

The Sacrifice;

OR
FOR HER FAMILY'S SAKE.

"Well, I hope there is nothing wrong," he said suspiciously.

"I think not—but won't you have something to eat?"

And she ran to the door and called Katie, in spite of his protests. She felt frightfully anxious. What once Lora was the general's favorite; what would he say when he saw her now? What if she should tell him the whole story of this marriage! The old gentleman would be almost ready to kill the mother.

"I don't want anything to eat," shouted the general. "Confound it! I have already—I say, Marie, where does Lora live and what sort of a man has she got for a husband? Was it a love-match on her side, or did the girl—no, that I won't believe."

"Oh, William, you know she is sometimes so peculiar."

"I must say I have never observed as yet, she has always been a good, sensible girl, so far as I have known her."

"Yes, oh yes, William, that is true, but you do not understand. Besides her father's death on the very day of her wedding had had a dreadful effect on her nerves. You know how fond she was of her father. And now it happens that her husband has had to go to America, and she is alone. She is very much depressed."

"Indeed! Then I will go straight over and see her. Ah, and this is your youngest daughter. Well, what little sparrow you have been bringing home."

Katie had come in with one of the few bottles of wine that were still left in the cellar, and a tray with a glass on it. She set them gently down on the table, and drew her arms around the general's neck.

"Oh, uncle, how delightful that you have come! Now everything will be all right."

"All right, you witch? You know how to flatter. Tell me, for heaven's sake how old are you? You look as if you might get married any day!"

He looked with a satisfied air at the girl's face, with its impetuous nose and magnificent eyes. The father full lips were scarlet, and displayed two rows of the whitest teeth.

"That this should be you," cried the old gentleman in amazement.

"But, come, can you take me to Lora?"

"Ah, uncle, stay here a little while, now we're invited to dine at the Becher's at six o'clock. Very likely Lora will come here in the course of the day. I saw her come on the street. She is probably buying Christmas presents with her 'mother-in-law'."

"Is it so? Well, then, of course, I saw the carriage too. But I can't tell you this much, that I shall go there before six o'clock. I can't wait till you all come. Now bring me a light for my cigar and then call your mother in again. I want her to tell me about Leo. I shall go to the church-yard to-morrow."

Frau von Tollen came, and the general said, after some discussion, "Well, Marie, as you must do something to live, what shall you say to letting furnished rooms? You have your furniture, and in your state of health it is the best and pleasantest thing I can think of. Oh? You don't like the idea? But, good heavens, my dear, roasted larks do not fly into your mouths in these days, and I shall be the same whether you are Frau von Tollen or not. This is the question—live with or without hunger? I know of other people besides the Tollens, who get on in this way in Berlin, and I shall remain what they are."

There was no reply. Great tears rolled down Frau von Tollen's face.

"Uncle," said Katie, "you know we don't like to go away from here. Papa is buried here, and here is Lora."

"She did not even blush as she uttered the falsehood; she was thinking of Ernest Schouberg. Nonsense. Stay here, then. There is to be a garrison in West-emburg very likely, and you can do it here just as well. What's the matter now?" he added angrily.

"But my dear Marie, you cannot live on your pension and keep the lieutenant going, we all know that. I cannot understand why you should take my proposition so coldly. I have nothing myself."

The ladies looked incredulously at him, but made no answer.

"I have no means of my own," he repeated, and a flush of honest anger mounted to his face. "—I—you think, I suppose, Marie, that because Leo could put down the money for his marriage, I, too, have the same capital, because we were brothers? I—"

He stopped, sprang up and went to the window, his thoughts went back to the past. At that time he was a young captain; he lived a very quiet life—that is, he did not gamble, and had no other expensive habits. Then, one day, Leo, who was a lieutenant in the same regiment with himself, had come to his rooms and had told him, in the deepest despair, that the father of the girl he was secretly engaged to had refused to consent to the marriage, on the ground of his want of means. The bride had nothing, and Leo only six thousand thalers, the same as himself.

He had looked at the matter on all sides for a whole night, his brother's troubled face haunted him, and the sobs of the little bride for her lost happiness sounded in his ears. The next morning he got up, hunted up his brother on the parade ground, and told him that he was a captain, and would never marry—he was sure of that, for the only girl he had ever loved was lost to him—he did not need his share of their patrimony. Leo might do what he would with it, and then the little bit of money would be of some use—that is, it would help to make two people happy, by providing the necessary funds. And Leo had taken it and had married. Had his wife, then no suspicion of this? The children certainly had not, but else that scoundrel, Rudolph, would not, in his need, have spoken so insolently of the treasures he had in the bank. Shameless rascal!

"I have literally nothing," he said again, for the third time. "I could not have helped Rudolph even if I had wished; but—I would not have done it in any case. No, no, do not look at me like that. A fellow who is disgracefully extravagant like that scoundrel, who swallows his champagne at his ease, and yet knows that with every draught he is taking the last penny from his parents and his sisters—I have no pity for a fellow like that, none. Would to God he could not have borrowed the money to settle the affair anywhere, for it is only putting off the evil day."

The old gentleman had spoken in the heat of his anger, and then he felt sorry when he saw his sister-in-law's tears.

"Well, we will not talk of it, Marie," he said gently. "I will help you all I can; my pension is pretty large. But you must not remain idle, yourselves, children, either. I tell you, work is a blessing of God, a real blessing of God. But now—" he took out his watch—"I am going to see Lora."

Frau von Tollen dried her eyes. "You do not know, William, how dreadful it was about Rudolph, and you don't know how a mother clings to her child."

"Not from personal experience, it is true," he replied good-humoredly, "but I can imagine it. But a mother's heart should not cling to a handsome scoundrel like that alone, but should think of the other children, who have the ill luck besides to be girls. Well, don't mind me, Marie; I suppose you can't help it. The wilder and more good-for-nothing a boy is, the fonder you are of him. Katie didn't hear me? Well, thank heavens for that. She fled before the sound of my voice. Good-bye, Marie; and wiedersehen."

(To be continued.)

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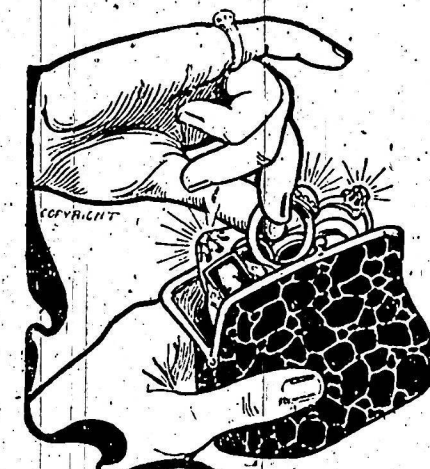
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In the Stenographic Department, which is in charge of Miss Barclay, our representative was particularly impressed by the proficiency of the students, as shown by the rapidity and apparent facility with which they took down their shorthand. The outstanding feature of the Typewriting Department was its formidable array of new Underwood machines. A visit was next paid to the Telegraphy Department, which will no doubt prove an important adjunct to the regular work of the institution, particularly as very few colleges teach this branch. Some time was spent in the Commercial Department, which is fast filling up with a promising class of students. While here Mr. McKone informed our representative that inside of ten days he hoped to instal commercial desks, thereby economizing the floor space as to enable him to seat in comfort the large number of students who will be enrolling during the next few months. In this department, students are taught the latest actual office practice. Each student is made familiar with business forms and the uses of all commercial paper, by filling out notes, drafts, cheques, invoices and other forms that are in everyday use in actual business life.

After his inspection of the College the reporter returned to the office, where he was shown the enrollment and was surprised to find that fifty-five students had already enrolled. In view of this it was not surprising to learn that Principal Spotton is already on the lookout for a third teacher for the College. It was interesting to learn that a large proportion of the students in attendance are from outside places, many of them coming from the surrounding towns and villages; Mr. Spotton advertises his "chain" of colleges in almost one hundred country newspapers, so in this way our town will be kept well before the people of Western Ontario. From the commencement the Banner felt that this institution would become a first-class business school, but we are free to confess that we did not expect it to attain to present proud standing in the short time of four months. At the present time it has a larger attendance than many of the city schools. May it continue to prosper and may it attain its founder's lofty ideals, is our sincerest wish.—Orangeville Banner, Nov. 14, 1907. (We understand that since the above was written, over twelve more students were enrolled from outside points. This is surely the greatest record of any Commercial school in Canada.—Ed.)

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