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## A BARTERED

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CHAPTER V. to cross that rough mountain in your route from the depot," said the elder brother, when the family assembled that evening for what Miss Field always denominated

a "sociable, oldfashioned tea," which, in the country, was served at the town dinner hour. "Could you obtain no conveyance a the station?"

"None-unless I chose to wait sev eral hours. Surmising at once that my letter had not arrived in season to no-Hy you of my coming, I left my baggage in charge of the station master and set out on foot. I pleased myself when I was here two years ago with surveying an air line between your bouse and the nearest point of the railroad. If one does not mind some pretty steep hills, he can save at least two miles by availing himself of my topograpbical skill. It was a pleasant variety to me, after six hours in a narrow car seat, to stretch my limbs over the rocky pass and breathe the fresh air of the wildwoods instead of smoke and

"The mystery to me is how and where you met Mrs. Withers!" chirped vivacious Harriet. "Do explain! I was never so astonished in my life as when I caw you two walking up the avenue talking together like old friends."

"As we are," smiled Edward at his efster-in-law. "She was sitting at the foot of a cedar near my projected road, enjoying the prospect beneath her. secognized her from her resemblance to the photograph you sent me while I was abroad, Einathan; walked up to her, like the impertinent fellow some geople think I am; introduced myself, and offered to escort her home."

"You should have taken a servar with you. Constance," said her husband. magisterially. "It is not safe or proper for a lady to ramble alone in this thinby-settled neighborhood."

"There are charcoal burners in the mountains!" Miss Harriet interjected, shudderingly. "The most ferocious looking creatures, with long beards and black faces. I saw one once when we were driving out. And there used to be bears, when the country was first mettled---

"And wolves, and catamounts, and red Indians with no beards at all," finished the younger Withers warningly. "Mrs. Withers, let me advise you to take me along whenever you stir berend the garden fence. I saw a Rocky Mountain savage once, and last year was one of a party that went out on, a bear bunt in Norway. We saw nothing of Brain, it is true, but my instructions how to act in case he crossed my path were so minute that I am confident I time of need."

The invitation thus playfully given was renewed in earnest on the following day. The brother and sister-in-law were excellent friends from the moment of their meeting. The traveled member of the eminent banking firm and attractive in person, rather to slacken their speed. from a certain grace and elegance of bearing, and a frank, intelligent expression than from regularity of feature. He had read much and seen many lands, and knew how to use the knowledge thus gained for the entertalament of his companions. A passionate lover of music, he was not slow in discovering Constance's kindred tastes, His coming gave a different complexion to life in the secluded country house. There were horseback rides before breakfast, and diligent practice with voice and instruments—piano, flute and vielin, besides a couple of hours' readmg in the forenoon; then came the after-dinner walk, seldom ending until sonset. In the evening Elnathan Withers dezed in his stuffed chair while he tried to beat time to the duet going en at the other end of the room, and Harriet, bolt upright in the middle of a sefa, did wondrous things with a speci of cotton or silk and a crochet needle-and took observations with her bendy eyes.

She was discreet as to the result of these. For aught that could be gathered from her words or conduct she approved entirely of the growing intimacy between the married lady and the agreeable bachelor. Elnathan was not a man of fine feelings and strong affections. He had made up his mind to marry because a stylish wife would add to his individual consequence and adorn his already princely establishment. Constance Romaine pleased his critical eye, and captivated whatever of macy dwelt in his practical nature. Ket, having wedded, he trusted her. She offended him sometimes. He often wished that she were interpenetrated with something of Harriet's reverence for himself; that she would put forth more effort to anticipate his wishes and conform herself in all respects to his ideas of fitness in demeanor and conversation. He was never harsh in his treatment of these deficiencies, but his pertinacious schooling, his curbing and dictating, the portentous shake of his head and solemn curvature of brows, irritated her to the extreme forbearance.

Edward had not been twelve hours the house before he perceived this denver on his brother's side to mold mature woman into the likeness of prim ideal, and the effect wrought He had suspected it in the course his initial interview with his broth- ful reminiscence.

er's wife upon the mountain. He never DON'T understand told her that, attracted by her singing, how you happened he had stealthily neared the spot where she sat, and, unseen by her, been a witness of the tearful struggle light before," was Edward's remorseful between her real self and Fate. He reply, "Poor old Harriet! I see now had pitied her heartily then, while how much more she merits pity than comparatively ignorant of the reason for her seditious emotion. His compassion was more profound as he better understood the relations between the ill-matched pair. Had his personal liking for his new sister been less decided he would have pronounced her unhappiness to be the righteous punishment of her crime and folly in having

linked her destiny with that of a man whom she did not love. He had known dozens of other women who did the same at the bidding of similar motives, and his sympathies had lain dormant. But this one had heart and intellect, and both were famishing. I have said that Mr. Withers' sensi-

bilities were not lively, nor his love intense. But of all people living this, his only brother, had most hold upon his heart, most influence upon his judgment. He made much of him after his formal style; listened with obvious respect and secret pride to his opinions, and conceived the notion that his wife was highly honored when Edward sinmarked attentions, and did not disbrilliant circles, took in her society. both, and his unselfish regard for his nearest living relative, might have begotten softer and kindlier sentiments toward him in Constance's breast but for the palpable fact that he encouraged the association, not because it brought her enjoyment, but as a means | tion of his stay in a house that held so of prolonging Edward's stay with them.

said to his wife one morning, as she was arraying herself for her ride. "His admiration for you is highly complimentary. I trust you will leave no his decision was announced, and was means untried to induce him to remain with us some weeks longer. It gratifies | delight when the question was tettled, me to see how amicably you get on together, and the friendship is especially | She annoyed him less than formerly, creditable to Edward, inasmuch as he however, either, as he explained it to was universally regarded as my heir himself, because he had learned charity prior to my marriage."

"In that case he deserves all the courtesy I can show him," mused Constance, going thoughtfully down to ber steed and cavaller. "I do not know many men who would be so complaisant to a stumbling block in the path to worldly advancement."

The conversation would have thrown her off her guard had she ever considered it prudent to be wary in an association at once so natural and innocent. She had always liked Edward, and was growing to like him better every hour. They were near the same age, and, being of harmonious temperaments, they usually enjoyed the same things. He was good, kind and sprightly; amused and interested as much as Mr. Withers and Harriet wearied her. should prove a valiant protector in This was the reason why the sun should more brightly, the breeze was more odorous, her favorite 'exercise more inspiriting on that early midsummer morn than these had ever been before.

"I can hardly believe that I enter today upon the third week of my sojourn in this region," said Edward, when the of Withers Bros. was about 30 years of steeply-rising ground compelled them

"Is it possible?" The exclamation was not a polite and meaningless formula, as Constance brought her startled eyes around to his. "It seems a very little while ago that you came to us. You do not think of leaving us soon.

"I cannot say positively how long I shall stay. This visit is a welcome exchange for my long wanderings. This -my brother's home—is the only one I have in America. Yet I was dissatisfled with it last year. Elnathan was often absent-you know best upon what business"-smiling meaningly, "and, to be candid with you, our cousin Harriet is not the person whom I should voluntarily select as my only companion in a desert. But for my gun and fishing rod I should have committed suicide or run away and left her to the tender mercies of the Hibernian demestics and the bears. I would not be so communicative touching her to any but a member of the family. But she is one of my betes noires. I never liked her."

"Nor I!" answered Constance, ener-

getically. "Then, my little sister, you and should unite our forces to counteract her influence with my brother. His disposition is, in some respects, singularly guileless. He believes that Harriet's officious regard for his comfort and deference to his wishes and opinions have their root in sincere attachment for himself. We know betterknow her to be as mercenary as she thinks herself cunning, and that she clings to him as the leech dees to him whose blood is fattening it. I lose all patience with her fawning and flatteries when I recollect that these are the tricks by which she hopes to earn her living, and, at his decease, a comfortable legacy."

CHAPTER VI.

ONSTANCE'S face was averted and screened from his view by her willow plume. Her voice was low, and had in it an inflection of mournful charity for the assailed parasite, or an echo borrowed Grace." from some sorrow-

and poor!" she said. "A worner, too, whom society forbids, upon penalty of banishment from the circle in which she was born and bred, to seek a livetihood by manual labor. It is easy for men to talk of freedom of thought and action. The world is before them. To them the bread of charity and dependence mean one and the same thing. The latter is the only nourishment of most women from the cradle to the tomb. wish the passage between the two was shorter-for their sake."

"I never looked at the subject in that contempt."

"She is no worse off than thousands of her sisters," said Constance, in harsher judgment. "Content yourself with giving thanks that you were born a man!"

She had spoken out of the pain of a wrung spirit, with no thought of pleading her own cause. She was too proud to murmur, least of all to her husband's brother. But the conversation was a key that unlocked for her in his heart recesses of interest and sympathy which must else have remained forever barred against a woman who, whatever were her virtues and fascinations, had deliberately bartered her charms and perjured herself in order to secure an eligible settlement.

"And, to do her justice, she is superior to the practice of thearts that make Harriet acceptable to my brother and odious to everybody else," he meditated. "She offers no profession of devotion to the man she has married, while she accords to him the respectful duty | record, we wish to stamp the statement gled her out as the object of his of a wife. Elnathan seems satisfied, of the governor as a lie and hope his Perhaps he craves nothing warmer. guise the pleasure he, the lion of many | Pray heaven he may never guess of how much fate has defrauded him in with-This fullness of confidence in them | holding from him the free, glad affections of a true woman!" If there were any changes in his be-

havior to Constance after this, it was to be discerned in a gentler address, in unobtrusive regard for her wishes, expressed or surmised, and a prolongafew attractions for her. That this ar-"You seem to amuse my brother," he rangement was highly satisfactory to his brother was not without effect in shaping his conduct. That Harriet plied him with solicitations to remain before loudly voluble in her protestations of had not a straw's weight with him. from Constance's defense of the lonely epinster's policy, or because she kept herself more in the background than was her wont. She seemed amiably disposed toward Constance, too, and he strove to credit her with kind intentions with regard to one whom most people in her situation would have hated as a usurper. She abetted whatever project of outdoor excursion or domestic recreation was proposed by rim for Constance's diversion, offering herself as the wife's substitute in the tober phaeton drive on breezy afternoons, that Constance and Edward might act as outriders, and never failed to call the husband's notice to her graceful horsemanship and the brighter bloom planted in her cheeks by the exercise. Mr. Withers never tired of chess, and the indefatigable toad-eater apparently shared his zeal on this point. The board was produced nightly as the days became shorter and the evenings cooler, and music, reading or conversation upon art and literature was carried on for hours by the remaining two of the quartette without interruption from the automata bent over the checkered surface.

For Harriet could be taciturn when need was-a very lay figure in dumbness as in starch. Whether she ever ceased to be watchful was another mat-

TO BE CONTINUED,

Constables' Staves in the Past, home secretary, Sir Matthew White Ridley, has just secured from Northampton two relics of the past that are peculiarly associated with the de partment of the state, of which he is minister. These are two staves, a once the badges and instruments of office of the village constables of long ago, when men's lives were considered of less account than they are now. The staff of those days, probably 200 years ago, was a formidable, not to say bloodthirstry, instrument of offense, I have been able to obtain one of the same sort. Mine was formerly the property of the parish constable of Brington, England. It consists of two parts-truncheon, or handle, lathe turned, ten inches long, and a sphere, three inches in its longest and two and a quarter in its shortest diameter. Both handle and ball are of boxwood. They are united by a strong double thong of white leather, fastened by iron pegs into apertures bolted into both handle and ball. The ball has two inches of play on the leather, so that from end to end the instrument is fifteen inches long. As the ball

hangs loosely about the straight handie some degree of force is required to bring it into action; but when this is done the execution the weapon capable of is something dreadful. A moderate blow cannot be struck by it; with very little exertion on the part of the holder a man's head, leg or arm would be very easily broken. No doubt some such powerful weapon was required in the "good old times."-Northampton Mercury. His Cure for It. "When you want to get something from your husband by crying for it, what does he do?" "He generally buys

Blaetter, Too True. Edith-"Matches are made in heaver

me a dozen handkerchiefs."-Fliegende

Grace-"But on earth we make light "She is a woman, of them."-New York World,

## INOIS LEGISLATURE

REPORTED BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

the elevator men to buy and sell grain was passed by a vote of 31 yeas to 10

The governor transmitted to the sen-

were confirmed: Members of state board of arbitration-Edward Ridgley, Springfield, to succeed Joseph B. Gill, resigned. Public guardian for Cook county-Mary M. Bartolme, Chicago. Public administrator of Adams county -John Q. Brown, Quincy. Justices of the peace for the town of Jefferson-Thomas Edgar, to succeed Fred E. Eldred, resigned. On request of Senator Mahoney, made some days ago, the trustees of the soldiers' widows' home at Wilmington were confirmed separately. The senator objected to the appointment of W. G. Newberry as Captain William Ward's successor. Said

"The governor's message says he was removed because he was incompetent. It should have said he removed a democrat to make place for a Clevelandite, or for a general instead of a private, and for the substitution of a renegade democrat for a democrat who has stuck to the principles of his party. On behalf of the people who know his a lien upon the lands assessed was successor will not be confirmed." The appointments were confirmed-yeas, 40; nays, 1, Senator Mahoney alone voting in the negative. Senator Littler's bill amending the anti-trust law so as to provide that mining and manufacturing companies, where the cost of production is mainly made up of wages, may enter into joint arrangements of any sort the principal object and effect of which is to maintain or increase wages, came up as a special order. After a short debate the bill was passed-yeas, 27; nays, 15. Senator Munroe's bill to prevent the illegal use of streets for railway purposes

was postponed until Tuesday. In the house today Mr. Hammer's uniform text-book bill came up as special order on third reading and after an animated debate was passed by a vote of 91 yeas to 28 nays. The supporters of the bill claim it will do away with exorbitant charges and release poor men from the burden of buying new books for their children every time they move. Mr. Schubert, under a suspension of the rules, called up the committee bill to authorize the commissioners of the west park of Chicago to issue bonds to the amount of \$300,000. Mr. Sullivan offered an amendment providing that a proposition to issue bonds should be submitted to the people. This was laid on the table, and the bill was then ordered to third read-

The senate bill (Case's) amending the garnishment law was taken up on second reading as a special order. This is the grocers' garnishment bill. The committee amendments were adopted. and then Mr. Hall of Cook moved to strike out the enacting clause. This was at once laid on the table on motion of Mr. Boyd. The bill was then advanced to third reading. Mr. Trowbridge's bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of manual training departments for high schools

May 12.

The Humphrey street car bills were killed in the house. They were taken up as special orders on second reading and the enacting clauses stricken out. The dispatch and promptness with which the home rule people performed their duty is a credit to their constituents. It surpasses any exhibition of thwarting vicious legislation ever before seen at the state capitol. The opponents of the measures were well organized and had eighty-three men on the floor of the house who could not be tempted by money, buildozed, or pounded into line for the bills by any influence known to professional lobbyists. Before the blood had dried on the fatal knife the agents of the street car companies were talking of introducing a new bill, their plan being to have it originate in the committee on municipal corporations. Sensational proceedings developed on the commission bill. The Humphreyites helped to kill it, but they improved the opportunity to show their spleen, and a riot almost occurred. It was killed by a viva voce vote, while the franchise extension measure slid to death on a roll call. As announced the roll call resulted in 123 yeas to 29 nays, but these figures include the band wagon people. Before the changes took place or the absentees were called the vote stood 108 yeas and 31 nays, and even then there was a score or more band wagon performers.

May 13. In the senate unexpected opposition was developed to Mr. Crawford's bill to allow the construction of the proposed driveway from Lake Front Park to Jackson Park, to confirm the title of submerged land along Lake Michigan and to provide for the erection of the Field Museum on the lake front. Senator Baxter argued that it gives ail the rights to submerged land along Lake Michigan to the South Park commissioners and that it gives them the right of eminent domain in contravention of riparian rights. Action was postponed until next Wednesday. Senator Bogardus' motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to establish schools failed to pass was made a special order for Tuesday. The house bill fixing the salary of aldermen in Chicago at \$1,500 per annum was advanced

dian of public funds to loan the same The Leeper warehouse bill, enabling was advanced to second reading and made a special order for Tuesday. Senas well as store it for other persons, ator Dunlap's bill providing that where was called up in the senate today as a | there is a tie vote in the county board | special order, and after a long debate the county judge may be called in to cast the deciding vote failed to pas: Among the bills passed were the following: Mr. Crawford's, authorizing ate the following appointments, which the county central committee of each political party to nominate the judges and clerks of election. Mr. Kingsbury's, to authorize justices of the peace and police magistrates to pay costs and fee in all criminal and quasi-criminal cases out of any fines they may collect. Sawyer's, authorizing the public administrator, in cases where an estate has not been administered on inside of seventy-five days, to take out papers of administration. Mr. Pemberton reported the senatorial apportionment bill, which was advanced to secon! reading and made a special order for next Tuesday.

> In the house nearly the entire forenoon was consumed in considering the bill fixing the time for holding circuit court in the new judicial circuits. Numerous amendments were adopted after which the bill was advanced to third reading. Mr. Wilson's bill making assessments for farm drainage purposes passed. The senate bill providing that where an appeal is taken from a justice of the peace the appellant shall pay \$10 to the justice, which shall be

returned if the case is decided in hi favor in a higher court, was advan. e. to third reading. Mr. Sherman's bill increasing the salary of the Jollet warden from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per annum provoked considerable debate, in which party lines were closely drawn, but it was advanced to third reading without change. The bill increasing the membership of the Lincoln Park board was made a special order on second reading for to-morrow. Mr. Trowbridge, from the committee on mines and mining, offered a joint resolution for the appointment of a joint legislative commission on revision of mining laws. It was made a special order for next Thursday.

State Items. The Democratic judicial convention for this, the new eighth, district ended at Mount Sterling last week in the nomination of John C. Broady of Adams county, Harry Highee of Pike and Thomas N. Mehan of Mason. There were no gold Democrats pres-

The Republican delegation from the fifty judicial districts met at Pana last week to nominate three judges for that circuit, but upon learning of the decision of the supreme court regarding the validity of the new judicial appointtionment act adjourned without ac-

Judge J. G. Thompson, who is serving his second term as county judge of Vermillion county, received a telegram from Washington last week announcing that it was extremely probabie he would be appointed an assistant to the attorney general of the nited States.

Charles Trowbridge of Kewanee, the oldest Mason in Illinois and probably the oldest in the United States, is dead. He was born in Connecticut February 14, 1825, and was an active worker with the craft as deputy grand lecturer in the early days of Masonry in Illinois.

After a protracted struggle in the Democratic judicial convention for the new seventh district Sangamon county threw its vote to Judge Owen P. Thompson of Jacksonville and he was declared one of the nominees. Gold Democrats were not heard. They are acting with Republicans.

R. W. Hudson of lowa told the Chicago police last week that he had been relieved of \$300 by a confidence game. Hudson says he was standing near one of the entrances to the Union stock yards Tuesday when a stranger approached him, and, after starting a conversation, declared he was a banker from the central part of Iowa, Hudson had heard of the banker, and the stranger talked in such a straightforward way that he soon consummated a loan of \$800 with Hudson. He has not been seen since.

For an Invalid. Clam frappe is a new dainty included in an invalid's menu of the Boston Cooking School. Wash thoroughly twenty clams and put them in a stewpan with one-half cup of cold water; cover closely and steam until the shells open. Strain the liquid, cool and freeze it into a mush. Serve in glasses. small amount may be frozen easily in a baking powder can by setting it in a tin pail and packing with ice and sale in equal proportions. The mixture will freeze in about half an hour, and should be stirred once or twice during that time. This clam juice is also very often diluted and served hot, and in some cases of gastric inflammation will be retained by the stomach when almost everything else is rejected.

She Saved the Pudding.

Bessie announced one day at luncheon: "We wouldn't have had any pudding to-day if it hadn't been for me." The rest of the family all looked up at her considerably surprised, for Bessie was only 5 years old and they knew classes for the deaf in the public she could not have made the dessert. "I saw it on the table," she went on, "and I might have let the cat in, you know. Then Whiskers might have jumped on a chair and eaten it, and then we to third reading. The house bill to wouldn't have had any pudding. But repeal the law authorizing the custo- I didn't do it."-Exchange.

Douth in Lemonade.

Eight-year-old Emily Kilssing drank lemonade which had been kept in a tin bucket over night, and died, at Danville, Cal., Tuesday. Eighteen school children, who also drank of the stuff, are sick. Women of Rebecca lodge used part of the lemonade at a social. The remainder was presented to the school

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