TOLD ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

CHAPTER III.

"LORD, KEEP MY MEMORY GREEN!"

Was there a despairing voice abroad, sighing through the pines and across the purple, silver crested swells of the lake, sighing over the sudden fall of him who had walked with among men from the high throne of his boasted honor? Were the stars changed to orbs of fire and blood, as his burning eyes turned toward them?

With his silver hair lifting itself stiffly from his head, with a hand of fire grasping his heart, with eyes that saw and ears that heard not, Aurelius Silver turned away from the lake.

An old stone house standing outside a town at least a hundred miles away from the beautiful Summer villa of Arnold Silver. A house standing back from the highway and flanked with great dark trees, old and wierd-looking as those in Gustave Dore's picture of the "Hewing of the Cedars for the Temple." The mansion itself lay square, massive low-browed; its walls were of granite, with that faint suggestion of rose and aquamarine flowing through the stone which renders some of these old buildings so mellow and picturesque. The windows were small and formal; the chimneys, standing up against the sky, cowled and hooded like hermits on a mountain top; and from the great eves, giant lances of diamond, the handiwork of the fairy armorer King Frost, were hanging like the spears of Titans in some enchanted land. A carriage-drive swept round from the great gates of sombre bronze to the stone step, guarded on either side by a stone lion couchant, of an amiable, not to say benevolent aspect. A hall-door of polished oak stood hospitably open in the Winter's sun.

This was the home of the elder brother, Aurelius Silver. It was the custom of the two families to spend the winter together here, and the summer at the villa of the younger, Arnold.

But they had quitted the villa earlier than usual this year. There was a certain night in August that had struck its inmates with perplexity, if not terror. Margaret Leighton—or Daisy, as they fondly called her—had disappeared. After a quarrel with Charles—he had confessed to that—she tore from him in a little tempest of fury, only to the garden, as he supposed to cool herself by the fountain, or amid the roses, but she had never come back again. From that mysterious moment she had disappeared. Charles and Violet had remained together in the drawing-room talking; talking and waiting for her to make her appearance; how long they scarcely knew. But she did not come. Mr. Arnold Silver had gone to rest straight from the dinner table that night, not being well. Mr. Silver (Aurelius) had chanced to take a long country walk that night; the night was so fine that it tempted him, he told them when he came in—and that was not until close upon midnight. Where was Daisy, they asked him—for Charles and Violet had taken up the notion that the two absent ones must be strolling about together. Daisy? retorted Mr. Silver, at the question—what should he know about Daisy? But that he caught up some alarm in regard to her was evident, for his face turned strangely pale.

Well, from that hour no trace of Daisy had been found. The family and the servants were searching about all night, Charles in a distracted state, but they did not find her. They never had found her. What her fate was could not be conjectured with any certainty; some thought she had run away; others cast fears toward the lake. Aurelius Silver never enlightened them, nor told a hint of the grave secret the lake might have disclosed.

And when all search was abandoned, as hopeless, they had quitted the villa, which somehow seemed full of discomfort, for the distant Winter mansion. And the weeks had gone on, and this was Christmas Eve. Little more had been said about the union of the two cousins; even Mr. Silver no longer urged it.

In the dining room of this fine old house sat Violet Silver, making wreaths of holly and ivy.

Violet sighed as she worked. The girl's face was changed in some subtle way since the night we saw her by the fountain. A shade more pensive, a thought less radiant, the eyes deeper in expression, the lips parting less readily in laughter and speech; such was the change. The same change, but intensified a hundred fold, was repeated in Charlie Silver's countenance. He sat near her, watching in silence her long, rosy fingers as they twined the emerald sprays into a long, clustering wreath, flecked here and there with the fire of scarlet berries, dug from beneath the white drifts in the woods.

His face was indescribably changed. The features were sharper, the glance of the eye firmer, the lines of the mouth and chin more resolute and decided. The face, which had been like Violet's, had developed more into a resemblance to Aurelius Silver. A gracious likeness though; retaining what was finest and noblest in the older face, yet lacking the cold and commanding expression which gleamed icily in its large and stern eyes.

There were lines in Charlie's forehead now. Four months previously he had hardly looked his age; now he looked ten years older.

"Charlie, how idle you are!" said Violet, breaking a long pause. "Hand me some more sprays of holly, please. There, how do you like my wreath?"

"Very well," said Charlie, listlessly obeying the mandate. "What a pretty idyl of Christmas Eve you make, Violet," he added, looking at her. "You have a gracious beauty about you such as the spirit of the day should have."

"Thanks! I like compliments," said Violet very sincerely. "You are as good looking as I am, Charlie; and this wreath is destined to frame our great grandmother yonder. How droll she looks in that powdered wig and brocaded dress, simpering at her woolly flock! What flourishing ideas of Arcadia these dear old people must have had!"

The wreath was finished. Charles Silver called for some steps, and mounted to festoon the wreath round the massive old frame of the portrait, which hung over the carved mantelpiece. Violet stood by to watch him. There was an unusual sadness in both of them to-day, for they were about to separate. She resumed her seat and began another wreath.

"I always detest the perfume of this burning wood," she exclaimed impatiently, as Charles came back to his chair. "Do you know, if Uncle Aurelius hadn't developed an extraordinary enthusiasm for Christmas decorations, I should not have had the heart to undertake them this year."

"I can imagine that," said Charles, quietly.

"Your going away is the worst of all, Charlie."

"It is very pleasant to know that I shall have some one to think kindly and lovingly of me when I am away," he observed. "I can quite understand that quaint old prayer, 'Lord, keep my memory green!'"

"Charlie," said Violet, with startled eyes, "you speak as if you never meant to return to us! Surely you are not going from us with that idea in your mind? Think of your father."

"Think of you all, you mean, Violet," he answered, sadly. "I cannot control fate, child. An impression seems to lie on my mind that I may never return."

"Then why, oh! why do you go?"

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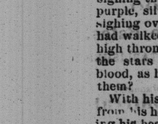

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