

THROUGH THE DARK SHADOWS

Or The Sunlight of Love

CHAPTER XXVI.—(Cont'd.)

It took some time to settle up all the details of "Harker's Ltd." Jasper Vermont had died intestate; and although advertisements were inserted in various papers, seeking his next-of-kin, no answers were received. The money, therefore, reverted to the Crown; and Mr. Harker, taking up his real name of Goodwin, settled in Kingston with his daughter and her husband, who now, thanks to Lord Barmminster, owned a flourishing business.

Lady Merivale never visited Barmminster Castle again. She had succeeded in convincing her husband of the harmless nature of her flirtation with, and patiently bore the brunt of his very natural resentment at the publicity accorded to his name at the trial; though he acknowledged that under the circumstances she could have done nothing else but come forward to exonerate Leroy. Then her ladyship retired into the country with her husband, who was greatly gratified in the dutiful interest she showed in him and his farm. All love of intrigue seemed to have died out when her flirtation with Adrien ended, nor was it ever revived.

Society, also, lost its fashionable monarch, as far as Leroy was concerned. The vow that he had registered beside the dead body of the girl who had so loved him was religiously kept. He disappeared from his former place in the world of amusement, and the devotees of pleasure knew him no more.

After the funeral, he stayed on at Barmminster Castle for a time, with his father and Lady Constance; but, with

the consent of both, he departed a few months later for Africa, on a big-game shooting expedition. Living the simple but arduous life of the hunter and trapper, he sought to bury the folly of the past, and restore his hopes of a brighter and better future.

One day, about six months after the death of Vermont, Lord Barmminster sat in the dining-room of Barmminster Castle. His eyes, their expression no less keen, but far more gentle than in former years, were bent, sometimes on the cheerful fire, sometimes on the calm face of his ward, where she stood in the deep embrasure of the window, gazing out over the snow.

A book was in her hand, but it was closed; and the wistful look in her sweet eyes showed that her thoughts had flown from the pages of fiction to the realities of the past and the future. Suddenly Lord Barmminster raised his head.

"Constance, what does Lady Ankerston say in her letter?" The girl took it from the rack on the writing desk. "She says," replied the sweet, musical voice, "that the Ashfords are well and thriving. She has taken quite an interest in them. Mr. Harker is rather weak, but cheerful, and so happy in the love of his grandchildren."

"Ah," said Lord Barmminster, "I am glad they are happy, they deserve all the pleasure they can get."

He sighed. "When does the African mail come in, my dear?" he asked as Lady Constance put away the letter she had been reading.

"To-night, usually," she returned with a sigh. A sudden flush rose to her cheek, rendering her face still more lovely while it lasted, but leaving her paler than ever when it had gone.

"Still wandering," said her uncle sadly, "surely, by now, Adrien ought to have forgotten the past."

"He'll never come back until he does," said Lady Constance softly. "No," said her uncle with a touch of pride. "He will not come back until he can take up a worthier life with a worthy love, Constance. Ring the bell, my dear, and inquire for the mail."

She obeyed him and returned to the fire again placing her hand upon the old man's shoulder. Very beautiful she looked, as the bright gleam of the firelight illumined her face, more lovely now because of its tender, womanly expression; and the old man's gaze rested lovingly on her.

"When he comes back," he said musingly, "Adrien will find a sweet prize. He loves you, and his love will increase and endure."

Almost before he had finished speaking there came the sound of footsteps, and the door opened. The girl barely turned.

"Has the mail come in?" she asked, thinking it was a servant.

But there was no answer. The footsteps came nearer, and someone bent down over the old man's chair.

"Father!" exclaimed a manly voice. Lady Constance uttered a low cry, and Lord Barmminster sprang to his feet, exclaiming:

"Adrien, my boy!"

"Yes, father; it is I," said Leroy, his voice hoarse with emotion. Then he turned to Constance, who was gazing at him with tears of joy in her eyes. "Constance, my darling," he said gently, "Will you forgive me my long neglect of you? My eyes have been seen you through all the darkness of these weary months. I have hungered for you all the time, and now, I have come into the light, I want you for my own."

As he spoke he drew her irresistibly within his arms, and the old man, with one loving backward look, stole silently away to apprise Miss Penelope of the joyful news.

A month later the church of Windle-

close to all parlance with winter flowers, while crowds of happy, rosy-cheeked children thronged the steps and porch, for it was the marriage day of Lady Constance Tremaine and Adrien Leroy.

There were no fashionable silk and satin-clad guests, or a body of mighty ecclesiastics to perform the ceremony. The old rector, who had known them both from childhood, made them man and wife, while Lord Barmminster gave the bride away. She had chosen to be but simply dressed, and followed only by two bridesmaids—sisters of Mortimer Shelton, who acted as best man. Among the few guests there, were also Lord Standon and Lady Muriel Branton, soon now to be wedded themselves.

Adrien had explained the reason for his anger long ago, and Lord Standon too fully understood to continue the coldness which had nearly spoilt their life-long friendship.

Happy was the bride that bright winter morning, and Adrien as he felt her loved arm against his side, was filled with gratitude and love.

"My darling," he murmured as they emerged from the church, "we do not need the world, you and I. We have each other, that shall be world enough for us."

"Not to the world do I owe you, Adrien," said Lady Constance gravely, "but to another woman." Drawing him to the marble slab, which stood close to the porch, she bent down and placed her bridal bouquet of white roses on the grave of Jessica. "But for her, life would have ended for both of us that summer day."

Adrien was deeply moved by her remembrance of the child.

"My darling," he said tenderly, "we have passed together through the dark shadows. Let us enter now into the sunlight of our love."

(The end.)

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tablespoon of borax and a tablespoonful of soda to a basin of water. Dip the brush up and down in this and then rinse and dry.

Home Calendar.

Clean out chests and closets where you are going to store furs and fashions. Clean furs by first gently beating them with a length of rubber hose to remove all dust. After getting dust out, rub hot bran or cornmeal well into the fur, lay away for a few days and then brush out thoroughly. Coarse furs—bear, buffalo or even fox—may be washed with lukewarm water and pure white soap. Wipe dry with a clean cloth, hang where fur will dry quickly, and then comb out with a coarse comb.

Store furs in closet room having a small window if possible, as this will help keep moths away and afford air to clothing that might otherwise become somewhat musty. Pour a little turpentine in the corners of closets, wardrobes, trunk, and containers where the furs are stored and moths will not molest them.

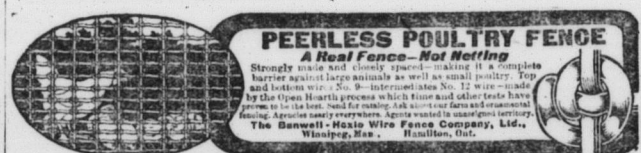
A Handy Laundry-Bag.

This laundry-bag is a great improvement over the old-fashioned draw-string laundry-bag. A wooden coat-hanger forms the top of the bag which curves to fit snugly over the hanger. The opening is formed by a slit from the top, half-way down the center of the front of the bag, and is bound with heavy tape. This makes it very easy to get things in and out of the bag without removing the hanger from the hook. This bag would make a very pretty gift if made of cretonne, having the opening bound with ribbon and the hook of the hanger wound with ribbon.

The Housewife's Day.

Here are a few items for the housekeeper's daily program:

1. Have a definite plan for each day's work and try to carry it out.
2. Spend at least twenty minutes daily in the open air.
3. Take a daily bath.
4. Work but do not worry.
5. Read one chapter from some good book every day.
6. Drink plenty of water.



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Waste Must Be Prevented and Care Taken to Ensure an Increase of Fifteen Per Cent.

The year of supreme effort by the British Empire is 1917, when every British subject will do his duty. The farmer is asked for food products in large quantities. Labor is scarce and wages are abnormally high. Brain power must be substituted for physical power.

Brain Instead of Brawn.

That large, plump seed will produce more bushels per acre than will the average seed used by many, is an established scientific fact.

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Throughout Ontario the approximate increase becomes an enormous amount:

Wheat 4,000,000 bushels
Barley 1,750,000 bushels
Oats 17,000,000 bushels
Pens 500,000 bushels

The above amounts can be secured without the expenditure of any extra labor at seeding time, and with but little at harvest time.

Careful preparation of the seed is the secret.

Any seed should be properly cleaned and bagged during the late winter season. Every farmer has time to do this after March first and before seeding time. Will you assist in the greater production of foodstuffs by careful cleaning of the seed?

Perhaps pedigree seed cannot be secured. If not, select out of your granary three times the amount of grain required for seed purposes. By use of the fanning mill, clean and re-clean until you have just sufficient for seed proper.

Use proper sieves and plenty of wind in the mill and the third part remaining for seed will be the largest and plumpest seeds, which naturally are the most vigorous.

Do this work before seeding commences.

Do not hesitate to purchase pedigree seed at an advanced price. Two bushels of oats will sow an acre. The extra return from good seed will be from 5 to 10 bushels per acre, and decidedly more in some cases.

The market value of the increased yield represents the additional outlay that can be made for good seed per acre.

Vigor in seed grain is just as essential as vigor in live stock.

Prevention of Waste.

Many thousands of bushels of oats are lost annually due to the ravages of smut.

This waste can be largely eliminated by proper treatment of the seed. Secure 1 pint of formalin for every 20 to 30 bushels of oats required for seed purposes. Dilute with 42 gals. of water, and use a barrel in which the bags of grain may be immersed for 20 minutes. Spread out to dry, and then place in new bags or in bags that have been treated in a similar manner and thoroughly dried, thus preventing re-contamination.

The adoption of these two suggestions would mean millions of bushels of grain extra with practically no appreciable extra labor. Your country asks your careful consideration and co-operation.

Consult the nearest District Representative of the Department of Agriculture if you are not familiar with this work, or communicate with the Department of Agriculture at Toronto.

SMALL FRUITS ON THE FARM.

Why Not Enjoy Fresh Fruit Grown in Your Own Garden.

Among the 400 farmers visited in 1916 in Dundas county in connection with an agricultural survey conducted by the Commission of Conservation, it was found that 80 per cent. of the farmers were growing no small fruits. Bush fruits, such as the currants, raspberries, gooseberries, etc., could be easily grown and would yield an abundant supply of wholesome, fresh fruit for the table and for canning purposes, on the farms of Dundas county, and in many other counties, where they are now not being grown. There are farmers who are successfully growing small fruits in their gardens in parts of Canada where the difficulties are great, while thousands of farmers who are more favorably situated and who could grow small fruits with the greatest ease are neglecting to do so. This is a matter which should receive the earnest attention of all. It is poor business for the farmer to be paying out his money for canned fruits, or for fresh fruit to be canned at home, when a sufficient supply of most of the varieties desired can easily be grown in the home garden.

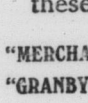
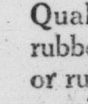
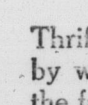
People usually have the blues after skinning the milk of human kindness.

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