JACK'S QUEEN;

Light at Last.

CHAPTER XV.

The sun cetting behind the great hills orewas them with glory and fills the heather with mestic eplonder of coloring. As I gaze upon the scene, I wonder meurufally what has become of my old self; the place is the came, and kind faces unaltered, so

the change must be in me. I have been a dead failure; instead of a comfert to Percy, I am an encumbrance a thorn in the flesh: he may even regard me as his skeleton. Looking back, I find enly one thing to make me happy—that I was true to Jack from the beginning to the end, from the first time his laughing eyes looked in mine until the last hour of his life; if I had to reproach myself with neglect and falsehood to him, my life would be worse than it is.

For that breach between Percy and me is ever and ever widening: true is is that here he is at his best, that the influence of his native spot is not lest altogether; our conversation is no lenger limited to " yes " and "ne, as in Londer, but we talk like two acquaintances, uncaugenial companions imprisoned together, and labering hard to make the best of it. Far better had we not met that Highland summer that seemed so beautiful and so glerious!

I have missed my landmark semehow, for cuce I know that he loved me, once all promised well, and we were very happy, Somewhere, somehow, I have made a mistake : it may be that, like the poet, I ex pected too much, and thought the stations of my course should rise "as altar stone or ensigned oltadel." I have neglected the samall shings which make up the sum of life; to watch for impossible splenders, and so have missed my way. I wonder if "the same goal is still on the same track"? Shall I find either? And I wender too if Percy also missed his landmark.

Oas day, opening a newspaper, I see that Captain Dallas has been favorably mention ed in the despatches—such as he do succeed. In another column I read that " a marriage is arranged " between Mr. Baring and Miss Lamarche, and I have a letter from Edith telling me that this is so, as she did not wish the young barrieter to be unsuccessful Ar his first suit. I give the letter to Percy but his only comment is that he hopes I will give his congratulations to Mias Lamarche when I write. We do not talk about Elith as once we should have done; those days are past We are "strangers yet."

No one was more lonely that I am—no

one ever craved more for love and liking. Percy works hard with his pen, shut up in the studio which I no more enter-he can sscape from the workaday world when he chooses; lared of this, he can leave its vexaslone and gri. vances for that kingdom where everything is as he desires, where, unless he wills otherwise, there is no pain, no serrow, and all things are beautiful.

As I have done eften before, I steal down this allent night to look at him, where, whilet ethers sleep, the Angel of Imagination descends. I remember how I saw him here before, glowing and ardent, scarcely able to pen the bright thoughts that inspired him.

The doer is open, and I can see him plainly; but not as I expected. His desk is closed, and there is a painful neatness in the reem, instead of leese papers, epen beoks, and disordered shelves; he sits alone and idle, the scattered locks of his hair pushed back by a hand which seems to be thinner and whiter than of yore; his face is weary and haggard, most profoundly dejected, and the eyes are glistening with un-

No words of mine could describe the entive loneliness, the melanchely pathes of this picture.

I have never seen tears in his eyes before, Have I ever rightly understood him? There are depths in him which I have never sounded, and perhaps never shall. He has been sheve and beyond me: coldness and pride are his premine at qualities according to my endowment. Have I read him right

ly?

Have I not believed him mere wrapped blind when he clearly saw, avoided him when he would have gladly had me, though his sensitiveness and pride prevented him from asking? Have we been at cross purposes with each other's nature and character all along? He starts, and suddenly looks up, faintly flushing as our eyes meet; and I wish that he had not caught me.

"Is anything wrong !" he asks, rising hastlly.

"Nothing, nothing! I only came to—to look at yea." I stammer; and then add in solf-defence, "I have eften come before, Percy.

And then it dawns upon me that to him it is the most anneying thing I could say. James Deummond did not object to be star ed at half as much as does Percy, and it cannot please him to know that I am in the habit of creeping dewn to play the spy de net wait fer any answer, for a repention of his disdainful look, but go away and cry myself te sleep. Not being ornel, he make no allusion to the circumstance after, and I do not go to the room any more; instead of that, I lie staring at the stars, and plo

ture him sitting there alone and sorrowful, bitterly regretting his mistake. So the atream of time goes on, until a certain morning he tells me that he intends to walk same distance, for the purpose of visiting one of his tenants, an old man who lies dying. I suppose acts such as these are the reason why Percy's people so leve him Truly they understand him better than I do! In their eyes be does no wrong He is, so to

speak, their bonnie Prince Charlie. He goes away, and I am left alone-time was when I might have accompanied him; now I am left to my own resources. I can net sing, for my veice is gone; I cannot play, for my fingers tremble and make hid-sons discords of Beethoven and Mendels sohn; so I sit idle, staring at the hills and the great sheet of water over which the mist dreops low.

I wonder how long Sir Percy will be away? I say to Mrs. Buchao, the bousekeeper, when the shadows begin telengthen and there are no signs of his return,

"Not very leng, my lady, I should think," she answers cheerfully; "but it would be shulst like the laird to wanner off semewhere, dreaming of his books."

Even as she speaks, I see the plaided shepherd advancing, with a startled face, and I hear his entrance; then Macdonald,

the steward, cemes in with an apelogy, and might he speak to Mistress Buchan! Evidently they think I am a child.

"Something has happened to Sir Percy, I say, quite calmly. "Scener or later I am bound to know, so you may as well tell me

"My lady," he stammers. with a scared

"Is he killed?" I ask; and Mrs. Buchan gives an exclamation of herror,

My question elicits explanation. Percy has fallen from Glowring oralgs, at the fost of which a shepherd tound him insensible; new he is being brought home, still unconscious, and some one has gone for the doctor without delay; the extent of his injuries is yet unknown; and, in conclusion, Mucdonald mildly suggests that a room should be prepared for the laird.

"And now you will ge away," says Mrs. Buchen to me with authority; "this is no place, my dear young lady, for you shuist new. If you will stay in your room——"

"Ne, I can't; I must help yeu!" I ory "Inteet; and yeu will be a hindrance," she says, with candour; "and the laird would not be pleased."

But I want to see him," I insist, "So you shall," she says, in a tone of one soothing an infant; "but not shuist as they bring him in. Hoot, fie; he will be

net much hurt!" And, patting my shoulder, she half leads. half ferces me up stairs, and then hurries away to direct and instruct the servants Seon I hear the tread of heavy teet, then there is a long silence. Oh, is Percy dead ! I dare not ask, I dare not move; and then comes a sharp loud ring and the quick step of Dootor Ferbes, and ellence again, during which I try to pray, but can only wring my

Mcs. Buchan comes up to me presently with an air of encouragement, and tells me that he is a good deal bruised, that his arm is broken, and that they are going to set it all as though we had something to rejain about. It is possible that we have too.

She bids me remain where I am, and hurrios away again? but I am net disposed to obey her. Instead of that, I creep half-way down stairs, and sit there listening and watching, my heart aching for Persy in his pain. It is very quiet; once the bell rings, and Mrs. Buchan looks out of the room where he lies to give some whispered order but there is no seund from within.

l am quite sure that, if I hear Percy cry

eut or groan, I shall rush to him; but all is very quiet. I think that for an hour I sit there shivering and suddering, and im-agining what is being dene to my husband, stckening when the footsteps within quick At length the door opens, and Doctor Forbes came out, not in the least agitated, Calm and unrufiled, he looks about him as he fastens his coat; but the dear life which might have been lest is not linked with his. I rush down stairs and grasp his arm, and he greets me as though nething had hap-

"How is l'ercy !" I gasp. "You have not had to amputate the arm, have you?"
"No, indeed," he says, half laughing;
"he will not be able to use it for some
time, certainly; but that is the worst."

"Will he have a fever?" I go en. "I think you are more likely to have that than he is. Kep him quiet and cheerful, my dear Lady Glencairn, and give him plenty of attention, and he will soon be well; and that is not much more than men

want at all times, is it?"
All the Mrs. Buchans in Scotland would not keep me from Percy now. I creep into the reom soitly, and the finger of warning she upraises is not needed.

He is lying on the improvised couch, his arm in a sling acress his breast. I think he must have fainted, for they have been wetting his hair, and it lies daubled and confused on his fershead; the is very white, and on one temple is a slight sc.atchotherwise, thank Heaven, his handsome face is unmarked, there is no disfigurement as I had dreaded! He is very exhausted, for he lies with his eyes closed, and a little line of pain between his fine dark brows,

I carry a chair very quietly to his side and sit down there, not daring to touch him, lost I should disturb him; and Mrs. Buchan moves softly about the reem, folding and putting away things. 'And Isee now that the injured arm is the right one; think of what that means to an author!

remain so for a leng time : Mrs. B: lights a lamp and shades it, so that the room is in semi-shadow; then Percy turns his head towards mo, and opens his eyesthey are very heavy and languid : but he smiles as they meet mine. On, Percy dar-ling, the first real smile you have given me for so long !

I clasp his uninjured hand in both of my ewn, and feel my tears rising as I bend my face down until it touches his; but I have nothing better to say than-

"You must never go out alone again, Peroy."

"I am evidently net to be trusted," he says, in a whisper; and then his eyes close. When he speaks again, I am streking back his hair and he murmurs indistinctly that my hand is nice and coel; thus encouraged, I draw my arm under that dear dark head, so that it rests near me; and thus he falls asleep, and sleeps until night, when Dector Forbes comes again. Then he wakens, with his face flushed and his eyes sparkling, and

he glares at the Doctor.
"Lady Spleuchan says that marriages for leve never take place now!' he exclaims

People generally make that discovery at her ladyship's age," returns the unr.illed Forbes, quietly putting Percy back on his

"Everything was given to her by Jack," he goes on excitedly; and the Doctor says that Jack prebably had me use for things himself, at the same time administering a dese from a small phial.

"He is wandering a little, Lady Glen-caira," he explains to me; "but there's nothing alarming in it. You see it is ever

now. I remain with Percy all night; indeed, nothing will induce me to leave him until all possibility of danger is gone; Mrs. Buchau Is second nurse, and a more devoted woman I have never seen. Percy makes no comment on his accident, after he has told me how it happened, nor does he say anything about my being here always. Yet I think he is not displeased; if my wishes and and hopes and desires do not ideceive me, he is glad when I am near him; he likes to have me soothing his aching head; he is pleased to feel my fingers holding his, so helpless; he would rather have feed or anything given to him by me than even by the faithful woman who saw him in his cradle, Soon Doctor Ferbes reports that he is Glodsmith,

getting on splendidly; but we do not desert the post for all that. He is not by any means an amlable invalid; he is not one of those whe, in pain and sickness, can be gentle and patient and cheerful; on the contary, he his often very impatient and irri table, and nothing in the world is right; at such times Mrs. Buchan ceaxes him and talks to him as she mighs to a sick child, a

liberty en which I could never venture.

Peor fellow; it is hard enough fer one with his restless activity of mind and bedy

to lie here helpless! There never were kinder people than these Highlanders, who trudge on feet from far and near to ask about the laird, and bring mest extraordinary tributes of affection to the invalid and to me; Macdenald acts as my interpreter when he overcomes his shyness, and does not redden when I speak to him quite so painfully as he did at

And by degrees Percy recovers; one day he is able to sit up, another day to walk from that room to the next, and Mrs. Bachan gives him a newspaper with permission to read it. When I come in, I find that, unable to manage it with one hand, he has tossed it down, and is staring gloomily at the fire; so I ge to the rescue, and read for him all that he wishes.

Another day brings a letter from his publichers, and with his literary correspondence Micronald never interferes; so it is sent up stairs, where I read it for him, and am rather surprised when he asks for his ste-

ward.
"Do yeu want him here!" I ask, not

quite understanding,
"Certainly, That letter must be answered. Will yeu send him here?" But I have Sir Percy at my mercy now,

and I quietly refuse. "No, Percy, I would rather write the letter for you myself, if you will let ma."
"If you like—only it is a trouble."

But I get paper and pen and write the letter, from his dictation. "I den't suppose that Dunbar will be finished this year," he says, " so they may pestpone any anneuncements."

Why can't it be finished?' I ask. "Not from lack of ineplication," he raturns gleomily; "but I never learned to write with my left hand."

"But I will write for you, Percy; I can

write so quickly."
"I should soon tire you; I never was patient enough to employ an amanuensis."
"Let me try; I will seen tell you when

I get the key of his desk, and fly away from the room in excitement; I tremble so that I cannot unlock it at first, and have to sit down a mement. Then't Heaven, here is light at last; I have found my lan imark ! On, I did indeed expect too much, and feared too much, venturing too little! I did not understand that it was not in him to ask and plead, to make requests, and I stood waiting for him to do so when I should eave gone quietly on, never to meet with re-pulse. I have been mistaken in him; but "As here I turn, I'll thank God, hastening, That the same goal is still on the same track."

I get the manuscript and carry it to Percy, with the suggestion that it shall be read from the beginning to enable him to resume in the spirit of its conception, thus bridging over the interruption of his illness; he agrees with me; and then I sit down at his feet and and read, until dim twilight

closes upon us, and I can see no mere.

"Why, what a selfeth wreter I am I" he exclaims. "I have kept you reading se long. You must be quite worn out."

"Ne, I am not. I shall go on soon, unless you are tired."

"With listening to my ewn preductions That is scarcely probable; besides I like to вее уоц

"'Bending with soul-stilled face O'er poet's page, gold-shadowed in thy hair."

When he receives permission from Mrs. Buchan in the morning, he comes to this room, where I have desk and pen and paper in readiness. As I told him, I can write rapidly, and his pauses for consideration are rests for me; now I read what I have written and make the corrections and interpolations he points out, andso for many a bright and happy hour I work for him, and we are in leed "two souls softly span-ned by one o'er-arching heaven" of sympathy and leve. At length his arm is released from its sling; he is next able to use and naturally the first thing he takes in his fingers is his pen.

Never shall I ferget the feeling which

thrills me when I see him, restored to par-fect health and strength, resume his usual place, and take the pen himself, no more denendant on the weak hand of a woman, My occupation is gene, he no longer wants me, and our happy days have passed away now.

I leave him, and go to my music, only to turn it ever, simlessly reading the titles; the old coldness will come back, I fear; no words can express that fear, or the yearn ing longing desire of affection that fills me

My pensive thoughts are interrupted in no romantic way, simply by Percy calling me—net lovingly, ner tenderly, nor gently, but crossly; the word is very commonplace but it is the only one which describes his tone. And the look with which he greets me, this is another new trait : I have never seen Percy cross before. He asks me some thing about what he has just written, and I give my opinion meekly; but still he is not appeased

"Why did you go away?" he says, still in that tene of injured and irritable innoconce. "I suppose it was because you knew I could not get on without you." And then he stops abruptly, and his expression changes; it is tender almost to tears. "No; perhaps you do not know it; but all the same it is trus. On, Vera, Vera, we have been groping in darkassa a long time !"

I answer nething; I only rest in my haven, and let my tears have their own way, tears of the most perfect joy and happiness and never was my lover half so tender as my husband.

Yes, we have been in darkness a leng time ; but light falls upon us at last, never te fade away; and ever after this place will be to me one of the dearest and levellest spots on earth, for here we find perfect peace and love that is everlasting

I do not go away again; I sit near him, and we speak together of what shall be done when Dunbar shall be given to the world; or, when he goes on quiesly writing, I fix my eyes upon the red star of the ruby whose splender falls unclouded on my way

[THE END.]

The first fault is the child of simplicity; but every other, the offspring of guilt,

HOUSEHOLD.

FRUIT FOR TEA. " Fresh fruit on the farmer's table every day in the year" is the standard at which we should aim, but even if we attain it. or very nearly se, there are a good many days when we prefer semething that is naturally out of season. Then there are masculine palates that demand cooked fruit, as especially suited to a civilized tea table. Even with a most abundant supply of fresh fruit, the cook must consider its preparation for the tea-table: while the whole onre of fruit se as to secure, with a wise economy, a well filled store closet, is one of the serious undertakings of the country house keeper. A saving of time and labour in this direction, by improved methods is always eagerly welcomed.

There seems to be a certain reaction in favor of the jams, jailles, and preserves of our grandmothers, as against the almost universally adopted canned gaods, at present prices, come into close competition with these of domestic manufacture, and both are to many tastes somewhat insipid and tasteless. While the serviceable glass jars are indispensable in every well-regulated house-held, many of us incline to fill a shelf or two with the genuine eld fashioned preserves and many a woman expert in their preparation has found it a resource for earning her During the summer and autumn there is

frequently a small surplus of fruit which must be promptly disposed of or it will be lost. These small quantities, judiciously cared for in easy labor-saving ways, will have a material effect in increasing, varying, economising the year's supply in store. Suppose that a few berries are "left" after tea, er a little fruit of any kind, already prepared for the table. Even half a pint of berries is worth saving; if they happen to be wild strawberries or field blackcaps, or any other highly flavored small fruit, the return will amply repay the trouble of mak-

ing them into jam.

Berry Jam.—As this is one of the simplest and most generally liked modes of preserving, useful also for tarts and for various desserts, it is difficult to have too much j.m. A single glass made at once will help to fill up, and it is very little trouble to make it. Pat your berries in a saucepan granite ware serves an excellent purpose with just water enough to provent burning, and bruise them gently with a spron; let them ball up well, and, having first measured them, and a scant cupiul of sugar for each cupful of berries. Stir occasionally and let them simmer gently for twenty to thirty minutes—say while you are doing up the tea dishes. When thick enough to set" to a firm jelly they should be immediately taken up in tumblers or small jars. Experience will seen teach one to jaige of the cooking by the appearance and manner of belling; it must be remembered that a little fruit cooks much factor than a greater quantity in the same versel and the danger et burning is net increased but les-

Compotes, -An expellent use for a quart or twe of cherries, blackberries, pears, or peaches or almost any good table fruit, is to make a compote, excellent either for dessert or the tea table. Although not available for permanent stores, the compote will keep in good condition in a cool place for several days, and may therefore prolong the period of a favorite but perishable fruit probably preserves the natural flaver of the fruit more perfectly than any other mode of cooking. Make a syrup by boiling as much sugar as your fruit will require to make it agreeable to taste with a cup of water. Judgment must determine this point according to the fruit used: there should not be too much sugar, as that will smother the delicate fl.vor, er yet too little, for that makes the result a little "flat." Skim, if any soum rises, and add the fruit. Let it simmer until the fruit is cooked through, but not so as to be at all broken; ten minutes is long enough for most fruits. If the slrup seems too thin, drain out the fruit and bell, to evaporate a little more. For most fruits a quarter of a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit will be enough. For the rich, old fashioned preserves, 'pound for pound " is still required,

For Biking Day.—If one adopts the habit of saving the little remainders of fruit during the week, it is often as you baking day to add to the good thing; provided a dainty plate of tarts. Perhaps there are filled, half with ourrant and half with raspberry jam, or plums and peaches may have taken the place of the earlier fruits. Or any tart jum may be spread evenly over a square of pasts, and another square laid upon it; then the whole marked off in diamonds to be cut apart after baking. O: the tartlets may be finished with a light meringue of white of an egg beaten to a froth with half a cupful of powdered sugar to each. Any of these will make a pretty and teethsome addition to the rea table.

GOLDEN NUGGETS.

Charity is a first mertgage on every human being's possession.—Bruyers. Who leves his work and knews how to spare, may live and flourish anywhere,

The more we do, the more we can do: the more busy we are, the more leisure we have. Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in Spring time, -Martin Luther.

"I tell you," said a rabid free thinker, "the idea that there is a God never comes into my head." "Ah precisely like my respended Brother Talmage; "but he deesn't go around howling about it,"

Pride, ill-nature and want of sense are the three great sources of ill manners. Without sems of these defects no man will behave himself ill fer want of experience, or what, in the language of fools, is called knowing the world. -Swift

Domestic life has peculiar trials, but so has every other condition of this our mertal probation. They who wear this shoes and stop glagerty feel the publics in the path. The firm tread of the steut boot presses them into the carth. - Marian Harland.

Truth does not require your painting, brother; it is itself beauty. Unfold it, and men will be captivated. Take your brush to sot off the rainbow, or give a new tings of splender to the setting sun, but keep it away from the "R see of Sharon and the Lity of the Valley."

If you cannot be happy in one way, be in another; and this facility of disposition

wants but little aid from philosophy, for health and good humer are almost the whole affair. Many run about atter felicity, like an absent man hunting for his hat, while it is in his hand or on his head.—Shamp.

SCIENCE NOTES.

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Anent the English sparrew nuisance, s writer in Science stated that if red pepper be sprinkled among the leaves of lvy or other vines it will soon rid them of the pests.

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A preminent physician writing to the New York Medical Record condemns roller skating as an exercise for girls, and states that it seems to bring out any latest predisposition to disease of the kidneys or heart, To stain pine or cherry chany color dis

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eunce sal ammonlac, three conose cream of tartar and six cunces common salt in one pint hot water; then add two eu aces nitrate of copper, dissolved in what pine water; mix wall and apoly it repeatedly to the article by means of a brush, The reck known as Mank in the vicinity

of the Faroe Islands has succumbed to the elements leaving only a dangerous reef, covered at high water, to mark its former position. This rock was some seventy feet high, and from some points of view resembled a cowled figure: hence its name.

It has been discovered by a Chicago physician that suburban life is powerfully provecative of dyspepsia. Men are like animals and must eat their meals quietly and leisurely to secure a perfect flow of gentric juice. He who belts his breakfast with his mind on the time-table, and his eyes on the clook, and further outrages nature by a sharp run to catch the train, must soon or late expeot to pay the penalty.

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