

The Earl's Mistake

"I don't play football," says Carrie. "Don't be ridiculous, Philippa!"

"Ridiculous! I am merely speaking from the fullness of my sense of justice the obstinate, obstinate, obstinate, which you do not appear to possess."

"I don't need them, seeing that you have enough for all the family," says Carrie. "But don't let me interrupt you, Philippa dear. I always notice that when you have a few minutes to spare you utilize them by reading me a lecture. Now it amuses you and it doesn't hurt me; therefore why should I be so merciless as to deprive you of your little innocent recreation. Go on, Philippa dear, my monitor and friend. We have had the 'firstly,' now proceed to the 'secondly,' and so on till the dinner-bell rings, which I trust it will do soon, for I am famished."

Philippa laughs, half vexed, half amused.

"Carrie, if I didn't know better, I should be tempted to think sometimes that you have no heart."

Carrie holds up one white hand, and regards the rings upon it pensively.

"That sounds dreadfully severe," Philippa, she says softly, in the sweetest of voices. "On what do you ground so hard an accusation, sister mine? Have you ever seen me catching flies, or pulling the cat's tail, or sticking pins on the seats of the chairs?"

Philippa laughs sympathetically.

"Be serious, Carrie! I know that you know what I mean! You behave to poor Willie as if you absolutely have no heart! No, don't interrupt me," Carrie, Willie loves you most devotedly."

"Has he told you so this afternoon? He has never told me so," demurely.

"It doesn't need telling, it is patent to all the world. Why do you play fast and loose with him—a sweet, innocent, and all goddesses the next? My dear, love is a serious thing."

Carrie smiles softly.

"So are measles and whooping cough; your tone infers that you class love among the epidemics."

"A serious thing," continues Philippa, lightly disregarding the interruption; "it means the happiness or misery of a life; it means—ah, Carrie, dear, neither you nor I know fully what it means—certainly not you."

The shapely head, with its soft, silken hair, droops thoughtfully.

"What a mystery it is, Philippa," she says, looking dreamily out of the window at the setting sun, whose rays light up the beautiful young face and cast a glow around it that might befit a saint in a stained glass window."

"This love that books—and you, Philippa—are talking about. According to the books, it is the one thing wanted to perfect life; the one thing that rounds existence off and makes it worth living. This love! What a tyrant it is! I suppose you would have me believe that poor Willie is, and will be, desperately unhappy unless I—love him! That he is wretched when he is away from me; that he wants me to be with him all ways; that he longs to make me—his wife! It is strange, passing strange; the poet says! No, I don't understand it."

"Not yet!" says Philippa, sagely, and with a prophetic tone. "But the time will come! I could almost wish that it might never come for you!"

"No! Why?" asks Carrie, softly, and glancing at her with the same dreamy look.

"Because," says Philippa, with half a smile and half a sigh, "when it does come you will 'take it' badly."

"Like the measles," murmurs Carrie.

"You will feel it so acutely! It is just your nature that suffers so severely when the hour comes. Ah! Carrie, you will understand then how much poor Willie suffers now! When that hour comes, when the moment and the man arrive, and throw their glare over you, so that the world is dark when he is not near, and all life seems death if he be not with you to vivify it, then you will understand, Carrie! My dear, I seem to see you—"

"In my mind's eye, Horatio," murmurs Carrie, but there is a touch of seriousness in her tone, as if she had caught the spirit of Philippa's prophecy.

"I seem to see you then, tossed on a wave-rudder sea, swayed by a passion which is as tyrannical as a despot, and at the mercy of the unknown he who ever he may be. If that time comes, Carrie, you will remember how you jeered at the sacred, mystic passion, and suffer qualms of remorse."

There is silence for a moment, as Philippa ceases her homily; silence during which the beautiful eyes are downcast and at rest, then Carrie raises her head and smiles. But it is a smile that is rather forced, and it sits on a face that is unusually pale.

"Philippa, you are a kind of ill omen. You are a reven croaking over a churchyard elm. What have I done that you should prophesy such evil days for me? Love! You paint it in such doleful colors that it frightens me! I am half inclined to register a vow that for all my days I will have nothing to say to it! And if, as you say, I have no heart, perhaps I might make that vow with safety. Love—I shall never hear the word without a shudder! No, Philippa, love and I will remain strangers, thank you all the same! No wind-tossed sea for me, old raven! No!" she stops, and Philippa, lifting her eyes, sees, with much astonishment, that the bright orbs confronting her are dim with unshed tears. That the lovely face is pale, and the lips quivering.

"Carrie! My dear!" she murmurs, with keen self-reproach, and going toward her with outstretched arms.

But Carrie steps back and evades the passionate embrace.

"Philippa," she says, "you would make a splendid tragedienne! Don't touch me! You have already spoiled my dinner. Be satisfied! Love! If love be what you say it is, Heaven keep it far from me!"

CHAPTER XI.

It is the evening of the sixteenth, the evening of the regimental ball, and Thorpe Hampstead and his neighborhood is in a pleasant state of excitement. The ball—for it is the only one in any way merits the term public—is the great event in the lives of the inhabitants of Maltfield; the one white spot of revelry, the one red-letter night in a gray and sober year.

Everyone who can get an invitation—and one must be very "shady" or unimportant not to be able to do so—makes a point of donning war paint and putting in an appearance.

On this one night—gentle and simple, lords and commoners, meet, if not as equals, at any rate in the same room, and mingle in the same dance.

his sitting-room and Carrie, turning her head involuntarily, sees his lordship seated comfortably in the armchair reading the paper.

He looks up, and seeing the vision of youth and beauty very much adorned, rises and comes toward them.

"Just starting?" he says, with a smile and a glance which takes in Carrie's dress and the fair slightly flushed face above it.

"Yes," says Philippa, cheerily. "We are on the war-trail. You are not coming then?"

He looks down at his slippers and shakes his head.

"No," he says.

Carrie looks straight before her, and pulls her cloud more closely round her neck, which peeps white and soft and warm through the meshes of fleecy wool.

"I'm sorry," says Philippa, frankly; "everybody goes to the regimental ball. You will be quite singular."

"Lord Cecil perhaps prefers to be singular," says Carrie, with a fine air of calm candor.

Lord Cecil looks at her.

"I thought there would be quite enough without me," he says.

"So they say," assents Carrie quickly, and with a smile whose sweetness is suspicious.

"Exactly," he says. "I am glad you agree with me. Besides."

"Besides," she says interrupting him and looking straight before her, "Lord Cecil would not care for a rough-and-scramble affair like the Maltfield ball; he would only be bored by such a crowd. It is far better to sit and read the paper in ease and comfort."

He says nothing in answer to this piece of sarcasm, but his eyes wander to the beautiful face, now defiant and aggressive, and linger there as if the picture pleased him.

"Come, girls!" said Mr. Harrington, bustling in, after the manner of men, as if he had been kept waiting and was tired out. "Quite ready! Oh, Lord Cecil! Not going? Wise man; I wish I were in your shoes."

(To be Continued.)

Warner

Mrs. Martindale was very ill at the time of writing.

Mr. Leonard Traver has made his last trip, moving to his new farm.

Edward Merritt is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Morris Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Silverthorn and family visited at E. Fulson's on Sunday last.

Little Jessie Tice is improving in health, and will soon be able to return to school.

Mr. Theodore Barker passed through here putting up bills for a sale to be held on March 16.

Missionary collectors are again making their rounds.

Nelson Shadwick was through here selling cream separately.

Warner people are living in hope of having a telephone line through this locality soon.

Carney and Arthur Silverthorn made a trip to Vinemont for crushed stone for J. Kilitt's new leasement.

Valmer Bartlett is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lammman entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening last.

Stoney Creek

The regular meeting of the Stoney Creek Women's Institute was held in the Council Chamber on Thursday afternoon. About fifty of the ladies took advantage of the pleasant weather to go to the ladies' picnic. To accept an invitation from the Ancaster President to visit their society some time in May. It is expected a lady delegate will be present at the June meeting. Readings were given by Miss H. Corman and Mrs. H. Lee. Mrs. Beaumont demonstrated an hour to prepare a fancy dish of fried potatoes.

The successful ones in the bean contest at the lemon squeezer were: First, Miss Milly Corman; second, Mrs. (Dr.) Thompson; third, Mrs. George Stewart.

"Financially, as well as socially, it was a success, over \$25 being received and something over \$25 cleared."

Brant

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Barton, and Master Jim, of Jerseyville, spent last Sunday with D. and Mrs. House.

Mr. John Whiting is able to be around again.

Mr. C. Emerson, Brantford, called on Mr. D. Papple last week.

Mr. Frazz last week is quite ill, his many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton and Master Jack, of Langford, spent a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. Papple.

Mrs. D. House is quite ill, and is under the care of Dr. H. H. H. being worked near Jerseyville for the past year, is again at Mr. F. Wall's.

Mr. Ira File has returned from a few days stay with relatives near Alberton.

PERIODICAL WAR

Said to Have Broken Out in Central America.

Mexico City, March 12.—It is persistently rumored here that war has broken out between Nicaragua and Salvador, and that there has been an engagement between the Salvadoran gunboat President and the Nicaraguan gunboat Momotombo. The result is not known.

The Mexican Government is without official advice as to the truth of these rumors. The Herald today advocates annexation of the five Central American States by Mexico. The general opinion here is that intervention is inevitable to make the initial move.

Washington, March 12.—Owing to the continued disturbed conditions in Nicaragua and President Zelaya's failure to make a serious effort looking to a settlement of the Emergency claim, the United States State Department today by withdrawing Mr. Gregory, the United States Charge at Managua, and ordering the Legation placed in the hands of the Consul, practically broke off diplomatic relations with that country.

Affairs in Central America have been closely watched by the American and Mexican Governments, both of which have now come to an understanding that the time has arrived when drastic measures should be enforced to insure peace in the Central American republics.

SCORED JURY.

Judge Said Their Verdict Was an Encouragement to Perjury.

Toronto, March 13.—"Your verdict can have no other effect than to encourage perjury in our courts," said Judge Wigney, scathingly, to a jury in the Sessions yesterday afternoon when they found a man named Samuel Parsonson not guilty of perjury. The trial arose out of Parsonson's former trial in the Police Court, where he swore, contrary to the evidence of three police officers, that when the police raided his place at 129 Munro street the letter did not find any money or dice on the tables.

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GRENFELL LABRADOR MISSION.

Dr. Grenfell will be present to address a meeting in the Association Hall on Thursday, April 8, the day before Good Friday, when all those who are interested in this work will have an opportunity of hearing him speak about it, and illustrate his talk with limelight views. Fuller notice will be given later.

MEDICAL COLLEGE IN PEKIN.

Committee in Britain Raising Funds for Endowment.

London, March 12.—The Chinese Emergency Appeal Committee, of which Sir Robert Hart, formerly Inspector-General of Customs in China, is President, today issued a non-sectarian appeal for \$500,000 for the purpose of developing a medical college in Pekin and three medical schools elsewhere. The idea is to provide for a thorough medical training upon modern lines for the Chinese. It is also proposed to establish training college for Chinese teachers, within the country. The missionary society represented at the Shanghai conference last year.

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650 yards Tapestry Carpet, splendid patterns, special bargain, worth 90c, price for Monday per yard 48c	12 only Tapestry Rugs, size 3x6 1/2 yards, very best quality made, worth \$16.50, price for Monday 11.50
750 yards Brussels Carpets, fine grade, new patterns, very special, worth \$1.25, price for Monday \$1.05	12 only Brussels Rugs, size 3x6 1/2 yards, best quality made, worth \$20.00, price for Monday 13.50
1,200 yards Brussels Carpet, high grade quality choice patterns, worth \$1.45, price for Monday \$1.19	15 only Velvet Rugs, size 4x3 yards, seamless, best quality, high grade pattern, worth \$20.00, price for Monday \$20.00

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75c Waists for 49c

Navy blue and white and black and white polka dot Waists, black and front nicely tucked, all sizes, worth regularly 75c, Monday's sale 49c

\$5 Silk Underskirts for \$3.49

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