Sunshine After the Storm.

CHAPTER VIII.

"Enter Mr. Jack Madison!"

(Continued.)

"YOU will do as you want to do, Alphonse—I have no doubt of that;" and with these words, Louisa made herself comfortable upon the sofa and lifted the novel she was reading.

This conversation took place in January, and many resembling it followed. Louisa was beganing to lose all hope long before her father had a fear. She knew that Alpoonse could easily make opportunities for meeting his old love, and she had a conviction he was doing so. For though he was the faithful attendant of Bessie and herself to every festivity, though he seemed to regulate his whole time to their engagements and desires, she felt that his heart was very seldom with them.

Bessie felt it also. The visit began to drag. She was very weary of the perpetual dancing and riding, and she often found herself longing for her father and for New York. Even the thought of Amber and her state dinners was interesting; and she resolved to make her promise to remain until March mean as early in March as possible. For she felt that her visit had been in its main intent a failure. She had virtually been refused by both her cousins, and in her own eyes she was humiliated by the circumstance, and sometimes a little angry at it.

About the end of January, the engagement of James to Miss Davis was a public fact; and Azalia was much at the Madison place, where she was naturally a person of great importance. In fact James and Azalia seemed, in their effusive love making, to usurp the whole interest and sympathy of the house, and Bessie could not help feeling just a trifle in the way. Sometimes she fancied there was an air of suppressed pity and triumph in the lovers, which was extremely offensive to her; and yet she could not speak of it even to Louisa, for she knew that she would be told the fancy was entirely an imaginary one.

Besides, she did not like Azalia, who affected an extreme exaggeration of all Southern peculiarities and an extreme astonishment at all Northern fashions and habits. Azalia was full of langours. Bessie's vivacity depressed and wearied her. Azalia played and sang very softly and sweetly certain Lorena-like songs, steeped in mournfulness and pathos. Bessie's little fingers delighted in the tinkling measure of the comic operas or in some sparkling Hungarian mazurka full of quarter notes. If she sang, her voice had none but mirthful tones. Her smart dresses, her almost boyish vests and collars and short jackets, were very unwomanly in Azalia's eyes; and at every point Bessie and Azalia clashed in the same way.

It was indeed quite impossible for Louisa to avoid giving Azalia the first place when Azalia was present. James and Azalia together were too potent an influence to be resisted. But Bessie resented deeply the secondary position she was then obliged to take. For she was too good-natured and too polite to resist, since resistance meant covert disputation in a house where she was only a visitor.

Even the glory of the advancing spring did not materially brighten her dissatisfaction. James's wedding was to be solemnized in May, and it was impossible to avoid the constant insistence of the affair in some way or other. At the beginning of March she wrote anxiously to Mrs. Gonzales about their return northward, and she was glad to be informed that they would leave two weeks earlier than the first intention. The day this news arrived was peculiarly welcome. It was a very wet day, and the house was lonely and dreary. The colonel had gone into Austin. James and Azalia had left the preceding night, after wearying everybody out with their claims for advice and attention and sympathy. Louisa was in bed with a nervous headache, brought on, she averred, with helping Azalia and her lover to select from books full of patterns of dress and upholstery goods. Alphonse had disappeared after breakfast, and there was not a sound in the big house, but some fitful exclamation or senseless giggle from the negroes in the kitchen.

Bessie sat down in the chill parlor and took herself seriously to task.

"What am I staying here for?" she asked. "I did not want to marry Cousin James, and he takes a delight in making me observe that he is delighted I did not want to marry him. Cousin Alphonse is good and kind, but I do not want to marry him, and I am sure he does not want to marry me. He is not the least like—the other. I wonder if I shall see him again. He really loved me. He loved me at once. He did not require to learn how to love me—he knew how! Whether he meets me or forgets me I will not marry any man until he loves me just in that kind of way."

As she sat musing after this fashion a little chill and very despondent Alphonse entered the room. He was full of apologies, but evidently so privately happy that he could not feel as if there was any necessity to offer an apology for anything in life. His apperance finally attracted Bessie's curiosity, and she said:

"You look very happy, cousin?"

"I am very happy. I am so happy, Bessie, I should like to tell you why."

"I wonder if I could guess?"

"Try."

"You are in love?"

"Yes."

"And the lady loves you?"

"You are right. How did you guess so well?"

"I had a lover before I came here."

"And you loved him?"

Bessie nodded intelligently.

"I should like to tell you about my Margaret."

"I should like to hear about her. Let us sit down and be confidential."

She moved toward the sofa and motioned Alphonse to sit beside her. He was glad to do so. He wanted some human sympathy in his happiness, and he opened his heart to Bessie. He told her all about his betrothed—how good and lovely and self-denying she was; and, most of all, how long he had adored her.

"This morning she has promised to be my wife if I will make her a home, however humble. Now I must find something else to do than ride round the Madison acres, unless father will pay me an over-seer's salary. Margaret and I can be happy on very little," he said.

"I suppose James is going to live on the Davis place?"

"Yes."

"Then your father can hardly do without both of you. A great deal of riding seems necessary, and I heard uncle say that no one but Alphonse knew the stock thoroughly."

"If brother Jack was only here, I would join Tom Moffat in his horse business."

"Brother Jack? I never heard of brother Jack before."

"Nobody names poor Jack now, and yet a nobler, kinder, handsomer boy never lived. He is two years older than I am. I wish I knew something about him!"

"Has he been long away?"

"Nine years."

"And you have forgotten him, I suppose?"

"I think of him every day."

"Where is he?"

"I wish I knew"

"What did he leave home for?"

"Because, some way, he could not please father, whatever he did. Farther has a temper; so has Jack. One morning they had a quarrel about a mare Jack was riding, and father, in a passion, struck Jack. Jack bowed to him in silence and rode away. He never came back.

"But you knew where he went to?"

"He went to the City of Mexico first. He wrote to father from there; but the letter came at a bad hour, and father sent it back. Jack wrote no more."

"Poor Jack! Did you never try to find him?"

"Yes; but without any success. Moffat heard in Mexico that he went with a party to California. But Jack makes no sign, and we never name him."

"I feel a great interest in this unknown Cousin Jack. I believe I can find him. When I get back to New York, I will tell father about Jack, and he is sure to know how to reach the runaway. Alphonse, were you told that my father and your father wished to make a marriage between myself and one of my cousins?"

"I was told of no such compact, but I know that father is exceedingly anxious you and I should marry. James was out of consideration, long since."

"And you, also, Alphonse?"

"If you had shown any love for me, Bessie, it would have been an easy thing to love you in return. But I saw from the first that you were indifferent both to James and myself."

"Thank you for the nice words, Alphonse. Is it not a comfortable thing to be quite honest with each other? Really, you are right. I did not wish to marry either you or James; and I did not believe in any case, that father would permit the old home to go out of the family. Father's plans never fail, because he can always find more ways than one to a desired end. When I go back home, I shall say: 'Father, I cannot marry either Cousin James or Cousin Alphonse, but there is Cousin Jack, whom neither of us has seen. Send a vagueness about Mexico and California?' There are a largeness and a vagueness about Mexico and California that I should say would stimulate any professional seeker for the young man."

Alphonse took the suggestion quite seriously

"I can write to Don Beauregard, who lives now in San Francisco. He likes me, and will put an advertisement in the California papers."

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"We all know it does, or if we do not know it, we ought to. However, even the ubiquitous Herald will want a description of Jack. What is he like?"

"Nine years makes a difference, but I have a photo of him, taken not very long before he went away."

And Alphonse found the picture in the leather case of his pocketbook, and put it into Bessie's hand.

She gazed at it curiously, with a constantly increasing interest. And Alphonse watched her with an equal interest. Never before had he seen Bessie's face so full of beauty; her cheeks were rosy red; her mouth smiling; her eyes sparkling; and a strange joy lighted up her whole countenance.

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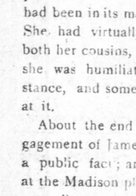

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"And now what shall we name him?" she pondered. "Let's decide that now."

"Better wait until you get him," warned the matter of fact lady after the fashion of her kind.

"Oh, dear, no," laughed the girl lady. "Let's have the fun of naming him right now, and then we'll be sure of that."

"Do you think the lady guessed."

Half the wisdom she expressed?"

I doubt it, for it seems to me there is a very gold mine of wisdom in that half jesting speech of hers.

We cannot always have the joys of realization. And when we do all too often, "the worldly hope we set our hearts upon, turns ashes."

And anon, like snow upon the desert's dusty face, lighting a little hour or two, is gone."

But we can always have the joys of anticipation, pale to be sure, but sweet and unalloyed and unlimited, and it seems to me that the matter of fact folks who sternly deprive themselves of these from cowardly fear of disappointment are foolishly pushing away one of the best gifts of the gods to men.

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Mix borax with sugar, let it stand and scatter where ants are troublesome. They will soon disappear. Tarter ometic is also a good remedy.

For frying or covering top of entrees, use breadcrumbs instead of cracker crumbs, as they have a flat taste and do not get so crispy.

Take a round piece of cloth, run a rubber in it and keep it over the top of the meat chopper. No dust can get in it and it will always be ready for use.

When pie dough is left over, cut in thin strips about an inch wide, sprinkle with butter, sugar and cinnamon, roll up like jelly roll and bake a light brown.

If a generous amount of horseradish is added to mayonnaise it will be found an acceptable dressing for a fish salad. It is also delicious served with cold meats.

To prepare breadcrumbs most quickly, dry the bread in the oven after the crust has been removed then run through the meat chopper, sift and put away in glass jars.

When the head of a hatpin comes

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