

dinner-party, but she felt no inclination to sleep. How glad she was to be alone to think over the events of the evening, and to indulge the bitterness of her sorrow unobserved.

How could she resign the happiness of becoming Sir Gervase Montague's wife? She cared not what duty required, she would not give him up!

And now Hilda's rebellions will rise with giant force to silence conscience, and crush the suggestions of her higher nature. This was a fearful crisis in her life: the contest between passion and principle was powerful.

One month passed away—a period of mingled happiness and misery to Hilda, for the fierce contest in her heart continued. She could not resign the happiness of being loved by Sir Gervase, neither could she accept the offer of his hand.

At length an unexpected event occurred which, for the present, seemed to interrupt this *affaire de coeur* between the Baronet and Miss Tremayne.

A letter arrived from Colonel Godfrey expressing a wish to see his grand-daughter, and inviting her to visit him at Innismoyne. This letter was short and rather stiff, giving Hilda to understand that if she did not happen to please Colonel Godfrey, if he should be disappointed either in her appearance or character, she must not calculate on making Innismoyne her future residence.

Colonel Godfrey's invitation was a source of much gratification to the Berkeley's. It seemed to give them a higher standing in society—it certainly did elevate them in their own opinion—this connection with the Godfreys and Sir Gervase Montague.

Owing to these considerations Claribel's love for cousin Hilda increased amazingly. She took care that her wardrobe should be supplied with all that fashion deemed necessary, regardless of expense.

with favourable ideas of the connections whom he despised.

Hilda took little interest in these preparations for her visit to her mother's relatives. She felt hurt at the style of her grandfather's letter, and would have declined accepting his invitation were it not that her uncle desired her to do so.

Grant Berkeley was about to visit England on some commercial business. He therefore took charge of Hilda on his trip across the Atlantic.

Sir Gervase Montague was the secret cause of this first step towards a reconciliation between Colonel Godfrey and his deceased daughter's child.

The next steamer which left Quebec for Ireland after Hilda's departure from Canada numbered Sir Gervase Montague among its passengers.

To be continued.

Sala doesn't admire the singing of the Breton troops recently brought into Paris. He thus describes the sensation:—"A railway whistle is harmony to it; the sound of a threshing machine badly in need of grease is lively melody, most diversified in note, and cheering in expression, by the side of it.

Davy Crockett once graphically described the condition of a party of friends after a political jollification, who were so tipsy that neither of them could hit the ground with his hat with three times throwing.

It is not until the flower has fallen off that the fruit begins to ripen. So in life it is when the romance is past that the practical usefulness begins.

Those who feel most deeply, are most given to disguise their feelings, and de- rision is never so agonizing as when it pounces on the wanderings of misguided sensibility.

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