

GRANTLEY MANOR.

A TALE

LADY GEORGINA FULLERTON, Author of "Lady Bird," "Ellen Middleton," &c

CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

As Walter was going by Margaret's side along the road which followed the sinuosities of the terrace that overhung the park, the loud report of the keeper's gun, which he was discharging in the court behind the house, startled his horse, who, suddenly veering on one side, placed his foot on a loose brick at the foot of the wall, stumbled and fell. For an instant Walter's foot was entangled in the stirrup, and for an instant bore the whole weight of the prostrate horse. When he extricated himself he became immediately conscious of a severe sprain, and it was only by the assistance of a servant, who had hurried down from the house at the sight of the accident, that he was enabled to reach the hall-door, when he nearly fainted from the intensity of the pain. He was immediately conveyed to his own apartment, as a bow-windowed cheerful bedroom, and little adjoining sitting-room, had been for many years always considered; and Margaret, after seeing him laid on a couch, and having summoned Mrs. Ramsey, the housekeeper, to administer such remedies as her skill could suggest, proceeded to her father's library, in order to acquaint him with the accident. She knocked at the door and receiving no answer, after two or three attempts, opened it gently. Colonel Leslie was sitting by the fire, with his face buried in his hands, and Margaret doubted whether he was asleep, or deep in thought. It was awkward to wake a person suddenly, either from sleep or from abstraction, and she fidgeted about till her father suddenly turned round, and with a loud "Who is there?" in her turn started her. With a trembling voice, she related Walter's accident, and as Colonel Leslie looked at her pale cheek and anxious countenance, his own softened, and passing his arm kindly round her waist, he told her to show him the way to Walter's room. When they reached it, Mrs. Ramsey's fomentations had begun to take effect, at least it may be supposed so, for Walter received them with a smile, and an assurance that though he could not walk he did not suffer much. At the same time there was a slight contraction of his forehead, and a nervous movement in his hands, that invalidated the truth of the assertion; but Margaret was satisfied with the assurance. Young people (Heaven bless them) are easily comforted, and they jump at anything which relieves them from the irksome necessity of being sorry.

comfort of their own room.—but a young girl's is different from any one else's own room. As we advance in life we close the door behind us to be quiet, to shut out, for a while, the world and its cares; sometimes to muse with grateful hearts; sometimes to evoke in silence the ghosts of past blessings, and the memories of happier days.—if unhappy, on our knees to gain peace, or in dull abstraction find repose—if happy, in delight to thank God calmly, and set about our daily work cheerfully; or may be like the rich man in the parable, to bid our souls be at ease, for much good is laid up in store for us; to dwell on the realities of life, to gather strength or aptly against the day of trial, to feel, indeed, sorrow and gladness by turns, for we grieve and are rejoiced to the end—but the one has grown calm, and the other hard—the blossom has faded, and what remains?—a withered husk, or a glorious fruit! But when a young girl enters her own room, and slights the door behind her, it is the dull reality of life she excludes, and a world of enchantment that she enters—and whether with her eyes on the ground, or unconsciously fixed on the broad landscape, the single tree, or the slated roof, which her window-frame spurs; or else, while her winded footsteps she pa es up and down the narrow space before her, she acts in spirit, she rehearses in thought, she paints in fancy, the scenes which the veil of futurity still hides from her sight, with a vivid interest and a strength of emotion which life itself seldom yields, and the childish secrets of her solitude are to her the most exciting and the busiest portion of existence. Very busy was Margaret in that line; and while her maid placed one camellia in her hair, and then another, she thought till her head almost ached, of the probable consequences of the invitation that had just been dispatched.

At a recent marriage feast in New York city, the wedding cake of the bride's mother was served. It had been kept for that purpose wrapped in brandied paper in a tin box. The pope owns a pearl left to him by his predecessor on the throne of St. Peter which is worth \$100,000; the chain of thirty-two pearls owned by the Empress Frederick is estimated at \$175,000. It has been found that bicyclists who ride to excess are afflicted with a catarrhal laryngitis. Mouth breathing and the rapidity and pressure with which large quantities of air are forced into the larynx are said to be the cause. There is a point near the famous Stony cave, in the Catskill mountains, where ice may be found on any day in the year. This locality is locally known as the Notch, and is walled in on both sides by steep mountains some of which are more than 3,000 feet high. A kitten became lodged in the fly-wheel of an engine in Portland, Ore. The wheel ran for six hours and a half. The cat was taken out nearly lifeless, but recovered. The fly-wheel makes 256 revolutions per minute and every revolution puss traveled seventeen feet. A miser living near Griffin's Corner, N. Y., had occasion a few days ago to examine his money, which he kept secreted in an old boot box, concealed among a quantity of newspapers. He was much surprised to find that some mice had entirely destroyed his fortune in preparing winter quarters for themselves. Not a piece of the money was left large enough for identification. A stained-glass window has been put in the parish church of Hythe, England, in memory of Lionel Ludin, inventor of the life-boat. Lukin's body lies in the parish church yard, and a curious inscription records his connection with the invention. He took out a patent in 1785 but the conservative lords of the admiralty saw nothing good in it, and it was not recognized by the government for some time thereafter.

ODDS AND ENDS. The ruins of a city, believed to be older than the Aztecs have been found in Eastern Oregon, near Silver Lake. A French boy of twelve years and his sister of thirteen have recently ascended nearly to the summit of Mont Blanc. Pomeroy, Wash., boasts or a curiosity in the shape of a caret. It "resembles a human hand, having five fingers with nails." The cry of a young seal when wounded or about to be attacked resembles that of a child in distress, and tears flow from its eyes. A piece of frog's skin not larger in diameter than the rubber tip on your lead pencil has more pores in it than there are meshes in the musquito netting on your screen door. At a recent marriage feast in New York city, the wedding cake of the bride's mother was served. It had been kept for that purpose wrapped in brandied paper in a tin box. The pope owns a pearl left to him by his predecessor on the throne of St. Peter which is worth \$100,000; the chain of thirty-two pearls owned by the Empress Frederick is estimated at \$175,000. It has been found that bicyclists who ride to excess are afflicted with a catarrhal laryngitis. Mouth breathing and the rapidity and pressure with which large quantities of air are forced into the larynx are said to be the cause. There is a point near the famous Stony cave, in the Catskill mountains, where ice may be found on any day in the year. This locality is locally known as the Notch, and is walled in on both sides by steep mountains some of which are more than 3,000 feet high. A kitten became lodged in the fly-wheel of an engine in Portland, Ore. The wheel ran for six hours and a half. The cat was taken out nearly lifeless, but recovered. The fly-wheel makes 256 revolutions per minute and every revolution puss traveled seventeen feet. A miser living near Griffin's Corner, N. Y., had occasion a few days ago to examine his money, which he kept secreted in an old boot box, concealed among a quantity of newspapers. He was much surprised to find that some mice had entirely destroyed his fortune in preparing winter quarters for themselves. Not a piece of the money was left large enough for identification. A stained-glass window has been put in the parish church of Hythe, England, in memory of Lionel Ludin, inventor of the life-boat. Lukin's body lies in the parish church yard, and a curious inscription records his connection with the invention. He took out a patent in 1785 but the conservative lords of the admiralty saw nothing good in it, and it was not recognized by the government for some time thereafter.

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