

THE MAID OF MAIDEN LANE

Sequel to "The Bow of Orange Ribbon."

A LOVE STORY BY AMELIA E. BARR

(Copyright, 1900, by Amelia E. Barr)

CHAPTER XV.—Continued. "Your own way you will take, until into some great trouble you stumble."

"And then my own way I shall take, until out of it I stumble."

"I have told Rem what he must do. Like a man he must say, 'I did wrong and I am sorry for it,' and so well I think of those he has wronged, as to be sure they will answer, 'It is forgiven.'"

"And forgotten."

"That is different. To forgive freely is what we owe to our enemy; to forget not, is what we owe to ourselves."

"I think it is cruel, father, to ask Rem to speak truth to his own injury. Even the law is kinder than you, it asks no man to accuse himself."

"Right wrongs no man. Till others move in this matter, you be quiet. If you talk, evil words will you say; and mind this, Arenta, the evil that comes out of your lips, into your own bosom will fall. All my life I have seen this."

But she met her aunt at the door and brought her eagerly into the parlor. She had no visitors that day, and was bored and restless and longing for conversation.

"You are a remarkably foolish young woman. They never named Rem. People so happy do not remember the bringer of sorrow. He has been shut out—in the darkness and cold. I am ashamed of Rem. I can never forgive him. He is a disgrace to the family. And that is why I came here to-day. I wish you to make Rem understand that he must not come near his Uncle Jacobus. When Jacobus is angry he will call heaven and earth and hell to help him speak his mind, and I have nearly cured him of a habit which is so distressing to me, and such a great wrong to his own soul. The very sight of Rem would break every barrier down, and let a flood of words loose, that would make him suffer afterward. I will not have Jacobus led into such temptation. I have not heard an oath from him in six months."

"That is another matter. I hope I have a heart to forgive whatever Jacobus does, or says—he is my husband."

"It is then less wicked to blaspheme Almighty God than to keep one of Lord Hyde's love letters. One fault may be forgiven, the other is unpardonable. Dear me! how religiously ignorant I am."

"You look extremely handsome when you are scornful, Arenta, but

could see Rem, and yet keep his big and little oaths under bonds, I should believe in his clean tongue."

"Arenta, you are tormenting yourself with anger and ill-will, and above all with jealousy. In this way you are going to miss a great deal of pleasure. I advise you not to quarrel with Cornelia. She will be a great resource. This afternoon something is vexing you. I shall take no offense. You will regret your bad temper to-morrow."

To-morrow Arenta did regret; but people do not always say they are sorry, when they feel so. She sat in the shadow of her window curtains and watched almost constant streams of visitors, and messengers, and tradespeople at Doctor Moran's house.



The door flew open.

and she longed to have her hands among the lovely things and to give her opinion about the delightful events sure to make the next few weeks full of interest and pleasure. And after she had received a letter from Rem, she resolved to humble herself that she might be exalted.

"Rem is already fortunate, and I can't help him by fighting his battle. Forgetfulness is the word. For this wrong can have no victory, and to be forgotten is the only hope for it. Beside Cornelia had her full share in my happiness, and I will not let myself be defrauded of my share in her happiness—not for a few words—no! certainly not."

This reflection a few times reiterated resulted in the following note:

"My Dear Cornelia—I want to say so much, that I cannot say anything but—forgive me. I am shaken to pieces by my dreadful sufferings and sometimes I do not know what I say, even to those I love. Blame my sad fortune for my bad words, and tell me you long to forgive me, as I long to be forgiven."

"ARENTA," she reflected, "and, after all, Cornelia is a sweet girl. I am her first and dearest friend, and I am determined to keep my place. Well, then, if I have to eat humble pie, I have had my say, and that takes the bitter taste out of my mouth—and a sensible woman must look to her future. I dare warrant Cornelia is now answering my letter. I dare warrant she will forgive me very sweetly."

She spent half an hour in such reflections, and then Cornelia entered with a smiling face. She would not permit Arenta to say another word of regret; she stifled all her self-reproaches in an embrace, and she took her back with her to her own home. And no further repentance embarrassed Arenta. She put her ready wit and her clever hands to a score of belated things, and snubbed and contradicted the Van Dien and Sherman girls into a respectful obedience to her earlier friendship, and wider experience. Everything that she directed or took charge of, went with an unmistakable vigor to completion, and even Madame Van Heemskirk was delighted with her ability and grateful for her assistance.

"The poor Arenta!" she said to Mrs. Moran; "very helpful she is to us, and for her brother's fault she is not to blame. Wrong it would be to visit it on her."

And Arenta not only felt this gracious justice for herself, she looked much further forward, for she said to her father, "It is really for Rem's sake I am so obliging. By and by people will say 'there is no truth in that letter story. The Marquise is the friend of Lady Hyde; they are like clasped hands, and that could not be so, if Rem Van Ariens had done such a dreadful thing. It is all nonsense.' And if I hear a word about it, I shall know how to smile, and lift my shoulders and kill suspicion with contempt. Yes, for Rem's sake I have done the best thing."

So happily the time went on, that it appeared wonderful when Christmas was close at hand. Every preparation was then complete. It was a very joy to go into the Moran house. The mother, with a happy light upon her face, went to and fro with that habitual serenity, which kept the temperature of expectant pleasure at a degree not too exhausting for continuance, and Cornelia, knowing her lover was every day coming nearer and nearer,

was just as happy as a girl loving and well beloved ought to be.

Her beauty had increased wonderfully; hope had more than renewed her youth, and confident love had given to her face and form a splendor of color and expression, that captivated everybody; though why, or how, they never asked—she charmed, because she charmed.

One day the little bevy of feminine councillors looked at their work, and pronounced all beautiful, and all finished, and then there was a lull in the busy household, and then every one was conscious of being a little weary, and every one also felt that it would be well to let heart, and brain, and fingers and feet rest. In a few days there would likely be another English letter, and they could then form some idea as to when Lord Hyde would arrive. The last letter received from him had been written in London, and the ship in which he was to sail, was taking on her cargo, while he impatiently waited at his hotel for notice of her being ready to lift her anchor. The doctor thought it highly probable Hyde would follow this letter in a week or perhaps less.

During this restful interval Doctor and Mrs. Moran drove out one afternoon to Hyde Manor House. A message from Madame Van Heemskirk asked this favor from them; she wished naturally that they should see how exquisitely beautiful and comfortable was the home which her Joris had trusted her to prepare for his bride. But she did not wish Cornelia to see it until the bridegroom himself took her across its threshold. "An old woman's fancy it is," she said to Mrs. Moran, "but no harm is there in it, and not much do I like women who bustle about their houses, and have no fancies at all."

"Nor I," answered Mrs. Moran with a merry little laugh. "Do you know, that I told John to buy my wedding ring too wide, because I often heard my mother say that a tight wedding ring was unlucky." Then both women smiled, and began delightedly to look over together the stores of fine linen and damask, which the mother of Joris had laid up for her son's use.

It was a charming visit and the sweet pause in the vivid life of the past few weeks was equally charming to Cornelia. She rested in her room till the short daylight ended; then she went to the parlor and drank a cup of tea, and closed the curtains and sat down by the hearth to wait for her father and mother.

So still was the house, so still was the little street, that she easily went to the land of reverie and lost herself there. She thought over again all her life with her lover; recalled his sweet spirit, his loyal affection, his handsome face and ennobling manner. "Heaven has made me so fortunate," she thought, "and now my fortune has arrived at my wishes. Even his delay is sweet. I desire to think of him, until all other thoughts are forgotten! Oh, what lover could be loved as I love him!"

Then with a soft but quick movement the door flew open, she lifted her eyes, to fill them with love's very image and vesture, and with a cry of joy flew to meet the bliss so long afar, but now so near. "O lovely and beloved! O my love!" Hyde cried, and then there was a twofold silence; the very ecstasy that no mortal words can utter. The sacred hour for which all their lives had longed, was at last dropped down to them from heaven. Between their kisses they spoke of things remembered and of things to be, leaning to each other in visible sweetness, while

"Love breathed in sighs and smiles Through two bright souls, one rapturous and true."

(The End.)

HE FOOLED ALL FRANCE.

Impostor Made Paris Believe He Was Ambassador From Persia.

Toward the end of the year 1714 a certain Mehemet Riza-beq, who called himself ambassador of the king of Persia, and the bearer of his commands, disembarked at Marseilles. He was received at two leagues from Paris by the Baron de Breteuil, usher of ambassadors, and the Marshal de Matignon. On the 24th of January, 1715, he made his solemn entry into the capital, with great pomp.

He declined the royal carriage generally used on such occasions, and entered on horseback, preceded by the finest horses of the king's stables, superbly caparisoned and accompanied by trumpets and bands of music.

The ambassador, richly arrayed in the Persian costume, was attended by a numerous train of domestics, and preceded by a herald bearing the Persian standard. The presents which he offered to the king were very inconsiderable. After passing a short time in France, during which he concluded, in the name of his pretended master, a treaty of alliance with Louis XIV, he sailed from Sweden and Denmark and was never heard of later.

Riza-beq, according to the "Memoirs of the Reign of Louis XIV," was a Portuguese who had never seen the prince he represented, nor even visited a single province of Persia. The government paid the expenses of his excellency, which amounted to 1,000 livres a day!

Chinaman Good House Servant. "A friend of mine has at last solved the servant girl problem," said a Philadelphia man. "He doesn't employ a girl at all. No, he doesn't have his wife do her own housework; he has a Chinaman, Charlie—that's his name—has been there now for a couple of montas and my friend swears that never again will he employ a servant girl. Charlie cooks, washes, irons, waits on the table, does all the dusting and cleaning and even tends to the baby when occasion demands."

Illinois News Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents

MACHINISTS TO GET MORE PAY

Mobile & Ohio Employees Make Satisfactory Terms With Company. G. W. McKee, superintendent of machinery for the Mobile & Ohio railroad, and W. A. Jackson of Whistler, Ala.; C. A. Johns of Jackson, Tenn., and E. David Stevenson of Murphysboro, committeemen of the International Association of Machinists, came to an agreement, after a week's conference at Murphysboro, and signed an agreement which is a raise of from 30 to 32 cents an hour, ten hours to constitute a day's work; time and one-half will be paid for work done on Sunday or on legal holidays. For road work machinists will be given time from the hour they start on their trip to the time they return, and will receive time and one-half for night work.

BANKERS' PRESIDENT.

At the recent session of the Illinois Bankers' association, which was held at Rock Island, William George, the



well-known financier of Aurora, was elected to the presidency for the ensuing year.

Southern Illinois Reunion.

Arrangements are rapidly nearing completion for the twenty-first annual reunion of the soldiers and sailors of southern Illinois, which convenes in Carbondale in September. Already positive assurance has been received that the following will attend and address the veterans: Ex-Gov. Joseph W. Fifer, Judge R. S. Tutbill, Col. C. A. Partridge, ex-Congressman Benson Wood, Adj. Gen. Thomas W. Scott, Senators A. J. Hopkins and S. M. Culom, Gen. John C. Black, Attorney General H. J. Hamlin, Col. Isaac Clements and Gov. Richard Yates.

Deaths at Soldiers' Home.

The following deaths occurred at the State Soldiers' home at Quincy during the month of July: Joseph B. Nettles, company C, First Illinois light artillery; John Maurer, company B, Thirtieth New York infantry; Thomas Driscoll, company G, Ninth Illinois infantry; George F. Clark, company D, First Illinois cavalry; William H. Meyer, company E, Fiftieth Illinois infantry; Ludwig Schaefer, company E, 118th Illinois infantry; John J. Wirges, company H, Seventeenth Missouri infantry. Present aggregate membership, 197.

Storm at Highland.

A heavy rain and wind storm visited Highland. A large number of lawn and fruit trees were destroyed and the electric light plant was forced to shut down because of damage done its wires. The large chimney of the school building was blown down, the bricks crashing through the slate roof into one of the schoolrooms. The tin roof of the Highland House Furnishing company's building and a portion of the tin roof on one of the Helvetia Milk Condensing company's buildings were blown away.

Work on Interurban.

Work toward the completion of the Decatur, Springfield & St. Louis interurban road is progressing rapidly. During the past month fifteen miles has been graded, and a large number of bridges and culverts are being constructed. The management states that the first car through Springfield will be run in sixty days.

Minister Recovers Reason.

Rev. William Wiseman, formerly of Kansas City, who was adjudged insane in the Sangamon county court, has recovered at the insane hospital at Jacksonville. Rev. Wiseman states that he had been hypnotized and was not insane as the jury had decided. He will return to his home at Zenobia.

Accidentally Shot.

Preston Kora, a prominent young man, son of ex-Circuit Clerk Kora of Virginia, was accidentally shot while cleaning a revolver in camp at Wilcox lake.

Militia Captains Resign.

Adj. Gen. Scott has issued an order accepting the resignation of Charles E. Rudy as captain of company E, Fourth infantry, Mattoon, and also one accepting the resignation of John Rafferty as captain of company M, Fifth infantry, Canton.

Miner Is Killed.

Henry Herben, a miner, was killed at Mascoutah by the explosion of a powder shot. His head was nearly blown from his body. He leaves a widow and five children.

Prof. Bayliss Announces Names of Those Who Are Successful.

As the result of the examination for state teachers' certificates held at the normal schools at De Kalb, Macomb, Carbondale and Charleston, at the universities of Illinois, Urbana and the department of public instruction at Springfield, Prof. Alfred Bayliss has announced that the state board of examiners has awarded life certificates as follows: A. C. Norton, Hampshire; Charles S. Winslow, Morgan Park; J. E. Shivers, Chandlerville; J. H. Brewer, Martinsville; S. J. Curlee, Salem; Palmyra Richardson, Shelbyville; Harmon E. Waites, El Paso; Walter R. Jones, Kankakee; Richard Linder, Arenzville; Ruth R. Davis, Canton, and Ellis H. Rogers, Murphysboro.

Fire Railroad Bridge.

Two men were caught in the act of setting fire to a trestle on the Mobile and Ohio railroad, near Orville, by Albert Morgan. Morgan came on the trestle over Camp Creek and was confronted by two men who had fired the bridge. As soon as his presence became known the desperadoes attacked him and a fierce hand-to-hand fight ensued. Morgan escaped and fled to Orville, where the alarm was given, and employes of the system hastened to the scene and extinguished the flames. The two men escaped.

Storm Damage.

During a heavy rainstorm which prevailed at Paxton lightning struck Robert Pollock's house on his farm near the city, and Mr. Adams, the tenant, was rendered unconscious. West Bros.' plate glass windows in their store at Loda, Ill., were blown in and their store flooded. The wind there was very heavy and cribs and outbuildings were upset and shade trees destroyed. Andrew Strum, northeast of Loda, lost five head of cattle and a horse by lightning. Lars Johnson, near Paxton, lost a horse by lightning.

Coles County Teachers.

The annual institute of the Coles county teachers will be held at the eastern Illinois state normal school building in Charleston Aug. 17 to 22. Among the instructors are Orville T. Hill of Chicago, Darius Steward of Stillwater, Minn., and Miss Mary McCoy of Aurora, Ill.

Boy Shoots Playmate.

Emil Nordine, a 10-year-old lad of Stevensonville, a suburb of Bloomington, while playing with a revolver, accidentally shot and killed little Esther Larson, the daughter of a neighbor, who was in the yard. The bullet passed through the child's head, killing her instantly. The weapon was an old one which had been thrown away.

Begin Work on Mine.

Work has commenced for a new coal mine to be sunk two miles southwest of O'Fallon on the new electric road. Joseph Taylor, the well-known coal operator, is back of the enterprise. The mine will be equipped throughout with modern machinery and will be operated on a large scale, giving employment to 300 men.

Baptist Meeting.

The Alton Baptist Association will meet in Greenville Aug. 26, 27 and 28. The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. D. C. Blunt of Litchfield and the doctrinal sermon by Rev. I. M. Waterman of Upper Alton. President McKay of Shurtleff College is on the programme for an address.

Free Delivery.

Greenville will have free mail delivery Sept. 1. Postmaster Hord has received word from Washington that only five of the sixteen applicants who took the civil service examination passed, and the two carriers and one substitute carrier will be chosen from the five.

Child Is Scalded to Death.

Roland Snyder, the 2-year-old son of John Snyder, residing near Chillicothe, pulled the plug out of a washing machine and was scalded to death.

Teacher Turns Banker.

W. R. Dorris, for the past four years principal of the O'Fallon public schools, has resigned to accept a position in the new First national bank.

Veteran Is Released.

Robert Alliston, the old soldier who was arrested at Quincy charged with bigamy on a warrant from the sheriff of Massac county, has been released.

Madison County Fair.

The Highland-Madison county fair will be held in Lindenthal Park in Highland Sept. 3 to 6. The premium list is extensive.

Returns From Holy Land.

Rev. Dr. Andrew Gray, pastor of the Episcopal church of Mattoon, has returned from an extended visit to the Holy Land. While abroad he secured material for a series of lectures which he will deliver next winter.

Falling Limb Causes Death.

During a high wind Charles Beach of Greenville lost his life. He was sitting under a tree, when a gust of wind blew a large limb down upon him. The blow fractured his skull and he died two hours afterwards.

Piles Ties on Track, Then State Him self on Obstruction.

An insane man is under arrest at East Alton, charged with attempting to wreck a Big Four train near Gillespie by putting ties on the track. The prisoner gives the name C. N. Draper. It is said that Draper piled ties on the track and calmly seated himself on the obstruction to watch developments. The engineer saw the obstruction and the man seated upon it, and by sliding the wheels of his engine, succeeded in pushing the ties along the rails a distance of 80 feet before the train could be stopped. Draper was thrown off his seat when the pile of ties was struck by the engine. He is undoubtedly insane and will be sent to a state institution.

KILLS BENEFACTOR.

Will Cummings, aged 19 years, who cut the throat of aged William Swigart, a horse trainer who had befriended him and furnished him employment, owes his trouble to a boyish desire to be considered a man of the world. He imposed himself upon Swigart and a female companion who were lunching in a restaurant at Decatur and satirized the woman. Swigart's companion appealed to her escort to make the youngster desist and



WILLIAM CUMMINGS

a quarrel ensued in which Cummings cut Swigart's throat from ear to ear. The boy then disappeared in the confusion and was found next morning by the police asleep under a tree at the race track, where the old horse-man had killed the night before. Young Cummings' mother and his stepfather live at Detroit. With them he had a good home, but he preferred to follow the races.

Family Mix-Up.

John Merritt of Tamaulaco township has been appointed conservator for Mrs. Matilda Morey, a wealthy lady of that township. Mrs. Morey recently deeded a forty-acre tract of land to one of her daughters and all the other children immediately requested the daughter thus favored to care for the aged mother. The disagreement resulted in one of the sons-in-law asking for a hearing as to Mrs. Morey's sanity. The jury in Judge Story's court refused to send the aged lady to an asylum, but ordered the appointment of the conservator.

Is Held for Robbery.

Charles Wilson of Springfield, a restaurant employe, was held to await the action of the grand jury in bonds in the sum of \$500. He is accused of having held up John Middlecott and robbing him of a valuable gold watch. Wilson claims to be a former resident of St. Louis.

Kills Herself at 96.

Mrs. Sophia Koch, aged 96 years, living with her grandson, William Ohlau, near Sparta, committed suicide by jumping into a well sixty feet deep, where she was drowned.

Log Rolling.

The sixth annual Woodmen log-rolling will be held at Ashland Sept. 2. Hon. Alfred Orndorff of Springfield will be the principal orator of the occasion.

Contractor Is Robbed.

Bernard Terbille, a contractor of Quincy, reported to the police station that \$45 was stolen from his pocket while he was sleeping in his own yard.

Children Have Outing.

The managers of the steamer City of St. Louis tendered the free services of this boat for the annual fresh air outing for the children of Quincy.

Alleged Wife Abandonment.

August Witt, aged 28 years, was arrested at Quincy and sent to Springfield to answer a charge of wife abandonment.

Becomes a Cadet.

Harry Bowers Cres of Decatur, grandson of Hon. Hugh Cres, has been admitted as a cadet at the United States military academy at West Point. Congressman Warner secured the appointment.

Claims Father Is Spends \$100.

Edward P. Thompson, a wealthy landowner of Mechanicsburg, is believed to be the probable owner of a steamer field. His daughter, in a political short time ago, alleges that he is spending



"Right wrongs no man." It is not worth while wasting your charms on me. I am doing; what I can to help Jacobus to keep his tongue clean, and I will not have I lead him into temptation. As for Rem, he is guilty of a great wrong, and he must now do what his father told him to do—work day and night, as men work, when a bridge is broken down. The ruin must be got out of the way, and the bridge rebuilt, then it will be possible to open some pleasant and profitable traffic with human beings again—not to speak of heaven."