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With a spark of her old mischievousness, she looked up at him.

"Is that why you are here, Mr. Moore?"

"I, No, oh, no," he said, faintly smiling. "I am here because—I'm afraid I don't quite know. One must be somewhere."

"That sounds unanswerable," she said; then as if the conversation, short as it had been, had wearied her, she drew a little sigh and dropped back.

He looked as if he had committed some exquisite cruelty toward her and drew a little aside.

"I'm afraid your sister is still very weak," he said to Philippa.

"A little," answered Philippa, in her clear voice. "But she is feeling better every day. She is not so weak as she was."

"No?" he said, glancing at the delicate face. "Great heavens, how ill she must have been!" and the tender sympathy of a strong man was eloquently conveyed in his lowered tones.

Carrie turned her head with a smile. "Don't let my sister impose upon you, Mr. Moore," she said. "She is telling you that I am a great invalid, but it is not true. I am a glowing imposture. The disease I am suffering from is not an uncommon one. 'You may have heard of it.'"

"No," he said, with the deepest interest, and venturing to return to her side, "What is it?"

"Laziness," said Carrie solemnly. His face cleared.

"You are relieved," said Carrie with a touch of her old-time sharpness. "Why, what did you think I was going to say?"

"I—she was quite taken off her guard—I thought you were going to say 'consumption,'" he said, under his breath.

She laughs softly. "My lungs are as sound as—as that boy's," raising her hand and pointing to an urn standing on the quay and smiling.

His eyes watched the slim white hand as it slid under the coverlet again, and he nodded.

"I am very glad to hear that—very. All the same you ought to be careful."

And putting the action to the advice he, with a murmured apology, drew the shawl around her shoulders.

"Thanks," she said. "I am afraid you would only foster my disease. That is the worst of it; lazy people always get encouraged. Now, if I must be compelled to get up and light the fires in the morning, I should be well in a week. Try it, aunt."

Then she sunk back and gazed out to sea as if her conversation had completely faded out of her consciousness. But he still walked beside the chair, and though he talked to Philippa and Mrs. Harrington, his attention was covertly fixed on Carrie; if the donkey stopped, he stepped forward, and compelled it to proceed; he put up her sunshade, and with a quiet sort of authority, insisted upon holding it for her; and though he accepted her silence and did not attempt to break in upon it, he was watching for any change in her dreamy mood.

Not come, however, and when Philippa remarked that they must go in, and he stopped reluctantly, Carrie did not look up.

He shook hands with Mrs. Harrington and Philippa, but as Carrie did not produce the slim white paw, he raised his hat to her.

"If you care for tea and dry toast, with an occasional muffin, Mr. Moore, please pay us a visit," said the old lady; "we shall be very glad to see you. Rose Cottage, you know."

"Thank you," he said; "I shall be very glad. It is rather dull down here. Yes, I shall be very glad to visit," and he glanced at Carrie, "if I shall not be in the way."

Carrie did not appear to hear him, but Mrs. Harrington reassured him, and, with a last glance at the pale, beautiful face, he turned and walked along the parade slowly, his eyes fixed on the ground, his lips compressed, and a look in his eyes that would have startled even Carrie, so sad and wild and troubled it was. It seemed suddenly to have grown hot, for he took off his hat and wiped the perspiration off his forehead, and dropped into a hollow in the cliff, out of sight of the promenaders, as if exhausted.

"Great heaven!" he murmured. "What am I doing? I must be mad! And yet who could help it? Poor girl! Poor girl! I can't get her face out of my mind. Beautiful! It is the face of an angel. No, better than that! It is the face of a lovely woman who has suffered a cruel wrong that has crushed her. I wonder—ah! What is it to me? How can it be anything to me? And yet, great heaven, what would I give to have the right to spend my life in effacing that look from her face, in proving to her that life was worth living! And I can see her again? The old lady asked me. Why should I not go? Why should I thrust every pleasure from my life? Heaven knows I have

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a strange thing it is that he is not married! He is singularly handsome, don't you think?"

Carrie assented languidly. Philippa remained silent.

Next morning there came a case of books, the latest from Muddie's. They were addressed to Mrs. Harrington, but as she, on principle, never read a novel, they were handed to Carrie and Philippa.

Carrie glanced at them indifferently. "I couldn't read a novel with patience," she said in a low tone to Philippa. "What could they tell me that was new and strange after all I have seen and suffered?"

In the afternoon Gerald Moore came again. "I just looked in," he said, "to say that they have sent my horses down—they are as quiet as mice—and I thought that you would like to drive, Mrs. Harrington," and he looked at Carrie.

But Carrie, remembering the moonlight drive, turned her head aside. "I hate drives," she said, ungratefully.

"Just so," he said, cheerfully. "A awful nuisance, hot and dusty roads, and—all that. Very stupid of me to think of it," and he took himself off.

The next day did not come, but he sent a huge bunch of flowers. Some how Carrie felt dull, and remarked that Sandgate was the stupidest place in the universe. The next day also was marked by his absence, and Carrie lay on the sofa almost in a stupor.

"I suppose Gerald Moore has gone," said Mrs. Harrington. "Really, I think he might have called and said goodbye. We did not meet him on the Parade."

But the following day as they were at lunch, he came in, looking grave, almost anxious.

"Where have you been?" asked Mrs. Harrington, point-blank. "Oh, I've been round the coast. I've been to see a yacht, and bought her. There she is."

And he pointed to a trim yacht lying in the offing, and Philippa and Mrs. Harrington crowded to the window, and Carrie raised herself on her elbow.

"Allow me," he said, and he wheeled the chair nearer. "Can you see now? No? Let me—this is, may I?"

And he put his arms respectfully, gently, round her, to lift her. [To be continued.]

SCIENCE APPLAUDS AMUNDSEN'S FEAT

Shipmate Says Discovery of Northwest Passage Was Ambition of His Life.

New York, Dec. 18.—Great interest has been displayed in scientific circles over the published statement that Captain Roald Amundsen, of Norway, in his forty-six-ton sloop, the Gjøa, had forced the Arctic northwest passage, a feat which explorers have attempted since 1497, when John Cabot and his son undertook the perilous task.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of Brooklyn, Antarctic and Arctic explorer, who was a member of the same expedition with Captain Amundsen seven years ago, spoke in the highest praise of the Norwegian.

"Captain Amundsen was first mate of the vessel, and during the time they were associated Dr. Cook said that he was able to understand the wonderful powers of Amundsen, and the tenacity of purpose with which he met every undertaking. Dr. Cook said:

"When one is shipmate with a man in the Arctic region for two long years he begins to understand him. I knew Amundsen well. As first mate of our expedition he proved himself not only a congenial companion, but a man of wonderful resources."

"Amundsen had one hobby. That was to find the magnetic pole. I do not lay so much stress on the passage of the Northwest Straits as I do on the reported discovery of the magnetic pole. Amundsen wanted to make this discovery in order to do the needful passage in order to do the needful."

"It was the discovery of the pole that was uppermost in his mind and we discussed the subject through many a dreary Arctic night."

"What I have long contended is that a small expedition, equipped with a small, powerful vessel, could do more in this passage than a vessel of larger draught. Amundsen's family is wealthy. I am quite sure that he assumed the larger part of the expense, which will not exceed \$25,000."

"He was equipped with the very best instruments. The leisurely manner in which he moved through the passage impresses me with the belief that his observations and his maps will be of great benefit to science. He is such a capable man that I know he overlooked nothing. Once he reached regions of which we know little. This unexplored country must have been thoroughly traveled by my Norwegian hero."

"I have no doubt that the published story is true. If any one was to do it I know that it would be Amundsen."

When Captain Amundsen returns his reports will be eagerly looked for. That this man with so small a craft and with only a complement of eight men should have succeeded where many others have failed caused surprise. The conditions, according to those who discussed the matters, must have been very favorable for the small boat.

Henry Collins Welsh, secretary of the Explorers' Club, in commenting upon the message received, said:

"It is very gratifying to learn that Captain Amundsen has accomplished this feat. The value of his discovery—discovery here meaning the passage from sea to sea—lies in its important geographical nature. We shall doubtless hear from the explorer many interesting details of that journey, which will be of scientific interest to every one concerned in the explorations in the land of ice."

"Captain Amundsen's data dealing with the relocation of the magnetic pole are indeed interesting. This pole was found by James Ross in 1839 and has not been relocated since."

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KAISER'S SHIPS TO RESCUE

Germans in Baltic Provinces Menaced by Russian Revolutionists.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The decision of Chancellor Von Buelow, with the approval of the Emperor, to send German steamers to ports of the Russian Baltic provinces and bring away the Germans who are in danger of their lives, is regarded as a most important act, and one that may be the first in a series of steps which the German Government may deem necessary to safeguard the interests of German subjects, whose estates are now being plundered by the insurgents.

A strong feeling exists among unofficial people over the numbers of Germans and the attacks upon them, even in large places, such as Riga, and the evident powerlessness of the Russian Government to give them immediate protection.

The newspapers' stories of outrages on individual Germans, who, on account of their nationality appear to have been special objects of hatred, have caused greater loss of confidence in the ability of the Russian administration than any previous publications.

The opinion is held that the Russian Government seems to be shaken, and there is even talk, entirely outside of official circles, of the possibility that Germany may have to do more than send merchant ships to the relief of the beleaguered and spoliated Germans.

The Government has informed Russia in the ordinary diplomatic way that vessels are being sent to Baltic ports. The greatest interest is felt here as to how the steamers will be received and whether the outbreak will be placed in the way of carrying out their benevolent mission.

A man is worth what he takes out of the world, not what he leaves in it. No commendation of wrong is so effective as the commendation of right.

The white flag which was hoisted on the Russian destroyer Bledov, when Admiral Rojestvensky surrendered to the Japanese has been sent to Tokyo. It was a tablecloth in the wardrobe, the size being about nine by five feet. It will be placed on exhibition in the military museum at Tokyo.

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From Walkerville.

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