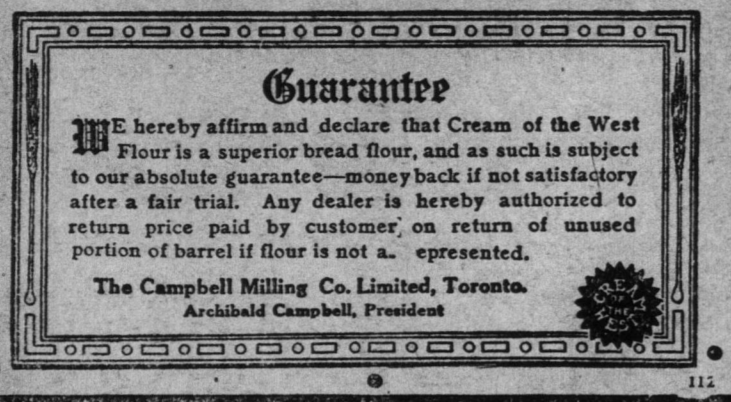


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CHAPTER V. A SCHOOL-GIRL TRANSLATED.

"Here we are, Cynthia," said her ladyship. "If you can leave off crying while we drive through the streets, I shall be obliged; it's an open carriage, and if the people see you mopping your eyes, they'll think I've been ill-treating you and probably give me in charge; you can begin again when you get home, if you like."

This not particularly encouraging speech was not spoken in an unkindly tone, and, indeed, Lady Westlake did not mean to be unkind; she was just simply an unsympathetic old worldling who prided herself upon being an eminently practical woman whose one aim and object in life had been, and still was, notwithstanding her age, to get everything she could out of that same life.

She flattered herself that she thoroughly understood men and women, and she told herself that any attempt to soothe or console the heartbroken girl would not only be futile, but in-

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crease her suffering. Let her have her cry out—when she got home.

Obediently, Cynthia gave a last nod to her eyes, rolled her handkerchief into a ball which she concealed in her hand, and held down her white and swollen face. It was the first time she had left home and her father, and she bitterly regretted having done so.

Then again, she had not said good-by to Darrel; the letter was all very well but she would like to have seen him, to have shaken hands with him, before she departed.

A very large barouche, drawn by a pair of gigantic grays, was waiting at the station. Cynthia thought the coachman must be a very old man, until a second glance showed her that his hair was powdered; so also was the footman's.

The whole turnout was marked by an old-fashioned staidness and grandeur which harmonized with the staidness and grandeur of its owner.

The carriage was hung on Cee springs, and to Cynthia, who had hitherto never known anything easier than a village cart, it seemed as if she were reclining on a movable feather bed.

The equipage made its way through the streets as if it were saying to the passers-by, who gazed at it, "Yes, pray look; we are worth looking at; we are one of the biggest things in carriages and servants, and the lady inside is one of the biggest things in ladies."

Now and again they passed some one on the pavement who raised his hat, to which salutation her ladyship deigned a short nod, or they passed another carriage whose occupants bowed and smiled. Sometimes the old lady stretched her lips in a responding smile, but more often only vouchsafed the little sharp nod; but presently a carriage came toward them rapidly with servants in blue liveries; a beautiful lady was seated in it, a lady with a serene, placid face and exquisite violet eyes.

Lady Westlake woke up as if she had been galvanized, and bent almost double; and as the lady in the carriage smiled gently and bowed, Lady Westlake said:

"The queen, Cynthia. You will know her the next time you meet her; you will bend forward, as you saw me do."

Cynthia gasped. "You know the queen?" she asked, in a voice rendered thick by her sobbing.

Lady Westlake nodded and grinned. "Yes, my child," she said; "and so will you some day, I hope. I devoutly trust she didn't see you, for you are looking a perfect sight. Thank Heaven, here we are!"

The carriage had turned into Belgrave Square, that holy of holies of

the aristocracy, and drew up with stately deliberation at a house in the best position; the outer door flew open, two footmen appeared with well-regulated alacrity; in the hall stood the housekeeper, a dignified-looking lady in a black silk dress, her customary attire of an afternoon. Cynthia thought it was another relative, and was prepared to shake hands, but the wearer of the silk dress inclined her head respectfully and murmured:

"I hope your ladyship is well?" Beside the housekeeper stood an imposing-looking personage with gray hair and side whiskers; he was in evening dress and reminded Cynthia of the Bishop she had once seen on his way to church for a confirmation. She thought that he really must be a relative, or at any rate a friend of the family, and got her hand ready, but he was only the butler, and he murmured Mrs. Stone's greeting in exactly the same words, the same manner, the same tone.

"Thanks," said her ladyship. "Oh, yes, I am well; but I am tired and bored to death. It's been a trying journey." She glanced at Cynthia. "You got my telegram, Stone? This is Miss Cynthia. Her room is ready, I suppose?"

"Quite ready, your ladyship. Parsons will wait on Miss Cynthia." "Go, Cynthia," said her ladyship. Cynthia followed Mrs. Stone, the housekeeper, up the broad and massive staircase, along a still broader corridor adorned with pictures and lined with cabinets and statuary, up another flight of stairs and into a spacious and very handsomely furnished room.

Cynthia looked round her with wonder and pardonable bewilderment; she had never imagined such a room, for she had never been inside the Court at Summerleigh, had never known anything larger or more luxurious than her own plain little room at the cottage.

A pleasant-faced maid, attired in lack alpaca, with spotless collars and cuffs, approached her, exchanging glances with Mrs. Stone as she did so, and began to take off her coat and hat; but as Cynthia attempted to do the same thing, Parsons said:

"Better let me, miss," and Cynthia, with an air of resignation, submitted. Parsons surveyed the flushed, swollen, and tear-stained face with barely concealed dismay. She poured out some cold water in the silver basin and gently bathed the face.

"The dust do get in your eyes traveling, don't it, miss?" she said, with a respectful sympathy. "I've always noticed it myself. If you'll let me bathe it long enough your face will come quite right presently—or nearly right."

Cynthia gave a gulp; she was honest or nothing. "It isn't the dust," she said; "I've been crying."

"Yes, miss," murmured Parsons, still more sympathetically. "You can't help it. I always cry when I leave home, come back from my fortnight; but, Lor', miss, you get over it."

"Do you think I shall? Do you really think I shall?" sniffed Cynthia anxiously, incredulously.

"Why, of course, miss," said the experienced Parsons, cheerily. "You see, you can't go on crying forever; and there would be no use in it if you could. Besides, her ladyship wouldn't allow it. None of us would dare to do it; you mustn't have even the toothache or headache; it gets on

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her ladyship's nerves; and very natural, because her ladyship never has anything of the kind herself, and as to crying, I don't suppose her ladyship has cried since she was a baby. But, I beg your pardon, miss, I'm making free with her ladyship. Ah! here's your box," she broke off, as one of the footmen softly deposited the tin trunk on the mat outside and as softly knocked on the door to intimate that he had done so. Already Cynthia had noticed that all the movements and speech in this great house were hushed, as if by awe.

Parsons opened the modest box, and, with the slightest elevation of her brows, surveyed the equally modest contents.

There had been no time to replenish Cynthia's wardrobe, and her best dress revealed itself in the shape of a plain blue serge, which Parsons, as she lifted it, saw, at a glance, was too short and small for its owner; but, fortunately for Cynthia, Parsons was a good-hearted and good-tempered girl, and she was able to say without an apparent effort:

"What a pretty dress, miss; you'll wear this, this evening?" "It's my best," said Cynthia; "I haven't any other. I can put it on myself, thank you."

"Yes, miss; but I think you had better let me help you; I can fasten it up more quickly; besides, I've got to wait on you. I'm to be your maid."

Cynthia turned from a somewhat unsatisfactory inspection of herself in the glass and stared at the smiling Parsons.

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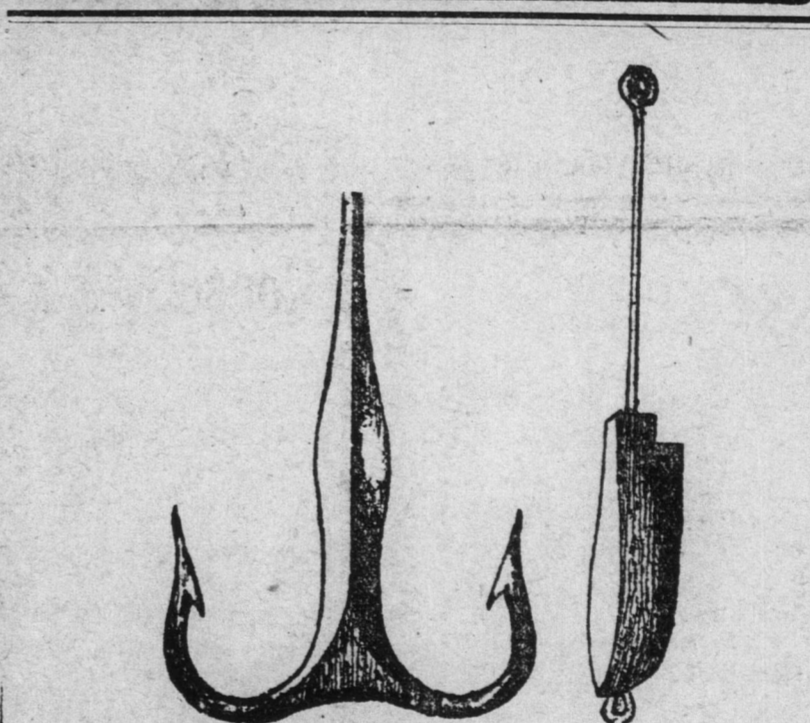
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