

HELEN MOIR

LOVE AND HONOUR.

A TALE OF THE CLYDE.

CHAPTER XX.

DAVID BRIDGEMAN TELLS HIS STORY. After dinner, the little party returned to the parlour, and formed there into an interesting group to listen to the story which David Bridgeman had to tell. In the large easy chair, into which he was almost led, he formed the centre of the group who gathered round him, with eager, expectant, tender solicitude—the expression on the face of each being farthest removed from mere curiosity, showing rather intense, affectionate interest, full of pity, sympathy, and love. Helen occupied the low stool at his feet, with her arms laid upon his knees, her two hands fondly grasping his left hand, while his right gently stroked her forehead and her hair, as she gazed up with a deep, deep look of tenderest commiseration to his woe and furrowed face, whose broad and sunken lines spoke so plainly of the sorrow and suffering he had known so long. Mrs. Allerton sat opposite in another large chair, over the back of which leaned Edwin, while Ritchie had drawn his seat to the other side of David, strongly conscious of the inferiority of his station to the rest of the company, yet feeling in his honest nature a strength of affection and regard which gave him a title to be present to listen to the narrative of the returned wanderer. At length Bridgeman broke the silence. "It needs not," he said, "that I should repeat that which you already know—the history of my love and honour. You have amongst you, been able to make each other acquainted with the various particulars up to the time of my second return to Allerton Hall. My object in quitting Glenfruin was to see my father and the rest. I had really no particular object in view in passing under another name, and still less had I a purpose in the selection of the name which I assumed, which was that of Violet's father, and which, being familiar, naturally occurred to me. Oh, could I have foreseen to what terrible results the taking of that name was to lead! This was, indeed, the source whence all the after evils flowed. But for that, the crime I committed would have been impossible. But that is a point in which I have not yet come. I mentioned it only to let you understand that when I entered Scotland under the name of Waldgrave Winthrop it was with no evil design. My first error was in keeping up that name at Glenfruin. But, having gained the affection of my Helen, who loved me for myself alone, and had no knowledge of my family or my birth, I never hinted that another name was more truly mine, intending some day to give her a glad surprise by disclosing it, and the old English family to which I belonged. This was one of the pleasures I expected to realize on my return from England. I looked forward to being back to Glenfruin in a very short period, with all arrangements made for taking my young wife to one of my father's farms, and I pictured her delight on learning that the young English stranger in whom she had so unreservedly confided, though he had somewhat deceived her, had not done so to her hurt, by a deceit since it would raise her to a station higher than he had given her reason to expect. When, therefore, I left Glenfruin, known only as Waldgrave Winthrop, I expected soon to return under my true name of Edwin Allerton. "I will not, dare not, dwell on my parting with Helen. In itself it was not peculiar, for we expected to meet again very soon; but to me, looking back across the gulf which opened immediately after it, it is full of untold, of indescribable agony. A thousand thousand times have I recalled it—her last word—the last kiss—the last look—and the final glimpse I had of her sylvan-like form on the distant knoll as I turned the corner of the path in the glen which hid her from my view for ever. Oh, if the fearful thought had then crossed my mind that it was for the last time—but no; I went away all buoyant and hopeful, all unconscious of the desolation and despair that were to follow. Oh, my darling, my darling! I little did I dream when I held thee in that parting embrace that my arms should encircle thee no more—that never again should my ears listen to the music of thy voice, or my eyes rest on thy beautiful and lovely face. And Bridgeman, having given vent to the impetuous outburst of grief, uttered a deep groan, hid his face in his hand, and shook with the intensity of his emotion. Silently, tearfully, Helen raised herself and, gently twining her arms round his neck, laid her face against his cheek, sobbing there in the tenderness of her filial sympathy. There was soothing and solace in her touch, and the violence of his grief speedily subsided. A NICE NEST EGG.—We are informed that the Messrs. Beatty, of Thorold, have sold their timber limits at Parry sound for the very handsome sum of \$200,000. The gentleman who purchased, it is said, immediately disposed of his interest for an advance of \$20,000. Niagara Falls Equalled in India. Col. Haig, in his account of his journey to discover the best road to Jugdulpore, in the Bastor country, thus describes the Falls of Indravati, which must very nearly come up to those of Niagara: "The Falls are certainly one of the grandest sights in India, though from their inaccessible position few will probably ever see them. The river was in flood within ten feet (according to the people on its banks) of its extreme height. About four miles above the falls (which are a mile below the village of Chitrakoti) the Indravati is joined by the Naranyi, a river of about three-fourths its size. The united waters of the two, swollen by the heavy rains to a volume which I reckoned at about thirty million cubic yards per hour, descended perpendicular to a height of ninety-four feet over a ledge of sandstone rocks, about five hundred yards in length, and slightly curved in place at one end so as to give the fall something of a horseshoe shape. The rich coloring of the water, varying from a reddish brown at the crest of the falls to a brilliant ochre where more broken in its descent, adds much to the beauty of the sight. The lower part of the fall is hidden by the clouds of spray, and in damp weather, immediately after a shower, when the air is loaded with moisture, these rise even higher than the crest of the falls, fill the whole chasm below, and even hide the country on the opposite bank from view, disclosing only at intervals the final plunge of the immense mass of waters into the gulf beneath. The scene then becomes one of the wildest and grandest imaginable." An editor whose subscribers were remiss in payment, lately published the following announcement in his paper: "To save our readers the trouble of sending their subscriptions by post, and to relieve two unfortunates, we shall send to each of our debtors, in the course of a few days, two collectors, one of whom has hardly recovered from the small-pox, and the other has just taken the itch." The delinquents did not wait to be called on but paid up promptly. Vesuvius is again becoming troublesome.

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