

"Stop a minute—let me think," said Mrs. Dundas. "It is to be a fancy ball; if we had some silver stars—"

Archie clapped his hands.

Amongst his boyish hoards there was a coil of silver wire, and he was a very ingenious fellow, who had not studied for naught the beautiful filigree ornaments displayed in one of the cases at the Kensington Museum.

"Then it's just possible?" murmured Trissa, gleaming hope from her mother's smiles and Archie's exclamations— "What a lucky girl I am to have friends who will take so much trouble to oblige me!"

"Lor' love 'ee!" reponded Peggy, "you're better deserving it than half them that never knows what it is to want for nothing! I'll contrive to mind the little 'uns to-morrow, and give 'ee plenty o' time for stitching."

Somehow—perhaps it was through aunt Sarah's admissions—the story of her gift and its color became known to Mrs. Gilham and her daughters. They were tall, large, self-confident women, who, from their superior height, looked down on little Trissa, as they called her, and treated her as a child.

The grass-green crape was a rich joke, and every time they chanced to see her she was tormented with some jibing question—was she going to make it into summer bonnets for her little sisters, or trim it with pink and yellow for the next Mayday; or lay it aside till the fashions changed, and grass-green became the prevailing tint?

Never a word said Trissa in return. Had Jean or Anna evinced any sympathy with her, or Clara—who happened to have a quantity of book muslin in her possession—kindly helped her out of her difficulty, she would have been immensely grateful; but they thought solely of themselves.

Aunt Sarah was cajoled into letting the Gilhams share the fly she hired to convey her to Monksholme on the night of the ball, and in a state of fussy importance they set forth, to astonish their neighbors with their enormous bouquets, their bright pink costumes, their highly frizzled coiffures, and the stock of old-fashioned, ill-chosen jewellery they had, with much persuasion, induced their Aunt Sarah to lend them.

They were late, for the fly had been engaged several parties deep; and even such important persons as Mrs. Lovett had to wait their turn.

When they did enter the ball-room, one of the first persons they saw was Trissa, with silver stars in her dusky hair and glistening in her floating skirts; her expressive, if not actually beautiful, face, was radiant with enjoyment; and her waist encircled by the arm of the hero of the night, Lady Laura Lavington's only son, Walter, the master of Monksholme.

"Did you get many dances?" asked Archie of his sister the next morning. "I only set out one, and that was with Mr. Lavington. He was so very kind to me, and found me partners whenever he did not dance with me himself."

"Ah! you may thank me for that," said the lad, wisely.

"Archie!" cried Mrs. Dundas, as much surprised as her blushing daughter.

"Well, mamma, this is how it was: I've had to go to Monksholme three times this week, and while I waited for Lady Laura's answers to Mr. Sanby's letters Mr. Lavington—he's awfully jolly!—came and chatted with me. He used to know my father, and inquired after him, and—somehow he got talking of Trissa, and I told him how she always gets snubbed and set aside, and about the green crape, and—'but why do you look at me like that? It wasn't wrong.' Mr. Lavington said I ought to be proud of such a dear little sister, and that he should like to know her."

Archie bore with great meekness the lecture his mother thought it right to administer, but he chuckled loudly when, a few weeks afterwards, Mr. Lavington offered to Mr. Dundas the stewardship of his large estates in the North of England.

The offer was thankfully accepted, no one being more pleased to leave the neighborhood than Trissa, who had undergone a regular persecution from her cousins ever since the night of the ball.

She must have been crafty and fast, they averred, to win so much attention, while they received scarcely any, and even aunt Sarah shook her head at the culprit, and protested that she would not have given her all those yards of the best China crepe, had she known that a niece of hers would so disgrace herself.

But the Gilhams are silenced now, and aunt Sarah is veering round, for there is an announcement in the local paper that Walter Lavington is going to marry his highly-respected agent's daughter, and gentle Lady Laura has confirmed it.



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All the estate, right, title, interest, and equity of redemption of the above named defendant, and of all persons claiming by, through, or under him, of, in, to, upon, or out of all that certain lot, piece or parcel of

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