

LOVE FINDS A WAY.

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By the time he reached the outer gate to his own parklike inclosure Olivia stood absorbed in his loyal heart. She was altogether lovely and trustworthy. He, Tom Broxton, was an ill-mannered cub, not worthy to button her pretty boots. Sun never shone upon sweeter maiden. It was meet and proper he should go through some sort of probationary trial to render him less unworthy of her. He never could be quite worthy of her, oh, no, never! But she would be his after a little while. All his pulses bounded joyously. Life was assuming rosy tints with the passing of each moment. It made him glad to think it would be in his power to gratify her every wish, let her wish for never so costly or unattainable a thing.

For your sake, my sweet, I am glad of all the wealth that is mine, glad of the store of gems hidden away somewhere, all for you, Olivia—all for you, my beloved! The breath of wild clematis filled his nostrils; birds piped musically in the larch branches over his head; splashes of sunshine flecked the brown earth of the narrow bridge path. He whistled aloud in the fullness of his boyish content. At a rapid canter he swung into the open before the hall door.

A strange group clustered about his front doorsteps sent him forward with a bound. Jessy was there leaning over something that lay prone on the veranda floor. Martin, his own yard man, was flinging his legs over the horse Clarence Westover had ridden away from the Matthews gate an hour before. Westover was walking up and down, with bare head and blanched cheeks, wringing his hands and giving wildly impossible orders to everybody at once. Still, white and motionless, Olivia, his Olivia, lay the central figure of this excited group.

Tom's tall form was soon added to it. He pushed Westover away without apology. His grievous face was terrible in its stern wrath.

"You have killed her. How dared you mount her on an untamed horse?" Westover was too utterly miserable to resent this masterful arraignment. "An idiot fired a gun behind the hedge. Both horses bolted. Broxton, if she dies I'll blow my brains out."

"You have none to blow out," said Tom, with brutal candor. Then, stooping and lifting the unconscious girl in his arms, he swung rapidly through the door and up the stairway, followed by a wailing and useless group.

CHAPTER IX.

A SHRIEK AT MIDNIGHT.

Clear, piercing, startling, a woman's voice rang out upon the solemn stillness of the Broxton house at midnight.

Mr. Matthews, starting from a troubled sleep, sprang hastily out of bed and immediately lost his bearings.

He had forgotten in the first frightened moment that he was sleeping in a strange bedroom. His surroundings baffled him. He could not find a door. The location of the matchbox, if such a thing existed in his old friend's chamber, was an unsolvable mystery. He struck his head violently against the corner of an old fashioned armor

and recoiled against an unfamiliar table. Finally he stood stock still where he was, dreading other collisions. Where was Olivia, and who had screamed?

Presently matters cleared themselves in his fully aroused brain. He had been sent for by Tom in wild haste. Clarence Westover himself had galloped after Dr. Govan. The two men had reached Broxton within a few moments of each other. They found Olivia seated on the sofa in the library soundly beating Tom for having "raised such a do about nothing" and incidentally for having abused Clarence Westover.

"I am not hurt at all, papa. It is too bad to give you such a scare. I was just a little stunned by the fall, but I never was unconscious. I heard, but could not talk. Tom was really quite rude to poor Mr. Westover when he was not at all to blame for my riding the horse nor for that stupid man's shooting on the other side of the hedge. He even told him he had no brains. I wish people would sometimes try to be more just to other people."

"I do, too," said Tom, turning angrily on his heel and leaving the room. Then Dr. Govan came and searched diligently for broken bones without finding any, but he pronounced her distinctly feverish and badly shaken up. "She had best stay where she is for the night. Put her to bed at once and keep her there until I can see her again in the morning," was his decision.

So while the sun was still staining the western sky a vivid red, picked out with glorious purples and pinks, Simon's wife had spread the great four poster in Miss Letticia's room with sweet smelling sheets of fine old linen and thrown wide the shutters so that Olivia, lying under the blue brocade canopy, might gaze out at the sunset glories of the dying day. She had protested violently.

"There is nothing the matter at all with me, papa. I can perfectly well go home. I would rather after what I have said to Tom, for I can't possibly stay."

Tom, who found it impossible to

door, heard her and here put in a rueful face to say kindly:

"I wish you would not worry so to get away from here, Olivia. It is not as if I did not have plenty of room, you know. Your anxiety to get away is rather rough on me. If you are angry because I told Westover he did not have any brains to blow out, I'll ride over there and apologize to him to-night. I'll do anything you want done, Olivia. I'll even go down to Simon's house to sleep and efface myself."

"This humble apology was received loftily. "It is very good of you to make such large promises, Thomas, I'm sure, but I don't want to stay on any terms."

"She must," said Dr. Govan with authority. "She shall," said her father with decision. And, the matter having taken that shape, Tom had turned down to the care taker's cottage to impress his wife Jessy into service as lady's maid. Between them all Olivia was treated like a queen temporarily disqualified from reigning. But to come back to that scream.

Horace Matthews' first thought was for Olivia. Something had frightened her. God, would he never find a door? He did finally and groped his way through it into the large dark central hall. Absolute silence enveloped the house. He tiptoed across the hall to put an ear to the keyhole of Olivia's door.

Everything was quiet inside. He had a distinct recollection of how dimly that particular door creaked and groaned on its hinges. It would be scarcely worth while to arouse Olivia just to tell her that she had had a nightmare. Doubtless she had been dreaming of the runaway or perhaps of the many who had died in this gloomy old house. Personally he found it a most depressing spot.

The soft thud of slipped feet broke the deathlike stillness. Glancing nervously over his shoulder, he saw Tom, fully dressed, advancing with a lighted candle held high over his head.

"Hello, Mr. Matthews!"

"Well, Thomas?"

"I thought I heard a noise, a scream."

"How many times?"

"Only once."

"I heard it too. I imagine Olivia has been having bad dreams."

"But it came from down stairs. My room is immediately over the library, you know."

A clammy sweat broke out on the lawyer's forehead and bedewed the backs of his hands.

"A-h-h, what do you make of it, Thomas?" he asked nervously.

"Nothing at all until I investigate. I am going down stairs. Will you come with me?"

"Why—well, yes, of course, if you think it worth while. But I am quite sure it came from my daughter's room. She is sleeping very quietly now, and I do not care to open her door because it creaks so infernally."

He had much to do to keep his teeth from chattering and displayed no conspicuous ardor for the expedition. Tom advanced resolutely toward the staircase.

"I think I shall feel better satisfied for looking the house over."

He was strongly minded to tell his guardian of the unpleasant experience that had befallen him on the memorable watch night. His guardian had an equally strong impulse to give his experience on the eve of Olivia's fate. Nothing came, however, of the fleeting inclination on either side.

Thomas proceeded to descend the steps with his candle held high. Matthews promised to follow as soon as he could get into his dressing gown.

The gown proved elusive, and his progress was slow.

Presently a cry scarcely less startling than the one that had broken up his sound slumber ascended from the floor below. It was in Tom Broxton's voice.

"Ollie, Olivia, what do you see as you doing down there? By Jove, she is in a dead faint! Mr. Matthews, here, quick!"

Before he had time to place his candle on the table his guardian was in the room looking like a man who has received his deathblow.

There, in a heap on the floor, her shining hair falling in a thick mass over her pallid face and closed eyes, lay Olivia. Her father gathered her to his heart with a frightened cry and laid her on a sofa.

Tom lighted a gas jet and rushed into the dining room in search of water. Every receptacle was empty, of course. The outdoor cisterns were his only hope. When he got back, Olivia had regained consciousness, but was sobbing and clinging to her father's neck with a frightened clutch. Her eyes were wide with terror, and short irrepressible shudders ran over her body visibly every few seconds. She was pleading excitedly with her father.

"Take me home, father; take me away now, this very minute, papa. You know I did not want to stay. Oh, horrible, horrible!"

Tom held a glass of water to her quivering lips. His face was scarcely less pale than hers.

"Drink this water, Ollie, dear, and then tell us what has frightened you. See, I will light every gas jet in the house so as to show you that you have been frightened by a nibbling mouse, and I will stay down stairs to keep the mice quiet all the rest of the night if only you won't say anything more about going home at midnight."

She drank the water eagerly. Then, finding her courage come back with the illumination of the house, she said more steadily:

"As if I could be frightened by a mouse! You are very good, Tom, to a most troublesome guest. I am sorry I was so ugly to you this afternoon. But

I don't want to stay." She shivered and clung closer to her father. "Oh, father, father, it was so frightful, so distinct! I will never, never get over it!"

"Get over what, Olivia? I insist upon your calming yourself sufficiently to give me a lucid account of what has happened."

There was an unfamiliar sternness in her father's voice and manner which made her stare at him in surprise. She had no means of knowing that he was hiding his own fears behind that stern mask.

"Are you going to scold me, father, after all I have gone through? I never saw you look so cross before."

"I don't want to scold you at all, my darling. I only—I mean"—His strong square jaws were twitching convulsively. His nerves were rapidly getting the upper hand of him. He looked imploringly at Tom.

Tom took up the task of questioning with tender soothing in his manner.

"We are asking you to tell us what frightened you so badly, Ollie, dear, so as to punish him or them or it. You see, we want to be doing something about it, but we are all in the dark so far."

She shook her head mournfully.

"Oh, there is nothing to be done. Tom; nothing you can do, nothing; nothing anybody can do. Sell the place, Tom, and let strangers live in it. You can never be happy here. Oh, papa, papa!"

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Ontario Soldier Dead at Barrax.

Hallifax, N.S., May 21.—Pte. N. McGinnigan of the 3rd Special Service Battalion, R.C.R., died at the Military Hospital here last night. He belonged to Perth, Ont.

Looking for Dynamites.

The guard at Macaulay Point, close to the British warship dockyard, was changed on Monday night, the regulars being taken off and 60 Canadian volunteers from Vancouver, under Captain Akroyd, being placed in charge. These men were warned that dynamites might be expected any night, and more particularly now, as dynamites did not fear volunteers as they did regulars. The men were told that if any strangers approached the dockyard or fort at that point to challenge once, and if there was no answer to fire high, immediately challenge again, and if there was still no response to shoot to kill and call out the guard.

One of the Canadian sentries was surprised to see three men crawling toward him on their hands and knees, carrying ten yards away on Wednesday night. He should, "Who goes there?" and, getting no response, he fired point blank at the strangers, who turned and fled in the darkness. The entire guard turned out and ran after the strangers as long as they could be seen, firing at them the while.

Keeping the Matter Quiet.

As little harm could be done to Fort Macaulay by dynamite, it is thought the supposed Fenians were reconnoitering the fort preparatory to an attempt to dynamite a British warship at that lying in the dockyard close by.

Since this event the three Fenians have again disappeared, but they will be arrested at some future date.

Captain Akroyd, in charge of the men at Macaulay Point, was asked to-day if it were true that three supposed Fenians were shot at and chased by the guard on Wednesday night.

"It is true," he replied, "but I cannot discuss the matter further, as the men of the service is that strict secrecy must be maintained by officers and men regarding such matters."

THE ELECTION FRAUDS.

Rumor Says Judges, Wartle, Lister and Langelier Will Compose the Royal Commission.

Montreal, May 21.—There are already rumors afloat regarding the composition of the Royal Commission promised by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to look into the corrupt practices at elections. A gentleman who arrived from Ottawa last evening states that the bench of enquiry will be composed of Judge Wartle of Montreal, Judge Lister and Judge F. Langelier.

THEY ARE KNOWN IN DUBLIN.

Revelations Expected When the Dynamiters' Trial Comes On.

London, May 21.—The Daily Express says this morning that startling disclosures may be expected at the trial of the dynamiters, in Dublin, the men charged with attempting to destroy the Welland Canal locks. They are well known to the Dublin police, and letters have been received from the various provinces of Ireland, as identified with the physical force movement.

London's Municipal Tramways.

London, May 21.—London's municipal corporation has decided to increase in excess of the Council's receipts. The net debt of the County Council now stands at \$115,000,000. Municipal taxes amount to 14½ pence in the pound, an increase of 1½ pence on last year. The municipal working of the tramways is proving most successful, the cars having produced a profit the past year equivalent to a halfpenny in the pound rate of taxes.

A Tilbury Farmer Killed.

Tilbury, Ont., May 21.—Ozias Malott, a Tilbury East farmer, unmarried and aged about 28, who resided one mile from this village, while driving across the M. C. R. tracks here about 7 o'clock Saturday night, was struck by an east-bound express and almost instantly killed. The unfortunate man was dead when taken from the cowcatcher.

Will There Be Wedding?

Borneo, May 19.—The Committee of the International Peace Bureau, in session here, has decided to address to the 25 powers who are signatories to The Hague convention, a last appeal for their assistance to secure peace between Great Britain and the South African republics. The appeal signs not only to conflicts arising between the two countries, but also to the national differences. Therefore, it is claimed, the offer of mediation by the powers in the present conflict comes within the category of real arbitration by the conference, and could not be regarded by Great Britain as an unfriendly act.

\$50,000 for Ottawas.

London, May 21.—The Mansion House Fund for the relief of the victims of the Ottawa fire has reached \$50,000.

FENIANS ON PACIFIC COAST

Schemes to Blow Up Fort Macaulay With Dynamite.

Canadian Volunteers Have Been Put on Sentry Duty to Watch the Pro-Fenian at Fort Macaulay—The Guards Have Been Instructed to Shoot to Kill Strangers Approaching Fort or Dock Yards at Esquimaut.

Vancouver, B.C., May 20.—A major of the Sixth Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles sent today that a naval officer at Esquimaut and informed him that strict orders had been issued to the men at Great Britain's North Pacific station to shoot any approaching the fortifications immediately after a second challenge, and to shoot to kill.

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