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### HER SECOND LOVE.

A Story of Love and Adventure.

She had written two or three let ters to James Erskine, which had been almost her whole night's occu-pation. The last was unfortunately not sealed; and to look over one's letter the next day, on even a trilling affair, is always a trial; so this one was torn un like its prethis one was torn up like its predecessors. She would write a very short note: that was best; but before even that best and shortest was finished, she heard the breakfast bell and went down stairs; Every one was there except Mrs. Everett; Mr. Erskine sat by Georgy, and was particularly attentive to her, whilst she answered him at random.

"Mr. Erskine," said she, abruptly, when breakfast was ended, "will you tome?—I mean—I want to sneak to this one was torn up like its pre-

rome?—I mean—I want to speak to you for a few minutes."
"Yes, I will come wherever you

She walked upstairs to Mrs. Lewis's sitting-room, and he followed her. When they were there, her heart sank, and she was startled at her own rashness; she knew neither what to say nor do.

Well, what is it?" he asked.

She hesitated for a moment; James

"Georgy," he said, quickly, "that is not right,—not fair. I hope that you do not mean to treat me often so: it is very early to be jealous."

"No, I am not jealous; but it would be unkind of me to marry you, for I know who it is that you love best," she answered in a low voice, and timidly.

If she had been playing a game, she could perhaps have attached him more closely to her, for he was too proud, too honourable, not to recoil from all idea of catching at her

He spoke rather hurriedly, and she answered, gaining composure as he lost his:—

lost his:—
'I know you fancied that Mrs.
Everett had quarrelled with you, because you did not receive a letter which she wrote to you at Bruxelles; and I know how the knowledge that it was a mistake has changed you in spite of yourself; and I know how Mrs. Everett——'and she paused.

ed.
"How Mrs, Everett, what?" he echoed, inadvertently betraying some

curiosity.

"How Mrs. Everett cares How Mrs. Everett cares for you," she said, abruptly. "Now I am going, for I have said what I wanted: you will come and see me some day, and tell me that I was right." Her voice trembled, but she brought out the words deliberately and clearly. "Georgy you are mad to This in

"Georgy, you are mad! This is your doing, not mine."

"And I am right to do it," she said, softly. "I will not own that I am wrong, till you dare tell me that you have never loved Mrs. Ev-erett."

They had changed places now; and she, in her self-possession, was stronger for the moment. "Tell me, if you do not mind the question what had Mrs. Everett misunder-stood you about?"

"Only that I had remonstrated with her on an imprudent acquaintance; and, after an angry letter which I received from her, I never heard argin."

"And you have loved her for long; very long, I know." He did not deny the assertion, but stood half inclined to speak, and yet

"Good-by," said she, gravely; and she held out her hand, "No; it is too soon to say good-

'I do not think so : we must say that sooner or later, and it had bet-ter be now."

ter be now."

"No, Georgy; you must let me talk to you again about this: I will come back soon,—I must talk to you;" and he left the room. Georgy sat there, because he had

said that he would return; she had a habit of obeying him, and had not yet forgotten it. Mrs. Lewis came in, but she still remained turning over the leaves of some book; reflecting that she would go back to her sun's and wishing that she her aunt's, and wishing that she could start that morning. It was a good while before Mr.

Erskine returned; and it was not to be wondered at. He had been so surprised at Georgy's sudden words that he needed a little time to collect himself. He could not be angry, for all she had said was so perfect-ly true; and yet, many people, if they had not availed themselves of words, and pleaded guilty, would be taken an opposite refuge in pleasure. He was quite collected displeasure. when he returned, and never for a moment flinched either from the spir-it or from the text of his duty to the woman whom he had chosen; but it was only duty towards her now. He could not feel the excite-ment of self-sacrifice which supportwhat to say nor do.

I "Well, what is it?" he asked.

She hesitated for a moment; James seemed already gone; and when she had spoken, he, as he stood there, would be lost to her fopewer.

"It was about you, not about my my self, that I wighted to speak. I do not think you' are very happy; but with glad that Mrs. Everett's letter at my high the say one so now."

Song to you mean!" he asked withing.

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"Georgy," he said, smilling with his lips, but not his eyes, "you are mistaken, and need not be afraid of accomplishing my unhappiness; tell me what you know about a letter of Mrs. Everett's, which seems to have

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and had accepted her renunciation. "Good-by, James !"
"Dear Georgy ! shall you always judge and forgive me as you do now?"
"Why not? Is it your fault that

you have met Constance Everett again? I am going back to my aunt's in London, and I trust in you to excuse me to Mrs. Erskine, for not waiting her return." "You are going?"
"Yes, James."

And so she left him. At that moment she suffered far the most: his position was very painful, as he stood there, remorseful, yet unable in anything to atone to Georgy; and grateful, but not knowing how to express his gratitude.

His suffering was of another sort from hers, certainly, but not the

less was it pain.

James Erskine was not gloomy, or satirical, or romantic, according to one modern type of the hero. And he was not, you will say, as deeply enthusiastic, or as indifferent to this world's prosperity, as some higher natures are. He had not the glaring faults which often distinguish these: but he had not their excellences : he was no hero, neither were any of the people here described. He was only one of the most lovable beings who ever walked through life. It was a strange choice that had made these two meet, and strangely had Georgy's cenacious nature clung to

He was such a contrast to her she was naturally grave, slow in company, and could do nothing briliant. She wondered so at his ready powere of adaptation, which could answer back to all things, and every description of person, so quick-ly. She admired his sparkling cleverness, as none other had ever done; whilst she felt the rest and satisfaction which his deep, true in-telligence must give her. Morally and fntellectually he had first roused life in her; and every fault, every weak-ness (if he had such), was but an-other link to him. It was not possible that Georgy could have been to him the hundredth part of all this; and he did love Constance: it was at once his condemnation and his

was deeply pained at the knowledge of the grief which he must have given Georgy: there was no fatuity in the feeling, for, in spita of the world and its influence, he had retained great simplicity of character in many points. He knew her enough to knew that she truly loved him and it was a knowledge loved him, and it was a knowledge which he had rather have been with-out. He wrote to her again, and if she would, she could have retracted : but all was over between them He could make no reparation: any further intercourse which there might ever be between them must be begun by her.

CHAPTER XIX.

Georgy left the Grange that day; Georgy left the Grange that day; to stay longer seemed impossible; James Erskine had gone also, that he might not meet her again, or make her leave the place too quickly. But there was still Mrs. Everett, and Georgy had said to herself, the heavened to the self of the s as she had seen her asleep, it was the last time she would over look at her. Before she was gone, how-ever, Constance came running to her

"Georgy, you are not going, surely! What is the matter? Why did you never come and see me this morning?"

"Yes, I am going directly."

"Why, are you airaid of Mr. Sandon's appearing to fetch you? indeed, my dear Georgy, you must manage to stay."

manage to stay."

"No, I can't."

"What is the matter?"

"Nothing; I cannot stay here always, and so I am going;" she looked musingly at Constance.

But, dear, why won't you tell me what has happened? Come and stay with me if you want a place of refuge; I should be so glad to have you now you should settle that at once;" and in her genial good nature she would have taken any trouble, and set off immediately to drainthorpd if she could have been

"No, that cannot be; thank you all the same, dear Mrs. Everett. Good-by: !—I am going down stairs

now."
Constance came to the head of the stairs, and lent over the banisters in her white dressing-gown. Georgy still looked at her, and thought vacantly how marvellously graceful she was; and Constance, who did not know her thoughts, fancied that something had happened, as she met the other's intent look.

So they separated and Constance

So they separated, and Constance went back, puzzled at her behavior; wondering what her sudden depart-ure meant, and why she did not ex-

Miss Sparrow received her niece most kindly. Georgy said that her uncle was still angry, that she could

uncle was still angry, that she could not stay too long at Millthorpe Grange, and so had come again to ask hospitality from her aunt.

The kind old weman assented to all, and only said that "it was fortunate she was at home; Georgy never writing when she visited her friends, but always appearing suddenly." She said no more, and never questioned her as to what had induced her sudden return. Georgy fancied that this was only because she took no especial notice because she took no especial notice of the circumstance; but the aunt was not so devoid of perception. Her niece never mentioned the Ers-

kines now, and she had seemed so happy in their society but a little time ago: they were surely connected in some way with this sudden change. She was right, but, kindly and

She was right, but, kindly and prudently, did not say so: She did all that was in her power to make Georgy happy; and perhaps the only good which she could do was te leave her unquestioned.

A still gray life they both led. The aunt in her quiet uniform course of tending all those around her; being friends with, not patronizing, poor people: befriending her relatives, and working hard for all whom she could help. Georgy rewhom she could help. Georgy re-quired nothing; she passed her days in a forced round of mechanical occupation; she dreaded being unoc-cupied for a moment for then tears would start into her eyes never a burst of tears, only a few that seemed wrung forth by a burning pain, and brought her no relief. Her love was a bitter reality which she was fain to put from her but she could not. There were days when one idea pressed so heavily upon her that not for one moment was she without the consciousness of she would have thrust it from her

but she could not.

Those long days that could not be those long days that could not be told of, only felt, with their silent relentless suffering that never changed! Sometimes she took eager, hasty walks but to approach any place that she had been with him her turn back. Through the day she would talk in a quick, excited way; and then in the evening she sat op-posite to her aunt, and assisted in finishing a large crochet quilt which she was making. There she sat, with a worn, fixedly sad look upon face that should have looked young; and it seemed older than the peace-ful, wrinkled one beside her.

At night she would watch for hours at the window, looking not into the streets, but towards the back of the house which formed the next street: she watched the lights next street: she watched the star as they changed from room to room, and glimmered distinctly up the staircase, as the inmates went one hy one to rest. It was far the staircase, as the ismates went one by one to rest. It was far the strongest interest which she had; every night she resumed her occupation, feeling a certain degree of acquaintanceship with the people, the houses, and the lights; they mitigated her sense of loneliness. Here, where she was so near his home, and so far separated from him, she knew not but that even some of these people might be nearer to him than herself. Sometimes she recalled with a sort of stupid tenacity a thousand little events of her childhood; trifles which she had forgotten came back very clearly to her, and she invested them all with that sort of unreal brightness which those who are unhappy give to their nast whether it her

with that sort of unreal brightness which those who are unhappy give to their past, whether it has deserved it or not.

Those long summer nights, which she never afterwards could forget, but knew one thing that they and their misery were lived out and would return no more the never their misery were lived out and would return no more: she never forgot her one idea, even in her sleep. Through the sultry August days she had no wish for the green fields and waving trees that she had always seen in the summer time: she was glad to be away from all that; it would have made the longing more painful, and the fever stronger. The time was past when her love had been her own support, and she had lived through the strength of that meat. Now, when she looked forward, it seemed as if she understood nothing but what a breaking heart must be.

There was no end to this, how-

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in comparison.

The old woman's life slid on by the side of Georgy there was a power in that holy life, and unconscious g which could soothe and quie How quietly there time pas in that great, struggling ci mear the tumult, yet so far ated from it! One had ne ed it, and the other was

ed it, and the other was tand dull at heart. There we change till Miss Sparrow it then the two were drawn negether, for Georgy nursed he It were difficult to say if grieved for her aunt: she grossed by the selfishness one idea, and on that all the grossed by the selfsnness one idea, and on that all the that was in her was spent. not feel for anything, or there, but through the the another life and another de which she should never bear All her feelings were vicarismothing touched her but throughding of that one idea medium of that one idea

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"But I have had a greathis world, and there will be some day, soon, perhaps," softly.

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all your real history, and y James Erskine to you? s and her niece told her.

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Two days afterwards, Pour-stairs to say that Captruther had arrived, and Aburried down from the on her ay, hower, first to to see