



There are very few cleansing operations in which Sunlight Soap cannot be used to advantage. It makes the home bright and clean.

Sweet as a Rose.

The curtain came down for the last time. Flossie made her last bow, and Sir Herkley rose and got into his dress overcoat.

As he did so a sudden inspiration struck him. He would not go down to the green-room, as he was wont to do, and as he was expected to do tonight, but he would send a short note excusing himself, and go home, change his clothes, and make straight for Flossie.

"I shall be able to write from there," he muttered. "I must write. I cannot tell her. The dread of a scene makes a coward of me. Yes, I will write."

He grew so eager and hopeful with this idea working in his brain that he drew out a card and scribbled on it, there and then, with feverish haste. "Am obliged to go into the country. Will write to you," and going out of the box called to the attendant, "Take this to Miss Hamilton," he said. "And here—here is something for your trouble."

The box-keeper stared; the something was a sovereign. Then he went home to his solitary chambers and paced the floor for at least a couple of hours, during which he repeated the objectionable epithet of "Fool!" once, he did so twenty times. A great longing to leave London, which he felt as if he hated, and to see Paula, took possession of him and mastered him; for joined to this longing was a strange, vague desire which he could not put into words—a dread lest something should "turn up" which should cause him to lose her.

And as this dread grew stronger, as he smoked cigar after cigar, half through, and hung it aside impatiently, Paula's beauty and sweet, youthful purity became more precious to him each moment.

"By heaven," he muttered, "I have been a weak-minded idiot, but I will not trust myself again. I will not go to her side, will not return to this beastly London until"—he drew a long breath—"until we are married and she is mine beyond all accidents."

At least, pretty nearly worn out, he undressed and went to bed. Meanwhile, Flossie Hamilton, flushed with the success of the evening, descended to her dressing-room, a snug little apartment, delicately furnished with its lace draped mirror and white and gold furniture, and proceeded to get out of her page's costume assisted by Weston.

"How did it go tonight, Weston?" she asked. "I'm sure you needn't ask, miss," replied Weston, with a smile, and pointing to the bonnet lying on a side table. "One more encore than usual, miss. I have never heard you sing better."

"Do you think Sir Herkley was pleased? He hasn't seen it before, you know. Could you see him?" "No, miss; but how could he be other than pleased?" said the curtain. "So did the major."

"The major!" repeated Flossie with a little start. "Was he in the house?" "No, miss; I think not; they both kept behind their backs in the night," Flossie shuddered and flushed. "I hope he did not," she murmured. "He thinks the major is in the country."

A knock came at the door and the discreet Weston went into the ante-room. "Who is it?" asked Flossie, as she entered and there was a faint tremor in the client voice which revealed the fact that the actress' nerves were not in the best condition.

"It's the major, miss," said Weston: "he has got a note for you." "I'll come out to him," said Flossie, and she jumped up and went into the next room.

The major took off his hat as if he were in a fashionable salon and was making obsequious to a duchess. "Did I disturb you?" "You've got a note for me," she said, cutting in with an impatient abridgment of ceremony.

"Yes," he said with a smile. "I met the attendant bearing it; I may be a little late, but I saw it given to her, and I offered to bring it to you." She almost started at the note from his hand, read it, and turned pale. "He has gone!" she said, biting her lip.

The major nodded. "By he mean Rick?" he said, coolly. "Is that an adieu?" "Yes—read it," she said, holding it out to him. "Short and not very sweet, is it?" she added bitterly.

"The major cast his eye over the couple of lines and shrugged his shoulders eloquently. "Never mind," he said, "it is what I expected. Yes, he has gone. Did you send that letter I dictated?" She inclined her head moodily.

"Then he will soon be back," said the major with his most pleasant smile. "Do you think so?" she demanded. "Are you really sure?" "Quite sure," he responded. "Unless I am mistaken in my estimation of human nature—shall I say feminine human nature?—and I have studied it pretty closely, my dear Miss Flossie, our good Rick will return, and that speedily."

"Yes, he must come back to me," she said with a feverish eagerness, as she read the note.

If trying to convince and reassure herself—"the must, if not, I shall!" The major puts up his white handkerchief.

BAD BREAKING CAUSED DEFEAT

Lady May and Patchen Maid Betray the Trust of Their Backers.

Two heavily-favored favorites, Lady May and Patchen Maid, were defeated yesterday at Lexington. Both lost their races by breaking at the most critical moments. The summaries:

The Kentucky stake, for 3-year-olds, trotting, value \$200, 2 in 3: 1. Lord Revelstoke, 2. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 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