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The Countess of Landon.

CHAPTER II.

"I'll get in at the back and get a wash," he said to himself. "Madame hates this kind of thing; and he looked down at himself ruefully.

He passed along the side of the house, and had nearly turned the corner, when he heard, through an open casement, a voice singing.

It was a girl's voice, fresh and sweet. She was evidently singing to herself, for the voice was low, and broke off now and then, and then went on again, as if the singer were singing unconsciously.

He stepped up to the window cautiously and looked in.

The room was a small one, paneled in dark, shining oak. The floor was of walnut; the pictures were old, in tarnished frames; the hangings of silk damask were of a dull, faded grey. The only spot of light in the dusky room was the white dress of a young girl, who stood on an antique chair reaching down some books from an ebony cabinet.

It is this young man had been an artist he would have felt his soul swell and throb with delight at the picture his eyes rested on: as it was, the dusky room, the air of quiet repose, the slight figure of the girl, all in white, touched him with a vague pleasure.

The dress was made in the old—it is now, however, the new—fashion, the skirt in plain folds, the sleeves full. Only a girl with a graceful figure can wear this dress successfully; this dress made her bewitching. Her back was turned to him; a mass of yellow waving hair, caught by a ribbon, fell on the white soft cashmere.

All unconscious of a spectator, she blew the dust from a book, opened it, and resting the edge against the bookshelf, turned the pages, singing to herself all the while in the low, sweet voice.

The young man watched her with a smile on his mobile lips; and suddenly, as if she had become conscious of the burden of his eyes, as if she felt them on her back, she turned her head.

She did not cry out; but she dropped the book and stood still for a moment, the color coming and going on her face. It was a pure oval, very fair; the eyes, wide open with surprise, gradually growing into pleasure.

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you something to eat."

"And drink, please; I'm thirsty, too."

"And drink, I shan't be gone long; you shall see how quick I can be. And then, when you have had your supper, I will tell the countess."

He nodded rather grimly.

"Yes! I shall want strengthening for that ordeal, eh, Renie?"

She rose, seeming scarcely to touch the door, so light and airy was the movement; and Royce Landon leaned back and looked round the room.

His eyes rested on two portraits hanging side by side over the ancient fire-place. One was that of his father, the late Earl of Landon, in a general's uniform; the other that of his mother, the countess, in a dress of black satin and broad Hontion. His face grew grave as it lingered on the latter. Irene came in after a few minutes' interval, carrying a small tray with pie, some bread, a dish of strawberries, and claret.

"There!" she said, triumphantly. "Now, come and be fed!"

"Bravo!" he said, as he sat down.

"Help me yourself, Renie. A good big piece to begin with. I will show you the pattern at the bottom of that pie-dish directly, and then I shall eat the dish itself."

Laughingly she helped him and sat, leaning her elbows on the table, and her chin on her hands, regarding him smilingly while he ate.

"Good pie!" he said, approvingly.

"Nothing like pie when you are keen set, and there's plenty of jelly. Have some? Ought to have asked you before."

She shook her head.

"We dined an hour ago. Can you really eat some more?"

"Twice some more!" he retorted.

"Here's your good health! Ha! That's good! Did you ever have a real, long, genuine thirst, Renie? No, I suppose not. Nothing so unalloyed like. And now, what's the news?"

Unconsciously he took out his pipe, but put it back again.

"I don't mind," she said, referring to the pipe. "But perhaps you had better not; the countess—"

"I know. All right," he said, nodding. "Well?"

"News? There is no news," she answered. "How should there be? Everything at the Towers goes on the same, year after year; just the same. I've got a new pony—you must see him, Royce. Such a perfectly lovely little dear!—and there is another elm down in the park. That's all."

"The palace of the 'Sleeping Beauty,'" he said. "And—my brother Seymour?"

The girl's brows contracted slightly, and she looked down.

"The earl is very well," she said, quietly.

"And what's his last fad?" asked Royce.

She smiled.

"I don't know quite; we do not see very much of him; but I think it is something to do with Timbuctoo. But tell me all about yourself, Royce. You went on, quickly. "How did you get leave so soon again? I thought you had only just gone back to the regiment."

His face clouded and grew grave and embarrassed, and he kept his eyes fixed on the claret jug as he replied:

"Yes—so I had; but—Oh, I'll tell you all about it presently."

She looked at him with quick apprehension.

"Oh, Royce!" she faltered; "you— you haven't been getting into another scrape, have you?"

He laughed uneasily; his brows knit together, and his face grew hot and fierce.

"Let's talk of something else," he said.

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"Yes," she said. "Where's your luggage? Have you had it sent on? Perhaps it is in your room."

He bit his lip.

"I haven't any luggage—that is—There, I'd better tell you right out, I suppose. The—the fact is, Renie, I have been getting into another scrape, as you call it. And this time it's the worst scrape of all—What's that?" he broke off, looking toward the door.

She listened for a moment, then sprang up, her face paling a little.

"It is the countess; I know her step. Go, Royce! Let me break it to her that you are here. Go quick!" and she pointed to the window.

He rose and went a pace or two, then stopped, and, facing round, threw back his head.

"No!" he said. "No use running away, after all. I'll face it!"

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Celestial Doings in 1924

Astronomy offers for our delectation during the coming year, the closest approach of Mars to the earth in at least a generation; a transit of Mercury across the sun's face—an event which will be repeated but three times this century; five eclipses, and occultations of Mercury, Neptune, Aldebaran, and Regulus by the moon. Three of the eclipses will be of the sun and two of the moon, but none of them will be visible in the United States. Says Leake, M. Lewis of the United States Naval Observatory, writing in Science Service's Daily Science News Bulletin (Washington):

By the far most interesting astronomical event of 1924 will be the near opposition of Mars next August. Every fifteen or seventeen years the opposition of Mars occurs when the planet is not far from perihelion or the point in its orbit nearest to the sun. The planet is then about 36,000,000 miles nearer to the earth than it is at its most distant opposition, which occurs when it is near aphelion or the point in its orbit farthest from the sun. The last close opposition of Mars occurred in September, 1909, when Mars came within 36,180,000 miles of the earth. On August 23 of this year, a few hours before it comes into opposition with the sun, Mars will be at a distance of 34,690,000 miles from the earth, which is very nearly, if not quite, as close as it can ever come to the earth, and about one and a half million miles nearer than it was fifteen years ago.

The coming opposition of Mars is being awaited with keen interest by all interested in the study of the surface markings of this sister world, which, next to the moon and Venus, and an occasional asteroid or comet, comes nearer to us than any other member of the solar system.

Schiaparelli made his much-debated discovery of the "canals" of Mars at a close opposition, that of 1877, which he confirmed at the following favorable oppositions of 1878 and 1881. Close opposition of this mysterious planet brings additional observations of special interest and value, and it

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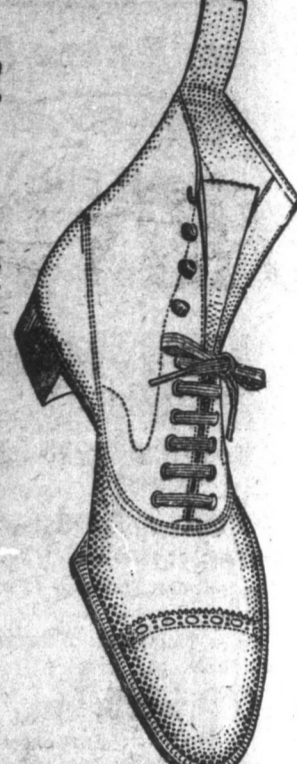
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The solar eclipses of 1924 will all be partial, and the lunar eclipses will be total. The partial solar eclipse of March 5 will have a greatest magnitude of 58 per cent, and will be visible only in the Antarctic and South Atlantic oceans and the extreme southern part of Africa. The solar eclipse of July 31 will have a magnitude of 19 per cent, and will be visible only in south polar regions. The solar eclipse of August 29 with a greatest magnitude of 43 per cent will be visible in the Arctic Ocean, Greenland, the northern part of Norway and Sweden, northern Russia, Siberia, northern China, Kamchatka, and Japan.


The total eclipse of the moon of February 20 will be visible in the extreme northwestern part of North America, the Pacific Ocean, Australia, Asia, the Indian Ocean, Europe, and Africa, except the extreme northwestern part.

The total eclipse of the moon of August 14 will be visible in the western part of the Pacific Ocean, Australia, Asia, the Indian Ocean, Europe, Africa, the Atlantic Ocean, and eastern and central South America.

Occultations of Aldebaran by the moon, visible in the United States, will occur on February 13, April 8, June 23, and September 18. The first magnitude star Regulus, in Leo, will also be occulted on October 29, the planet Mercury on August 2, and Neptune on November 18. As Neptune is not visible to the naked eye, its occultation by the moon can be viewed only telescopically.

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Fashions and Fads

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The scarf is very often made of the costume material.

Hand embroidery in brilliant silks is used on square French mantillas devoid of fringe.

The new silhouette is quite narrow, straight and boyish.

Roman-striped braids are used to trim dark spring frocks.

Stirts are decidedly shorter for street and afternoon wear.

Frings trimming is a chic way of finishing the scarf collar.

Pocket-square ties are used at the sides of narrow tailored frocks.

Double-barred cuffs are a charming touch for long, light sleeves.

With the coming of spring it seems to us that we shall witness the gradual passage of the belt.

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