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The Best Scouring Soap Made

A Scouring Soap
A Metal Polish
A Glass Cleaner

Out of the Darkness

One raw November day she had come upon Belle with a stone's throw from the Blackscar Infirmary, and Belle had a little white parcel in her hand very much resembling a bottle of medicine. Rotha had not seemed to notice, however; but shortly after she had stationed one of the nurses whom she knew, and had learnt that Miss Barton often visited the infirmary, and that to her knowledge she was more than once closeted a long time with Greenock, the house-surgeon, so that it was very probable she was on the list of out-patients.

Rotha would have given worlds to have shared this knowledge with her friends, but on reflection she dared not; her quick intuition had instantly divined that there was a twofold motive for this secrecy. Doubtless, in the first instance, Belle's unselfish generosity had induced her to take this step, fearing that her brother-in-law would incur serious expense by her constant ill-health, the other motive, however, it was not difficult to guess.

Rotha was sure that Belle was uneasy about herself; at times there had been a haggardness and despondency about her for which there would seem no adequate reason. Rotha noted she never spoke of the future, there seemed no buoyancy of hope in her life when Robert talked of the summer and of the pleasant holiday

Advertiser Patterns

DESIGNED BY MARTHA DEAN.



4134

A PLEASANT LITTLE GOWN IN SURPLICE STYLE—4134.

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was nobly to stoop for it; her secret uneasiness and a few words that Mrs. Ord had dropped in her trouble led her to form all sorts of impracticable and generous projects for Belle's relief; till at last, one of these appearing rather more tangible and worthy of trial than the others, it was determined to put it to the proof without delay.

"If things are allowed to go on like this," Mrs. Ord had said to her, "I shall not have a sister long; Belle will go into a decline."

And it was during the long sorrowful conversation that followed these words that Rotha proposed that change of scene and a milder climate should be tried for Belle.

"If I can only get your brother-in-law's consent," finished Rotha, "the thing can be done without delay. She will not listen to such a plan from us, I know, but a word from him will do it."

"Yes; if he will only say the word," sighed Mary.

"He will if you put it before him properly; could not the vicar speak to him, dear Mrs. Ord? He might tell him that we would go wherever he thought best—the Isle of Wight, or Devonshire, or even the south of France, and if you liked Laurie might go with us, too; for just now Mary choose to believe that Laurie was delicate."

"Oh, Rotha, how good you are!" said the mother gratefully; and then there was an instant's silence, during which Mary turned over the project in her mind; in her eyes it seemed without a single flaw.

"But I shall never dare to speak to Robert," she said, shaking her head mournfully. "I have never spoken to him now. The time was when he would listen to a word from 'Mother Mary,' as he called me; that was when Belle and he were first engaged, and I used to think him the dearest fellow in the world; but now—oh, Rotha, I never saw a man so altered; he and Mary looked so sad and unlike herself that Rotha hastened to console her."

"Never mind about speaking to him," she said; "Perhaps it would be better for me to do the whole thing myself; a stranger can sometimes put a thing more strongly, and I think he is just to let his personal dislike interfere with Belle's good."

"But supposing he does not consider it for her good?" interrupted Mary; she was very despondent about the whole affair. "He is as blind now as a man in his proper senses, and he is just as likely to throw cold water on your generous offer as not. Talk of pride—the proudest Ord that ever lived could not hold a candle to him."

"Never mind, I will try," returned Rotha bravely; she was very frightened at the thought of the task she had undertaken, but she would not let her cold water for a moment. "I suppose I would as soon take a bull by the horns," she finished, with an attempt at a smile; "but I mean to carry it through."

Rotha spoke of her plan very quietly in discussing it with Mrs. Ord, but it was the greatest sacrifice she had made in her life. Kirkby was just now especially dear to her, and the thought of leaving it, perhaps for months, was very bitter; it was simply banishment from all she loved, and that was not all—the charge was not a light one; it was in itself somewhat overwhelming; how was she to nurse a person of Belle's unhappy disposition? and yet she would be responsible for such nursing. Belle was at all times difficult to manage, and Rotha had very honest doubts as to her own powers of management.

"Perhaps, when we are alone together, she might be more sociable and allow me to do things for her," she said to herself as she pondered over these difficulties; "but anyhow I am the only one who can go with her. I wish I were more fit for such a responsibility."

Poor generous-hearted Rotha—but it was just these things which tested the girl's nobleness—the basis of her whole nature was self-sacrifice.

The woman who, if she had the power, would most certainly have the magnanimity to beggar herself for her enemies would assuredly not scruple at any personal self-denial that might benefit her friends. To see a duty clearly and to try and perform it was a natural sequence with Rotha. It was this singleness of aim, this heartedness—if there be such a word—that first won the vicar's respect for her. He told Mary one day that she was at once the weakest and the strongest woman he had ever seen.

It had come into her heart to return good for evil in her mind with Robert Ord, and no amount of ill usage upon her part could move her from her purpose. Robert Ord's pride literally shrunk from the scorching of her coals of fire; her gentleness was pitiless cruelty to him. It was this recognition of her strength for good that brought out all his latent obstinacy. It grew to be a neck-and-neck race between them; but as the stars of heaven fought against Siseria, so circumstances fought against Robert Ord and forced him to succumb at last to a woman's hand when his will was divided against itself, and the man sat down in his weakness and gloried in it.

Rotha said nothing about her regrets to Mary. A little shrinking consciousness kept her silent on that point; but she put the whole scheme in such a bright light that Mrs. Ord was quite cheered. The only difficulty was in the impossibility of Rotha ever finding an opportunity for a private talk with Robert. He never came to the vicarage till tea was over, and then he went straight into the drawing-room, where they were all assembled. Rotha could neither seek him at his own home nor ask him to Bryn.

"I am sure I don't know how we are to manage it," said Mrs. Ord helplessly, "unless you are to waylay him in the passage;" but Rotha had a better plan than that. She knew he came home from Thornborough on Saturday at an early hour in the forenoon, and she resolved to go and meet him.

"I think the sea-walk would be a better place for rendezvous than the draughty passage," she said, trying to look very brave; but she felt rather like a mouse trying on a lion's skin—then the skin was such a tough one.

How she hated the very thought of Saturday; but she was not going to flinch for all that. Every time Belle coughed she felt convinced her plan was a wise one.

(To Be Continued.)

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Advertiser Correspondence

Ex-Commissioner Pocock on the Water Supply.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

A number of the citizens of London who are interested in the water question requested me, as an ex-water commissioner, to write the consideration of the subject, to write at letter to the press.

You know what Abe Lincoln said about "not being able to fool all the people all the time, and not being able to fool some of the people all the time." It is just that way with the river water scheme. You can fool some people into anything, and hoodwink them all sometimes; but the people who are not to be fooled are at all in drinking river water, when it has been proven beyond a shade of doubt by our own engineers and Water Commissioners that the water is not fit to drink.

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WATER PRESSURE DANGEROUSLY SHORT.

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that London's water supply would be more than enough, if the waste of water were stopped. There is something true in the argument, as every citizen has observed waste at one time or another.

The water board stopped it partially by the use of water meters in the public places, and shutting off the railway companies. The water board concluded that perhaps 25 per cent of the water is used by the railways, and 15 per cent is saved by metering and perfect plumbing; 2 per cent for fire purposes; 4 per cent for street watering; 4 per cent for lawn, and 10 per cent in tearing up streets and imperfect plumbing, making a grand total of 45 per cent. This is a large amount, nearly one-half the present supply.

I would say in conclusion that I believe Professor Titus, of Brooklyn, can make good his water scheme any time in London, as he has done in Brooklyn and many of the American cities. JOHN POOCK, Toronto, April 24.

Tree Cutting.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: I saw by a local paper that Squire Taylor was accused of cutting down trees. I was Parks Commissioner Pearce to understand that there was only one inferior tree that I gave Mr. Davidson permission to cut down, in order to remove a cottage from my property, and that I did not pay the cost nor promise to replace the tree, but want two more removed.

SQUIRE TAYLOR.

London, April 25.

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