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JESSAMINE.

"She is 'Eunice' to everybody else. They had not the same mother, and there is a difference of ten years in their ages. The first Mrs. Kirke was, I judge, a sedate pastorella who looked well after her household and her husband's flock. Her praise is still in the churches of this region. She died when the little Eunice was at the age of five. Four years afterwards, Mr. Kirke brought to the manse a beautiful woman—city born and bred, refined, accomplished, and delicate. She fell into ill-health very soon. Eland as this climate seems to us, who live so much further north, it was harsh to her. She was a South Carolinian, and her fondness for her old home grew into longing during her residence among these mountains. Her invalidism became confirmed after the birth of her babe. In memory of the sunny bowers of the Southern State in which her happy girlhood had been passed, she gave it the fanciful name of 'Jessamine'."

"It is odd, but pretty, and it suits her." Her fondness for the vine and fashion of wearing the flowers may appear to you and to others a girlish whim. In reality, they are the motherless child's tribute to the memory of the parent whom she recoils with fondest devotion, although she was but five years old at her death.

"She told me she had known no home but this valley. The sisters were not educated in the country, I take it."

"The elder graduated with distinction at Bethlehem. It was her mother's dying request that she should, at a suitable age be sent to the Moravian Seminary at that place. She was thorough and conscientious in her studies, as my mother-in-law, cultivating her talents for music and modern languages with especial diligence that, as she has told me, 'it might not be necessary to send little Jessie home to school.' The younger sister had no teacher from her childhood to the present hour except Eunice and her father, who is a fine classical scholar."

"And a man of far more than ordinary ability, I did suppose, judging from what I have already seen of him. But why has he buried himself alive in this out-of-the-way region?"

"Because he is essentially unworldly, I imagine. He has here ample opportunity for study, and he loves his books next to his children. Then, his attachment to the parsonage and to the people is strong. 'I was ambitious of distinction in my profession, once,' he said to me the other day, 'but I was before Mrs. Kirke's death. It may sound like exaggerated sentiment, but I believe he means to live and die in sight of her grave. I have learned from Eunice something about his love for her, as fervent now as when she was alive, and his grief at her death. 'I have given you this sketch of the family history that you may better comprehend what passes in the household. My lodgings are at the hotel, as are yours, but most of our time will, of course, be spent at the parsonage. I want you to know and like them all—particularly Jessie. It may be that you can be of service to her while I am abroad.'"

"What does she say to that scheme?" "I have said nothing to her about it. I dread the task!" Roy looked very grave. "Her father agrees with me it is wiser to be silent on the subject until my plan is definitely settled, and I would prolong the clear shining of her day while I can."

He rose from the spot on which he had been sitting, apparently anxious to dismiss the subject. "We must go! Eunice's tea-table is ready at sunset."

"He cannot trust himself to discuss this matter of their separation," said Orrin, inly following the rapid stride of his cousin down the mountain. "One tear from his pert Amyrills would reverse his decision at the eleventh hour. 'Lord! what fools these lovers be!'"

The manse-meadows were gained by a rustic foot-bridge spanning the creek which skirted the place. Two young men, whom Mr. Wyllis rightly supposed to be members of the "Committee upon Orator of the Day," were waiting here to speak to Mr. Fordham. Probably a copy of his address for publication, the considerate kinsman further surmised, and sauntered on to the garden, leaving the other to follow when he would. Lingered among the fragrant borders, momentarily expecting Roy to rejoin him, he lost himself in a rose labyrinth, so affluent of bloom and odor, that he did not know where he was until warned of his proximity to

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the oriel-window by Jessie's voice. "Through a crevice in the eave, he could see her lounge set in the spacious recess, and the back of her head as she raised it to speak to some one within the room."

"Roy described him as distingue and fascinating," she said, in an accent of chagrin. "How could he have done so? I call him positively homey! Don't you?"

"You should have moved—assured as he was that he was the subject of the unflattering remarks. In his code, this was a reason why he should remain acquiescent and hearken for more. Perhaps others who make high pretensions to the minor moralities would have done likewise."

"He is handsome, certainly," returned Miss Kirke. "You are disposed to be unreasonable because your expectations were unduly raised."

"But his cousin told me he was the most popular man in Hamilton—one of the glass-of-fashion and mold-of-form kind, you know," continued Jessie, increasing exaltation. "Am I to be blamed if I lose my head?"

"A gentleman!" her sister finished the sentence. "Since he is that, dear, and Mr. Fordham is his cousin, he should be safe from our criticism. At least, while he is our guest."

There was a pause of rather more than a minute before Jessie spoke again.

"Darling Eunice! are you displeased with me?" she said coaxingly. "I was cross and unkindly, I acknowledge. I ought not to—I did not expect that he would be Roy's equal in appearance or manner, but I am grievously disappointed."

"Not to be outdone in genuine candor, I own that I am, also," was the reply.

The elder sister approached the window as she said it, and Mr. Wyllis effected a skillful retreat.

The labyrinth had its turning in a matter of minutes, and the church-yard fence. He had noticed it while waiting for his cousin, before his temporary entanglement in the mazes of the roses, rich with heavy sprays of clustering bloom and glossy foliage, had brought him within earshot of the sisters. Thither he retired quickly but noiselessly, careful in no way to betray his presence, and sitting down in this retreat—a favorite resort of the inmates of the parsonage during the pleasant months of spring and summer—the subject of the recent discussion indulged himself in a hearty but noiseless fit of laughter.

CHAPTER III.
Orrin Wyllis could afford to laugh at criticism that would have provoked a thin-skinned or moderately vain man to anger, if not to hatred. For he was aware that his cousin had spoken the bare truth when he presented him as the admired Crichton of the town which was their home. His features and form were as I have portrayed them. He had neither beauty nor absolute symmetry to recommend these. He was not wealthy, nor yet eminent in his profession. A lawyer in fair practice, gained principally by the exercise of other gifts than legal acumen, he was yet a person of mark in the community. The reason for this would have been the same in effect if every acquaintance, whether the witness were the fine lady of ton who made sure of him before issuing her cards for the grand ball of the season, or the Milesian who "stepped" until his Honor's office to ask him could I take the law of Teddy O'Rourke for this black eye, or is it himself will be after taking the law of me for the two I've given him?"

"Now regularly handsome, I admit, my dear," Mrs. Beau Monde would say. "But there is something more potent, as more subtle in influence in his presence and speech. Do you know, I think a fascinating homely man is the most charming creature in the world? And Mr. Wyllis's deportment, tone, and conversation are unsurpassable. Other men may be quite as well bred and polite as he, but there is a nameless something about his manner that is exquisite and irresistible."

While Murphy would expatiate by the hour upon the "satisfaction a man experienced in dealing with a pair of glib-tongued and it was Mister Wyllis had the beautiful way with him."

That he danced elegantly, sang expressively, and was a pleasing pianist; that he was conversant with the current literature of the day; that the stereotyped cant know as "a criticism" fell from his tongue aptly, and as if no one else had ever used the same phrases in his auditor's hearing—undoubtedly contributed largely to his popularity; but these accomplishments were secondary in power to the nameless something lauded by Mrs. Beau Monde. His own sex recognized the charm more willingly than they are wont to acknowledge the claims of favoritism of one who is the woman's darling of his sex. The graceful, the soulance that artfully concealed his consciousness of the degree long ago awarded him, as "Pet of the Petticoats," his gay good-humor; his fund of anecdote and repartee, made him as welcome at bachelors' wine and din-

ner parties as in mixed companies. If his negligent saunter through the assembly room, his deliberate articulation and grave, deferential bend before his fair vassals, provoked ill-nature to the charge of puppyism, the censor was silenced by tales of his proficiency in many sports; how in the gymnasium and billiard room, upon the cricket-green and skating-pond, he had few equals, so seldom found a superior, that his exploits had passed into a proverb.

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ON WITH THE BILL

The Redistribution Act Will Not Be Withdrawn.

The Alien Labor Law—Sir Wilfrid Explains.

Ottawa, May 31.—When Sir Charles Tupper on Saturday afternoon suggested the withdrawal of the redistribution bill, Sir Wilfrid Laurier intimated that he would be willing to consult with his colleagues as to the desirability of abandoning the measure for the session. Yesterday the first minister informed the house that he carried out his promise, and that they considered it necessary for the welfare of the electorate to put the measure through. In the meantime the electorate will have ample time to digest the improvements that are projected in the direction of equalizing the representation in the House of Commons.

THE ALIEN LABOR LAW.

Mr. McCreary asked if it was the intention of the government to enforce the alien labor law. Calder & Co. of Hamilton, had imported a number of workmen to take the place of men who were on strike. He understood that the government had made a statement that the alien labor law was left in abeyance when the commission adjourned, and that neither government was to enforce it. He heard that Inspector De Barry had recently deported a Canadian going to the States to visit his uncle, on the ground that he might find work over there.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that while the ministers were in Washington, the winter there was a very bitter enforcement of the alien labor law by some agents of the American Government, in one case a commercial traveler being sent back to Canada under the pretense that his business was a violation of the law. Upon representations made informally to the authorities at Washington, it was arranged that the practice of enforcing the law should be, as far as possible, discontinued on both sides pending negotiations. The understanding was purely informal; nothing could be done that would be binding. But it was understood that the enforcing of the law would be discontinued on either side.

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FARM EXPERTS NOT AGREED

Dr. Saunders Combats Prof. Robertson's Views on Productiveness of Seed.

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Mr. Semple made a motion to this effect, and together with Messrs. McMillan, Stenson, Erb and McGregor supported Dr. Saunders as against Prof. Robertson.

Mr. McMillan expressed his belief that before long Prof. Robertson would modify his view as to productiveness of variety depending on locality.

The chairman, Mr. Burt, deprecated any seeming conflict, and counseled the postponement of discussion on this resolution for a week.

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