

FATE TO LOVE HER

There, in the distance, is Olivia, showing photographs to two shy young ladies. Dear, good Olivia! always occupied for others. Cissy is the centre of a circle of gentlemen, which circle and which centre are at present receiving very close attention from Mrs. Featherstone's sharp little eyes.

Who are those in the corner near the conservatory? The handsome young man who towers above his neighbors' heads—the beautiful girl whose robes of blue are rivalled by her eyes? Gabrielle's gaze is riveted on this couple; she cannot look away. They are absorbed in conversation; he standing, leaning against the wall; she seated, sometimes bending, as in pretty confusion, over her fan. His cheek is slightly flushed; his eyes shine. "How happy she must be!" thinks Gabrielle.

The gong sounds, the people rise, there is a flutter and a dispersion. They pair off. A fashionable looking young man, with a black moustache and a small head, approaches Gabrielle, bows and offers his arm. She lays the tips of her white glove upon his very fashionable sleeve, and they follow in the train. On the threshold he remarks that the weather is sunny. She agrees; her thoughts far off, before she reaches James with a corseted countess, heads the procession.

They reach the dining room, the table is a glitter of glass and plate, with flowers, beautifully arranged. James is already in his place, and the corseted countess has subsided into a chair at his right hand. A distant voice says something which is supposed to be grace, everybody sits down, the servants rush to and fro, the room resounds with the inquiry, "White soup, or mulligatawny?" The fashionable young man begins to talk about music. How does Gabrielle like Sims Reeves? He is exceedingly astonished to find that she has never heard Sims Reeves. She wishes the fashionable young man would hold his tongue. James, with a smile, is bending forward to make some observation to Miss Featherstone, and Gabrielle wants to catch it. Instead, she catches his eye, and feels herself blushed. She exerts herself, tries to talk and laugh; he shall not see that she is out of spirits. The fashionable young man is evidently charmed. She catches James' eye again; he looks a little pained. She wonders why, but does not stop to consider.

The fashionable young man continues to converse. He speaks slowly and distinctly, his words are neither more nor less than words themselves remarkably worth hearing; but Gabrielle takes pains to keep up the conversation. It is joined in by her other neighbor; he is sensible and well informed, and adds to his fresh zest, the intervals she looks up at grim Gordons of old, who survey her from the walls. She wonders whether that cavalier, with ringlets and a sword, ever sat where James is sitting, and admired some Miss Featherstone of his day, who sat next to him. In the drawing room, Olivia introduces Gabrielle to the shy young ladies. They are the daughters of a "poor parson," James' distant cousin. Shy indeed they are innocent of "manner," painfully conscious, and ill at ease. Gabrielle, ever quick in sympathy, is sorry for them, speaks to them pleasantly, Olivia passes on, and they are left in her sole charge.

She draws them out, not by direct endeavor, but by the interest with which she listens to their timid remarks. They become quite confidential, confess that they are homesick, that they can't help thinking of mamma, left to cope alone with the mending basket; wish they could fly over, just to kiss the children, and tuck them up in their beds. Olivia, from the other end of the room, wonders what magic can have converted the half-gauche reserve into that eager brightness! Cissy wonders, too, at Gabrielle's patience. Miss Featherstone, dying of ennuï, as is usual with her in the absence of gentlemen, believes that Gabrielle has grouped herself and her companions for the special edification of those all-conquering heroes when they arrive.

Meanwhile, unconscious of observers, Gabrielle feels happier than she has felt since she quitted Lorton. The girls are talking of their elder brother. So good, and so hard working! He is just married, you know. It was considered foolish, Jessie, the eldest, believed; but I did not seem foolish to them. "She was an orphan, so pretty, so lovely; almost as lovely as that young lady there—indicating The. She would have been obliged to go out as a governess, when her father died; but Robert could not bear the idea, so they married at once. Robert said that they were married, and she and I were left in the lurch, and I was one another, and worked hard. God would take care of them. Robert was in a London bank; very clever; everybody said that he would get on. After all; poor people may be just as happy, and just as refined, as rich ones; does not Miss Wynn think so? Yes, Miss Wynn does think so. Anxiety, of course, they must expect; but where is there not anxiety?"

The door opens. An influx of gentlemen; one, in Gabrielle's eyes pre-eminent. Suppose he were a clerk in a bank, and his wife obliged to pinch, and save, and economize; would she not, nevertheless, be the happiest woman in the world? "Oh, yes!" Gabrielle exclaims aloud; then, as the girls stare in surprise, turns it off by some irrelevant observation. Suddenly they become shy again, and shrink into themselves. Gabrielle's sensible neighbor of the dinner-table is steering toward her. Without ceremony, he sits down at her side; and resumes his conversation. Presently approaches also the fashionable young man, with another of the same species; whom he has informed that a confoundedly pleasant girl is over there—better come and make her acquaintance. Once more, Gabrielle catches James' eye. He looks as though he wondered whether she thinks that he might come and speak to her, if only a few words—if only to ask a trivial question or two, about her visit, and so forth. Perhaps he imagines that she is jealous. She again exerts herself; summons all her self-control; and maintains her "confoundedly pleasant" character. Words come freely; ideas flow; she is amazed at her own powers. The shy girls listen, envy her ease, her freedom from self-consciousness. By degrees, and without knowing it, she becomes the centre of a circle of little coteries. None of the most agreeable people present—both ladies and gentlemen are attracted in passing, pause and linger.

They were endured, however, in silence. No regrets of hers should mar her idol's happiness. What puzzled poor Gabrielle in the matter was not the circumstance of James' defection to The; this appeared only too natural—but the other concomitant circumstance, that he avoided herself. That his interest in her and her pursuits seemed suddenly to have vanished; that he scarcely ever so much as spoke to her of his own free choice; that, when obliged to do so, his voice was so cold, his manner so indifferent. In short, that he appeared entirely changed, not to others, not in himself, but to her.

Vainly she strove to understand it, recapitulating in her mind every event of the fortnight which had preceded her visit to Lorton. Sometimes she fancied that she had offended him. Sometimes she wondered whether he had heard, and wished to annihilate the report mentioned by Charlie. Sometimes, again, a wild ray of hope suggested that on Charlie's account as sufficient cause for all. She could have borne his behavior to The, she told herself, so much better if only he were still kind, gentle, considerate, as in the early days when the ice between them was broken! But she did not know her own heart. As things now were, utter coldness was better than kindness such as this.

(To be continued.)

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Two Men Off Duty Swung Man Cut Off From Escape to Safety—Reached Him From Coping of the Adjoining Building.

New York, April 17.—Two firemen who were taking a day off made a thrilling rescue on the top floor of a burning tenement at 723 Third avenue to-day by forming a human chain from the coping of an adjoining house and swinging to safety George Deitz, who had been caught by the fire in the hallway of the building.

Deitz's father and mother, who had climbed out on the rear fire escape, were taken to safety by firemen on an adjoining building. Deitz woke from a sound sleep and ran to the front window, but the fire department did not have ladders long enough to reach him. Flames had cut off the fire escape.

Firemen Dugan and Sythes were off duty, but were near the place when the alarm was sounded. They climbed into the building next door at 723 Third avenue and appeared on the coping, which had ladders long enough to reach him. Deitz's hands were standing. They ordered Deitz to climb to the stone sill of the window. Then Sythes crawled head foremost over the edge of the coping, Dugan holding his feet. Slowly and carefully the feat of gaining a different window was accomplished. Deitz's hands were accomplished.

Held fast by the fireman, Deitz swung off the sill, and for several minutes the two men were swinging in mid-air 30 feet above the pavement. Meanwhile Dugan was crawling backwards, his feet and hands on the sill. He regained his feet, and was then able to pull the two men to the coping. Deitz was hurried over the roof to safety.

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Hamilton Man Elected First Vice-President by Union.

Brookville, Ont., April 17.—There was a largely increased attendance at the closing sessions to-day of the fifteenth convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Ontario and Quebec. The subject of "Our Training Schools" was discussed by Rev. W. F. Parker, Ottawa. W. H. Moore, of Knowlton Avenue, W. P. N., Toronto, followed with a discussion of "Junior Work."

Rev. G. H. Baker, Point St. Charles Church, Montreal, spoke on the problem of "Our Young People's Works." Rev. Dr. H. Francis Perry, of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, then gave an address on "The Ideal Young People's Society."

W. L. McKinnon, Toronto, presented the report of the treasurer, showing total receipts for the year to be \$424, and expenses \$271. The association, he observed, was able for the first time in many years to come before the convention with a clean sheet. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. C. H. Schutt, M. A., Toronto; First Vice-President, H. F. Stenbaugh, Hamilton; Second Vice-President, Rev. G. H. Baker, B. A., Montreal; Third Vice-President, Frank Row, Brockville; Recording Secretary, W. H. Hitchcock, Brantford; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. H. Bingham, Paris; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, N. M. Church, Paris; Treasurer, W. L. McKinnon, B. A., Toronto; Transportation Leader, Rev. C. J. Cameron, B. A., Toronto.

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Mr. Chas. March, the well-known labor leader, died at Montreal on Good Friday. Crop reports from Ontario points indicate that the fall wheat and clover wintered fairly well.

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