

# Sunshine After the Storm.

CHAPTER VIII.

## "Enter Mr. Jack Madison!"

To be sure, it was gray, cold weather, and the sunshine was all to make. But, after all, is there any sunshine like that manufactured by happy hearts? The captain took the pretty maiden under his special protection; and she had Mrs. Gonzales for company, and a delightful vis-a-vis at the table in the person of Mr. John Newton. At first she thought he would not be agreeable; but before the evening was over he had done a hundred pleasant, kindly things, and Mrs. Gonzales was sure, from his manner, that he was a person of the highest distinction.

The next two days were exceedingly wet and blowy; and Mr. Newton and Bessie had the cabin, and especially the deck, almost to themselves. It must be admitted that neither seemed to be aware of the circumstance. They sat for hours in a cozy corner, Bessie propped with stiff leather cushions, and Mr. Newton on the other side of the bulkhead, talking about Bessie's summer experiences. Mr. Newton had never been out of America. He asked Bessie all sorts of questions about rail-roads and hotels and shopping and mountain-climbing and musical matters and picture-galleries, and so got the little maid to reveal her whole innocent heart under the pretense of getting information.

"I doubtless all people like to give advice, even very young girls, and to Bessie it was a new and charming experience. Her pretty airs of superior knowledge, her wisdom about curious and couriers and cab-drivers and Swiss landlords, were a delightful thing to John Newton. He never wearied of being taught by her. And when the rain moderated, he took fresh lessons in European tactics on deck; for though Bessie was ignorant on that special subject, he was very skillful in helping a young lady into her wraps and taking her safely up a sloping companion-way and supporting her on a reeling quarter-deck.

Then came the deliciously warm nights of the southern latitudes—the mellow moonlight, the phosphorescent seas, the dreamy Florida Keys, the magic skies and airs of the Mexican Gulf. Day by day the little girl fell more deeply in love, and knew it not for it was honestly her first experience of the kind. Never before had she been the first and the last and the only thought of any man; and this man was so handsome, so noble-looking, so intelligent, so good-hearted and good-natured and, as a final excellence, so well dressed, so properly dressed for all occasions.

Indeed, life had become a most wonderful joy to Bessie long before they reached the Texan coast—a joy she did not try to analyze but just took as it was given, shining and glorious, from Love's rosy hands. It was enough to come out of her stateroom and find John watching for her enough to eat with him and read and talk with him and feel his loving thoughts and care encompass her round about continually. Enough for the days were the blessedness there of. She did not inquire of the future, at all.

Not until they lay off Galveston Bar, and the soft night-wind brought to them the scent of the myrtles and oleanders, and they could see the fair white city lying asleep in its rose-gardens—then, as they stood hand in hand, silent and sensitive, the queer came to both hearts and would no longer be put aside.

"We must part to-morrow! Shall we ever meet again?"

"Oh, I hope so, I do, indeed. I should be very miserable if I thought differently."

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With such an opening, John did not find it hard to speak the words he wished to say; and Bessie found it a very happy thing to listen to them. Ten minutes passed in a loving, sweet caress to a clear question and answer.

"If I can satisfy your father—and I am sure I can—then, Bessie, you will faithfully keep your promise and be my wife?" said John.

And Bessie answered: "I will faithfully be your wife."

"And suppose I take a little trip into Mexico while you are in the hospital? I will certainly be in Galveston in March, and we will sail back to New York together. Would you like that?"

"I would like it very much. But, of course, I do not know the exact date, nor yet the name of the steamer."

"Never mind. I shall find those things out. You will see that I shall not miss you. Are you determined not to write to me? Just a line or two every month would make me happy."

"I would rather not write. My uncle would wonder. He might think it proper to name the correspondence to father. That would put us at a disadvantage. I wish you to be the first to speak of our love for each other. I dare say you will see some Mexican beauty before I go back north, and so forget all about your trust with me. If I am disappointed I do not want any one but myself to know I have made a mistake."

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There was but one answer to this supposition, and John made it with loving eloquence. It took a long time to make it; it was midnight when they parted; and before sunrise a small steam tug from the city arrived at the pier, bringing on it Colonel Sam Madison and his son Alphonse. Then Bessie and Mrs. Gonzales were called and in an hour they were swinging round on the little tug for the city. Bessie was not averse to this little move, for their steamer was likely to be delayed some hours at the bar, but she was seriously annoyed at Mr. Newton's non-appearance.

True, at the last moment, she saw a hand wave a white kerchief to her; but she had expected something more than his mere country. It was no flattering to think of John sleeping so late and so soundly while she was leaving him perhaps forever. And though the coming of her uncle had been totally unexpected, and though John had not been informed of it, yet, for all that and every other thing, John ought to have felt I was going away, and been on deck to bid me good-bye," Bessie sadly reflected.

This accident of a late sleep was much against Mr. Newton. Bessie was offended, and in her angry mood she told herself, and with some likelihood that, after all, it was only a slip of the tongue.

She had heard the girls on the great Atlantic liners talk of such affairs—how if they had gone, and how little every word and promise meant, and she concluded that she had been "a passing amusement" for a moment, a "traveller."

It was not a pleasant admission, and she put it aside as much as possible, and gave all her attention to her relatives. They were very interesting men, and they were quite unlike New Yorkers. The colonel was an older-looking man than her father—tall, slow, silent, with fierce mustachios and a big soft hat. Alphonse was a juvenile picture of him. They encouraged Bessie to do all the talking, and sat looking at her with evident and pleased astonishment. And yet, though Alphonse was undoubtedly a very fine-looking youth, Bessie did not think it at all likely she would fall in love with him.

"Neither will he fall in love with me," she decided. "He was not so impressed on sight, I am sure; and though I interest and please him, I am not his ideal woman; nor is he my ideal man."

At Austin the colonel's buggy was waiting, and Alphonse, on a very fine horse, rode by their side. On horse back, in top-boots and bell spurs, his Mexican stirrups and gannets, Alphonse looked a splendid type of manhood, and Bessie had at least a sentiment of pride in so handsome a cousin. It seemed really as if the horse's mettle and courage passed into the rider. Alphonse looked gallant, capable, possible, and Bessie wished the riders in Central Park could only have a vision of this Centaur on a Texan prairie. She turned to her uncle and said: "Cousin Alphonse looks much better on horse-back. He is a different man."

The colonel was pleased at the frank commendation. It promised well for his ardent desire. He stooped forward and watched his son a minute or two, and then said, with more interest than usually informed his words: "Alphonse is a pretty tall fellow on a horse's back. On his own feet he is only half there."

on every side to the creek and to the level prairie. Great live-oaks stretched out their limbs behind it as widely as possible, Texas to the last twig; vast dark pines stood sentinels at all its corners, and the firm swart w.s dotted all over with the glossy osage, the redbud, the sycamore and the chinquapin. It was a large, square white house, with no end of piazzas and "additions," all tied together with an indistinguishable tangle of vines. The double door stood wide open, and as the buggy drove toward it a young man rose from some sheltered seat and came to the head of the flight of white steps. He stood there long enough for Bessie to notice that he was quite good-looking and also dressed with considerable taste and care. Then he slowly stepped down to the side of the buggy.

"Your cousin, James Madison," said the colonel to Bessie.

(To be continued.)

## Arctic Expedition

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