Kit Kennedy

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CHAPTER LIV.

WALTER MAC WALTER MEETS MARY BISSET.

When she came to herself Lilias found that she was supported in arms which clasped her firmly about the waist. Her head lay on someone's somehow, as the buzzing in her ears ceased, she seemed to find herself in some strangely familiar place. She felt an incurious content steal over her. She was quite ready to stay madman. where she was for ever.

"Mother," she said, "is that you?" But even as she said it she knew that her mother was not there.

Then her eyes opened upon a world of dazzling whiteness, upon the blue of a brilliant sky infinitely removed.

Mac Walter. He was standing above the original marriage lines of Chris- to work the farm for them. her looking at her as she had seen him do last night. She shrieked aloud. "Oh, take him away-do not let him come near me!"

Then a voice spoke in her ear, a voice she knew, yet could not remember whose it was. It said, "He will never come near you any more."

She perceived that two men whom she had never seen held her husband by the arms, while her son Kit, very the land will believe, as they will behale and strong, stood behind with a lieve the witness of us four men-

someone else.

"Who are you?" she faltered, trying your wife!" weakly to turn her head.

Christopher Kennedy, laying her this way and that from him. Even doot she'll never dee recently, this yin. effect, yet has all the comforts of the person can. It is an excellent example gently back on the grass and looking then he would have sprung upon Lilias I think I'll hae to shoot her!"

aver. Perhaps for the reason that heard his guards rushing at him from looking prettier than ever before, simulate pockets; or if really truly days the Bible ought to be good read- thinking that there is nothing nature when it comes suddenly and unexpect- behind. With a quick swing he turn- though very simply dressed. But the pockets are desired, slash the material ing for kings and for commoners as loves so well as to change existing edly like an angel from heaven, it is ed, dashed between them, knocked Kit radiance of her eyes seemed somehow on the line for the pockets, make an well. For an English king the English forms and to make new forms like not at first believed in.

the elder of the two men who held her of the gate at which he had left the gas-lamps. husband was speaking. The sense of black mare tethered. his words seemed to come to her from But at the first dip of the ground.

an infinite distance. have known me all your life. I am sunshine, and as he ran towards her

your dead-your murdered wife."

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him fast, Hoggie Haugh hanging upon his arm with the grip of a giant, and assist in case of need.

you sent my sister to her death."

"Lilias Kennedy!" The words came scornfully from the lips of the baffled ed that Lilias would not consent to

"Aye, Lilias Kennedy, no other," ter Mac Walter. said the Classical Master, coming foryours. Alexander Strong, of Edin- the Dornal they will die happy." burgh, has found poor Nick French | And so it was arranged, Rob and Then her eyes lighted upon Walter whom we thought dead. He has kept Betty jointly and severally agreeing topher Kennedy and Lilias Armour. "But I wad like to see the Rob or So long as I thought her happy I the Betty that will mak' me ither would never have come forward. I than mistress o' my ain hoose," said would have kept myself where she Kit's grandmother.

would never have known. But now-" "Fegs," said Willie Gilroy, who had cried Walter Mac Walter furiously, "ye are o' the same mind as my wife." foaming at the mouth.

Then Daniel Bisset spoke again. "It is a truth which the judges of tried for the attempted murder of much interested. But the voice behind belonged to Lilias Kennedy and the accomplished murder of Mary Bisset, my sister and Clairbrand."

"Lilias, I am your husband!" said strength the prisoner cast his guards With a quick access of maniacal hoo auld is she?" but for the shining tube of a revolver

in a little sheltered hollow, he came "Listen, Walter Mac Walter," he upon a girl sitting. She held her hat Daniel Bisset, brother of Mary Bisset, she rose with a startled look on her

pale face. his guards from him, but they held career with a strange gasping cry. "Mary Bisset! In God's name, Mary

> pisset! Touch me not. Out of my way, fiend!" he shouted.

And swerving to the left to avoid the wraith of his victim, he stumbled there was. upon the imminent verge of the cliff and fell outward and forward. He clutched at nothing as he fell, and as When hoarse use Minard's Liniment. it were wrenched himself round, till his distorted face looked up at the accusing phantom who had confronted him so startlingly. That face vanished like a falling stone.

And from below there came an agonized cry of "Mary Bisset! Mary Bisset!"

Then silence.

EPILOGUE.

The fragments must be briefly gathered up. Lilias Kennedy began a new life from that day forth. Her husband, long tried in the fire, had come forth refined. These two went to the South of England for the winter, and Daniel Bisset accompanied son, child! Do you understand?" them "for his health's sake," he said. But the Classical Master knew better.

"I thank you, Daniel," he said; next year I shall be able to walk without swaddling bands-by the blessing of God!"

Lecturer.

fireside warm against your return!" the names of the stars. she said.

were quartered at Piershill, and his unreasonably positive. father refused to buy him off in spite of his mother's many prayers.

"It is his one chance!" he said. Kit went back to his college course, and when he came in spring to the two medals to show the Elder. But he had heard news that had saddened him. With one of the curious freaks of violent and passion-driven men, Walter Mac Walter had left all his property to Mary Bisset, the only daughter of his dead wife. Kit felt that now Mary was separated from him by a great gulf fixed.

He said this to Betty, to whom he communicated all his woes.

"Nonsense-try her," said that experienced person; "Rob tried me a score o' times afore I wad hae him. Only a fool ever takes it for granted that a woman will say 'No'!" And Kit took Betty's advice.

* * * * It was the bright heart of May when Mary Bisset came to Kirkoswald with her adopted father. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Kennedy were already there, putting the place in some sort of order. They had refused to remain, however, in spite of many

invitations. "I can maintain my own wife, thank Montreel D. WATSON & CO. New York

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nurses. This Hospital has adopted the eightthe School, a monthly allowance and traveling expenses to and from New York. For further

Kit Kennedy standing behind ready to God," said Christopher Kennedy, Senior, with some pride. "I have been "Yes-murdered," said Daniel Bis- appointed Classical Master at the set, solemnly. "We suspected it be- Edinburgh Athenaeum. It is not a fore. We know it now. From the great school, but it is better on that place from which Mary Bisset fell account for one so long out of pracshoulder. This was very strange, yet you would have thrown Lilias Ken- tice. Lilias and I have taken a house, nedy to-day, even as twenty years ago and we start work after the holidays. Daniel will be near us."

Mary Bisset was infinitely distressreceive any of the inheritance of Wal-

"I am not his widow. I never was ward-for his charge was now suffi- your father's wife. I will have nociently recovered to sit up and (after thing that ever belonged to him. It the manner of women) begin to ar- is yours by right and by gift. But if range her hair. "She is my wife, not you put my father and mother back in

"It is a lie-a lie-a devil's lie"; come to see them comfortably settled, "What, Willie, ye are never married

The Sheriff's officer admitted the accusation with a shake of his head. "Wha is't, Willie?" cried Betty strange, alert, triumphant look on his when you, Walter Mac Walter, are Landsborough, who was naturally

"God kens," said Willie. "I mis- flannel which simulates the two-piece ter of the Bible daily surely any other

which looked at him from the right Joy does not kill, as the story-books and of the Classical Master. He drawing-room of Kirkoswald. She was to the skirt beneath a wide t down flat on his back, and ran along to fill the room, even as once it had inset pocket and tack the tab over version is especially good reading. them. Marcus Aurelius. Slowly Lilias became aware that by the edge of the cliff in the direction filled Kit's heart under the Edinburgh the opening. There are inverted

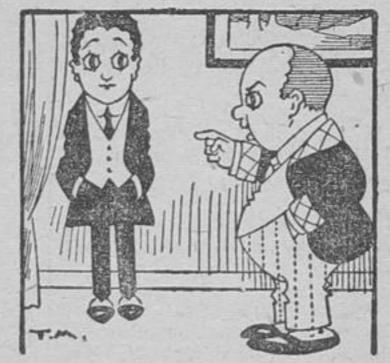
towards her.

"What is it, Kit?" she said. was saying. "You know me. You in her hand as if enjoying the winter said, very low. "You are the owner sizes 16, 18 and 20 years (34, 36 and

looking up at his drooping head with or 31/2 yards 40-inch, or 31/8 yards 54-Walter Mac Walter tried to thrust The maniac stopped dead in his a singularly sweet smile. Then she inch material. Price 20 cents. went a little nearer to him

"Ask me if there

Then Kit asked, and found that



He Understood.

Son (meekly)-"Yes, father, I un- "They exist solely by means of

Mapping the Sky.

has just been completed after four- the like; on the contrary, their choice "Amen to that!" said the Infidel teen years of hard work. It is a ma- is in the direction of the venomous chine that reproduces the entire starry and deadly cobra, the dread hama-Mary Bisset gave up her situation sky on the inside of a great white dryad, and the great python.

The spinning-jenny was patented by James Hargreaves in 1770.

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catching snakes, which they sell to private collectors and the Zoological Gardens in Calcutta. By snakes I do A remarkable piece of mechanism not mean harmless grass snakes and

and went with them, but her adopted dome. Seventy-two projecting lan- "I have seen these amazing people mother refused to quit Edinburgh. terns are used; forty-two project the approach a deadly 'spectacled' cobra "I will keep the house open and the stars, and the remaining thirty project and catch it with bare hands with the ease and dexterity of a man picking up a piece of rope! They usually car-Dick listed in the Scots Greys, which Be reasonably sure before becoming ry with them a long polished bamboo of fine balance and weight, having at its end a blunt, two-pronged fork, and also another bamboo with a sharp spearhead, but not once during the couple of days I watched them did the hunters have occasion to use these implements.

"The poison is apparently not extracted from the fangs of the snakes by these strange people-at least, so Weighing 1,168 tons, there is an they told me. In view of that statesee one of the women teasing a great eight-foot cobra, freshly caught, and not even wincing when the hideous thing struck at and bit her on the cheek-bone! Indeed, she laughed and Colds Go Quickly continued her teasing, what time my She cannot afford to besick mind was reeling with horror, for I expected at any moment to see the poor woman fall back and expire.

"A man, however, seeing the anxious expression on my face, explained that the members of tihs tribe were immune to the effects of the snake

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Probably, like all other readers of the Bible, King George has his favorite passages. _ Undoubtedly he has read the Bible through from cover to cover at least once, not missing a single word. Having done this he Fashioned in the mode of the hour would be at liberty to select his fa--in jumper effect. The jumper type vorite passages and read them again

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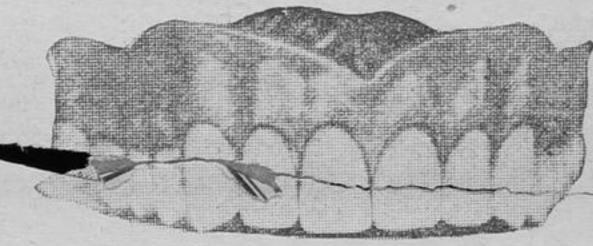


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