

# IN THE TOILS; But Happiness Comes at Last.

CHAPTER XI.  
FORGOTTEN PROMISES.  
The next moment he was in the room—which his stalwart figure seemed to fill and dwarf ridiculously. "Well, Flo!" he said, in his clear, musical voice, as Lady Florence rose and gave him her warm, soft hand. "Here I am, back again, like a bad shilling. Jove! how comfortable you look," glancing round the room and warming his hands. "How have you been?" he went on, looking at her with approving admiration. Certainly Lady Florence was a beautiful woman; the room seemed to frame her, it was all such a delicious contrast to the bleak, cold outside. "Your looks answer for you—and how is Lady Fanshaw? Didn't I see her go out of the other room? No? Fancy, I suppose. What's the news?"

"I ought to ask that question," said Lady Florence, looking up at his stalwart form and handsome face with a soft light in her eyes. "Won't you sit down?" and she put her hand on a chair beside her. Charlie looked round, then dragged a cushion from the chair to the rug and threw himself down almost at her feet. He did not see the quick, glad flush that flashed across her face as he did so, nor did he feel the soft touch of her hand, which almost pressed his broad shoulder as it came into momentary contact with it. "Heigho, but this is very jolly, after that beastly journey," he said, with his usual oracular grunt of relief and comfort.

"You have only just returned?" "Just," he said, looking lazily at the fire. "Looked in at the club, and dressed and came on here." Lady Florence smiled with sweet content. "And how did you find the marquis?"

Lord Heatherdene laughed. "As ever. Got a worse attack than usual, though, I think. The first words he said were: 'For Heaven's sake, mind my feet!' I don't know whether he thought I was going to embrace him." Lady Florence laughed. "No, you are right," he assented, with a smile; "but more followed. He grumbled at everything—wanted to know why the dev—! I mean, why I didn't come down oftener; and the next moment got into a rage because I had not been in the House to vote with the party on the land question. I didn't know how I could well be in London and at the castle at one and the same time. Then he began to tell me about young Polignett, and got into such a rage about it; though how it concerns him I cannot see."

"What has Lord Polignett done?" asked Lady Florence. "Married a governess—no, an opera singer," said Lord Heatherdene. "Poor Lord Polignett!" murmured Lady Florence, with contemptuous pity. "Oh, I don't think he wants any commiseration," laughed Charlie. "They tell me that she is a remarkably pretty girl, and a clever one to boot, and that Polignett is as happy as a sandboy!"

"An opera singer! How I pity poor Lady Polignett!" said Lady Florence. Lord Heatherdene laughed. "Yes, the countess is wild enough. The earl said that she came over to the castle to tell him, and wept—I think they both wept together. It's a strange thing for Polignett to do."

## LEMONS BRING OUT THE HIDDEN BEAUTY

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes, to bleach the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white in this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quart pint of skin and complexion lotion at about the cost of an ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so no pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When applied daily to the face, neck, arms and hands it should help to bleach, clear, smoothen and beautify the skin.

Any druggist will supply three ounces of orchard white at very little cost and the grocer has the lemons. "I am afraid he did," said Lady Florence, "and yet I thought that I was a favorite of his."

"So you are—the favorite," said Lord Heatherdene. "He wants you to go down, you and Lady Fanshaw. I told him I would tell you, but perhaps it would have been more merciful to you to have forgotten it."

"I shall be glad to go after we come back from Mentone," said Lady Florence. "Mentone!" said Charlie, looking up with a sudden surprise. "Are you going?—when?—why?"

He looked up with quite a novel expression of perplexity and hesitation which did not escape Lady Florence. "I scarcely know," she said softly, and with a little sigh that ended in a smile. "Mentone is as good as anywhere else. One must go somewhere, and—and—town is empty."

"Mentone," repeated Charlie, rising abruptly, and leaning against the mantelpiece with a curious flush on his face. "Why should you go so far? What on earth will become of me when you are gone?"

Lady Florence looked down with a little tremor of the lip. "I don't think you will miss me, Charlie," she said. "Miss you—it isn't the word for it," he said earnestly, looking round the room and back at her downcast face. Lady Florence's heart beat fast. "I shall miss you terribly. Why, this is as good as home, and I turn in as naturally as if it were home. For Heaven's sake, don't go to that outlandish place."

"It is very pleasant now," she said, softly, yet sadly. "Why should I stay?" "Why?" he echoed, then he paused abruptly, drew a long breath, and looked down at her with a sudden nervousness, which was as strange as reason, and perhaps—perhaps you would not consider it one." She raised her eyes; there was an expectant light in them, and her face had suddenly grown pale. "And that?" she asked, almost in a whisper.

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"You said you would not go," said the poor marquis innocently. "But I promised!" exclaimed Lady Florence, with a swift glance at Charlie. "I don't care which it is," responds the marquis eagerly. "There are the tickets for the Boudoir, if you care to go. It not I will escort Lady Fanshaw—and you—to the duchess."

"A promise is a promise," said Lady Florence, still looking at Charlie. "I promised the duchess." Charlie came forward; hitherto he had been content to watch the argument and await the result. Now he came forward, and if Lady Florence had known it, her fate was in her own hands.

"To be continued." Household Notes. Any cooked vegetables left over can be used in salads, but they should be carefully dressed. If you use cleaning powder for saucapans, be sure to wash out the pan afterwards with cold water. Suet crust spread with jam or preserves and rolled up before steaming makes a delicious roly-poly. A suet crust steamed for an hour on top of a plain, well-seasoned meat stew is very good and wholesome. To have delicious mince meat use the following idea: To a gallon crock of mince meat add a pint of preserved citron.

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REVOLUTION IN COSTA RICA. San Juan Del Sur Nicaragua, Feb. 25.—A revolution is in progress in Costa Rica. Wire communication has been interrupted between the frontier and Los Chiles. It is known that the towns of Alajula, San Mateo and Heredia are in the hands of the revolutionists. It is reported Los Chiles and Punta Arenas probably will fall shortly.

WILL RESTORE RUSSIAN MONARCHY. LONDON, Feb. 25. Germany plans to restore the monarchy in Russia, according to a telegram from Petrograd to the Morning Post. It says the Grand Duke of Hesse has been appointed commander in the Riga section of the German army. His sister, the duchess adds, former Empress Alexandra, as guardian of her son, former Tsarevitch, is the favorite Germany can dictate, for the former Emperor will not accept the throne from German hands. The Bolsheviks have provided a form of Government which the Russians alone can understand, pure despotism; they have paved the way for the return of the monarchy.

RELEASING ARISTOCRATS. PETROGRAD, Feb. 25. General Count Morbach, commanding the armies occupying Estonia and Livonia, has issued a manifesto to the population declaring that they are now under German police power. He orders the release from prison of all barons of Estonia, declaring they are under the protection of Germany.

PROMOTING ANOTHER STRIKE. AMSTERDAM, Feb. 25. There are numerous indications in Germany of a very systematic campaign to promote a new general strike, says a Berlin despatch.

GERMANS ENFORCING DISCIPLINE. PETROGRAD, Feb. 25. The Germans late Saturday were still advancing into the provinces they had decided to occupy. In this connection it is reported they are executing Red Guards, treating them as outlaws, but releasing and disarming soldiers of the regular army. The Pravda, the Bolshevik organ, declares that the revolution is in progress in Costa Rica. Wire communication has been interrupted between the frontier and Los Chiles. It is known that the towns of Alajula, San Mateo and Heredia are in the hands of the revolutionists. It is reported Los Chiles and Punta Arenas probably will fall shortly.

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