

"A Sorrow's Crown of Sorrows."

CHAPTER X.

Dr. Marsden looked at Lola, and presently caught her frowning and shaking her head at Aubrey. Naturally divining that there was some private understanding between the young people, the result of an interview of which he had not been informed, Dr. Marsden, after cheerily greeting Aubrey, cunningly retreated behind a morning paper, from which, vantage ground he detected a little manoeuvre, in the course of which Aubrey slid something across the table to Lola, who forthwith pushed it back.

and that sweet, bright joyousness and youthful exuberance of spirit which marked another side of the young Frenchman's character, found an echo in Lola's own disposition, and kept the peace between them. Yet even in these first days of their engagement, Lola's thoughts wandered off persistently to the absent Bruce; she caught herself wondering again and again what he would say when he heard of her intended marriage; whether he would care, and whether, indeed, he ever thought about her at all.

to allow Lola to be engaged to a man whose mother declines to receive her as her daughter. "Then, madame, you do not know me," said the Doctor, his obstinate temper thoroughly aroused. "I have always had the highest respect and admiration for you, and I will even go so far as to say that one of the reasons why I was so much pleased with this engagement was that Lola would be related to a lady whom I esteem as highly as I did you. But you lower the opinion I had formed of you by advancing such flimsy pretexts for breaking off what seems to me, and to most people, a most suitable match. I should be very sorry to abet any man in quarrelling with his mother; but with my daughter's future happiness at stake, as well as that of your son, I shall not think of retracting the full consent I have already given until you can prove to me that you have some better reason than a mother's jealousy for withholding yours."

built at the foot of the oak, sufficiently large for Mass to be offered there. The number of visitors rapidly increased, and so we find in the chronicles of the fifteenth century mention of the inhabitants of Anjou and Maine being united at the feet of Notre Dame du Chene to implore favors through her intercession. During the sixteenth century, the year 1515 is specially remarkable for the many pilgrimages to this shrine, some coming from neighboring districts, and others from distant parishes. On certain days there were more than 4,000 persons to be seen in the little chapel. The miracles, too, increased, and so it was decided to build a larger church than the one which already existed. After a miraculous apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1621, devotion to Notre Dame du Chene rapidly increased, and became so popular in Maine and Anjou that the Revolution even dared not to touch this holy sanctuary.

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Happiness grows at our own firesides, and is not to be picked up in strangers' gardens.

There is an hour in each man's life appointed to make his happiness, if then he seizes it.

Closeted loss is an excellent working quality. It has been called the bright weather of the heart.

Crimes lead into one another. They who are capable of being forgetters are capable of being incendiaries.

Can man or woman choose duties? No more than they can choose either birthplace or their father or mother.

Love looks through spectacles which make copper appear like gold, poverty like riches, and cold tears like pearls.

Be kind to your friends, that they may continue such; and to your enemies, that they may become your friends.

Why do men never tell of troubles or misfortunes without exaggerating them? Are not troubles and misfortunes large enough?

During the earlier part of an affair of the heart the man makes most of the hero, after that the woman does a good deal of it.

No more truly does history repeat itself than does human experience. A life is but a repetition of some other life that has gone before.

In hearing what others have thought it is well to keep in practice the power of thinking for oneself. When an author has added to your knowledge pause and consider if you can add anything to his.

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