# FATED TO LOVE HER

CHAPTER XXII.

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She stopped short. That firm, clear handwriting; that seal, with the crest and the initials—what was there in these to make her color rise, her oyes gisten, her heart beat so fast? The child lingered, moving to and fro, chattering about blackberries, and chickens, and new dolls; but Gabrielle heard not a syllable. She had torn open the envelope; she was drinking in the letter, as syllable. She had torn open the enve-lope; she was drinking in the letter, as one who had long thirsted, might drink water, fresh and cold.

Farniey, September —th, 18—.

My Dear Gabrielle,—You will be surprised. I dare say, to hear from me; but I cannot rest until I have in some measure relieved my mind by writing these few lines. I am well aware that during the past month my conduct to you has been—or, rather, has seemed—little short of actual rudeness, wanting even in those common forms of courtesy which every lady has a right to expect from every gentleman. But it is not in my power to explain or to extenuate anything that has passed. I must resign myself, inexpressibly painful though such resignation be, to the forfeiture of your esteem. The one hope left to me is the hope that you will believe me when I say that reasons, which I regardwhen I say that reasons, which I regard ed as weighty and powerful have seemed to render it absolutely ne-cessary for me to avoid your society. I have seemed to render it absolutely necessary for me to avoid your society. I am expressing myself incoherently; but, if you could see my mind, you would not wonder. To-morrow you go; I dare not trust myself to see you, or to wish you good-bye. You will know, on receiving this, how to interpret my absence. I shall not rest"—a second time that expression—"until I hear that you have forgiven my"—some word erased—"my rudeness of the last few weeks. The past is gone, and may not. bo undone, tean only implore your pardon. Believe me ever your affectionate cousin, J. F. Gordon.

"You musta't get up to breakfast. Mamma says so," cried the child, "do you hear? Do you hear? Do you want to get up?"

"I'm want nothing, except to be alone, darling."

"Well, I'll go and see about your breakfast, then. Mamma said that I seeds as to the 1 styber of breakfast, then. Mamma said that I

Not very. "A slight cough, my wife said, I think."

"Yes."

"We must see if you can't fatten you up a bit. No fasting allowed here, Mrs. Barber. The kitchen physic is your department, you know."

"Yes, I know, and I shall see to it, you may depend," replied Mrs. Barber, with compressed lips and a nod. "Bless me, Gabrielle! Upon my word! 'Ow like you're getting to your mother!"

"Am I: But she was so pretty, I thought," said Gabrielle, in all simplicity.

city.
"Yes—I don't mean that you come up
to her, though you're by no means had
looking, my love, yourself. But it's a
look, just a look, which has come over
you; and lor' me, Mr. Barber, how strong

darted a quick glance at her husband. His countenance, however—doctor-like—

"I'll look at Miss Wynn again, if she'll allow me, and question her a little more closely. Just now, I must be off. Plenty of time for all. We shan't let her go in a hurry, now we've got her; shall we, Mrs. Barber? My dear—".



June 18, 18—, aged twenty-three; also of the said Robert Wynn, who died November 20, 18, aged fifty-four years. A rook was cawing overhead, The autumnal breeze was stirring in the leaves of the old elms. Beyond this, all was silence. The dead slept quietly. No movement, no voice, betokened that beneath those crowded mounds lay forms which had walked the earth as men and women Gabrielle, knelt upon the turf.

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