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CHAPTER XI. The additions had their town house in that part of the "old court suburb" where it is still possible to find here and there a fine roomy old house with a large garden, which is precisely what Helen wanted.

"The house stood forward, close to the road—detached, of course—the gardens extending away at the back, the spacious suite of drawing-rooms opening to them, and running the width of the house; so that even if Mrs. Addison had been given to the essentially vulgar fault of over-decorating, she would have found it rather difficult to do so. But she was not; there was plenty of room for entire enjoyment of everything that goes to make the enjoyment of a ballroom—dancing, promenading, sitting down to rest, and last but not least, those attractive, well-shrubbed gardens, that seemed made for strolls in the cool evenings, and fitting, "especially" and delicious St. Maur had whispered in pretty Helen's ear, "when such a charming temptress attempts a fellow to prove its efficacy in that line."

"She looked very radiant to-night as she stood with her husband receiving the guests, who arrived fast. "I do hope," she said to the major—a good-looking man of forty—"that that tiresome St. Maur won't be late. Have you seen him to-day, Frank, anywhere?" "Yes, at Tattersall's, this morning. Archer was with him."

"I am so glad you have come in good time, Mr. Orde," she said, "one doesn't always want to keep the best to the last, you know; and I've kept a dance for your nephew, which he will have to give up to you—"

"Hard on me!" put in Falconer, with a wicked glance. "My dear madame, you are too good," said courteously Mr. Orde. "But my dancing days are over, and resigned to these young fellows. Pale must keep his dance."

"Not a bit of it, Mr. Orde. I shall put down your initials, and if you won't dance I shall show you my gardens and hot-houses."

"I shall be delighted, indeed. Major Addison, your charming wife is going far to turn an old gentleman's head, and persuading him he is a fascinating young beau again."

The major laughed and drew him away to introduce him to some other guests, chaperons to the younger ones, who would presently drift into the card-room, while St. Maur turned to speak to some one near, and the band, concluding a lively melody by way of overture, began to play for the dances, and there was a low murmur of voices as the young folks sought their partners.

"Just as the band struck up, Dr. Clifford and his party arrived, and Archer Northcote stepped quickly forward to join Helen in her greeting; while St. Maur, from where he stood, only glanced round carelessly outwardly, but with every pulse quickening as he saw his wife.

"How beautiful she was! how picturesque in her graceful, flowing robe of dove-gray satin, embroidered with crimson flowers, with a cluster of rosebuds among the falling lace at her bosom, and pearls in her ears and round her throat and arms—surely, surely, the set of pearls that had been one of his own wedding-gifts to his child-bride! How fast the heart beat! how impossible to resist the magnetism that made him turn toward that group with a glance at Helen which she at once took. "Allow me," she said. "My friend, Mr. St. Maur—Mrs. Errington, Miss Clifford, Miss Leroy, and Doctor Clifford."

"How absurd it seemed to be to be introduced as a stranger to his own wife! Their eyes met, and through all the inevitable pain, the sense of humor in it struck both at the same time. "I have never been favored," Falconer said then, "as to see these three ladies and yourself before, Doctor Clifford; you were at the Lyceum one evening about a fortnight ago."

"Yes, so we were," exclaimed Blanche, instantly, mentally appropriating the lion's share of the implied compliment, and eagerly longing to dance with the handsome newcomer. And you were there then, too, Mr. St. Maur? How odd that we should meet you!"

"Having met Miss Leroy," he said, bowing, "may I improve the pleasure to myself" taking up her card. "I see you have not, happily, promised everything."

"Oh, no, I never do. You may have this first one, then. See, Mr. Northcote and Miss Erle are off already."

"And, Mrs. Errington, too, I believe, are charming girls; only, said the old lady, with an indulgent smile and shake of the head, "I'm afraid that pretty Miss Leroy is a rare little flirt when she likes, and can make any man flirt—will ye, nill-ye. Your nephew must take care of his heart."

"Oh," said Mr. Orde, laughing good-naturedly, and highly amused at the notion of "making," "my boy can flirt nineteen to the dozen without any making. I assure you, my dear madame—most men can; and as to his heart, I wish he would lose it to the young lady, and settle down. Oh, he knows I wish it, the young couple! And I'm sure," continued the artful old gentleman, confidentially, intending every word to be repeated,

"that I have put very limited restrictions on his choice; and I may tell you in confidence that, if Falconer marries where I entirely approve, his heirship to me will be an fait accompli."

"Ah!" Mrs. Darnley looked at him keenly from behind her fan. "You are very good to him, Mr. Orde. I suppose, if I may take the liberty to say so, he is quite like your own son."

"Indeed, he is, madame, and a very dear one, whatever his faults," returned William Orde, plainly as proud as a peacock of his handsome boy.

"Mrs. Darnley, herself the mother of sons, was touched. "He ought to give you a son's affection," she said. "And he does, Mrs. Darnley—no question of that," returned Mr. Orde, strongly, and truly enough. Then he added: "You know Dr. Clifford, then?"

"Yes. Such a nice man—a retired physician—had a fortune left him. There he is, standing by the door of the card-room—that tall, broad-built man. Give me your arm, and I'll introduce him, if you like."

"I should very much—I should, though my stay in town is short now." St. Maur, as he whirled by with Blanche, saw that introduction, with a mental: "Whew! That will help my footing, but may mean danger. I saw him look after us."

"So had Blanche. "Oh! please—let us rest—a minute," said St. Maur, as he said, between breaths, "though it is horrid to lose our turn of that delicious dance; you wait so perfectly," lifting a pair of melting china-blue eyes with a half-shy, half-saucy glance, which she suffered to drop as it met his gaze.

"What a compliment, Miss Leroy! I shall get quite puffed up with vanity." "Get!" she said, with a coquetish laugh, but vexed that he did not at once beg for two more dances. "As if you were not already 'puffed up' enough! All men are so vain!"

"And all women—not at all!" said St. Maur, bending down with a smile of amused irony. "We have come under the merciless harrow of sweet youth's incontrovertible wisdom and experience. Vanitas, vanitas et omnia vanitas, dixit Ecclesiastes; only individualized to a sex, is it not?"

"How dare you be sarcastic, sir, and laugh at me!" said Blanche, not quite knowing what to make of him, and so rather piqued, though she laughed. "You deserve punishment!"

"Ah, no! The very quality and tones of the low, soft voice were enough to quicken the pulse, 'not 'till—only pardon."

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after her marriage, to take the blame, and exonerate Berenger. He had been her lover; there was some pique—her fault, she said—a quarrel, and a separation. Then I came, and you know that part. She had met Berenger again three weeks or so before our wedding-day. She never told him of her engagement when he renewed his own suit—only said that her elder sister (her only relative) would not consent, and they must marry at once."

"A cruel, sorrowful story. Uncle Will," said Falconer, clasping the old man's hand; "but still the poor daughter may have her noble father's nature, not her mother's. You never saw Captain Berenger?"

"No, never." (To be Continued.)

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Toronto, Dec. 21.—Level crossings claimed another victim yesterday, when Mr. J. Wright, of Streetsville, was struck by a C. P. R. passenger train in attempting to drive across the railway tracks just west of Port Credit. The horse he was driving was instantly killed, and Wright received such injuries that he died an hour later. He was attended to by Dr. Innis at the scene.

The accident happened about 4 o'clock. The train is a local, operating between Hamilton and Toronto. Engineer Connors, who was driving the train, claims that he whistled for the crossing and that his engine bell was ringing. How the fatality actually occurred is not known, as there is said to be a clear view of the rails from the approach. Conductor McEnaney was in charge of the train.

RUSH FROM STATES. Nearly Ten Thousand Homestead Entries This Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—During the first ten months of the present calendar year 9,919 homestead entries were made in western Canada by United States citizens. Every State and Territory of the American Union was represented. North Dakota contributed the largest number, namely, 3,464. Other States are represented as follows: Minnesota, 1,741; South Dakota, 922; Michigan, 514; Washington, 510; Wisconsin, 477; Iowa, 430; Illinois, 206; Montana, 184; Indiana, 162; Missouri, 151; New York, 150; Oregon, 150; Idaho, 144; Kansas, 140; Nebraska, 134.

"He must be very hard-hearted, then," said St. Maur. "Miss Clifford, may I hope you have some dances still disengaged?"

"I am afraid not for a long time, anyhow, Mr. St. Maur!" "A happiness is worth waiting for!" said Falconer, marking the fifth on the programme, "although one can never be sure of its being the reality instead of a counterfeit."

"For shame, Falc!" said Mr. Orde, puzzled whether St. Maur's sarcastic speech was earnest or rather unseemly jest. "How you racket on!"

"Oh, I didn't do it, of course—never dreamed of it!" laughed Falc, truly enough; "too utterly ungentlemanly—had form."

"She would never have spoken to you again, sir." "Wouldn't she, by Jove!" muttered Falc, under his moustache. "I know better, you dear old greenhorn!" Aloud: "How do you like the other two ladies—Miss Clifford and her friend, Mrs. Errington?"

"I did not speak to them much, but certainly Miss Clifford is lovely, as I fancy that young Northcote thinks," chuckled Mr. Orde, on passant. "And the young lady, the chaperon, is eminently beautiful; but I shouldn't like to marry a widow myself if I were a young fellow."

"No," said Christine's husband, pulling his moustache to hide a smile; "and besides, one doesn't always know exactly who people are. Looks, too, as if she had got a fall of her own—that fellow you call Uncle Will, I think I'll follow your example still, and keep clear of matrimonial shoals."

"My boy, I hope to Heaven you will never keep clear of them for the same bitter reason I have—a woman's cruel deception—ay, unpardonable treason!" "Uncle Will!"

"What else, then, do you call it, Falconer, when a woman engages herself to a man, lets him think his love is returned, fixes the marriage, and a fortnight before elopes with another lover, Captain Berenger? That is what Leonardo Stanhope did."

"Uncle Will, you never before told me it was so bad as that," said the younger man, deeply touched and pained. "At least, not in detail."

"I only told you that she had cruelly jilted me, and broken her engagement; but these facts are the plain, simple truth. You can, therefore, hardly hold me very hard and unforgiving, if the only woman in the world I absolutely ban to you is her child."

"Did she leave one?" said Falconer, and evading an assent dissent. "I believe she did—a daughter, who would too surely inherit her mother's perjury of soul."

"No, no," thought Christine's husband; "my darling—no, no, not thou, thank Heaven!"

"Did Captain Berenger know of it?" he said, after a pause. "No. Let me do an honorable man justice. She wrote to your dear mother once

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