare you say so?" I interrupted passionately.

"Do not be angry with me now," he said. "You have chosen otherwise, and I, of course, am bound to accept this decision. But you have treated me very hardly; can you deny it? Was it for a real woman's to tempt me with seven letters like these? What if Gilbert Gascoigne hears of your conduct or Lord Martin of his wife's?"

It seemed safer to keep silent than to try to answer his questions; so I kept silent.

"I soon," he went on, "fathomed the little plot, and to you, not Gwendoline, I yielded—to you, not Gwendoline, I consented to give the letters back. You say it was her thought, this plot to entrap me, to show you I could flirt with her when she chose to commence the flirtation; and I can bet accept a lady's word. But it is proof, Viola, that you did love me if you caused Gwendoline to resort to such a subterfuge. I was natural she should vilify me to save the Grange for her cousin against the wish of Richard Gascoigne, whose happiest conviction was that I, whom he pleased to call his faithful friend, had won you. I do not wonder at Gwendoline Pomeroy's manœuvres; but you, whom I thought all that was true and sweet and fair—I cannot understand you, Viola!"

What still could I say? I knew I had entered the trap; I had done so with open eyes. I knew he was lying, but I could not contradict him; and the rapid eagerness of his tones baffled all the clear cold words I thought I had ready with which to meet him.

"You opened the game. I understand that move, and I led you on. Should I not, after your confession, be fully justified in keeping these letters and showing them to whom I like? You and Lady Martin had no remorse in cheating me; I believed you loved me, I might well have supposed she did. Now, I take it, I have the revenge in my power."

"Do you mean to use your opportunity?" I asked, in a low voice, suppressing all feeling and alarm as best I could.

"No," he answered directly. "I do not. Take your letters. Some time it may occur to you what was your treatment of an honorable man who loved you!"

He held out the packet of letters to me, and, as I stretched out my hand to take them, he suddenly imprisoned it in a close grasp, and drew me near him and kissed me.

I struggled to be free.

"Let me go!" I cried. "How dare you insult me?"

"It is the first and last. Forgive me, Viola. I have forgiven much in you, and you have spoiled my life."

"I will not forgive you!" I gasped, standing back and holding the packet tightly. "You have given me these letters, and I open them here before you to see that you are not deceiving me now. Why you have given me them I do not know, unless it is that they are of no use to you."

I did not know—how could I guess?—his bitter revenge. He had lied about me to Hilda Farquhar; but I never dreamed what had passed between them that morning. If I had been told, I should have said one woman could not be so cruel to another.

I was thinking of Gwendoline, poor miserable Gwendoline! I had always hated Crawford Carden; and I never thought what I might be doing for himself.

And on the terrace-walk, from which my face was turned away, on that high walk overlooking shrubbery and lawn, Gilbert and Hilda were standing and watching us. She had brought him thither to betray me. She had made a compact with Crawford Carden to take away from me what was dearer to me than life—Gilbert's love. Perhaps Carden thought he could then win the owner of the Grange—at least he would be revenged on me, whom he duped while I dreamed I

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Due From Other Banks	21654.77
Other Real Estate	10095.17
Furniture and Fixtures	917.21
Current Expenses, including Taxes	117.00
Total	$100618.77

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Surplus Fund	3500.00
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