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To Whom She Said "Yes."

"Who is that pretty young creature, Frank? Not one of the Stretbys, surely?"

"Her name is Eden Aubrey. Who she is and all about her I may tell you some day; but don't question me now."

Mrs. Lyssendon looked both curious and unconcerned, but made no remark; and before long, complaining that the skaters made her giddy, she expressed a wish to go home.

But, while she was saying her adieux, and politely listening to Mr. Stretby's remarks that she had not been able to stay and hear the best tune on his self-acting organ, Eden found Captain Lyssendon by her side.

"I owe you an apology and an explanation," he said, hurriedly. "Will you be at the stilt tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and give me an opportunity of making both?"

Eden could not trust her voice to reply; but she trod on air as she went home. He had not forgotten her. Perhaps it was out of delicacy that he had not introduced her so publicly to his mother, and he was coming to explain, to apologize, and she had done him injustice when she listened to the rumors that had made her miserable and suspicious by repeating.

"She sang about the cottage the next morning with something of the old light-heartedness, and hurried through the light packing her mother had entrusted to her. As she sat by the window, Mrs. Merstham's carriage, with a trunk on the top of it, rolled by, and inside she caught a glimpse of Mrs. Lyssendon.

"He has let her go without speaking to her of me!" sighed Eden. "And yet she looked so kind! Would she have disdained me because I am not rich, like Mrs. Merstham?"

The cloud of doubt was settling down again.

Mrs. Aubrey, who was gradually giving up all her pupils, came into the room and spoke to her twice before the dejected girl could rouse herself to reply.

"What ails you, child? You are always in extremes lately!" she complained. "I shall be glad when our removal has been made, for it has unsettled both of us."

She said no more, for Mrs. Merstham's carriage, now on its way back from the station to which it had conveyed her guest, had stopped at the gate, and Verna was alighting.

Mrs. Aubrey was the first to perceive her approach, and desired her daughter to go and admit her; but Eden, shivering with dread of what she knew not what, drew back and hesitated, until her mother, with lady-like ease, herself advanced to greet her unexpected visitor, who held in her hand the roll of songs lent to her some time previously.

"This must be my excuse for intruding upon you," she said, as she laid it on the table. "I heard from Miss Tibbotts that you were leaving, and remembered that I had neglected to return the music you kindly sent by Miss Aubrey."

Mrs. Aubrey made some polite reply; and when Verna, with much apparent kindness, asked if introductions to her musical friends in town would be of any service to Eden or herself, she was gratefully thanked for her consideration. The ice was broken; Mrs. Merstham accepted the chair offered to her, and listened patiently while Eden's mother, won by her smiles and sympathetic air to set aside the reserve she had hitherto practiced, explained her reasons for leaving Eastham, and the hopes she cherished of a brighter career for her child than her own had been.

"I have not heard Miss Aubrey sing," Mrs. Merstham observed; "but I venture to predict that, with such a careful mother always by her side, and such a painstaking teacher as Monsieur de Valmont, her chances of success are very great. I hope she will do well, and when I go to London for the season, I shall certainly call on De Valmont, and inquire how his pupil is progressing. I am all the more interested in Miss Aubrey, because—because," she added, with apparent reluctance, "I have taken upon myself to be her champion lately."

Eden's color deepened, and Mrs. Aubrey drew herself up, saying, proudly, she was not aware that her daughter required defending.

"Neither does she, my dear madam," Verna hastened to reply, in her blandest accents. "I must have expressed myself very badly if I led you to think so. I simply meant that one or two of the thoughtless young men whom Mr. Stretby gathers about him have been desirous of getting up a flirtation with Miss Aubrey, and knowing how inexperienced she is, I thought it only my duty to entreat those with whom I have influence not to pester her with their attentions."

"Eden must not go to The Beeches any more," said the vexed mother.

"Now I am afraid I have done mischief by my incautious admission!" cried Mrs. Merstham. "But I thought you might have heard something of this from Miss Aubrey herself; and I was glad to be able to assure you that no blame ought to rest on her for the thoughtless acts of others. When she has—her debut, she will gauge the

admiration she receives at its true worth."

"And so you leave Eastham in a few days?" she went on, after an awkward pause, for Eden would not speak even to exonerate herself, and her mother was revolving in her mind what she had just heard, and reproaching herself for not having watched over her child more carefully. I thought Miss Aubrey might be pleased to carry away with her some souvenir of old acquaintances, and so I have brought her a sketch which pleased her when she was at my house. It will recall the faces of two of her well-wishers, my cousin and myself."

She laid the picture on the table, and though Eden did not advance to take it, she knew that it must be the water-color drawing of Romeo and Juliet. Mrs. Aubrey, however, thanked the lady for the gift, and examined it closely.

"The likeness of yourself is excellent," she remarked; "and I think, yes, I am sure—that I know these features. Is not the Romeo intended for the gentleman—Captain Lyssendon—who carried Lottie home for you, and came the next day to inquire after her?"

"Yes, it is Frank Lyssendon—my cousin Frank," and Verna let her voice linger so tenderly on the name that it thrilled through the jealous heart of one of her auditors. "Ah! those were happy days when that sketch was taken! We were very young then, this cousin of mine and I, and he was poor, as he is now. Ah! Mrs. Aubrey, it is sad when a young man, who has entered a profession that entails upon him expenses his pay will not meet, falls in love with a girl as penniless as himself."

"Yes," said Mrs. Aubrey, with a sigh, "only the well-born and well-bred know how terrible poverty can be."

"You agree with me, then, that no girl, whose love was pure and unselfish, would consent to wed a man, knowing that she should make his position ten times worse than it was before?" Verna observed, speaking with great deliberation. "You think, or rather you know as well as I do, that he is long she would be a burden to him, and that, harassed on every side by debts and difficulties, his love for her would soon give place to bitter regrets that she should have been rash enough to wed her?"

"Yes, I agree with you that a young officer who has no income but his pay, acts very foolishly in marrying," Mrs. Aubrey replied, still intent on the picture.

"And yet this cousin of mine thought I was very cruel when I was firm enough to refuse to let him sacrifice himself and his prospects for my sake. Poor boy! his unhappiness drove him out of England."

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Mr. Isaac Bartlett, a life-long, well-known and highly respected resident of West Middlesex, passed away at Glenoe on March 10. He was born at Lambeth, in London township, on Jan. 9, 1823, and had passed his 76th birthday at the time of his death. In 1835 he removed, with his father's family, to Mosca township. In 1850 he was married to Anna Bodford, of Mosca. After 26 years in Mosca they removed to Ekfrid, spending twelve years there, and then went to Glenoe. In May, 1893, his faithful partner passed away. Their connection with the Methodist Church dates from shortly after their marriage. In politics Mr. Bartlett identified himself with the Liberals. The service in connection with the funeral was conducted in the Methodist Church, Glenoe, and at the Simpson burying ground by the family pastor.

LAKE SHORE.

Lake Shore, Bosanquet, March 18.—Two very bright little faces are missed from school No. 7 here. Miss Lottie Hodgson has been in delicate health and out of school all this year, and her brother Frank has also been out over a month, from a severe cold. The latter is recovering, and we all hope to see Lottie better when warm weather sets in. Other pupils have also been out more or less, and some of the older boys have finished their school for this winter, so that the school is rather small just now.

Hector McNeil and family have moved into a vacant house on the 16th, owned by Mrs. B. Rodgers. Mr. James Watson is still rather poorly at his maternal home here. Malcolm Watson has let his sugar bush to Mr. Esquelin on shares.

BURIED BY AN AVALANCHE!

Disaster to a Train on the I. C. R.—Workmen Have a Narrow Escape.

Quebec, March 21.—Immense quantities of snow have drifted on the cliff overlooking Lewis and Hadlow, and yesterday afternoon an avalanche somewhat similar to that by which four lives were lost last winter took place. A strong gale was blowing at the time, and suddenly a heavy mass, measuring about an acre in length and about 100 feet high, gave way and rushed with a roaring noise below. An intercolonial freight train was passing at the time, and this was completely swallowed up, the engine being canted partly off the track, and the cars somewhat damaged. The engineer and fireman on the train escaped without injury. The accident occurred a quarter of a mile from the sad fatality of last year. The mass fell directly over the residence of a man named Charles Veilleux, carrying away the top part of the dwelling with it, but the occupants of the house miraculously escaped.

About 150 men were immediately sent out to endeavor to dig out the submerged engine and cars. The work worked bravely for some time, when a smaller mountain of snow suddenly gave way and buried about fifteen of the men. For some time excitement prevailed, and the workmen who had escaped this latter accident were set to work to rescue those who had been covered up. Man after man was taken out, and after they had all been counted, when all were supposed to have been found, it was discovered that one was still missing. After about an hour's hard work they succeeded in coming across him. He proved to be a young man named Letellier, residing on Commercial street, Lewis, and he was in a very weak condition. He remained unconscious for several hours.

The work of uncovering the buried engine and cars was continued, but there was continual drift, and considerable trouble was experienced in keeping ahead of it. Four engines were sent from the Intercolonial Railway station, and one from the G. T. R., to assist in the work. They made but very little headway. The work was continued through the night, but very little headway was made. The snow is said to be piled some 30 feet high in many places along the Quebec and Lake St. John Railroad.

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