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PLOT VS. PRINCIPLE.

CHAPTER XXI. XXII.

she was not allowed to be housekeeper

in their new home. She knew that her brother could ill afford the expense of in which there was a shocking hole, lasting obligation upon me uy condean added member to his household, and through which three of her scending to make me your wife after Mr. Carpenter?" not to mention the matters of waste pretty pink figures protruded most I had lost my own fortune. But," and He bowed gravely, and turned and wages, and she was anxious to temptingly. lighten his burden in every possible

was sure that she would break down "Ruby, it is a shame for you to be day than I was three months ago. through the flesh. beneath the unaccustomed cares of doing such miserable work. My lit- I am not egotistical in saying it, housekeeping, and he was still as the darling, I can save you from ev- either, for adversity has shown me careful as ever to shield her from ery such ill in life-from these close how shallow and selfish my former

every ill. her brother's eyes as she sat behind But Ruby's head was bent until

fast, and it would have been a dreary her basket. Her cheeks were painmeal to the heart-burdened man but fully flushed, and her bosom rose for the presence of his sister and her cheerful chatter about the news of the day; while his face was always brighter and his step more elastic as breezy "Good morning, Robert," and had brought it upon her. the loving kiss she gave him at part-

Still she was not satisfied, and on evening, after he returned, and had had his tea, and Mrs. Gordon had retired to her room, she crept to his side, in a half-resolute way, and said: "Robert, I am not excatly content

I want something to do.' "Idle! I think I saw someone sweep ing and dusting, the other morning, as if her very existence depended upon the occupation," Mr. Gordon returned, smiling. "I am very sure that we had a delicious dessert to-day, prepared by the same hands that wielded the broom so vigorously. There are never any holes in my stockings nor any buttons missing from my shirts, and I know that Estelle does not like to mend. Somebody must be busy. What more do you need to occupy you

Ruby ? "A great deal. That only requires a very little time, and-Robert, I have something to tell you. Please do not be angry with me"-the young girl's cheeks were flushed, and she spoke rapidly-"but I have seen Mr. Sampson to-day, and he has given me position in his school. One of his teach- my home. ers is sick and has had to give up her place, and I am to begin teaching next | deeper hold upon his heart than he

her mood in spite of the ache at his

if you take this position?" he asked, was more to him without a penny niter a brief pause.

own department, so I shall escape the Then, too, as we have already men responsibility of governing. I am to tioned, his antagonism was aroused

creditors, it was advertised for sale, drew her hand.

passed into other hands. beautiful furnishings and adornments he had once set his heart, and the -and when all was over, arranged was centered. would not be scattered and sacrificed ring of decision in Ruby's tone had for the last sad rites, so that the beneath the auctioneer's hammer, and aroused all his will, and he said to sorrowing ones were not harassed in wise look on her good-natured face, nounce sentence upon the culprit, he tried to ascertain who was the pur-

But the gentleman who had tran-

Edmund Carpenter called at the teacher.

soon resumed als attentions to her. And into this pleasant circle Edmund Carpenter was suddenly ushered by the little maid-of-all-work. And he had come with the settled purpose of asking Ruby Gordon to be

might be improved through him in- will marry me at the end of that in the costly Gordon tomb, the ten- for anything but a straightforward that school." cited her to make herself as agree. time," he interrupted, eagerly,

able as possible. the door bell just then, and "a gen- sistent opposition. But he strove to Mrs. Gordon shrieked and lapsed in- that nothing could comfort her now, ness" was announced.

"Are you not afraid that teaching crowned head before him was lifted to the senseless girl. will be too much for your strength. with a haughty gesture. Miss Ruby?" her companion asked, as "You are certainly very kind," the ered his loved one in his arms, and were around her in an instant. he drew his chair still nearer and as- young girl responded, with quiet sar- bathed her face and temples until

decidedly, and continued to ply her the contempt she could but feel for and unclosed her eyes, Walter

the dainty curls on her forehead al-Estelle never came down to break- most touched the homely work in and fell with the startled beatings

of her heart. She had tried to steer clear of this avowal, but the very question he went away to his business, for her that she had asked for that purpose Her hand still lay imprisoned in

she tried to release it he would not

let it go. last year how I have loved you? | the girl he had aspired to win. I have tried to tell you of it many times, but somehow you have always evaded me. But the time has come when I must know my fate: I can bear the suspense no longer Tell me, dearest, that may claim you; I shall be proud those who have turned the

ed of their false pride." He forgot, perhaps, just then how he, too, had been guilty of fickleness and false pride; how when he had first heard of her loss he had said overtake the Gordons.

to himself: "That ends all that bright dream: I can never marry a poor girl; the woman I wed must bring with her a golden guerdon as well as personal charms to help grace

But Ruby Gordon had taken a had imagined it possible for any Mr. Gordon smiled in sympathy with one to do, and though he absented himself for a while, he found that life was very dull and tame with-"What are to be your duties, Ruby, out her bright presence; that she than any other woman could be I am to assist Mr. Sampson in his with a fortune equal to his own.

Meantime Mr. Gordon's former ele- her self-possession, of which his sud- had been gathered

pleaded, turning pale. himself that nothing should now stand any way with the trying details.

n the way of his winning her.

cate it ali : but-" "But I am not worthy of your love he cried, earnestly. "No, I could not tell you that, I should be very presuming to do so:

your wife." "But, Ruby, I am rich, I am very in Mr. Gordon's former elegant resirich, and your life shall never know dence. a shadow; everything that heart can wish shall be yours."

Mr. Carpenter, it would be shadowed ness. by a great wrong at the very outset, if I should give myself to you, simply because you could gratify every grief that had overtaken her so betrayed it in a thousand ways, and her through Robert's death." Mr. Gordon greeted the young man | selfish desire of my heart. Believe me, cordially, and Mrs. Gordon seemed in it cannot be. I have laid out my course the strongest weep simply to look do you love me? Will you some time, sented, "and yet it was a wise provi-

"But I will wait, if your heart is

"I cannot." There came an energetic ring at His brood began to boil at this per- the carriage.

stances. I have waived your loss of A glance within the coach showed through all coming years.

him at thus reminding her of her chanced to glance up, and saw Ed- fuminous with the great love and ary, and, as it has been, and pro-

apologized: "but-but you know what the world says when a rich man marries a poor girl."

"What does it say?" Ruby asked, in a tone that should have warned him to be careful how he answered. "That such a marriage is a mesal-

im, cold and haughty. "You will be spared that fate, then, Mr. Carpenter, for I shall never marry you." she said scornfully. "If ! had loved you, I companion, bending nearer her with would not recome your wife. after he asked. a look on his face that made her very having given expression to such senti- "No; stay with us, please," Ruby through all this trouble but for you," in that respect; and, though I have ments. You have shown me that said, laying a detaining hand upon "What do you call drudgery?" she wealth and position are more to you his arm. asked, drawing back and taking up than anything else in the world-that Then, turning to Edmund Carpen- rest and content, and let the tears, the end, I know it will prove the best another sock-one of her brother's, you feel you would be conferring a ter, she added: eramped rooms, from plodding toil mode of living was-it has taught me

> Edmund Carpenter regarded the beautiful girl wonderingly. She had never shown him such depths as these before, and never seemed one-half so lovely as she was of her nature.

He had not thought of such a thing one as defeat. He had believed that Ruby would accept him without a demur, and be only too eager to lift herself out of her present poverty and ob- alone with her crushing grief. scurity to reign in the brilliant position he could give her.

him on the night when he had threat- lessly: ened him, and warned him not to interfere with his plans, now came to it sud livet him with startling force. "If you can win Miss Gordon's heart," he had said, "she will doubtless marry you; if you cannot, she | trol.

will never be so untrue to herself as that of her would-be lover, and when to take such a false step." How accurately Walter had read her character. And now Edmund's his breast. "Do not repulse me," he went on. jealous wrath flamed up as he "Have you not seen during all the thought, perhaps, he had already won

HAPTER XXIV.

In the Midst of Life There Is-Death, When Mrs. Gordon heard of Ruby's rejection of Mr. Edmund Carpenter, she was much disappointed and deto own you as my wife before all pressed. She had set her heart upon old the match, for it seemed to be the shoulder upon you, since your oro- only avenue of escape from their ther's trouble; proud to set you troubles. To Mrs. Gordon, accustomed above them and make them asham. to affluence as she had been, the rethan a series of calamities. A calamity more grievous than all

> terly cold and stormy, and one even- | murmured: ng Robert Gordon came home shivering with a chill, and a fearful

and raving with delirium. A physician was summoned, but his her.

Ruby's heart. She obtained a substitute for her class, and at once took her position glad pulsations of his heart. by the bedside of her idolized brother and refused to leave aim during all those anxious days that followed.

He grew constantly worse; human agency could avail nothing, though the best of nurses and advice were procured, and in a week all that remained of the noble, generous and talented Robert Gordon lay cold and still in the pretty parlor of that litthis year at any rate," the young that grated upon Ruby's sensitive the house, where so recently that nature and helped her to recover cheerful little circle before mentioned

If it had not been for Walter, Ruby had passed into the hands of his | She sat erect and resolutely with felt that she must have sunk beneath this bitter blow. As soon as he learneither furnished or unfurnished, and "Mr. Carpenter," she said, "I ed of Mr. Gordon's illness, he went to shortly some one appeared who made am more sorry than I can tell you the afflicted family and remained

as a woman in the sickroom; active leaving her to the rest and quiet Edmund Carpenter was a man who Mrs. Gordon was paralyzed and ut- ed himself again before the door of turned, with a little gleam of herold

The respect that was shown Mr "I must tell you nothing but the Gordon by all classes at this time, sacted the business stated that he truth," she went on, more firmly testified to the esteem and love with was merely an agent, and said he had than before. "You have been a pleas- which he was regarded by business been authorized to withhold the name ant friend, you have shown me many men and all others with whom he of the owner until he should be ready kind attentions, you have sympathized came in contact during life. A long with us in our trouble, and I appre- line of carriages, filled with friends and acquaintances, followed him to his last resting place, while many -you will not tell me that, Ruby?" kind offers of sympathy and assistance had been already tendered the

bereaved widow and sister. Walter Richardson and Edmund but I must state the fact that I do Carpenter met again in this house not love you, and so I cannot become of mourning for the first time since hand, he bent toward her and said, her?"

"You say that my life should never teously, but he was met with a which will either make or mar my should ever need it, for I had so much know a shadow," Ruby repeated, a frowning brow and a haughty man- whole future life and I must settle money of my own then. But I am glad gentle gravity settling over her face. her that amounted almost to rude- it at once. I must have some assur- for Estelle, for she does not seem able

wild, hunted look in her sunken but be my wife?"

tearless eyes. sion her overstrained nerves gave amswer. way, and she fell back fainting in

Thus the cheerful circle was broken fortune. I offer you all that I am and him Ruby's ghastly face and inani- She lifted her grave, sweet face to "and it will be a mercy to me now up, and Mr. Carpenter and Ruby have, and am willing to take you mate form; and with compressed his, but the look in his eyes was too to have constant employment, for I lips, he sprang away to a fountain much for her, and her golden head could hardly bear my sorrow if I had greatly to the discomfiture of the He had made a grave mistake, and near by, wrenched a cup from its drooped again, while the flush upon to live an idle life. My grief would he saw it instantly, as that golden- chain, and bore it, full of water back her cheek deepened, as she murmured: wear me out," He entered the carriage; he gath-

casm, though her eyes shone with a she began to recover consciousness. be my wife some time?" he whispered. "Not a bit; I like it," she answered, brilliant light and her lip curled with Just as she drew a deep breath and gayety than you are for the drudgery of life, Ruby," said her crimson.

| The winced at her tone, and colored open door of the carriage, and glar-tone ing at him with something of the language. He drudgery of life, Ruby," said her crimson.

ferocity of a wild animal as it about to spring, upon its prey. Ruby saw him also, and suddenly head upon his breast. ing her, she sat up, holding out her now," he said, "you have crowned my concluded with a fond smihe.

cool liquid revived her more fully. yet, dearest, I trust you are not un-Ruby Gordon rose and stood before said, with a long, drawn sigh. "Hush, shall lean upon my strong, true heart, joyed the feeling intensely during the Estelle! I will not be weak any and let me try to comfort you." more. It is all over; let us go home,

Walter half arose from his seat.

she drew herself up with an air of away to do her bidding; but, in "This," cried the young man, cap- conscious d'gnity, "I know that I am striving to control the rage that turing both hand and sock, while more worthy-that I am better fit- suddenly flamed up in his heart he But Mr. Gordon was inexorable; he his face flushed a deep crimson. ted-to be the wife of a good man to- bit his under lip until his teeth met

He had read a great deal during those few moments that he had stood by that carriage door.

Walter's face had told its own story as he ministered to the girl whom ways. It was the greatest you every beautiful and pleasant much happier and nobler a woman he loved so well, while the fact of comfort to him to see her bright thing on earth; I can make can be when she has some object out- Ruby clinging to him and desiring that her heart turned to him in this time of sorrow as to no other, and the sight had aroused a demon of jealousy within him.

> posure somewhat before reaching now, animated by the noblest impulses | home, but once there, she shut herself in her own room and would see no

late parlor, feeling that he could not on, "how I have rebelled against the go away and leave the delicate girl Reaching out her hand, she clasped I never should have dared to break the one that he had laid upon the The words that Walter had said to arm of her chair, and cried, belp. if you had not lost your fortune.

> That elt. ; touch, the appealing look and agonized tone were too much for the young man's self con-

> He was on his knees before her in an instant, and had drawn her into his arms and laid her head against

> you! Oh, if I could but shield you from all sorrow!" he murmured, fondly. tection, of sympathy and love, thus

thrown around her, when she felt so utterly desolate, opened the flood gates that had been so long closed, and she burst into a storm of tears. soon?" he added, in a lower tone. "I know, of course, that you will not care to see visitors at present; but, strictions of poverty were little less Ruby, you know that I must see you again very soon."

Her face flushed crimson for an inothers, however, was destined soon to stant, for she knew what he meant, and she was too truthful to pretend The week before Christmas was bit- to misunderstand him, so she simply

ploarseness and pain in his chest. The expression of endearment trembled next morning he was in a high fever, on his lips. But he repressed it, and held out his hand to take leave of

grave face, as he examined his pa- | She arose, and laid her own within tlent, and his evasive answers when it, and as she did so, giving him uestioned, struck a sudden terror to another quick, shy glance that spoke bounding through his veins to the He hesitated a moment then bent

his lips, released her hand with a lingering pressure, and then went away, knowing that he had won the heart of the beautiful girl who had been like a poem and an inspiration to him bright summer day more than two years before; knowing too, that when he should come to her again Ruby Gordon wou'd tell him that some time, when he should feel it right to

claim her, she would be his wife. CHAPTER XXV.

The Plighted Troth. ing to Ruby again, curbing his love

the rich color swept in a crimson tide | quite rich-now."

to the golden rings of hair lying lightly upon her brown.

very tenderness: "You know, my darling, why I am Walter greeted the son of his for- here to-night; know that I have come to you," Walter said, regretfully. mer benefactor kindly and cour- to ask you a question, the answer to "I suppose he had no idea that ance from you before I can be satis, to bear being poor, and now she will Poer Ruby was heart-broken. She fled. I do not need to tell you how be very comfortable. It seems hardseemed fairly dazed by this mighty dear you are to me, for I must have though, that it could only come suddenly, and it was enough to make yet you are all the world to me. Ruby, "It does seem hard, Walter as-

She had known that she loved Walter for a long, long time, and she knew tleman to see Mr. Gordon on busi- concea! it. though he exclaimed, to hysterics, crying out that Ruby, in her sorrow and loneliness, so much too. was dead; and Walter, hearing as the consciousness that the great,

"You know that I love you." He dropped her hand, and his arms "And the rest of it, Ruby-you will

the He drew her gently to a sofa, and, if I desire it, he will give me an in. Mansion House fund.

with his arms still clasping her, seated | terest in the business; then, m

life with happiness. It is a sad time, I

"You have already comforted me more than I can express. What should I have done without you, Walter? "Shall I tell them to drive on?" Estelle has been ill, almost paralyzed, and I should have been utterly alone Ruby murmured brokenly, while she lay still in his arms with a sense of perfect friend, Mr. Carpenter, died, yet, in that would not be stayed rain over thing that could have happened to He wiped them tenderly and in si-

> He knew that no words, however fond, could assuage her grief for her brother; only time would serve to heal the wound; and vet he felt that she was comforted and strengthened by the simple knowledge of his love and

"I should not trouble you thus," she said, at length, trying to control her sorrow, and looking up with a pathetic attempt to smile, "but oh, Walter, my brother was everything to

"I know it, darling, and no one can ever fill his place in some respects. But, as far as may be, let me be 'everything' to you in the future. I will work hard; I will strain every nerve to make a position in life worthy of you : and I hope it will not be so long before I can take care of you as I wish you to be cared for. You can never know, dear," Walter went hard fate that has been yours during the last few months; and yet, Ruby, the seal that I had set upon my lips, The young girl sat up and looked at him, a gentle surprise in her beauti-

"Why not?" she asked. "Because of my own poverty," Wal-

ter answered, flushing. "You are very proud," Ruby returned, with a look that thrilled him; but you are not poor.' "What can you mean by that?" he

questioned, smiling. "You have a grand intellect and rare talent; you are kind and noble; you have energy and ambition, a brave, true heart, and, besides all this, an untarnished name and character. No man should feel 'poor' with such manly attributes, and any woman should feel proud to give her love to such a man."

Walter's face kindled, and, bending forward, he kissed the lips that had uttered such noble words. "Is that your feeling toward me, Ruby?" he asked.

"Yes, Walter; I am very proud of von, and-" "Well, dear, tell me all; my heart s hungry for it," he pleaded, as she

"And I have been very fond of you

stopped and blushed.

embrace.

for a long, long time," she confessed, with drooping lids. " How long, Ruby ?" Ever since that first summer at so through the death of her husband. Redville; I am not quite sure but it When Mr. Gordon had been at the began that evening when we sat be- height of his prosperity he had taken side the pretty spring in the pasture life insurance policies for upward of near Mr. Ruggles' house; but I am fifty thousand dollars, and, as he had very sure I found it out that day | Iortunately completed his payments when I found myself slipping over upon them just before his reverses that horrible precipice from the nat- overtook him, there was no trouble ural bridge, and thought I was looking about the payment of the different my last on your face. But you saved sums which served to place his wife me, and, somehow, ever since I have again in affluent circumstances.

my love is a good deal older than and energy to her manner, and elas-She lifted questioning eyes to him. "It was born on that day when you and I took the car on the corner by

"I have been far richer than

fall, and in return you stole my "Well, since you have succeeded in not be separated from her, and she arresting the thief, I do not believe herself would have felt very desolate He took all care from Ruby-for But on New Year's Eve he present- your loss is irreparable," Ruby re- to go elsewhere.

> immensely. and then went to call her young mis- and that we will reserve for the present. But, my darling," he continued. Ruby soon came to him, still look- gravely, "I want to ask you about

> ing pale, and wan, and very sad in the near future. Do you know what laid her small hand in her "No, Walter; she has said but iltlover's outstretched palm, and the as yet. Of one thing, however, I his fingers closed over it with a am quite sure-she will not remain touch and air of right and ownership, here. You know that Estelle will be

Ruby's voice faltered and broke over that last word. He had come determined to settle | "Yes," Walter returned. "I heard their relations at once, to remove that Mr. Gordon's life was heavily

"Yes, Robert had the matter attended to several years ago." "I wish some of it could have come

have no doubt that Mrs. Gordon will Ruby Gordon was too sad, and the share liberally with you. I hope so, When her brother's body was realities of life were too stern just at all events; for, darling, I cannot borne from her sight and laid with- then, for any prudish holding back, or endure the thought of your toiling in

> "You do not consider it a-disgrace?" Ruby said, turning a startled look upon him. "No, indeed; far from that. I have always felt that it was a very noble

rugged person in the world, and I fear the tax upon your strength." "It can be no worse for me than for hundreds of others," Ruby replied,

"Oh, how I wish I were in a position to warrant my taking you at once to a home of our own," Walter sighed; "but I shall have to be patient a little longer. Mr. Conant is giving me a com-

her beside him, and laid her bright darling, I shall pass the sentence of the law upon you for the depredarealizing whose arms were support- "My own darling, I may say it tions you committed so long ago," he

"What a sense of power and independence it gives one to feel petent to take care of one's self!" "Thank you, I am better," she happy in my love. At all events, you Ruby said, animatedly. "I have enlast few months, while I can see that you have grown wonderfully self-reliant since I first became acquaint-

"Thanks, dear. I know there has seen some rough times since my good me to have been cast upon my own resources. But, I am afraid, Ruby, that even at the best, it will be a long time before I can give you such a home as you have always

been accustomed to." "An elegant home isn't the most essential thing in the world, by any means. I have been very happy here in this humble place," Ruby responded, glancing about the small room, while the tears rushed to her eyes. How little the loss of fortune and the elegancies of life seemed to ber compared with the greater loss that

had left her so desolate! "That is very true," Walter assented, "and I have no doubt there is a great deal of unhappiness in the proudest homes. But, by the way. have you ever learned who was the purchaser of your brother's beautiful

residence ?" "I only know that it was appraised and turned into the hands of Robert's creditors, and then was placed in the hands of a broker to be sold. I never liked to question Robert, for the loss of his home-into which he had put so much of his heart and brain-was the saddest blow in the world to him."

"Well, ther, I have some news for you," Walter said, smiling, "for our friend, Mr. Ruggles, has bought the place just as it stood on the day you left it. Not a thing-not even a picture or an ornament-has been dis-

turbed "Can it be possible?" cried Ruby, her sad face lighting with positive joy for a moment,

"Yes. He did not, however, intend that it should be generally known that he was the purchaser at present, but it leaked out, as such things will. Mr. Ruggles is becoming a very rich "Do you suppose that he intends to

come to Philadelphia to live?" Ruby "I cannot say. I have seen him only once since he and his wife were here, and then only for a few moments." Ruby sighed. She knew that that 'once" was on the day of her brother's funeral, when Mr. Ruggles had come, with many others, to pay his last tribute to a man whom he both

oved and respected. CHAPTER XXVI.

A Change of Circumstances. It was indeed true that Mrs. Robert Gordon was again a comparatively wealthy woman, and had been made

had a feeling that I belonged to you." Mrs. Gordon knew that her husband Walter's heart leaped within him had been insured, but she had not with joy as he listened to this con- known to what extent, and when infession, and he drew the slight form formed of the fact that a fortune of his beloved closer within his awaited her disposal, the knowledge seemed to inspire her with new life. Her health, which had been so delicate since their misfortune, began to dreamed if I have had the gift of your dear love so long," he said, ten- improve immediately. The color rederly. Then he added, "But, Ruby, turned to her face, the old animation

ticity to her step. She would have been glad not to have incurred even this obligation, but her limited income would not your brother's house. Just think," admit of her paying the high price demanded for board and their expensive lodgings, and she was forced to accept that much: for Estelle would

> But Mrs. Gordon nad a secret mo tive in keeping her beautiful young sister with her.

Edmund Carpenter had suddenly resumed his intimacy with them. For a time, after Ruby's refusal of his suit, he had ceased his visits, though he had by no means relinquished the hope that he should eventually win her. He knew that Mrs. Gordon strongly favored his union with Ruby, but that her husband would never allow any undue influence to be brought to bear upon her regarding the matter.

But that powerful ally had been re-

moved from his path, and he deter-

mined to make a bolder effort than

ever; and, as soon as propriety would

allow him to do so, the wily lover sought an interview with the widow, made a confidant of her, and begged her to lend her aid in accomplishing his designs. Mrs. Gordon at once resolved that Ruby should marry Edmund Carpenter and his million, if there was

any power strong enough to induce

her to do so. Consequently, Mr. Carpenter became a constant visitor in their handsome parlor, where he was always received with great cordiality by Mrs. Gordon and politely by Ruby. Walter also came occasionally, although his visits were looked upon with growing disfavor by Mrs. Gordon, who could not fail to perceive toward what they were tending, and yet not saspecting how far matters had already progressed between the young couple.

Sculpture Should Face South.

A group of sculpture should never front to the north, from which point it is always viewed under unfavorable conditions, as the strong southern light is trying to the eyes and the features of the figures are in such deep shadows that they can hardly be seen-certainly not to advantage. Facing the south the conditions are all reversed. Such mistakes, it may be added, are rarely made by artists, but sometimes by the directing authorities. A case in point is the statue of Penn, surmounting the city hall in Philadelphia, which is far too high and faces the wrong way.

The convention of the Lord's Day Alliance of Ontario opened in Toronto this morning.

mund Carpenter standing by the happiness that thrilled him as he mises still to be, a busy season, I Victoria, B. C., citizens raised \$500 am likely to do very well. Next year, at a concert last night in aid of the

Ruby Becomes a Teacher. Ruby was a trifle disappointed that

But she helped him in many other and monotonous teaching. I can give how to be useful, and shown me how face opposite him every morn- your life as fair and sweet as side of self to live for and is willing to him to remain with her had shown ing at breakfast. She was always it was before your misfortune help bear the burden of others" fresh and beautiful in her simple came upon you. I love you, Ruby, wrapper, with a dainty cap perched and I came here to-night resolved coquettishly upon her glossy head, to ask you to give yourself to me; which she claimed was simply to cover to ask you to promise to be my the awkward crimping-pins, and to wife, and let me shield you through protect it from the dust when she all your future. Do not hide your swept their small parlor. At the same | face from me, my darling; look up time, however, the little lady knew | and tell me that you will give me that it was vastly becoming, and the right to protect you from every that she made a pleasant picture for | ill."

the urn and poured out his coffee.

with my life: I am so idle all day long.

have the beginners in French, a class by the fear that Walter would now in English literature and one in bot- try to win her. any and philosophy. You will not But somehow there was a faise oppose me, Robert, let me try it for ring in those last words of his girl eagerly pleaded. gant residence had been sold. After it den avowal had deprived her.

an offer for the property just as it that you came here with this pur- with them until the end. beautiful place, in which so much of as you desire." hope and pleasure had been centered. "Do not say that, Ruby," he and self-reliant out of it. Mr. Gordon was glad to know that nothing would be changed; that the could !!! brook any opposition where terly useless in view of this new trial that little house in which his heart pleasantry, that cheered her lover

to take possession.

Gordon's one evening soon after Ruby had entered upon her duties as a When the crash came he had at first held a little aloof; but he soon found that he loved Ruby Gordon so well, that the thirty thousand dollars that he once hoped to win with her were "but as dust in the balance," and he

his wife before he should leave the

house. CHAPTER XXIII. A Proposal Rejected. spired with more of animation than for the future; at least for the com- into her white face, and note the when I am in a position to claim you, sion on your brother's part, and I she had displayed since her misfor- ing year." tune. It was pleasant to see an old friend, while the thought that, per- set upon this wild idea of teaching haps, the fallen fortunes of the house for a year; only promise me that you

Mr. Gordon took him into the din- "Ruby, I have set my heart upon the sound, and fearing the worst for true heart of this noble young man ning room, and soon after Mrs. Gor- this, and I cannot give you up. I his darling, leaped from his own was all her own, and that she could don excused herself and went up to have overlooked your reduced circum- carriage, and rushed to their aid. have it to lean upon in this trial and

were left to entertain each other, empty-handed."

"I did not mean to wound you," he

hand for the cuo of water.

She drank freely, and the clear, know, to talk to you of happiness, and

"Will you kindly give the order,

Mrs. Gordon recovered her com-

Walter led Ruby into the now deso-

"Oh, Walter how can I ever bear

"My darling, how I long to comfort

His tender tone, the sense of pro-"Tell me if I may come again"

"Yes, do come soon." His handsome face lighted, and an

volumes to him, and sent the blood and touched her forehead lightly with ever since he first met her on that

Walter waited three days before go- he said, smiling, "I saved you from a stood; it was accepted, and thus the pose to-night, for I cannot respond He was remarkably efficient-gentle and impatience as best he could, and heart." which she so much needed.

> Jane showed him into the parlor, a "No, nothing remains but to proher black robes; but, as she Mrs. Gordon's plans are?"

every barrier, and, still holding her | insured; but was it all made over to the evening of the grand reception in a tone that was tremulous from

thing to do; but you are not the most

Walter Richardson's face grew mission this year, besides my sal-