THE FOUR-LEAVED CLOVER.

How a Girl Redeemed Her Promise.

Down in the grass, with the roses dropping their fragrant leaves around her, and the summer wind just stirring the sunny curls that clustered about her broad, fair brow, little Madge Wilder knelt.

Just now she had knelt down in eager quest of a four-leaved clover. Near her stood two men; one, young like herself, the other a man in the prime of life, his hair just touched with gray, and the high forehead marked with lines of care, or grief, or disappointment. This was Paul Lyon, a man whom thus far in life no one had been able to win from his secluded ways until Madge Wilder crossed his vision. "Come," she said, "you both know how much I want my clover-leaf, and yet you stand there as if you had quite forgotten that you came out here expressly to help me find it."

In an instant Fred Hastings was beside her. "What reward will you bestow on the one who makes you happy in possessing the coveted treasure, Miss Madge?" Fred asked.

She spoke quietly, her eyes veiled by the long lashes. "Whoever finds a four-leaved clover for me first, shall name his own reward."

A little thrill of delight shot over Paul Lyon's face, and he too stooped down to the bed of fragrant clover. Light words and pleasant laughter mingled during the next half hour, when suddenly she felt a leaf drop on her hand. She looked at it carefully to see that there was no deception about it, and then a faint blush stole into her cheek, as she felt rather than saw whose hand had let it fall. She did not speak, but sat there twirling it carelessly in her white fingers.

"Here, Madge! I've found it!" exclaimed Fred Hastings, coming round the other side of her, "and now for my"——

He had become silent in a moment, for Madge held up her hand, and he saw the tiny green leaf resting there, and the summer sunshine falling lovingly down upon it.

"Well, Lyon, so you're ahead of me; but, after all, it's only in the matter of a clover."

Madge said, laughingly:

"I am going to press my clover-leaf, Mr. Lyon, and keep it until I am a real old woman."

"What for, Madge?" asked Fred.

"To help me keep in remembrance to-day, when it shall have become a 'dead yesterday, yonder.'"

The swift-winged days went by, and the last day of their stay came. Paul Lyon had met her on the porch the night before, and asked her to ride this morning, and she came down early to fulfil her promise.

Madge rode on a few moments in silent thought. "Are you thinking that our pleasant circle will be quite broken up after to-day, Mr. Lyon?"

"Yes; we leave here like the birds, at the first touch of frost," slightly shivering as he said it. "I wonder if any of us will ever return as we are to-day?"

"All of us I hope; but who can tell? A year brings so many changes."

"True. Though of hope we may have something left, we always have most of fear, I think."

"Not you, Mr. Lyon; I count you as a brave man among my heroes," blushing faintly as the words left her lips."

A soft south wind, which bent the blossoming grass aside, lifted Madge's golden curls, and, as Paul stooped to look at her saddle, they were blown directly across his face. He gathered it all in his hand and held it to his face a moment; then, as he released it, he turned to her with a remonstrance written on his face. "You are so like a child to me, yet, Madgie, that I sometime fear for you. I find myself wondering what your lot will be in life, and dread lest it should be a clouded one."

Do you care so much, then?" she asked, not venturing to lift her eyes to his own.

"Oh, my darling!" Then, with a great sigh, that found its way to Madge's tender heart, "Forgive me if, in the sorrow of the moment, I have forgotten what I ought, of all men, to have remembered."

Pride sealed her lips for an instant; then she looked up to him with a face in which was blended the very sweetest humility and a noble resolution. "What had you forgotten, Paul?"

He grew paler at the sound of her gentle question, but turned at once to answer her. "It is your right to know, little Madge, though I had thought never to tell you; I know you love him best, dear child; but oh, let me think one moment what joy it would have been could I have stood in his place! Do you know," he said, choking down a sob, "what a bright picture I had draw for myself?"

"No," she said, softly, "tell me."

"It was the day when you promised a reward to the one who should find you a clover-leaf. I had nothing to choose but your love, child, and I had dreamed the day might come when I should dare to ask you for it; visions of a cheerful home, which your voice should make as charming as the birds made the morning; which your smile should brighten like the noonday, were you mine. Ah, Madge, you must not call me a brave man any longer."

"And now," she faltered, "for you may yet claim the fulfilling of my promise."

"My darling," he added, gathering her up close against his throbbing heart, "will you give yourself to me? My life has been a broken and a scarred one—sometime I will tell you of it; but if you can give a word of hope there will be light at last."

She looked at the noble, kindly face, with its lines of grief and care; at the silver threads that crept out to sight amid the raven blackness of his hair; at the dear eyes, with such unutterable longing in them, and then she put her hands in his, saying, simply, "I do love you, Paul."

The sunshine had robbed the roses of all their dew long before Paul Lyon and Madge Wilder dismounted at the front piazza, and Fred Hastings was waiting impatiently, walking up and down as he watched the road.

It required some self-control to meet his glance unflinchingly, but Madge did it, and with a hasty, gay good-morning she hastened up the stairs. It was late in the afternoon before Fred found an opportunity of speaking to her, and then she was standing alone in the half twilight when he came into the room. She dropped into a chair by the window as he drew nearer and mutely awaited what he had to say.

He leaned over the back of her chair, saying only, "Dear Madge, have you no word for me, after hiding from me all day long?"

She drew away from him, vexed and ashamed, hardly knowing how to reply. But when he would have said more she found her voice.

"Hush!" she said, with a motion of entreaty; "I must not stay here now."

"Madge, do you not know how much I love you?"

"Do not say it—I"——

But just then she heard Paul's voice under the window, and in a moment more he came in with his hands full of roses. "Madge, little one, are you there?"

"Yes."

"Well, come here then. I want to crown you queen of my summer. Do you not see that I am growing young again?" Then seeing Fred, who stood looking at him in amazement, and taking in Madge's look of entreaty, he said: "Excuse me, Mr. Hastings, but this little girl has given herself to me, and I want to mark the day with flowers."

The roses, half of them, dropped from his hands as Fred left the room, crushing the door together behind him, but as Madge smiled and bent her head he took her face between his hands and bent his own to meet it.

"I think I will gather my roses from a sweeter garden, hereafter, Madge," and he left a fond kiss on either cheek.

Still she was silent.

"I am sorry for him, dear child, for I can measure his loss by my gain; but he should have been a swifter searcher for the clover leaf."

Madge looked up, blushing very rosily, as she remembered the kisses, at once so strange and so sweet, and said: "I am satisfied, dear Paul."

And Paul thought, as the years went by, and the sad lines faded out of his face, and his fair young wife walked beside him, that God had been very good to him and he thanked Him out of a full heart, into which content, like a beautiful dove, sank to rest.

The Poetry of Swinging the Dress.

A large grain of truth, wrapped up in nonsense, is contained in the remark made by an American girl in Paris: "Dress, why, it all depends on the way you swing it." This jeu d'esprit went the rounds of the French press, and it was everywhere conceded that she had caught and caged the Parisienne's greatest charm. The English woman cannot "swing it" at all. The American "swings it" pretty well; but the swinging of a French woman is a poem.

A FREIGHT CONDUCTOR'S LUCK.

An Incident That Led to a Train Man's Rapid Promotion.

From the Philadelphia Press.

The career of William M. Clements, who, as announced yesterday, will leave the management of the Erie Express to become the general manager of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad east of the Ohio River, has been a remarkable one in many respects, and he certainly is a remarkable man in every respect. Prior to the war he was a freight conductor on the Baltimore and Ohio, and he first met John W. Garrett, then president of the road, near Wheeling, W.V. Three rear cars of Conductor Clements' train were derailed one day near Wheeling, and Clements took the red signal and went back to flag an express which he knew was following. He sent the engineer and fireman ahead to stop all trains coming from that direction and to get assistance, hurriedly calling out to a stupid brakeman: "Pull the train ahead about a hundred yards." The rear cars had commenced to burn from the broken stove in the caboose, and Clements wanted to save the valuable freight in the others. The brakeman climbed aboard the engine, but was too stupid to open the throttle. The whole train was burned, causing a loss of over $73,000. When Clements returned to the scene with some of the passengers from the express, which he had stopped half a mile away, he looked at the burning cars, and, stepping up to the stupid brakeman, floored him with one single blow. A stout, quiet-looking passenger walked up to Clements and said: "Why did you desert your train? You could have sent that man back with the flag and saved these cars yourself. It seems to me that you don't know your business."

Clements is a broad-shouldered six-footer, and when he glared at his audacious critic many people supposed there would be another knock-down. "Why, you d—— fool!" he replied contemptously, "do you suppose I was going to trust that man? I knew he was a fool, like you, and that's the reason I let him monkey with the cars while I went back to look after human lives."

"Conductor, do you know who I am?"

"No; and I don't care a d——!"

"I am John W. Garrett." "Well, I don't care if you are. If you value freight more than human lives, I don't. And I will burn up a dozen trains before I'll let one of your Cheap John brakemen kill a few dozen people."

Clements stalked away and busied himself directing the wrecking crew, engaged in clearing the track. Old man Garrett looked quietly on without uttering another word. The following week Clements was made passenger conductor, whereas everyone supposed that he would be discharged. He rose steadily until he became master of transportation of the whole road.

Higher Education for Girls.

From the Week.

The subject of girls' education in connection with denominational colleges and private seminaries is a wide one, and requires separate and careful treatment. Whether a sufficiently urgent necessity for such a college for girls as "Upper Canada" has yet arisen or not, few will deny that an institution of this sort would bring with it a greater boon to the young women of the country than they enjoy at present. In the meantime no more manifest absurdity has been advanced by the foes of the college than that we should deprive ourselves of one national good because we have not so far succeeded in supplying ourselves with two.

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