His Favorite Niece;

—OR—

A SECRET REVEALED.

CHAPTER XXIX.

On that same evening a large party was assembled at Dene Abbey, and Sir Basil made a great effort to give his mind to the present. He tried to forget the beautiful voice he had heard and the sweet face he had seen in the old gray church; he tried to forget the stern, haggard man looking with sad, wearied eyes over the waste of waters. He did his best; but the eyes of love are keen, and Leah saw that he was quiet and talked less than usual.

How she loved him! How her whole heart shone in her face as she went up to him! How the love-light glistened in her dark eyes and the sweet, sensitive lips trembled with their love-sighs! She had a pretty caressing fashion of going behind him and whispering loving words that no one else could hear.

"Basil, my darling," she said tremulously, "you have tired yourself with that long ramble. I felt almost jealous because you did not ask me to go with you."

He forced himself to talk to her, and he promised to row her as far as St. Margaret's Bay on the morrow.

"I will sing for you," she said. "A new song came to me this morning. It is dedicated to me; I have been asked twenty times to-day to sing it, but I resolved that you should be the first to hear it. It is called 'The Test;' the words and the accompaniment are alike beautiful. Listen, and tell me what you think."

"I will come with you," he said. He was sitting at the far end of the room, away from the piano.

"No, I want you to stay and listen critically," she replied, laughingly.

He did listen critically, wondering what there was in the rich contralto that reminded him so forcibly of the clear, ringing soprano he had heard in the old gray church.

"She glided o'er the meadow grass,
And through the young green corn;
Sweet as the summer blossoms she was,
And fresh as summer morn.
We laughed and loved beside the brook,
That sang its gay refrain;
And where we met that day, my love,
We swore to meet again.

"But see the grass was dry and brown,
And the ripening corn,
Up to the churchyard on the down
A mother's corpse was borne.
I was alone by the brook,
All swoll'n with autumn rain;
For where we met that day, my love,
We shall not meet again."

No one spoke to Leah as she went back to her place by her lover's side.

"Do you like it?" he asked.

"How could I help it?" he cried. "But there is something strangely familiar to me in your voice. I had a peculiar, weird sensation, as though I had heard it in another world."

"That is impossible," she replied, laughingly. "If I had met you in another world, I should have remembered it. I was jealous and pained for whole days after you said that you thought another face fairer to me, sweeter than mine. If my voice reminds you of another's I will never sing one note to you again."

He was flattered by her jealousy, but it did not pain him as it would have done had he loved her.

"Basil," she said, gently, "do you think I am very jealous?"

"I do not Leah. I hope not. I should imagine that to be jealous must cause acute pain."

"Do you not know what it is like," she said—"this pain of jealousy."

"No," he replied, "I do not remember that I was ever jealous in my whole life. Ah, yes, once I remember! When my sister's lover came, and I knew in my boyish heart that he was to take her from me, I was jealous then. I remember, too, that for a time I hated the man who was going to marry her. I have never been jealous since."

"Never!" asked Leah.

"No," Sir Basil laughed; "I may safely say never."

"Do you think that jealousy is a sign of love?" asked Leah, wistfully.

"I cannot tell. I have never thought about it," he replied. "I should almost say not."

"And I think the two must go together," said Leah. "I am jealous. I am sure that if you paid much attention to any one else, or said that any girl was very pretty, or looked at any one as though you admired her very much, I should be jealous."

"I do not see why," he said gently.

"Ah, then, you do not understand. Basil," she rejoined. "I cannot help it. I do not wish to be jealous; I do not make myself jealous; it comes naturally. Yesterday, when you were talking to Lady Grantleigh, she was laughing and looking up at you; and your eyes were so bright, Basil, I felt a pain as of a wound inflicted by a sharp knife. Basil," she whispered, "have you ever been jealous of me?"

"No," he replied, frankly, "never, Leah."

"Never, Basil? Ah, then, I am sure you do not love me as much as I love you. Are you quite sure?"

"I am sure," laughed Sir Basil.

"I do not understand that. When you see other men around me, and hear the compliments they pay me, do you never feel any jealousy?"

"No, on the contrary, I like to see you admired."

"The other day," she continued, "when Major Stapleton followed me to the piano, and would turn over the leaves of my song, looking so sentimental about it, were you not jealous?"

"No, I thought him very kind," answered Sir Basil, cheerfully.

"I will try to make you jealous," she said.

"Never play with fire, Leah," he remarked. "We are happy. What new element do you want to introduce into our happiness?"

"I do not want a new element," she said—"only to deepen an old one."

"What is that, Leah?" he asked.

"I should like you to love me more," she said. "Sometimes it seems to me that I ask for bread, and you give me a stone. It may be my fancy; but I cannot help thinking that I love you better than you love me."

"How can you measure love?" he asked.

"By love," she replied, quickly. "There is no other way."

"You must have patience with me, Leah," he said. "I am a novice in all these matters."

"You ought not to be a novice now," she replied. "I wish you would tell me when you really began to love me."

"Leah, you like to talk about love," he said, endeavoring to turn the conversation.

"Do I?" she questioned, gently. "It must be because my heart is so full of it."

She left Sir Basil more than a little puzzled. If jealousy were part of love, then assuredly he knew not love, for he knew no jealousy. And he wondered whether Leah would ever find this out.

CHAPTER XXX.

When Sir Basil started for Rosewalk the next day, he honestly believed that he was going to see Martin Bay from the most honorable and the highest motives. He might, of course, see the beautiful singer again; it was not improbable; but he was not going for that purpose.

A second time he left the Abbey for a long ramble without asking Leah to accompany him. This time she noticed it, but said nothing.

When he reached Rosewalk, a young and beautiful girl was seated near the wall overlooking the sea. What, at the first sight of her, made his heart beat so fast—he had to pass close by her, but he would not look at the golden hair and sweet face. He went into the quaint flower-wreathed porch and tapped at the door. Then, as one watches things in a dream, he saw the young girl arise and walk toward him with a firm graceful step.

"I beg your pardon," he said. "I want to see Mr. Martin Ray."

"My father?" she replied. "He is not at home."

"Not at home," repeated Sir Basil. "I am sorry for that. I was to see him to-day, and I have walked some distance. Have I your permission to wait until he returns?"

"You can wait if you wish to do so," she replied; "but the hour of his return is quite uncertain."

"If you will allow me, I will risk it," he said. "I do not think any one could find a more beautiful spot than this in which to while away the time."

He sat down on the pretty rustic bench, which was so placed that one could see the incoming tide.

For a few minutes they were silent. Hettie did not raise her eyes from her work, and he was wondering why the presence of this one woman made so great a difference to him.

"I heard you singing in church last Sunday," he said. "I have been staying in this neighborhood for some time. You have a very beautiful voice; I was quite delighted with it."

"I am fond of music," she answered—"above all things, I am fond of singing; it is the one pleasure of my life. I forget everything else when I sing."

"Is there so much in your life that you would like to forget," he asked suddenly—"so young a life as yours?"

"I am not sure," she replied. "There are some things I should like to be able to think less about."

"I should not have thought," he said, "that you had had any trouble in life. You are young, and your face has something of the joy of childhood in it."

Then he talked to her of the country, of the sea, and of her father; and he was delighted with her enthusiasm about him. If gentle Hettie in her heart hated anything, it was this world which had not acknowledged her father's worth. She did not know much about his doctrines and belief; he had not given himself the trouble to teach her. She had every quality that went to make a noble woman; but she was not talented.

"There must be good," Sir Basil said to himself, "in one who is loved as she loves her father."

And, though the duke, in his quiet haughty way, had denounced him, Martin Ray rose from that moment in Sir Basil's estimation.

He told her about the picture in the academy and in her turn how the artist had come and taken a sketch of her face.

"You seem to live quite out of the world here," he said.

And then she told him of her busy life, and how, do what she would, she could not make the days long enough.

He sat by the ivy-covered wall more than an hour; and when at last he rose, longing to stay, yet aware that he had been there long enough, they both felt, as though they had been friends for years.

He was so different from the type of men who had come to see Hettie's father hitherto. During her whole life she did not remember to have talked to any one like him.

The music of the sea was sweeter that night than ever; and Hettie fell asleep with a smile on her lips, and dreamed of a dark face, and dark eyes that said to her what no other eyes had ever said.

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LEAKS ON THE FARM.

Assuming that the farmer is a man of ability and industry living on a farm of 160 or 200 acres free from debt, let us inquire into some of the losses that he sustains unnecessarily. We are considering an ordinary farm; the first leak we find is the incumbrance of worthless growths supported by some parts of the farm. Bushes, briars and logs are found not only in the pastures but also appropriating rich corners of the fields—a constant reminder of the curse recorded in Genesis: "Thorns also and thistles it shall bring forth unto thee." The neglected stump in the middle of a good field is a source of danger to machinery and a harbor for the groundhog. The combined fence without agents or admirers but with many owners is an eyesore and a leak. It may be seen skirting a field occupied by an old rail fence, briars, bushes, etc., a rich strip of ground entirely wasted. Another source of loss to the farmer is keeping and feeding scrub stock, putting feed and care into an animal that will only bring a low price when finished, but this leak is being stopped, for improved horses, cattle, hogs and sheep are increasing; still we can do better along this line. Improvement can also be made from year to year in feeding arrangements—sheds that will shelter man, stock and feed can be built at small outlay, windbreaks of boards, straw ricks, or cedar trees can be provided that will save animal heat. Another leak is a want of system and extent of plans in farm work. Ask the average farmer today how many acres he will devote to corn, oats or wheat next year, what rich acre for potatoes, what field he will seed to clover, if he will sow rye next fall, thus insuring early pasture for ewes and lambs the following spring and a good place to feed a bunch of shoats; he will reply: "Time enough yet."

Another bad leak is the want of care in selecting pure seed. It is still the custom of some farmers to hunt through a pile of corn in the crib for seed when the planter is ready to start, satisfied to risk a weak or dead germ. The same man sows his wheat as it came from the machine, when he ought to have selected corn in the fall and to have fanned up his seed wheat. Lack of keeping correct accounts is a general failure among farmers. The business man in any pursuit dare not proceed in the inaccurate method followed by too many farmers; it is just as necessary for the farmer to know how he stands at the end of the year as the merchant. A true inventory of property in hand at the beginning of each year, a ledger showing the receipts and expenses of each month and a balance struck can be made and kept by any farmer of ordinary intelligence. The negligence of saving and applying all the manure made on the farm is a leak widespread and grievous. This subject is so important that we cannot discuss it in a paragraph. Are we doing the best we can in this matter? We fear not. The question of how to manage our forage crops so as to secure their feeding values and return the refuse to our fields in the best shape for plant food is indeed an important matter.

APPLYING MANURE.

Spreading the manure and allowing it to lie on the surface should be practiced only on level fields where there is no danger from surface washing. It has been claimed that when manure is spread broadcast and allowed to lie on the surface there may be a serious loss of ammonia into the air, but experiments have shown that, in case of properly prepared manure, loss from this cause must be very small.

On a leachy soil there may be a loss of soluble constituents in the drainage if the manure is spread a long while before the crop is planted but in ordinary practice the loss from this source is also likely to be insignificant. In this method of application the fertilizing constituents of the manure are uniformly distributed, the liquid portion being gradually and thoroughly incorporated with the soil particles. One serious disadvantage, however, of the method is that the manure before being plowed in is leached to a large extent of its soluble nitrogenous compounds, which, as we have already observed, are necessary for fermentation and therefore, it does not so readily ferment in the soil. It is not advisable, therefore, in the case of light or sandy soils to follow this practice, but it is preferable to plow the manure in as soon as spread.

As to the deth to which it is advisable to plow in the manure, the general rule should be observed that it should not be so deep as to prevent the access of sufficient moisture and air to insure fermentation and nitrification and to permit of rapid washing down of nitrates to the drain. In very compact soils the depth should not exceed 4 inches. In light soils this depth may be considerably increased, although in such soils there is more danger of loss by drainage than with heavy clay soils.

Application in the hill or drill is useful where the supply of manure is limited and the full immediate effect is desired. For forcing truck crops this method is especially valuable. Well-rotted manure is best suited to this method of application. It has been claimed, however, that manure applied in this way sometimes injures the appearance of root crops, especially potatoes, by increasing the amount of scab.

The application of liquid manure has certain obvious advantages and is largely practiced, especially in Europe. Manure leaching is a quick-acting, forcing manure, and is especially valuable for grass.

POULTRY NOTES.

Milk is the best of poultry foods and will often take the place of meat.

There is no proper place in the barn for the poultry to roost.

Carbolic acid should be mixed in the lime wash, and it should be applied about once each month.

Guineas in the farmyard are a protection to young chickens. They are noisy and scare away hawks, and even fight them should they fly down within reach.

Always see to it that the drinking fountains are clean and well supplied with pure, cool water. Impure water affects not only the health of the fowls, but gives bad flavor to their eggs.

Too much soft food is worse than none at all. It is bad for the digestive organs. Hens must have something to grind. If not they will get shabby, and have a mopy appearance. Grain and grit are indispensable.

A chicken run, made by covering a slender framework with cheese-cloth stretched firmly and tightly over it, is a great protection to the young birds. It keeps the ground dry so that their tender feet do not get wet nor muddy.

Put a shallow dish with some fresh water in front of every coop of chickens. They may not be able to get any if you do not thus supply them, and their growth will be retarded. Water is necessary to the very smallest chicks.

Hens, when laying, require more food than when not laying, just as a cow requires more food when giving milk than at other times. The amount needed for layers would make non-layers too fat. If possible, the laying hens should be fed separately.

When the weather is too bad to do work that you have planned, why not put in a little time constructing good, substantial brood coops, and thus make your wife's work with young poultry less irksome. Early hatched chickens are vigorous, but not strong enough to live and thrive in old coops, with currents of cold air circulating about them. The coming winter layers that will soon be making their appearance, will need tight, warm coops to prevent being chilled to death, or stunted in their growth.

EVEN DANGEROUS TO WALK.

Next to stopping at home the most dangerous thing is to go for a walk. About thirty-four per cent. of the accidents which befall people occur indoors, and twenty-four per cent. occur to those walking in the street. Horses and vehicles come next with 18 per cent.; recreation with 6 per cent., railway travelling 5 per cent., trams 3 per cent., the use of firearms 2 per cent., animal bites 2 per cent., assault 1 p.c., and steamship travelling scarcely 1 per cent. To become a permanent passenger on an Atlantic liner is, perhaps, the safest thing.

A BORN DIPLOMAT.

He—"Miss de Jones—Clara—I never loved anyone but you. Will you be my wife?"

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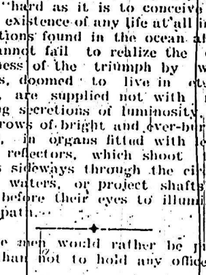

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"You knock," the bishop says, "at the door in the East End of a desolation, it will be opened in a foot by a little girl. You hear a distant voice from the within roar: 'Well, Sally, who is it?' 'Then Sally will turn her head round and shout back: 'Oh, it's religion!'"

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"He said he would hold the train for what my boys were doing. He said that they had formed a League connecting-rod that they had found to see what was happening, and asked whether I had done it. 'Oh,' I said, 'I'll speak to the chap at once,' it was. 'Oh, no!' she said, 'you only 'anging my 'at.'

"Not long ago I was in the London hospital a little daughter of a clergyman very near her end. She did not want to tell you, but she was afraid of dying. I went nearer and nearer, and I waited a minute, and prayed for the right word might be given me, and then I said. We had said to let me carry you home?" 'Oh, no!' she replied, 'you should you be afraid to let someone who is so fond of us Kinder and fonder than you, carry you in His arms?' Then she turned to her mother and said: 'Mother dear, carry you in His arms.' Then she turned to her mother and said: 'Mother dear, carry you in His arms.' Then she turned to her mother and said: 'Mother dear, carry you in His arms.