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HELENA GRAHAM,

—OR—

THE BRIDE'S SACRIFICE.

CHAPTER IX.

Good Mrs. M'Calmont welcomed her guests in her usually hearty manner, and jolly little laugh. But when she heard of the unexpected good fortune of Sybil and her brother her rapturous delight knew no bounds.

"Just to think of it!" she exclaimed; "My handsome Helena an heiress. Oh, won't she create a *furore* now! Young, rich, and beautiful! Helena! Helena! what an enviable fate is yours!"

Helena's cheek flushed, and her eyes brightened as she thought of Herbert. For his sake she rejoiced over her new-found fortune. Often and bitterly had she secretly regretted and her pride revolted at the idea of becoming the bride of one so far her superior in wealth and fortune. But now she was his equal. There was triumph, joy, exultation in the thought. His aristocratic friends could not look down on her now—could not despise her for her poverty.

Look down on her — a Graham of the Isle! In other days, who would have dared to do so and live? But times had changed since those days; and people look more now to pounds, shillings, and pence than to blood or noble ancestry.

Now she had both. She was his equal in wealth, as she was infinitely his superior in every noble quality, and the triumphant thought sent the blood careering to her crimson cheeks, her red, glowing lips, and the dark eyes lit up magnificently with pride, love, and exultation. This fortune of hers she would cast at his feet, with her passionate devotion, as she had already cast her heart, and life, and being, and soul.

"What are you thinking of, Helena?" said Captain Graham, after watching her a few moments with a smile. "Your cheeks and eyes are blazing, your face illuminated, as it were, with an inward light of joy and triumph. Surely you do not care as much as this for wealth!"

"Pooh! I know what it's all about," broke in Mrs. M'Calmont in her customary matter-of-fact manner. "She's thinking that good-looking Mr. Clinton will have a richer bride than he bargained for. Isn't that so, Mistress Helena?"

Helena started from her reverie, and blushed deeply at finding her thoughts thus interpreted. Murray turned pale, as he watched her glowing face; and the conviction came home to him for the first time that Helena Graham's rare beauty was appreciated by other eyes than his.

"By the way, when was Clinton here?" asked Captain Graham.

"Day before yesterday—wasn't it? He doesn't visit us very often—not half so often as so devoted a lover should. Oh! you needn't try to annihilate me with those flashing eyes of yours, my lady. I'm not a young gentleman, thank goodnes! and I'm proof against even those bright, angry glances. To be sure, the young man may have some plausible excuse; but it seems to me, if I was in his place I'd stick to you like a chesnut-burr, for fear you might slip through my fingers. Poor, dear Mr. M'Calmont was twice as attentive in his courting days, and I never had any beauty worth mentioning," said Mrs. M'Calmont, with her usual jolly laugh.

"I don't know about that, my dear lady," said Malcolm, gaily. "If I were a marrying man, I'd sooner bend my knees to you than half the young girls I know. Only I've an immense respect for Mr. M'Calmont, there's no telling what I might be tempted to do."

"Don't be too confident, Master Malcolm," said the good-humored lady. "I wouldn't have anything to do with such a graceless young scamp as you for any consideration; though, for the sake of sound morality and good taste, I should hope you wouldn't fall in love with me. And here comes Mr. M'Calmont himself, who wouldn't approve of it by any means."

At this moment the good clergyman entered, and warmly greeted his guests.

In a few words his wife told him of this astonishing good fortune. Mr. M'Calmont always took matters very coolly—a circumstance which sometimes provoked his more excitable lady, as on the present occasion—he merely elevated his eyebrows slightly in token of surprise, and said—

"Indeed!"

"Yes, indeed!" responded his wife, irreverently mimicking his tone; "and one would think fortunes were in the habit of pouring into people's hands as they walked by the way you take it."

"Well, where is the use of flying off at a tangent at everything," retorted her spouse, "as you do? I suppose, Captain, you will start for London immediately?"

"Yes, to-morrow morning."

"And as Helena may be wanted, you had better take her, too," said Mr. M'Calmont.

"Very true — I never thought of it before. Can you be ready, Helena?"

Helena thought of Clinton, and asked, rather hesitatingly,—

"How long will you be gone?"

"About a week—or two or three at the furthest."

"Now, Helena," broke in Mrs. M'Calmont, who seemed to possess the faculty of reading people's thoughts, "never mind Mr. Clinton. I'll break the news of your absence to him in the gentlest manner possible. Your fortune is of more importance just now than his lordship, who, no doubt, will follow you to London when he hears you are there."

There was no use getting angry with the good-humored old lady, so Helena smiled, and promised to be ready betimes next morning.

And early the following day the brother and sister set out for London.

Palmerston Correspondence.

A concert was held in the Bible Christian Church on Monday evening in aid of Messrs. Bryan and Nicholson, sufferers by the late fire. The musical part of the entertainment was furnished by the Bible Christian Choir, Miss Lee of Clifford, and Messrs. Alexander, of this place. Mrs. Potts presided at the Organ. Addresses were given by Messrs. M. C. Potts, T. McDowell, and Rev. Mr. Mason, Messrs. Ranton, J. R. Hamilton, and Rev. Mr. Mason, gave readings About $40 was realized.

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