

[Continued from 1st page.] She spoke no more for a minute. She stood gazing at all that was visible of the pale face below the darkened eyes. It was clear cut, so refined in feature, and the lips under the sweeping blonde mustache, though set and compressed, were delicate and pink. He looked eagerly towards the parade; but Sam was still far away. The music had scattered and was leading him a lively dance.

They took no one into their confidence but Mrs. Rayner obeyed her husband, went to Mrs. Waldron and apologized for her rudeness, and then went with her sister and returned the call of the colonel's wife; but she chose a bright afternoon, when she knew well the lady was not at home.

She retired from the contest, apparently, as has been said, and took much Christian consolation from the fact that she was obeying her husband and doing the duty she owed to him. In very truth, however, the contest was withdrawn from her by the fact that for a week or more after his evening at the Waldrons' Mrs. Hayne did not reappear in garrison, and she had no cause to talk about him. Concerning the house and the mention of his name, ladies of the cavalry regiment called upon Mrs. Rayner and Miss Travers occasionally spoke of him and his devotion to the men and his bravery at the fire, but rather as though they meant in a general way to compliment the officers, not Mr. Hayne; and so the heard little of the man whose existence was so sore a trial to her.

They were to have gone to Warren immediately after the holidays, but January came and Nellie had not surrendered. Another week passed, and she sat with the devoted old mother whose heart was so wrapped up in her son's happiness, and whose arms seemed yearning to enfold the mercurial youth who was conquered. If not fully convinced of her love for Mr. Van Antwerp, she was more than ever in love with her mother. Her promise was given, and then she seemed eager to get back to the frontier which she had known and loved as a child. "I want to see the mountains, the snow peaks, the great rolling prairies, once more," she said, and he had to consent. Man never urged more importantly than Nellie did that she should come off that very winter; but Nellie once more said no. She could not and would not listen to an earlier date than the summer to come.

No one on earth knew with what foreboding and misery he let her go. It was something, he thought, which could not help remarking his unconquerable aversion to every mention of the army and of his own slight epaulet on the frontier. He would not take it with him, but he was an enthusiast and had spent two years of her girlhood and had loved the shadow of Laramie Peak and loved the mere mention of Wyoming streams and valleys. In her husband's name Mrs. Rayner had urged him to drop his business early in the spring and come to them for a visit. He declared it was utterly impossible. Every moment of his time must be given to the settling of estate affairs here and there, and to the care of his business, and he would not be in the summer. He meant to take his bride abroad immediately and spend a year or more in Europe. These were details which were not to be mentioned by Mrs. Rayner and speedily became general property. It seemed to the men that in bringing her sister there engaged she had violated all precedents to begin with, and in this instance, at least, there was general complaint.

Mr. Blake said it reminded him of his early boyhood, when they used to take him to the great toy stores at Christmas; "Look all you like, long for it as much as you please, but don't touch. Merton and I, in the company of the cavalry, said simply a challenge to any better fellow to cut in and out of the Knickerbocker; and, to do them better, they did their best to carry out their challenge. Both they and their comrades of the Riders were assiduous in their attentions to Miss Travers, and she, too, was not slow to make acrimonious comment in consequence. A maiden sister of one of the veteran captains in the—, a dandy whose stern asceticism had been reflected in her features and grimly illustrated in her dress, was moved to censure of her more attractive neighbor. "If I had my wish, I would use it as a man," said she, and her manner was indicative of the long struggle which such a betrothal would cost both him and her, "nothing on earth would induce me to accept attentions from any one else, not even if he were millions of miles away."

But Nellie Travers never offered the young gentlemen any of the "longing" which she had seen in the eyes of the other boys; she was simply and promptly admitted, for his ill at ease and sorely worried, while his inflammable Kate was fuming over the situation of her husband's affairs. Under ordinary circumstances she would have been very little to object to so long as Nellie showed no preference for any one of her admirers. But she was not unless peevish or perturbed in spirit would have made little allusion to it. As matters stood, however, she was in a most nervous and excitable mood; could not fall at the real cause of her misery, and so, womanlike, she was taking a pretext for uncorking the vials of her wrath on somebody or something else.

If the young man in garrison who, with two or three other young fellows, were disposed to rebel at Miss Nellie's apparent absorption of all the available cavaliers at the post, and call her a too lucky girl, could but have heard Mrs. Rayner's nightly tirades and hourly rebukes, they might have realized that here, as elsewhere, the rose had its sting; that the girl who was so devotedly loved by her admirers, and who so confounded her sister by talking till very submissively and attempting no defense. Possibly conscience was telling her that she deserved much more than getting, or that she would be likely to get by her sister's hand of the adventure of Mr. Hayne.

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