

HELENA GRAHAM, —OR— THE BRIDE'S SACRIFICE.

CHAPTER XIII.

The next morning Helena made her appearance in the sitting-room, pale, wan, and haggard, as though she had spent a sleepless night. But she appeared calm. Whatever course she had determined to pursue seemed fully settled, and now she was calm; but it was like the calm of a sleeping volcano, from which fire and flame, burning destruction on all, might at any moment burst forth.

Answering gravely all Alice's anxious inquiries after her health, she seated herself at the breakfast table, but touched nothing save a cup of hot coffee. And, after this slight refreshment, she put on her hat and mantle, and descended to the beach, where Evan, with the boat, was awaiting her coming.

Seating herself, she wrapped her mantle closely around her, and fixing her eyes steadily on the dancing waves, the journey was performed in stern silence. Two hours brought them to Glenelg; and leaving her there, Evan set out for Craig's End, to meet Clinton. Arrived there, he found that young gentleman, accompanied by Captain Graham and a florid, bald-headed old man, who proved to be the surgeon.

On their way, Herbert explained to them how the wounded man and his wife had been saved from the wreck. And when they reached the island, Captain Graham, unconscious that his sister was gone, hastened to the castle, while Herbert accompanied the surgeon to the cottage of Mrs. Ben.

As they entered, Jessie, who in spite of her hidden grief, was busily employed as usual, looked hastily up, and turned, if possible, a shade paler than before.

Mrs. Vaughan sat listlessly turning over the leaves of a novel, with a "terribly bored" look on her pretty face, while opposite her, supported by pillows, on Mrs. Ben's wooden sofa, lay her wounded husband, whose eyes never for a moment wandered from her face.

He was a man of thirty at least, and would have been handsome but for his ghastly pallor, and a certain sour, querulous expression his face wore. His complexion, naturally dark, had faded to a sickly yellow, looking almost white in contrast with his black hair, and thick black whiskers and moustache. But it was the expression of his face that was particularly unprepossessing—in the thin, compressed lips, and watchful, cunning eyes, you could read suspicion, distrust, and doubt. Two things would have struck you instantly, had you seen him sitting there—one was his passionate love for his wife; the other a slumbering fire of jealousy, that the faintest breath might have fanned into a never-dying flame.

They formed a striking contrast as they sat there—she so pretty, careless, saucy, and indifferent; he so haggard with illness, and with that watchful, distrustful look on his face. And yet it had been a love-match—he loved her to idolatry, and she, rejecting perhaps worthier suitors, at the age of seventeen had run away from school, and eloped with Charles Vaughan. Herbert Clinton had been among the rejected ones. Before the honeymoon was over, the wild girl found she had married a jealous, exacting tyrant, who hated every man on whom she smiled, and would have kept her locked up where no eye but his own could ever rest upon her, had he dared.

At first, little Fanny submitted to his caprices, because she loved him, or thought she did; but, as he grew more and more exacting, this love died wholly away, and the little bride awoke, one morning, in dismay, to find she had made a life-long mistake. Still she was too good and generous to strive to lay the blame on him, for taking advantage of her youth and romantic impulse to fly with him, and would have laughed, and danced on as merrily as ever with him through life, without letting him know it, had not his own conduct brought on the denouement.

He continued to be tyrannical; Fanny, naturally proud and high-spirited, grew at length very tired of his absurd fancies and wishes, and vowed she would no longer be a "meek, submissive wife." But, though inwardly despising him herself, she would allow no one else to speak slightingly of him, as her first interview with Herbert Clinton proves. And all the previous night she had hovered over his bedside, anticipating his every want with the most tender and vigilant care; and it was only when the next morning he found himself able to get up that she had resumed her careless indifference to himself and his wishes. Had he been more generous and less suspicious—had he had faith in his young wife, she would have loved him, and been his alone; but had he really wished to make her hate him he could not have taken a surer plan to bring about such a result than the one he did.

All this long digression is necessary, that too much blame may not be thrown upon the shoulders of the poor little girl, bride for her reckless conduct, and the awful catastrophe that followed.

Burning of a Steamer.

Hong Kong, Dec. 19.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer ship *Japan*, bound from San Francisco and Yokohama for this port, was destroyed by fire on Thursday last when 60 miles out from Yokohama. Five of her crew have arrived here. It is feared that many lives have been lost. The *Japan* is one of the Company's old wooden vessels, and was insured for \$150,000 in French and English companies.

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The *Japan* left St. Francisco Nov 14, arrived at Yokohama Dec. 10, and sailed thence on the 12th with three cabin passengers for Hong Kong (F. W. Crocker, R. M. Tindell and Mary Fall) and 424 Chinese in the steerage. She left San Francisco with 973 tons of freight and \$375,000.

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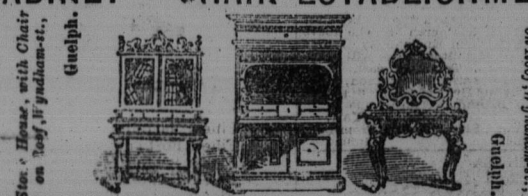
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