

Sweet Norine

"I am a nervous, trembling, my face by a most highly colored. I know your intentions to my little Norine man. You have spoken of love to her; now I ask the question, man to man, do you intend to make the girl your wife?"

"The question was almost life or death for me, for I knew but too well that the happiness of our darling hung upon his answer for all time to come. He looked into my face and burst into such a loud, brutal, taunting laugh that the blood fairly boiled in my veins. 'Can a man not admire a pretty girl without being supposed to be on marriage intent?' he answered, coolly, sarcastically, adding: 'So little Norine has peaced on me, it appears, despite her protestations to the contrary. I gave her credit for a little sense.'"

"Do I understand you to say you do not love the girl, and do not intend to make her your wife?" I cried, hoarsely.

"That is precisely what I would have you infer. I am sorry that you have come so far in the cold to hear it. 'Does you have deceived the girl?' I cried, hotly, scarcely able to control myself, 'and we men out here in Washington punish such treachery with death.'"

"Softly, softly, my good man, he replied, adding, more insolently still, 'Get me a wife, you think that it is wise to threaten a man in his own domicile.'"

"I could endure no more. I sprang at him with all the pent-up rage of a jungle tiger, clutching his arm in a steel-like grasp that made him wince with pain, though I must add that he had too much grit to cry out.

"You are wrong there, Clifford Carlisle," I cried, hoarsely. "This place is not yours, nor is the wealth of the Barrisons."

"A madman as well as a fool!"

"I am neither a madman nor a fool," I retorted. "I am sane enough, as you shall soon see, and I know what I am saying, and shall force you to know it. You cannot, you shall not, inherit the than the blood of a dagger. The Barrison wealth that there is a living heiress, a blood-kin, who cuts off the bold attempts of a stranger to usurp her rights. The heiress of this fortune, and the only living descendant of Frances Barrison, is my granddaughter, Norine."

"A low, mellow, tantalizing laugh answered me, though I could see beneath his air of bravado his haughty face turn pale.

"Ah, I see, you have been imbibing in the flowing bowl on this bitter cold night; he accused me of being drunk. 'Did your wild flight of imagination also suggest to you to make your way into this house to tell me this fairy story?'"

"Without noticing the sneering interruption I told the story of Norine's mother, and her child's birth, and how the daughter of the wealthy woman had been disinherited because she preferred love to wealth; of the young mother's death, and how Norine had been reared without the knowledge that the wealthy old reclus was her grandmother, who must one day make the girl heiress, as she was in duty bound to do. I noted, although the sneering smile never for an instant left his lips, that he did not interrupt me. Indeed, he seemed anxious to hear all I had to say, and I degreed the ugly fight left his eyes, leaving in its place a scared one.

"He seemed to look appealingly toward the door. I turned and glanced in that direction, too, and beheld standing on the threshold the young woman who had admitted me, and had ushered me into Clifford Carlisle's presence.

"How long she had been standing there, or if it had been the entire time that I had been within that room, I had no means of knowing; but as I turned and saw her, he made a sign to her to leave us, and she quickly vanished from sight.

"I felt, even though she had closed the door after her, that she was listening at the keyhole, and I knew that my companion was of the same opinion from the nervousness of his manner and the furtive glances he cast in that direction.

"As he made no attempt to answer me, I went on: 'Though Frances Barrison left all the wills in Christendom, I shall see that Norine has her due. She shall be heiress to the Barrison millions, or my name is not Daniel Gordon. That is all there is about it.'"

"He leaned toward me breathlessly and caught me by the arm."

"Suppose I marry Norine," he whispered, shrilly. "Would not that settle the matter to your satisfaction?"

"By thunder, no!" I shouted, almost beside myself with anger. "I would rather give her to you now. I would rather a thousand times see her lying dead at my feet. You would marry her for her money, eh, after acknowledging that you did not love her, after fairly sneering at her because her heart hung gone out to you? A man who would marry a girl without loving her is a dastardly scoundrel, a rascal of the deepest dye."

"As you please," he retorted, scornfully, adding: "But wrest from me the Barrison millions you cannot. Despite all you can do, all the kind of argument you can forward, the Barrison will stand good. Every dollar is bequeathed to me. Help yourself or your Norine if you can. I defy you. Good-night, Mr. Daniel Gordon, blacksmith of Hadley village. I wish you a very good evening. Kindly consider our interview at an end."

"I do not know how I got out of the house and got home, Betsey, and now the question is, how shall we tell Norine?"

There was little need. A slim figure, with a death-white face, had crept quietly into the room. It was Norine, and she had heard all.

CHAPTER XXI.

For a moment Norine stood thus. Then without a word the girl turned and fled from their presence.

They had not seen her. It was better so, she told herself, adding that they should never see her again—never while the sun shone on the stars gave light. She could never again look upon a human face until she had settled beyond doubt that her old grandfather had in some way misunderstood her lover. He could not have denied his love for her. Ah, there was some awful, cruel mistake somewhere. To doubt her lover would be to die, she sobbed, clutching her hand tightly to her heart, moaning piteously: "They say you are false, my love, but I'll still believe you true."

And with these words on her lips, all regardless that she was without hat or wrap, Norine fled out into the coldness and darkness of the awful night, turning her face in the direction of Barrison Hill.

Had the old couple not been so deaf, they would have heard the light footsteps on the crisp, crunching snow without. As it was, they talked long and earnestly by the kitchen fire, trying to devise some plan by which Norine should be made to forget the handsome lover upon whom she had set her heart.

"If I could but have seen her the wife of Joe Brainard, I would have died happy," sighed the old blacksmith, adding in a broken voice: "Ah, Betsey, I fear some terrible fate has overtaken the lad. I will never believe that he took the money and fled with it, not even if an angel cried it out trumpet-tongued from heaven. He was not an honest lad, was Joe. He would not have touched a farthing that was not rightfully his, and there was another reason equally as powerful why he would never have left Hadley."

"You mean he would never willingly have gone from Norine?" whispered his old wife, tremulously.

Daniel Gordon nodded.

"Nothing but death could ever have torn him from Norine. The lass did not care for him, but he loved her with all his heart; he would have given every drop of his life's blood for her. He loved her with all the intensity of his soul, poor lad."

"You mean you think he will ever come back?" queried Betsey.

"If he is living, he will return, depend upon it; if he be dead, he cannot," replied the old blacksmith, rubbing his rough sleeve across his eyes.

After a moment's pause he went on: "I can never understand how it happened that poor Joe and the mysterious veiled woman disappeared together from the stage-coach during the driver's absence. No one has ever yet been able to unravel the mystery. No one will be able to until he comes back and explains it himself."

"I should hate to see him come back just now, while the villagers are in such a fury," old Daniel went on slowly. "For the townsmen would never wait for the lad to explain, they are so fierce and headstrong."

"You mean that they would lynch him?" murmured old Betsey, her lips quivering and the tears springing o her dim eyes, for, like her old husband, she loved the lad—yes, loved him so well that, like Daniel, her one great longing was to see Norine his wife ere they should pass away.

But even while they were talking thus of Joe they heard a great commotion outside—a clattering of hoofs as a horseman dashed up to the cottage door, shrilly blowing a horn—a village signal to denote danger.

Old Daniel Gordon and his wife sprang to the door with one accord and flung it open wide.

Before they had time to utter the words the man on horseback cried excitedly:

"Convey your wife and granddaughter to the town hall quickly, Mr. Gordon. We have word that there has been an awful break among the Indians at last, and a score of bands of Cherokees and as many Pawnees are moving toward Hadley, vowing vengeance, and that vengeance means the burning of every man, woman and child in it."

"Bring whatever ammunition you can get hold of to the town hall. We shall make that our fortress, and place our women and children there to protect them, or sell our lives dearly for them. I am riding from house to house to arouse the villagers to immediate action."

And like a flash the excited horseman had wheeled about and was lost to sight in the impenetrable darkness beyond.

Daniel Gordon turned slowly and gazed for a moment long and anxiously into his old wife's face. The hearts of both were too full for utterance.

They knew full well the terrible meaning in those awful words—an Indian massacre—for they had experienced one, surely the most terrific that had ever occurred on the western plains. Not a house had been left standing, and a most exciting time of it in evading the savages.

It had been by the greatest effort that Daniel Gordon had induced his few followers to return to the scene of carnage and horrible devastation and begin life anew.

Both Daniel and his old wife lived over in that one moment as they gazed into each other's faces that awful scene of bloodshed.

As though reading her thoughts, he said bravely: "I am not as young as I was then, Betsey, and my sight is not as good; but as long as I can lift an arm in defense I am willing to take my place among the rest of them, and I can lead them to victory, for I know but too well the ways of the cursed redskins, and how they fight."

"My musket and my carbine are here, the rust of years is upon them, but I can handle them still to some purpose, thank God."

"Go quickly to Norine's room and arouse the child, and bid her dress in all haste. Do not stop to explain much of the situation to her, for every moment is more precious than gold."

(To be continued.)

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In connection with this fine display many attractive new lines will go on sale, priced for Thursday's selling only, that will make a visit to this store a double attraction for you. READ—

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1,000 pure Silk Ties, do not miss this opportunity, it will save money for you. They will be sold Thursday at 35c. The regular price is 50c and 75c.

Men's Soft Front Shirts, these shirts are worth up to \$2, will be sold on Thursday for 79c

Men's Cashmere Socks, seamless feet, Thursday 23c, regular price 35c.

Another special line heavy wool Socks, regular price 35 and 40c, on Thursday 19c

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Laces In Broken Sets—Clearing at 5c Yard

4,000 yards of fine, round thread Valenciennes Laces, in dainty floral designs, 2 to 6 inches wide; also Torchon and Chiny Laces, 2 to 4 inches wide, just broken sets to clear, worth up to 20c yard, clearing at 5c yard. Limited to 10 yards to one customer.

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25c Sash Nets for 18c

300 yards of fine Frilled Bobinet, finished with 1 1/2 inch lace and insertion, full trim, all A1 quality. Regular value 25c, Thursday 18c

25c Sash Rods 15c

Brass Extension Rods, finished with highly polished ends, complete with brackets, ready for use. Thursday sale 15c

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White Honeycomb Bed Spreads, full double bed size, excellent wearing quality. Thursday \$1.25

45c Window Shades 29c

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Mahogany Window Poles

Mahogany Poles, 4 feet long, complete with rings, brackets and ends. Regular value 35c, Thursday 25c

New Muslins and Lawns on Sale

Regular 25c Value for 19c Yard

DAINTY WHITE CROSS-BAR MUSLIN, in pretty plaid and block effects, very new and stylish for separate blouses, also for children's dresses, excellent value at 19c yard

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Two Specials For Thursday

\$5.50 Point de Esprit Waists \$3.19

Beautiful new white Point D'Esprit Waists, made with yoke insertion, baby back, lace collar and cuffs, worth regular \$5.50, Thursday's sale price \$3.19

\$1.25 Wrappers for 69c

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A NEW HEIR WAS BORN.

James G. Warnock Will Case at Brockville Further Complicated.

Brockville, March 10.—Mrs. Eva Warnock, widow of Mr. James G. Warnock, against whose will an action is pending in the high courts, gave birth to a son this afternoon. In his will Warnock bequeathed \$5,000 to each of four daughters and the residue of the estate to Mrs. Eva Warnock. The mother of these girls, who claims that she and not Mrs. Eva Warnock is Warnock's widow, is now contesting the will, but with the advent of another heir to-day more complications have arisen. Providing the will is set aside Mrs. Eva Warnock and her child will inherit everything, unless the first wife can prove she is the lawful wife.

Bogus Silver at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, March 10.—Considerable counterfeit American silver is in circulation here, consisting of \$1, 50-cent and 25-cent pieces. The counterfeiters are so good as to be impossible of detection, say local bank men.

Kitten's Bite Fatal.

Peterboro, March 10.—The bite of a kitten ten days of age was the cause of the death this morning of Roland Tivey, Jun. He arrived here from New Ontario a few weeks ago to visit his parents. The kitten playfully bit his finger, and blood poison set in. Tivey was 43 years of age and unmarried.

ALIMONY IS AWARDED.

Well Known Writer Loses Case in Court at Welland.

Welland, March 10.—At the sittings of the High Court this morning Mr. Justice Britton in a suit for alimony, brought by Henrietta McClive against James McClive, awarded \$420 a year. Mr. McClive is a well known writer on economic subjects, formerly a clerk of Bertie farmer, but now a resident of Buffalo. Previous to the issuance of the writ he made an assignment of \$8,000 in money to his brother, Hugh McClive, of Niagara Falls.

It's strange how many people are ready to come to our assistance when we don't need it.

DRIVEN FROM HOME

Strange Affair Follows Recent Suicide at Power Glen.

St. Catharines, March 10.—Strange developments are following the suicide of Mrs. Sangster at Power Glen last Friday. It seems that some time ago the School Board of the section dismissed Ethel Scott, because of certain accusations, and a Mrs. Ben. Westead wrote to the Provincial Minister of Education, who ordered local Inspector Ireland to hold an investigation. This was done, but the woman who wrote the letter said she had merely done so at the request of other parties, and the girl was exonerated, and at once issued a writ against Mrs. Westead for slander, and an action is now pending. After the dismissal of the girl, Sangster, who is superintendent of the Cataract Power Company's plant at Deerpark Falls, gave her a clerical position in the employ of the Cataract Company, and she and her mother lived in a house close to Sangster's.

Last night a band of residents of Power Glen, some of them employees of the Cataract Company, gathered, and stoned the house of Miss Scott, driving her from home. The girl went to St. Catharines.

CHATHAM SCHOOL

Overcrowded, and No Fire Escapes—Other Schools as Bad.

Toronto, March 10.—(Special)—It has been reported to the Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, that the McKee school at Chatham, containing twelve rooms, is overcrowded, has no adequate means to prevent fire and has no fire escapes. Dr. Pyne has ordered the inspector to investigate, and report forthwith. Dr. Pyne has also been notified that there are several other urban schools in the same position, and has sent out a circular letter to all inspectors in the Province, ordering them to report as to accommodation, fire drill, exits, etc., on all schools over one storey in height.

TROUBLE ON BOARD.

Christchurch, New Zealand, March 10.—The barkline Nimrod, which sailed from New Zealand early in January, with Lt. Shackleton's Antarctic expedition on board, has returned here bringing a tale of dissension in the exploring party. Lt. Shackleton attempted to take charge of the ship one day when she was in a dangerous position. This was resisted by Capt. England, sailing master of the Nimrod, who promptly knocked the lieutenant down.

WHAT CAUSES HEADACHE

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HARD ON HOTEL MEN.

Toronto, March 10.—The Provincial Government's "secret service" men are making things warm even in this chilly weather, for liquor men, licensed and unlicensed, who do not live up to the regulation of the Ontario Liquor License Act.

RACE TRACK GAMBLING.

Albany, N. Y., March 12.—Senator Agnew, of New York, introducer of the series of anti-race track gambling bills, filed with the Senate Codes Committee to-day a number of letters favoring the proposed measures. Included in the letters was one from the Rev. Michael J. Lavelle, recording Archbishop Farley as in favor of the proposed legislation.

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TORONTO FIRE.

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