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For Weal or for Woe;

Or, A Dark Temptation

CHAPTER XXXI.—(Cont'd)

The world seemed to whirl around her and then stand still.

She recognized him instantly as the keeper of the Morgue, the man who had been so useful to her in helping to cheat Percy Granville into the belief that the dead girl who so closely resembled his lost love was indeed Little Gay.

But in that thrilling moment a daring thought came to the brain of the desperate, guilty beauty—she would deny that she was the same person who came to him on that fatal errand that night.

She looked at him proudly, defiantly. "You are quite mistaken," she said, curtly. "I have never seen you before."

In vain he protested, repeating every word of the conversation that passed between them on that eventful night.

She shook her golden head and turned from him impatiently, and the motion maddened him.

He made one great stride toward her. He seized her delicate wrist in his great, strong hand.

"You hypocrite!" he cried, gazing down fiercely into her beautiful, defiant face, "you have used me cleverly for your end, and now you would deny me. You do not choose to remember how you pleaded with me to help you in your nefarious scheme, telling me I might name my own reward. You gave me a false name and address, but that did not daunt me. I have searched all over to find you and tell you what my reward must be. Listen! you need not try to take your hand away from me, for this hand must be mine! That is the reward I ask for what I have done for you; refuse, and I swear, before the sun sets, the whole world shall know that strange story."

Evelyn St. Claire's lips grew white and dry; she recoiled from the man in loathing, too deep for words; he saw it, and it exasperated him.

The effrontery of the man's proposition almost stunned her.

Looking up into the hard, grim face, she saw that he meant every word he had uttered.

Like a flash, remembrance came to her, too, that Percy might come at any moment and find the man there, and her very soul within her grew sick with horror as she thought of the terrible denouement that would be sure to follow.

"Perhaps my proposition has been too sudden for you," he said, (tightened at the deathly pallor that was shrouding over her face) "I'll give you a little encouragement," he went on quickly. "I have no intention of being harsh with you, for I love you. I have loved you from the first moment I looked upon your face. Do not meddle me by attempting to deny your identity; your very feature is engraven too clearly and unmistakably for that on my heart. I will give you a week to make up your mind whether you will marry me, or whether I shall tell the strange story I have to tell, to the world."

Even while he spoke a fiendish thought was flashing through the guilty brain of Evelyn St. Clair.

"We will walk on through the copse-wood and talk this matter over," she said, with a desperate calmness that surprised even herself.

If he had not been so desperately in love with her the glitter in her steel-blue eyes would have warned him against her.

Gladly enough he consented, thinking his eloquence had struck through her armor of pride and defiance to her heart at last.

Evelyn held out her white hand to him with a pretty gesture that won him completely.

"It is useless to deny longer all that you have asserted," she said in a low voice. "I admit the favor you once granted me, and now I ask if there is no other way in which I can cancel it than becoming your wife?"

His wife! she, the haughty, dainty heiress, to mate with this common hireling! The very idea of it made the angry blood leap like fire through her veins; she longed to turn upon him with the fierceness of a tigress and dash him to her feet for the very audacity of his presumption.

"No, there is no other way," he replied, decisively. "You are a beautiful woman, and rich; why should I not exert my power over you, to make you my wife?"

"I am rich, as you say," she answered steadily. "I would, and could, make it a great object for you to go away and leave me in peace; could gold bribe you?"

"I would rather have your sweet self than all your gold. Do you think you are the first and only woman who has ever touched my heart. No, no, you cannot buy me off with a less bribe than your own sweet self."

The lines around the heiress' mouth grew harder, and the steel-like glitter deepened in her eyes.

She had led him by a circuitous path through the copse-wood to a stretch of ground which joined her own ground in the rear. It was screened from the stone house on the hill by tall nodding poplars.

It was a dangerous jewelry owing to the fact that a gulf had been sunk there years before, and had been abandoned without being properly covered. And on the very brink of this black, yawning abyss Evelyn paused, casting a quick nervous glance about her.

"Nothing must come between you and the throne of being Percy's bride," she muttered below her breath. "I have sworn one life from my path, why should I hesitate at sweeping away a second? This man has brought his fate upon his own head.

"It will not be necessary to wait a week for my answer," she said slowly. "I can give it to you here and now quite as well."

"I shall be all the more pleased," he exclaimed radiantly. "I can read my answer in your face, my beautiful girl—it is yes."

Evelyn St. Claire turned upon him like a flash of lightning, the furious anger in her superb blonde face fairly appalling him.

"I marry you!" she cried. "Why, you must be mad! You shall wed, but the bride you are to take to your heart is the pallid bride of death," and with these words ringing in his ears, and before he could divine her terrible intention, she had sprung forward, giving him a fearful push that sent him reeling headlong down—down into the horrible depths of the unused shaft.

Not even a moan or a cry reached her, or the thud of the body as it fell on the rocks below, there was such a terrible ringing in her ears.

"Dead men can tell no tales," she muttered, bending breathlessly over the yawning mouth of the pit. "I am safe."

Gathering up her dainty lace skirts in her jeweled hands, she fairly flew back to the house. It almost seemed to her the tall, specter trees that had witnessed the awful crime might take vengeance upon her by tossing out their arms and striking her dead as she passed beneath them.

She reached the house panting and trembling in every limb.

Avice, her maid, met her on the threshold.

"I have been looking everywhere for you, Miss Evelyn," she said. "Mr. Granville is here—he looks pale and unlike himself."

CHAPTER XXXII.

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He tried to forget it, as men strive against temptation; the thrilling dark eyes haunted him.

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SURPRISED LADY ABERDEEN.

A millionaire whose "mind-reading" once astonished Lady Aberdeen is Warren Y. Soper, vice-president of the Ottawa Electric Company and director of almost a score of others.

In his earlier days Mr. Soper was a telegraph operator, and a good one, so good, in fact, that his expert feats with the Morse code once led him to give an exhibition. Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen—for it was during their stay in Canada—were present.

On the stage, blind-folded, sat a gentleman, while Mr. Soper, passing through the audience, was handed a number of articles. Each he scrutinized, but he neither spoke nor made any sign. In every case the "subject" on the stage called out an accurate description of the article.

Then Lady Aberdeen supplied the supreme test. Writing upon her

Warren Y. Soper.

programme a sentence, she handed it to Mr. Soper, requesting that he transmit it mentally to the man on the stage. "I see a sentence of five words", called out the "subject" a few seconds later, and he repeated the exact words. The astonishment was profound.

But when the excitement had died down Mr. Soper simply said: "Not telepathy, but telegraphy." And from his pocket he took a small coil of wire, the other end of which, enclosed under a carpet, was in the pocket of the "subject." The messages had simply been transmitted by his expert touch system.

Man Who Had 100 Pipes.

A wife who obtained a judicial separation from her husband told a curious story at the South-western (London, England,) police court. She was Annie Traves, of 15 Farlow Road, Putney, and she stated that her husband, a master carpenter, would only allow her twopence a day to get dinner, though he had about £180 at the bank. "What does he do with his money?" inquired the Magistrate. "He spends it in clothes, pipes and other things," was the reply. "He has 100 pipes, between fifty and sixty walking sticks and innumerable pairs of boots."

Women Now Smoke Cigars.

Englishwomen are developing the smoking habit more than ever. Of course they do not as a rule get beyond cigarettes, but recently a petit brand of cigars has been put on the market. It is something like the thin cigarettes which one buys on the continent for a couple of centimes, except that the flavor and strength are more akin to the Egyptian cigarette. It is a leaf covered cigarette, with sufficient pungency to make the fair smokers think they are doing something daring in lighting what looks like a cigar.

Sometimes.

"Do you think a woman believes you when you tell her she is the first girl you ever loved?"

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"OBEY" LEFT OUT OF SERVICE

M.P.'s Daughter Who Married Athlete Is a Suffragette.

The recent wedding of Miss Cicely Corbett, the daughter of C. J. Corbett, the late English Member of Parliament for one of the Sussex divisions, had a special interest, as the ceremony was arranged so as to avoid those parts of the Church service which include the wife's promise to "obey."

The bridegroom was C. D. Fisher, who was a three-quarter back in the Oxford Rugby team of 1903. Miss Corbett is a keen suffragist and a number of people interested in the movement were present at the wedding. It was held at Horsted Keynes, where her father lives, and the place was the Congregational Hall of the village.

At one end of the hall was a platform with four chairs upon it, and to this platform advanced the bride, her father, the bridegroom and the best man, while a march was played upon the organ. Then entered the registrar, and the bride and bridegroom made the legal declarations, which were supplemented by the exchange of wedding rings.

The registrar then retired, and after a solo had been sung Hugh Chapman of the Savoy, whose sympathies with the suggestion for the omission of the "obey" sentence from the service are already well known, gave a short and eloquent address. It should be said that by this time the bridegroom had exchanged places with the bride's father, so that the bride and the bridegroom sat together on one side of the platform and the best man and the bride's father on the other.

Beauty is only skin deep, especially if a girl hasn't any money.

HOME

Selected Recipes.

Cottage Cheese.—Mix one pint of cottage cheese with one-half cupful of chopped English walnuts, one teaspoonful of chopped chives, one teaspoonful of salt and one-half saltspoonful of paprika. Form into balls and arrange in nests of lettuce. Serve with a mayonnaise dressing, to which has been added some chopped olives and capers.

Cheese Cream Toast.—Melt one and one-half tablespoonfuls of butter, add one and one-half tablespoonfuls of flour and when bubbling pour on one and one-half cupfuls of scalded milk, stirring briskly until the sauce is smooth; season with salt, pepper and paprika. Add two-thirds of a cupful of mild, grated cheese and cook until the cheese is melted. Dip six slices of toast in the sauce, place in a hot dish and pour the cream sauce over them.

Boiled Icing—Often one finds that a boiled frosting is either too much done or not cooked enough. A woman whose boiled frosting always calls for praise tells the secret of her success. She uses three tablespoonfuls of water to a cupful of sugar; when the mixture begins to boil she slowly beats six tablespoonfuls of it into the white of an egg, beaten very stiff. Then she lets the remainder of the syrup boil till it hairs; this point in the cooking reached, she beats it gradually into the egg mixture.

Famous London Dish—Take a quarter pound of grated cheese. Dissolve in one cupful of milk a small quarter of a teaspoonful of soda, then add it to the grated cheese; add a quarter of a teaspoonful of mustard, half a saltspoonful of white pepper, a pinch of cayenne pepper and two tablespoonfuls of browned flour. Heat in double boiler until cheese is dissolved, then stir in three well-beaten eggs, stir a few moments and pour into individual patty-pans or cases, and bake a nice brown. Serve hot.

Cottage Cheese and Chives—Rub the salad bowl with a small clove of garlic or mince the garlic very fine, add two cupfuls of cottage cheese and two teaspoonfuls of chives cut fine with scissors, one teaspoonful of salt and one-half saltspoonful of paprika. Mix well, add a little rich cream if necessary to help it retain its shape, then stir in lightly three tablespoonfuls of chopped pimento; pile upon a bed of cress and ornament with pimento cut in fancy shapes and place upon ice until needed. Serve with mayonnaise dressing.

Good Celery Pickle—For this celery pickle put in the good leaves as well as the stalks. Three parts celery, three parts cabbage, one part onions. Put these through the meat grinder and mix with three-fourths cup of salt to a gallon. Let stand overnight, then drain off what liquid comes away readily. Heat and add the following to every gallon: One quart good vinegar, one-half cup sugar, eight bay leaves, twenty drops oil of cloves, twenty drops oil of cinnamon. Just before stirring this into the vegetables add one-fourth teaspoonful of red pepper.

Good Vinegar—To start, use any kind of sweet juice. If you have any jelly that has gone to sugar or that didn't form, or a little sorghum, syrup, or anything of the kind, put it in a stone jar with enough warm water to make just a sweetened water. Take a piece of brown wrapping paper, cut round the size of the jar lid, and put with it a thin layer of bread dough the size of the paper. Roll both up together and drop it in the jar; this will form the plant. Any kind of fruit juice of rinsings from jelly glasses may be added at any time. Keep the jar in a warm place. The contents will be vinegar in about three weeks after the jar is filled and will taste just like cider vinegar. It is a great saving, for one uses so much vinegar in the summer for sliced cucumbers, salads, beets, beans, covering pickles, etc. The same "plant" may be used for years if kept in the juice.

Home Hints.

Wrap cheese in a cloth soaked in vinegar if you wish it to be kept moist and free from mold.

If the alarm clock rings too loudly slip an elastic band around the bell to diminish the noise.

Shelves are a necessity in every bathroom. So is a little medicine closet to hang on the wall.

Heat the clothespins if you would have warm hands while hanging out the clothes in cold weather.

A great aid to baby's bath when he is afraid of water is some water toys which he can play with.

Before dyeing a garment mark the right side with thread so that there will be no doubt about it.

Every housekeeper should keep a pair of butcher's cuffs on hand to protect the sleeves in emergencies.

Brushes and combs are best washed in strong ammonia water. For the bristles, it should be cold.

To clean ribbon, sponge with alcohol and rub over the spot with clean white soap, holding the ribbon straight.

To remove grease from woollen materials, rub in powdered French chalk. After some hours shake it out.

Use wash pillows whenever possible for living rooms and dens. They are more hygienic and more sanitary.

When tinware is new rub it with lard and heat thoroughly in the oven. Tinware treated in this way will never rust.

Porch chairs of wicker or reed can be cleaned with soapsuds and a scrubbing brush and then can be shellacked.

To stone raisins without stickiness, stem them, cover with boiling water for two minutes and then open the raisins.

A cake should be iced before it is quite cold.

Charcoal powder is excellent for cleaning fine knives.

A sheet of heavy cardboard is desirable to cool hot cakes upon.

A special knife should always be kept for onions, bread and hot fat.

Try a long glass stirring rod for stirring food cooking over a hot stove.

Hot soapsuds with ammonia is admirable for cleaning gold jewelry.

In whipping cream, add the white of an egg to every cupful of cream.

Cornmeal will remove lamp smoke from a wall blackened by kerosene.

Chloroform is good for removing grease spots, but should be used with care.

Turnips and potatoes mashed together make a pleasant change on the table.

Never blacken a kitchen stove; wash it every day with clean soap and water.

Housewives will find the butcher's apron a great convenience, as it covers even the sleeves.

Before beginning to make a cake all utensils and ingredients should be placed ready to hand.

Never plunge the ivory handle of a knife into hot water. Wash the knives in a knife jug.

Scraps of cream cheese may be made useful by mixing them with butter and milk or a little cream. This should be spread on thin, wafer-like crackers, made into sandwiches and served with salad.

Pour boiling water on oranges and let them stand five minutes. This will cause the white lining to come away with the skin so that a large quantity of oranges can be quickly sliced for sauce or pudding.

When sealing butters or preserves, place a circle of thin cloth on top and sprinkle this with ground cinnamon. The spice prevents mold from accumulating on the fruit.

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His Treatment of Lioness Would Arouse a Suffragette.

The lion is regarded as the king of beasts and the noblest specimen of the four-footed tribe. But those who have been at close quarters in have a different opinion, writes Frank W. Butler in Pall Mall Magazine.

In fact, the "king" has habits that would make a militant suffragette grit her teeth and provide her with some telling facts for lecture purposes.

He sallies out at night accompanied by his wife, and he sends her off to growl and roar and frighten game into his jaws. He gets the lion's share, she gets the lioness's, and when he has satisfied his appetite he does an immense amount of roaring and bragging about his prowess.

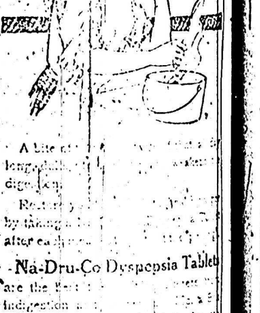
If the pair have been unfortunate enough to fall across gunners and the lioness is first shot, the King of Beasts leaves his husband behind to get away. If the lion is shot first, the lioness makes her off very nasty indeed and rushes to her dead mate to avenge him.

Having beaten the Kennet and Avon River banks for two hours, a lion and lioness jumped out of the reeds and bushes, the lioness having first emitted a loud growl that served as a useful warning. I fired, and wounded her, whereupon she charged, lashing her sides with her tail. Luckily Mr. Guy, Mr. Doomer's partner, was at the gallery, and his rifle laid her low for a short time; after which she recovered and sprang from bush to bush growling. Spoiling her I followed, and with a third shot from my Manulicher finished her.

We formed camp and for three weeks lions came close to us, hoping to pick up our dead. The hunting of Leo being a rather serious business and one requiring strict precautions, we had our tents and hurricane lamps lighted an hour before dark, and kept them going until daylight.

It is not difficult as a rule to know when lions are about, as they make their presence audible. A soft, velvety darkness under the stars you hear a "woof," answered from various points of the compass by other "woofs."

It is then time to see to it that the boys have the fires going, otherwise the utterers of the "woofs" will likely enough snatch your tent and make things uncomfortable, although, as a rule, it is only the



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