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CHAPTER XX.

"And so she's really going to marry Mr. Van Antwerp?" said Mrs. Buxton to Mrs. Waldron a few days later in the month of sunshine and roses.



With one shriek of warning and terror she being visible—but it was the picture of a black upon the silver sea beyond.

When she rapped, three or four young cavaliers were at the gate chatting with Mrs. Waldron, and the picture was passed from hand to hand, exciting varied comment. It was a simple carte de visite, of the style once spoken of as vignette—only the head and shoulders being visible—but it was the picture of a black upon the silver sea beyond.

"Here comes Hayne," said Royce. "Show it to him. He likes pictures; though I wouldn't like this one if I were in his place."

Mr. Hayne stopped in some surprise when hailed, greeted Mrs. Waldron warmly and bowed courteously to Mrs. Buxton, who was watching him narrowly.

"Want to see a picture of the man you ought to go and perfidiate?" asked Webster, with that lofty indifference which youngsters have to the ravages of the tender passion on subjects other than themselves.

"To whom do you refer?" asked Hayne, smiling gravely, and little imagining what was in store for him.

"This," said Webster, holding out the card. Hayne took it, gave one glance, started, seized it with both hands, studied it eagerly, while his own face rapidly paled, then looked up with quick, searching eyes.

portion of the following winter in Paris, writes that he met him face to face one day in the galleries of the Louvre. Being in civilian costume, of course, and much changed in appearance since he was a youth in the straps of a second lieutenant, it was possible for him to take a good look at the man he had not seen since he won the chevron of a dashing sergeant in the Battle of Buzenval.

"No, Mrs. Hayne, it is very different from last year. I cannot explain it, but I know there has been a change. I feel as—as if used to in my old, wild days when a change of luck was coming. It's like the gambler's superstition, but I cannot shake it off. Something told me she was lost to me when you boarded that Pacific express last February. I was a fool ever to have let her go."

"I cannot shake her resolution. She says that at the end of the year's time originally agreed upon she will keep her promise; but she will listen to no earlier marriage. I have about given up all hope. Something again—that fearful something I cannot shake off—tells me that my only chance lay in getting her to go with me this month. Once abroad with her, I could make her happy; but—"

He breaks off irresolutely, looking about him in the strange, hunted manner which she has noted once or twice already. "You are all unstrung, Mr. Van Antwerp. Why not go to bed and try and sleep? You will be so much brighter to-morrow."

"I cannot sleep. But don't let me keep you. I'll go out and smoke a cigar. Good night, Mrs. Rayner. Whatever comes of it all, I shall not forget your kindness."

So he turns away, and she still stands at the foot of the staircase, watching him uneasily. He has aged greatly in the past few months. She is shocked to see how thin, how fitful, nervous, irritable he has become. As he moves towards the doorway she notes how thin his cheek has grown, and wonders at the resolution in his movements when he reaches the broad piazza. He stands there an instant, the massive doorway forming a frame for a picture in silhouette, his tall, spare figure thrown black upon the silver sea beyond.

He looks up and down the deserted galleries, fumbles in his pockets for his cigar case, bites off with nervous clip the end of a huge "Regalia," strikes a light, and before the flame is half applied to his weed throws it away, then turns sharply and strides out of sight towards the office.

Another instant, and, as though in pursuit, a second figure, erect, soldierly, with quick and bounding step strides across the glittering moon streak, and Mrs. Rayner's heart stands still.

Only for an instant, though. She has seen and recognized Lawrence Hayne. Concealed from them he is following Mr. Van Antwerp, and there can be but one purpose in his coming here—Nellie. But what can he want with her—her right-lover? She springs from the lower step on which she has been standing, runs across the tessellated floor, and stops short in the doorway, gazing after the short figure. She is startled to find them close at hand—one, Van Antwerp, close to the railing, facing towards her, his features ghastly in the moonlight, his left hand resting, and supporting him, on one of the tall wooden pillars; the other, Hayne, with white clinching fists, advancing upon him. Above the low boom and roar of the surf she distinctly hears the clear tenor ring of his voice in the tone of command she last heard under the shadows of the Rockies, two thousand miles away.

ODDS AND ENDS.

A Little Senseless, Now and Then, is Remembered by the Wisest of Men. "So dark and yet so light," as the man said about his short ton of coal.

It must have been a wheelwright who was first put in spoken for by his fellows. Low's Sulphur Soap is an elegant toilet article, and cleanses and purifies the skin most effectually.

The extreme depth of misery is a small boy with a new pair of boots and no mud puddle. There are many indications of worms, but Dr. Low's Worm Syrup meets them in every case successfully.

"I don't like to eat sour apples," said a little boy. "They make my teeth feel so embarrassed." Occasional doses of a good cathartic like Burdock Pills are necessary to keep the blood pure and the body healthy.

There are spiders as small as a grain of sand, and they spin a thread so fine that it takes four thousand of them to make a human hair. Enrich the blood by the use of Millburn's Beef, Iron and Wine, which supplies the necessary blood building material.

Tommy: "Pa, may I ask you a question?" "Certainly, my child." Tommy: "Well, where is the wind when it doesn't blow?" Why allow your life to be made miserable by buzzing insects when Wilson's Fly Pads will annihilate them and give you peace. Try them. Sold by all druggists.

"Pa, is a lambkin a little lamb?" "Yes, my boy." "And a manikin a little man?" "Yes," "Well, I suppose the forty winks you take every night after supper is a napkin, isn't it?" Yellow Oil has done good work for 30 years in curing muscular rheumatism, lumbago, cramp, quinsy, colds, sprains, bruises, burns and all pains and aches. It is equally good for man or beast.

"Arthur," said his mother, "do you think you'll get a prize at school for being good?" "No, no," said Arthur. "Why not, sir?" asked his father, sternly, laying down his paper. "Because they don't give any," answered Arthur, meekly.

Wilson's Fly Pads. Slaughter House Flies in millions. They are safe, efficient and effectual. Child Wits. One morning mamma was dressing a chicken for the next day's dinner, and grandma called Willie to come in and stay with her. "O, no," he said, "I want to stay and see mamma dress," and then, with a twinkle in his eye—"no, undress this chicken."

Beauty of Person. Some excellent people take serious exception to Grant Allen's remark that, being a man, he took it for granted that the first business of a girl was to be pretty. Now, it may be that Mr. Allen is not so far out of the way after all. It is certainly the duty of every woman, and man, too, to be as good looking as possible, because beauty gives pleasure to other people. Beauty of person is the expression of something corresponding to it in the mind and soul, and is to be prized accordingly. True beauty comes from the cultivation of the higher graces of the mind and soul, as well as the care of the body, and cannot exist without this. A dried up old professor who knows forty languages, and yet is weak eyed, lank haired, stoop shouldered and dyspeptic, is as far from being a perfectly developed man as the prize fighter. Of the two the prize fighter is far the more agreeable object to look at. The Greeks were nearer right than we think when they gave physical culture so high a place. So, girls and women of all ages, be as beautiful as you can. Make yourselves handsome by physical exercise, by intellectual work and by cultivating a sweet temper and generous, kindly spirit to all mankind.

A. D. White and Coeducation. Ex-President White, of Cornell, is enthusiastically in favor of coeducation and athletic exercises. Coeducation makes women more womanly and men more manly, he says. And sunshine, fresh air and vigorous physical exercises are more important for girls than for boys even, because "co-ed" girls students in their zeal for study are apt to neglect their bodies. In his judgment no girl should be permitted to take a college course unless she also took a proper system of regular exercise in a gymnasium or elsewhere.

Tricks of Mamma. To illustrate how the little tricks of mamma are copied and become the fashion, it is told of a debutante of several seasons ago who speedily became a pronounced belle that at her first appearance in society, out of sheer embarrassment, she invariably stood with her hands clasped. Before she ceased to resort to this peculiar method of relief her reign became established, and all the girls of her set, recognizing her supremacy, quickly saw and copied her interesting fingers.

A child may be suffocated by a bad attack of Croup. Wilson's Wild Cherry gives immediate relief and quickly cures Croup, Whooping Cough, Cold in the Head, Bronchitis and similar diseases. Get a bottle and keep it in the house, it may save your child's life as it has done in many cases. It is so pleasant that children take it like syrup. For Coughs and Colds in adults it has no equal. Get the genuine in white wrappers. 1m.

He's Wore Enough. "Willie Johnson," said the teacher, "if you had five doughnuts, and your mother were to give you four more, how many would you have?" Willie twisted the corners of his jacket, moved his lips, and tried to think, but he couldn't. "Don't count 'em up," said the teacher; "tell me right off." "I should have— a—a—a—" "Well, how many?" "Hub—I sh'd have 'nough, I guess," said Willie, grinning broadly.

Consumption Surely Cured. TO THE EDITOR:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P.O. address. Respectfully, Dr. T. A. SLOCUM, 161 W. Adelaide st., Toronto, Ont.

Twenty Minutes for Divorce. Nebraska City is coming to the front with a rush on the divorce question. A recent despatch from that city announces the most remarkable record:—"A petition for divorce was filed in Nebraska City at 2 p. m.; the defendant's answer at 2:15; the case was placed in the referee's hands at 2:30; he reported at 3:20 and the decree of the court was granted at 3:40. Chicago should gratefully yield the palm."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

What It Will Do. 1 to 2 bottles of B. B. B. will cure Headache. 1 to 2 bottles of B. B. B. will cure Biliousness. 1 to 3 bottles of B. B. B. will cure Constipation. 1 to 4 bottles of B. B. B. will cure Dyspepsia. 1 to 6 bottles of B. B. B. will cure Bad Blood. 1 to 8 bottles of B. B. B. will cure Scrofula. In any case relief will be had from the first few doses.

C. C. RICHARDS & Co. Sirs:—I was formerly a resident of Port La Tour and have always used Minard's Liniment in my household, and know it to be the best remedy for emergencies of ordinary character. JOSEPH A. SNOW, Norway, Me.

About Tornadoes. The first facts noted are that the atmosphere is unusually calm just before the tornado approaches, and these violent conditions occur most frequently between the months April and August, or the air is sultry before the violent change begins, and it has been generally found that the clouds in the course of the storm move with the surface winds from right to left. The velocity of the thunderstorms are frequent during, and in the region of the tornado. The velocity of the destroying whirlwind is much greater than that of the general storm, being about 200 miles per hour. —Scientific American.

THE "V.S." COLUMN.

The Age of Understanding. BY KATHIE MOORE. "I am anxious to have my boy sign temperance pledge, but I do not think it right to let him do so until he understands the nature of a vow," said a fond mother. "At what age do you think he will understand it?" "At eight or nine, I should think," she replied.

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