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CHAPTER XI.
Unexpected Guests.
"She has been a little excited, and forgot you, perhaps," answered Madam Conway, at the same time bidding one of the servants to show the young lady to Mrs. Jeffrey's room.

The good lady had recovered her composure somewhat, and was just wondering why her niece did not come with Madam Conway, as had been arranged, when Annie appeared, and in her delight at once more beholding a child of her only sister and her husband's brother, she forgot, in a measure, how injured she had felt. Ere long the breakfast bell rang; but Anna declared herself too weary to go down, and as Mrs. Jeffrey felt that she could not yet meet Madam Conway face to face, they both remained in their room, Anna again falling away to sleep, while her aunt, growing more calm, sought, and this time found, comfort in her favorite volume.

Very cool, indeed, was that breakfast and partaken in almost broken silence below. The toast was cold, the steak was cold, the coffee was cold, and frosty as an icicle was the lady who sat where the merry Maggie had hitherto presided. Scarcely a word was spoken by any one; but in the laughing eyes of Maggie there was a world of fun, to which the mischievous mouth of Henry Warner responded by a curl exceedingly annoying to his stately hostess, who, in passing him his coffee, turned her head in another direction, lest she should be too civil!

Breakfast being over, George Douglas, who began to understand Madam Conway tolerably well, asked her a private interview, which was granted, when he congratulated her first by apologizing for anything ungentlemanly he might have done in her house, and started her by asking for Theo, as his wife.

"You can," said he, "easily ascertain my character and standing in Worcester, where for the last ten years I have been known first as clerk, then as junior partner, and finally as proprietor of the large establishment which I now conduct."

Something of Hagar's fiery spirit flashed from Maggie's dark eyes, but forcing down her anger, she replied, half playfully, "I am nearly old enough, grandma, to decide that matter for myself."

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CHAPTER XII.
The Waters Are Troubled.
"GRANDMA wishes to see you, Maggie, in her room," said Theo to her sister one morning, three days after the departure of their guests.
"Wishes to see me! For what?" asked Maggie, and Theo answered, "I don't know, unless it is to talk with you about Arthur Carrolton."
"Arthur Carrolton?" repeated Maggie. "Much good it will do her"

ed at once, for Maggie was her pet, her pride, the intended bride of Arthur Carrolton; the Conway blood flowing in her veins entitled her to much consideration, she was neither showy nor brilliant and if she could marry \$200,000, even though it were American coin, she would perhaps be doing as well as could be expected. So Madam Conway replied at last, that she would consider the matter, and if she found that Theo's proposals were fully enlisted, she would perhaps return a favorable answer. "I know the firm of Douglas & Co. by reputation," said she, "and I know it to be a wealthy firm; but with me, family is quite as important as money."

"My family, madam, are certainly respectable," interrupted George Douglas, a deep flush overspreading his face.
He was indignant at her presuming to question his respectability, Madam Conway thought, and so she hastened to appease him, by saying, "Certainly, I have no doubt of it. There are marks by which I can always tell."

George Douglas bowed low to the far-seeing lady, while a train of thought, not altogether complimentary to her discernment in this case, passed through his mind.
Not thus lenient would Madam Conway have been toward Henry Warner, had he presumed to ask her that morning for Maggie; but he knew better than to broach the subject. "He would write to her," he said, immediately after his return to Worcester, and in the meantime, Maggie, if she saw proper, was to prepare her grandmother for it, by herself announcing the engagement. This, and much more he said to Maggie, as they sat together in the library, so much absorbed in each other as not to observe the approach of Madam Conway, who entered the door just in time to see Henry Warner with his arm around Maggie's waist. She was a woman of bitter prejudices, and had conceived a violent dislike for Henry, not only on account of the stars and stripes, but because she read to a certain extent the true state of affairs. Her suspicions were now confirmed, and rapidly crossing the floor, she confronted him, saying: "Let my grand-daughter alone, young man, both now and forever."

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to talk to me of him. I hate the very sound of his name, and rising she walked slowly to her grandmother's room, where in her stiff brown satin dress, her golden spectacles planted firmly upon her nose, and the Valenciennes border of her cap shading but not concealing the determined look on her face, Madam Conway sat erect in her high-backed chair, with an open letter upon her lap.

It was from Henry, Maggie knew his handwriting in a moment, and there was another too, for her; but she was too proud to ask for it, and seating herself by the window she waited for her grandmother to break the silence, which she did ere long as follows:
"I have just received a letter from that Warner, asking me to sanction an engagement which he says exists between himself and you. Is it true? Are you engaged to him?"

"I am," answered Maggie, playing nervously with the tassel of her wrapper, and wondering why Henry had written so soon, before she had prepared the way by a little judicious coaxing.
"Well, then," continued Madam Conway, "the sooner it is broken the better. I am astonished that you should stoop to such an act, and I hope you are not in earnest."

"But I am," answered Maggie, and in the same cold, decided manner, her grandmother continued: "Then nothing remains for me but to forbid you having any communication whatever with one whose conduct in my house has been so unparadoxically rude and vulgar. You will never marry him, Margaret, never! Nay, I would sooner see you dead than the wife of that low, mean, impertinent fellow."

In the large dark eyes there was a gleam decidedly Hagarish as Maggie arose, and standing before her grandmother, made answer: "You must not, in my presence, speak thus of Henry Warner. He is neither low, mean, vulgar, nor impertinent. You are prejudiced against him, because you think him comparatively poor and because he has dared to look at me, who have yet to understand why the fact of my being a Conway makes me any better. I have promised to be Henry Warner's wife, and Margaret Miller never yet has broken her word."

"But in this instance you will," said Madam Conway, now thoroughly aroused. "I will never suffer it; and to prove I am in earnest, I will here before your face, burn the letter he has presumed to send you; and this I will do to any others which may come to your home."

Maggie offered no remonstrance but the fire of a volcano burned within, as she watched the letter blackening upon the coals; and when her eyes met those of her grandmother, there was in them a fierce, determined look, which prompted that lady at once to change her tactics, and the power of persuasion, rather than of force. Feigning a smile, she said: "What affils you, child? You look me like Hagar. It was wrong in me perhaps, to burn your letter, and have I reflected a moment, I might not have done it; but I cannot suffer you to receive any more. I have other prospects in view for you, and have only waited a favorable opportunity to tell you what they are. Sit down by me, Margaret, while I talk with you on the subject."

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