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**CHAPTER XIV.**

**AN ANGRY SCHEMER.**

Lynette has written to you concerning Stephen Belcourt's love for her, her love for him, and how they were so cruelly forced apart. She has told you how she was forced into a betrothal with one she does not love, to gratify the pride of her family.

"She has appealed to you in her distress for aid and sympathy, and you—oh! how can I realize it, friend Edgar?—you have turned a deaf ear to the cry of your sister's breaking heart. You have let the world's clamor influence you. You have said to yourself that Lynette's name must not be mixed up with that of a man accused of murder—rather would you hush the beating of her heart by forcing her into marriage with another man—a man whose riches seem to blind you to his moral character.

"I grant you he is considered a grand parti—many girls envy your sister—but I have not forgotten that two years ago, when Graham Prentiss paid me some attention, you warned me against him in a friendly way, saying that he was not exactly the sort of man you would like to see me marry. Do you remember?

"Then surely you would not wish your sister to marry the man you vaguely distrusted always.

"I make no apology for this letter. I love Lynette, and wish to help her out of the entanglement forced on her in her weakness and inability to resist the authority of her family.

"It is your duty to come home. Lynette's wedding must not come off, though the cards are out, and the date but two weeks distant. If you are as noble as I once deemed you, Edgar, and if you ever wish for happiness yourself, nay, if you have one spark of tenderness and pity for your little sister, you will come home and save her from such a fate.

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his love to Lynette, and tell her to keep up heart.

His heart felt very light as he posted his letter, for the thought came to him that perhaps after this sweet Myrtle might give him a little tender encouragement to continue the correspondence.

"What a pleasure that would be!" he thought, and began to count the days, hoping to hear from her again.

The third day brought him another letter from West Virginia; but this was a brief one from his Uncle Jack: "Your aunt thinks I ought to tell you to come home and manage Lynette. She has gone home with Myrtle Dare to stay a few days, and Vida says as their two are driving about the country soliciting votes for Belcourt. The women folks are all crazy, I think, meddling with politics. Come home as soon as you can, or Lynette may turn giddy—she's in love with Belcourt, anyhow—and break off the match with Prentiss. No news, except that old Sally Ann Sims is ill of fever, and about to make a die of it, poor old soul. J. H. LEWIS."

**CHAPTER XV.**

**Myrtle's Resolve.**

Up at Belcourt the family could scarcely credit the news when they heard that Myrtle Dare had brought home Lynette Lewis as a guest.

"It seems like an affront to us, her taking up that girl after her shameful treatment of Stephen," complained Marion Caskie, the stately young widow, and Mrs. Lloyd Llewellyn, the six months' bride, chimed in:

"And the worst of it is she has come to stay with Myrtle just to be convenient to Miss La Mode while fitting her wedding-gowns."

"I have no patience with Myrtle, and I don't think we ought to call while Lynette is there," answered Mrs. Caskie.

"Certainly not," agreed Mrs. Belcourt spiritedly. "Still—"

"Well?" asked her younger daughter curiously.

"Why, my dears, don't you think that Myrtle may perhaps have a motive in being kind to Lynette? Were't she and the brother—that handsome Edgar—sweethearts before he went away?"

"They were great friends, certainly, and often together."

"Then Myrtle cannot afford a rupture with the brother through taking Stephen's part too strongly. She must not entirely estrange her future sister-in-law, although secretly indignant at her flirting propensities. Do you not see how it is, my dear girls?"

"Yes," agreed both.

"So we must not be angry with Myrtle, nor think she means any affront to us, because she has Lynette as a guest. We may simply show our disapproval of the girl by omitting to call," said the high-bred old lady; and her fond daughters rested perfectly content with her decision. They were tender and dutiful, and relied on her judgment.

But at heart they were very sore. They had been so kind to Stephen's beloved, so fond and tender, and admired her so much, that her ingratitude cut deep, more especially for the wound it dealt to Stephen's heart.

Myrtle Dare was a very clever girl. She could guess, without being told, what her friends up at Belcourt were thinking. She chafed under it, but she could make no sign. She could only live in hopes that the truth would come out some day, and they would know Lynette at her true value—not the heartless coquette they deemed her, but a loving, suffering girl, placed in a false position by her guardian's despotic authority.

But she could not violate Lynette's confidence without her consent and the girl, weak from recent illness, and in fear of her relatives' anger, shrank from betrayal of the truth to the world, fearing its censure if it learned that she loved the man who was in prison on the charge of murdering his fair young wife. It was a cruel struggle she was waging between love and pride.

"We must wait till Edgar comes. We cannot make a move without him," she said timidly to her friend.

So the preparations for Lynette's wedding went on from day to day at Blooming Meadows, where the geese,

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