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The Broken Circle!

CHAPTER XVIII.

He walked by the side of the carriage which held the duchess and Leah. The duchess was pleased to see that he pointed out all the beauties of the place to Leah, and listened with interest to her remarks. She had been ambitious for Leah once upon a time; she had hoped to see her a duchess; she had hoped that she would make some wonderful marriage. But now she felt that the best thing would be for her beautiful protegee to marry for love. Sir Basil would be an excellent match for her. He was wealthy; even if he were not, Leah would have so much money herself that there was no need for her to make it a consideration in marrying. The young baronet was gifted with every good quality. She might certainly, with her brilliant beauty and grand prospects, have done much better; but she might also have done worse. With a girl of that kind, full of romance and fancies and strange ideas, the first consideration was her happiness.

She was startled from her thoughts by a sudden exclamation from Leah; her face had grown pale as it did always in times of great emotion. "Look, duchess," she cried, "what a beautiful picture!"

The approach to Glen was through a magnificent avenue of beech-trees; they were not to be surpassed for size and beauty in the county. The avenue was wide and well kept, the grass green and smooth, and, when it



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pleased to see that his face brightened, and that several times it lost the melancholy expression that had seemed like a cloud over it. He was very attentive to her; he lingered by her side, and showed her the chief objects of attraction.

The duchess summed up the whole situation briefly. Leah had loved him at first sight; but, if ever he learned to love her, it would be after months of friendship.

That day spent at Glen was one of the happiest in Leah's life, and the memory of it was to her like a strain of sweet music in which there was no discord.

CHAPTER XX.

As the days passed on, the intimacy between Leah and the baronet increased. The general grew warmly attached to Sir Basil. He said—what was a great thing for him to say—that, if Heaven had blessed him with a son, he should have liked him to resemble Sir Basil. All the visitors—and they were many—admired and liked him; he was a general favorite, and he spent far more of his time at Brentwood than at Glen.

With every day that dawned, with every sun that rose and set, with every bright moon that waxed and waned, Leah's love deepened. The world was as nothing to her; she became absorbed in this one passion—it was her life, her all. There are some to whom this fatal gift of a great love is given. They are the happiest, even as they are the most miserable; they reach the highest bliss that life offers, and they know the most bitter of its pains. No one warned Leah. The duchess looked on interested, as she would have been in any trial of skill or any struggle for mastery. She did not interfere either by word or look. She knew it was useless. She never ceased wondering how it was that Leah, who had refused some of the best offers in England, had given her heart and soul at first sight to this man.

Leah was hardly the same girl in Sir Basil's presence; her face, her voice, her manner changed completely; her love transfigured her. If he touched her dress in passing, she trembled; if he touched her hand in greeting, she grew pale as the petals of a white lily; when she sang to him all the pent-up passion of her soul seemed to go out to him. Such a world of love lay in the dark eyes! It would have been a thousand times better for Leah had she never had such a pretty theory as that of souls meeting, or filled her mind with ideal notions. No misgivings came to her, no doubt, or fear. She never asked herself whether her great love would be returned, she never asked herself how it would end; she lived entirely in the present, each day full of happiness, of interest, of the beauty and glory of the passion that possessed her. She had forgotten that they would soon leave Brentwood, she had forgotten that they were going to Dene Abbey; she had forgotten everything, except that Sir Basil was near her and that she loved him. Every dream, every wish of her life was realized; there was no more to desire. She would have been quite content to lie down in the light of her great love and die. It seemed to her that all her life had been ordered for this. Now she had reached the haven of rest, never thinking that the storms in the haven might be greater than those on the open sea.

(To be continued.)

"This reminds me of Italy," said Leah—"fountains, flowers and marble statues."

He turned to her eagerly. "You like it, then?" he asked, anxiously. "I think it is beautiful, and I am pleased that you agree with me."

They passed into the entrance-hall, with its deep groined roof, its old-fashioned stained-glass windows and armor, its stained oak flooring and crochets.

With graceful courtesy Sir Basil bade them welcome; and Leah, looking at his face, saw that it was deadly pale.

"Was this the place," she asked, "where the accident—"

"Yes," he replied; "it was here that my poor sister rushed, enveloped in flames; and just here where these white lilies stand, she fell down to die. By my mother's orders they are kept there. Whenever I pass, I seem to see the flying figure again, and hear my sister's cry."

Leah stepped forward and stood by the white lilies.

"Look at me," she said, flushing slightly, "as I stand here; it will fill your mind with fresh thoughts."

"It may well do so," thought the duchess, as she noticed the unconscious grace and beauty of the girl's attitude. Would he ever, as he passed through the hall where his fair young sister had met so sad a fate, forget the girl now standing there with her pleading passionate face, trying to make sweet what had been so bitter to him?

"Thank you," he replied, simply. "You have been kind to me, Miss Hatton, from the first happy moment I saw you; you add to your goodness by giving me a pleasant memory."

Leah's face showed her delight; it was indeed pleasant to her to hear such words of commendation from him. But the duchess said to herself, "Pretty little scene—sentimental enough; but there is no love, Sir Basil, on your side."

Then the other visitors reached the hall. There was a discussion as to the roof and the armor, and as to the date of a fine old window, and then they passed on to the library. Sir Basil made a charming and hospitable host. As the day wore on, Leah was

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