*A BROKEN VOW.*

There was a bewitching influence in the air of that soft, summer day, when young Cliffe Stanhope came so unexpectedly to the old farm-house, which had been his home in the years of childhood and youth.

Cliffe was a widower now, only twenty-five years old, and handsome as the hero of a dream.

When the pretty doll-like creature who had been for one happy year his wife, died, he had brought the tiny child of their love home to the old house under the hill, and Mrs. Stanhope had another "Cliffey" to love and care for.

How chance does bring about events?

Scarcely had Cliffe Stanhope greeted his mother, kissed his boy, and asked after his father and old Dobbin, when a horse came dashing into the clover-decked yard like the wind, and stood quivering in the corner by the porch when young Stanhope went out.

Lying at his feet, trampled, and covered with dirt, lay a mass of something.

It was almost indistinguishable, but the young man's quick eyes took in a glimpse of silken robe, stained and torn, a dainty foot, and mass of yellow hair tossed over a white, still face.

In a moment he held the limp form in his arms, and the horse, again excited to fury' reared and plunged, and attempted to run away with with his added burden.

But a quick movement freed the skirts of the lady from the stirrup, and away the horse dashed, leaving the still form to be taken into the farm house, and cared for by its inmates, while the young widower went over the hills after a doctor.

It was not so bad as they had feared.

The young lady was the daughter of a reputed millionaire, who boarded at a fashionable hotel in the adjoining town, and created quite an excitement in the place by their fashionable, stylish dress and manners.

The young lady Isadora Clements, was one of those exquisitely beautiful creatures whom most people see about once in a lifetime, and everybody wonders how flesh and blood con be so beautiful.

No wonder Cliffe Stanhope fell in love with the young girl whose life he had saved.

She had scores of lovers already, but none of them received her smiles except Cliffe.

And she wondered that he did not tell her of his love and ask her to be his wife.

Cliffe's first wife had left him a princely fortune at her death, and she had only asked of him a promise never to take another wife.

"I could not sleep in my grave if another woman were to come into your heart and home, taking my place," she said, only a few hours before she died.

And Cliffe Stanhope called God to witness that he would never, never love another woman or take to his heart or home another wife.

Then the child-wife died peacefully, and her memory had been in the heart of her husband until now, this beautiful stranger had come. But Cliffe meant to be true to his promise, and in spite of the love which he could not control, he said to himself:

"I will go once more to look upon my dear old home, and the face of my boy, and then I will go away, where I shall not meet the beautiful face which is ever tempting me to break my vow to the dead."

And when there was enchantmen tin the summer air, he went down to the farm to say good bye.

Mrs. Stanhope was not in the house, having gone out to visit a sick neighbor, but from the garden where the roses were in bloom, came thrilling sounds of baby glee, and girlish laughter.

Softly he stole round the house, to obtain a glimpse of the child before it should see him. He wished, also, to look upon the face of the girl who had awakened such a wild, passionate love in his heart, which was trying so hard to be faithful to the dead.

A beautiful picture, one which he never forgot met his eyes, as she stood looking through the clump of yellow rose bushes. Upon the velvety green carpet of soft grass the babyboy, now able to walk, was toddling around the great, red rose bushes, which was scarcely higher than his own curly head.

Isadora was hiding first behind one side of the rosebush, and then the other, and the delighted child would walk gleefully to the side where she was hidden, and the moment his eyes fell upon her he would shout with childish glee, and rush into her arms, clinging to her neck, and covering her lips with kisses.

She in turn would echo his laughter, and straining him to her heart, return his kisses. Then she would release him only to enact the scene again.

By and by Mr. Stanhope drew gently nearer, and heard Isadora say, as she kissed the boy:

"I love you, little Cliffey Stanhope, and I love to speak your name, because it is his name. Ah, little darling! you do not know that I love you so dearly because you are his boy. I love you, Cliffey, and I love your papa, too," and looking up she met the passionate eyes of Cliffe Stanhope beat in tenderness upon her.

With a shriek she would have fled, but he detained her, and almost before he was aware of it she was held closely to his breast and her head pillowed there; while he was telling her how dear she was to him, and asking her to be his bride and a mother to his boy.

She consented, and bewildered by the joy of the new love he forgot the old, and with it the promises to the dead.

Nor did he ever know that the garden scene had been rehearsed every day for a week, for his especial benefit.

Yet so it was, and the actress, Isadora, had seen him when he came down the farm road, and knew that he was watching her when she uttered those passionate words to his boy.

But they were married in a fortnight after the declaration in the garden, and Isadora became mistress of the stately city home which had been the property of his first wife.

To appear more lovable in her husband's eyes, Isadora had insisted upon having the baby brought home, and he had allowed her to have her own way about it, though, to tell the truth, he felt jealous of the love this beautiful second wife bestowed upon his child.

One month after their marriage he was obliged to leave home on business of the utmost importance. The credit of the firm was threatened, through the rascality of one of their agents, and it was necessary for one of the members of the firm to go to a distant city. The senior partner was deaf and old, the second one was sick, and it fell upon Cliffe Stanhope to go.

With real sorrow he tore himself away from home, promising to return within a month. No sooner had he left the house than his wife ordered the nurse to take the child into her room and leave it there.

And after that day she attended to it with her own cruel hands, until the rosy, happy child was only a shadow of its former self, and the happy little face was thin, and the great, sorrowful eyes looked frightened and sad. What had she done?

She had given it laudanum to still its blood, and when it awoke she had met its cries with blows upon its tender flesh, until it was afraid to utter a sound, and could only look its terror from the wistful eyes.

"I'll have you out of the way before your foolish father comes home, and the property will be all mine. For I can easily persuade Cliffe to make a will, giving it all to me, in these honeymoon days," she said, looking into the baby's face.

The child turned its great shadowy eyes upon her, and cried out "Papa!"

But she instantly slapped it violently upon both sunken cheeks, and the voice was hushed.

"My love for you, Isadora, caused me to hasten my business with all possible dispatch, and I thought to surprise you; but I find myself surprised. What have you done to my child?" It was Cliffe Stanehope returning, who stood looking in at the doorway, and who had heard the cruel words of his wife,

"The child is sick," replied the woman.

"I heard your threats, all," he cried, his voice rising from a calm, low tone, which betokened the white heat of his anger, to the heights of passion.

The nurse came into the room, saying:

"I was not to blame, Mr. Stanhope. Your wife would have the baby in there, and I would weep and cry when she slapped the pretty cheeks and frightened the life out of it. And the laudanum she gave it is awful!"

Isadora stood with defiant air.

"Leave my house, madam!" cried the husband.

"I will not. It is my home," she replied. "I married you to obtain possession of your wealth."

"And are you Isadora?" he groaned.

"I am Isadora," she replied. "And I would have murdered you after the will was made."

"Leave my house, monster?" he cried.

"Not until you have given me five thousand dollars."

"I will send for the police. The condition of the child, the testimony of the nurse, your own confession here, before witness, make a splendid case for the law."

Give me a thousand dollars and I'll go,"

Cliffe Stanhope counted from his wallet the sum of one thousand dollars and gave it to the wretched creature, and she went away.

He never saw her more.

The child hovered long upon the borders of the grave, but eventually recovered to bless the life of his father, whose one mistake came so near being fatal. Was the child-wife satisfied with the punishment of the broken vow?

—The "Favorite Prescription" of Dr. Pierce cures "female weakness" and kindred affections. By druggists.

Gen. Hazen has sued the New York Times for $100,000 damages for the publication of statements he alleges to be libellous.

**Catarrh—A New Treatment.**

Perhaps the most extraordinary success that has been achieved in modern science has been attained by the Dixon treatment for catarrh. Out of 2000 patients treated during the past six months, fully ninety per cent. have been cured of this stubborn malady. This is none the less startling when it is remembered that not five per cent. of the patients presenting themselves to the regular practitioner are benefitted, while the patent medicines and other advertised cures never record a cure at all. Starting with the claim now generally believed by the most scientific men that the disease is due to the presence of living parasites in the tissues, Mr. Dixon at once adapted his cure to their extermination; this accomplished, the catarrh is practically cured, and the permanency is unquestioned, as cures effected by him four years ago are cures still. No one else has ever attempted to cure catarrh in this manner, and no other treatment has ever cured catarrh. The application of the remedy is simple and can be done at home, and the present season of the year is the most favorable for a speedy and permanent cure, the majority of cases being cured at one treatment. Sufferers should correspond with Messrs. A. H. Dixon & Son, 305 King street west, Toronto, Canada, and enclose stamp for their treatise on catarrh.—Montreal Star. 46

—Amos Hudgin, Toronto, writes: "I have been a sufferer from dyspepsia for the past six years. All the remedies I tried proved useless, until Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure was brought under my notice. I have used two bottles with the best results, and can with confidence recommend it to those afflicted in like manner."

The deadlock in the Illinois legislature was broken yesterday by the election of Gen. Logan as United States senator. The deadlock had lasted four or five months.

—Dropsy, kidney and urinary complaints, the irregularities and weakening diseases of females are all remedied by the regulating toning power of Burdock Blood Bitters. 246

At a meeting of creditors of James R. Osgood & Co. of Boston, Mass., yesterday their liabilities were placed at $170,000 and assets $100,000. The firm intimated a desire to discontinue business.

—Jos. Beaudin, M.D., Hull, P.Q., writes: "Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil commands a large and increasing sale which it richly merits. I have always found it exceedingly helpful; I use it in all cases of rheumatism, as well as fractures and dislocations. I made use of it myself to calm the pains of a broken leg with dislocation of the foot, and in two days I was entirely relieved of the pain."

The French academy of medicine has awarded a prize to Dr. Murrell of London for discovering that nitro-glycerine is a remedy for angina pectoris.

—Humors of the stomach, salt rheum, and all blood disorders, are radically cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Mr. Lowell presented his letters of recall to the queen at Windsor yesterday and introduced his successor to her majesty.

—The superiority of Mother Graves Worm Exterminator is shown by its good effects on the children. Purchase a bottle and give it a trial.

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—Gilbert Laird, St. Margaret's Hope, Orkney, Scotland, writes:—I am requested by several friends to order another parcel of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. The last lot I got from you having been tested in several cases of rheumatism, has given relief when doctors' medicines have failed to have any effect. The excellent qualities of this medicine should be made known, that the millions of sufferers throughout the world may benefit by its providential discovery."

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