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A King's Gentleman.

CHAPTER IX.

With grave hospitality, untinged by any flutter of maiden delight in welcoming as guest the man whose long guest she may have been, Molly Wilder received the new-comer, invited him to throw off his wraps, and to seat himself at the bountiful tea-table. Reuben accepted the invitation with alacrity, and, having placed his hat in the seat of honor at the foot of the table—he asked a blessing, followed at once by a smile of bashful delight, as he added:

"Seems almost as if we were married already, don't it, Molly?"

Molly made no reply; her whole consciousness seemed absorbed in the great resolve she had just made, and never for a moment forgot; and while Reuben, full of vulgar hilarity, heaped his own and his sister's plate with many a jest as to his generosity as a provider, and the bountiful table he loved to keep, and while Molly, luxuriating in unlimited dainties, forgot all but their enjoyment, their hostess was watching both with dispassionate scrutiny, and figuring to herself a life wherein three times in every day she must confront that crafty and evil face, lighted as now by the greed of animal enjoyment, hear those harsh and uncultivated accents, and reply to jests that found no sympathy in her more refined sense of humor, or to the direct address:

"You ought to have gone over to the Corners with me, Molly; there was no much news stirring—about the fighting up in Canada and all that. Say, I suppose you wouldn't let me go up there and be a soldier, would you? Not before we're married, anyway, and after that I wouldn't want to go."

"Do you now?" asked Molly, with a strong flavor of scepticism in her voice.

"Well, the pay is better than for farming, especially in the winter time; but maybe I'll make some money without risking your chance of getting a husband. They say, over at the Corners, that a big French vessel—a man-of-war—got driven up the bay by the gale; you know how the Johnny Crappos most a week, and the Johnny Crappos couldn't manage her, and she got ashore down on the Elizabeth Reef, and just thumped to pieces there. That was last night—no, night afore last, and they've got 'em all prisoners down at the fort—that is, most all; but they think some got away, and they've offered a reward of \$20 a head for all that can be found and brought in before next Monday, when they're going off for some of our own men laid by the heels in Quebec. Now, if a fellow could find one of them lurking round and get the \$20, eh?"

"Would you sell a poor, trembling fugitive that trusted you?" asked Molly in a low voice.

"Would I? Wouldn't I, though?" chuckled Reuben, filling his mouth with mince-pie. "I would, if you were going to lead him on, thinking you were going to hide him away safely, and once he was in the trap, phew! how quick you'd kick away the prop and let down the door! And it ain't likely they'd be armed, so there wouldn't be any great danger."

"That's a consideration, certainly," replied his fiancée in so strange a voice that Molly, whose capacity for pound-cake and cream-toast was utterly exhausted, turned and looked sharply at her for a moment, then exclaimed:

"Why, Molly Wilder, what's the matter with you? You're as white as a sheet, and your eyes are like a cat's in the dark. If there'd been anything to lay it to, I'd say you were awful mad."

"But as there isn't," said Molly, pushing back her chair. "But as there isn't," echoed Reuben, also rising. "I think we'd better be going. You know, Molly, mother wants you to come over there tonight and stay till the storm's over."

"Your mother is very kind, as I said to Molly," replied Molly, steadily, "but I cannot leave home."

"Oh, but you must," retorted Reuben, with easy positiveness. "Mother and I both think it's best, and mother won't let me go, because in that case I must stay alone," replied Molly, still in her tone of calm and immovable decision.

Mr. Hetherford began to wax angry and to exchange his lover-like tone for the surly and tyrannical one befitting his idea of the marital character and privileges.

"It's all waste time and breath for you to say any more about it," he exclaimed at length. "You're a-going over to my house in just about ten minutes, and you may as well go with a good grace. A girl like you can't judge what's best for her, and while your father and mother are away, my and my mother are the ones to say for you."

"I do not acknowledge the right at all, Mr. Hetherford," replied Molly, coldly; "and, although very grateful to you, mother and myself, anyway."

"Hang it all!" roared Hetherford; "I say you're to go, and you're going."

"I deny your right to command, and I shall not obey."

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"You will never be my husband, Reuben Hetherford."

"Oh, pshaw! I've heard girls talk before."

"I never talk without meaning what I say. I have determined, fully determined, to break off the engagement to you, and I now do so. It is a thing altogether settled in my own mind, and your violence just now has only hastened the announcement of my purpose."

"Nonsense, Molly!" interposed Mercy, who read more shrewdly than her brother the signs of determination, and strength of mind of her friend, and who wished to temporize if possible, and gain time to bring the maternal forces into the field. "Don't you and Reuben go to quarrelling tonight. Sleep over it, and you'll feel different in the morning; and, if you won't come over to our house for him, come for me. It's awful lonely for us two girls in such a storm as this, in this empty house; and, besides, I don't stay here, and Reuben has sent for me. She'd be awful mad, and maybe come over after us herself. Do come home with me, and Reuben, 'shan't say a word about it anyway."

But Molly put her arms about the girl's neck, and kissing her tenderly, repeated as firmly as ever:

"I must stay here, Mercy; for my father and mother left me here, and I must obey them as you do yours. I cannot make him happy or be happy myself with him, and it is much better the thing should end here. I hope you will still be friends with me, Mercy—you and your house."

"As for that, I don't know," replied Mercy a little viciously, for her temper was getting the upper hand of her diplomacy. "I don't suppose we should feel just the same, any of us. But I don't believe we need spend much time settling all that until your mother comes home, and we hear what she says."

"Yes, I guess she'll bring you to your senses, Mistress Mary," chimed in Reuben, full of those face had for some minutes presented a curious study of conflicting emotion, alarm and wounded love holding place inferior to a sort of cruel indifference, as if he longed above all patience, as if he had the calm and haughty rebel in his power, and to try upon her fair person and disdainful spirit some of those arts of subjugation mentioned by his sister a little while previously. But, looking at him with a smile of superb contempt, she said very quietly:

"It is of no use for us to talk more upon this matter, Mr. Hetherford. No human power can compel me to become your wife, and most certainly I never will. Neither will I leave this house; and, since Mercy cannot remain with me, I must remain alone."

"I wouldn't stay, anyhow, after you using my brother in such a fashion," exclaimed Mercy angrily. "I reckon you'll sing another song, though, after your mother comes home. You'll be glad enough to eat humble-pie then, and maybe—"

"Hold your tongue," interrupted Reuben savagely, he being one of the many persons who cannot endure anybody's ill-temper; but their own; and, turning to Molly, with an attempt at her own quiet dignity, he said:

"Well, Mary, we shall have to leave you, since you're so set on staying; and if I go out of your house this night I shall not enter it again without good reason. You had better think twice before you say the last word; you had better look well at the consequences."

"I have thought and I have looked, and I am quite ready and willing to take all the consequences of my decision in both matters," replied Molly calmly; and without another word Reuben Hetherford flung on his outer garments and left the house.

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London's Library.

(Continued from page 4.)

What about our literary account? We have nothing to draw on. "We should have a deliberate, systematic course of reading, every one of us. This year let it be history; in the next year, science; the third year, literature; the fourth year, poetry; or, at reasonable intervals, all of these, with an abundance of travels for the boys and a moderate quantum of fiction for us all. This library is a POST-GRADUATE UNIVERSITY."

at which the citizens of London who have left public and high schools may take a post-graduate course, which Shakespeare or none of the great writers of the Elizabethan age, or of the early Georges, could avail themselves of. All honor to the municipality for donating the money; all honor to the board for doing their work so well, and to the architect who enclosed the building with lines of beauty.

"Here," continued Mr. Ross, "you can enter the companionship of the world's greatest men. You can meet them day and night. You can see the creation of those wonderful minds with which they are endowed. You can see them rise before you: the witch scene of Macbeth; Hamlet meditating suicide; Othello's fiery outbreaks; Desdemona's struggles; and Iago's villainies. You can spend a night with Cowper, the sweetest writer of domestic poetry England ever produced; a day with Wordsworth in his trips through the sylvan glades of the English Lake; where HEAVEN HAS OPENED POETRY before our eyes, as Tennyson says. (Applause.) If you are a fighting man, Wellington will tell you how he won Waterloo; Napoleon, how he crossed the Alps; and Humboldt, one of the great naturalists. Are you a sculptor or an artist? Books will tell you how to mix all the tints and how to remove them."

In conclusion Mr. Ross said: "We have the altar here, that young Canadians will worship with a pure heart. Let us have a national life; that a broader patriotism will be quickened by higher conceptions of duty and that in the brave days of old, it will be said that there were Canadians made better and stronger men because it entered into the hearts of the citizens of London in the closing years of this wonderful century, to place at their disposal the treasure-house of knowledge." (Loud and continued applause.)

Ald. Hallam, Toronto.
Ald. Hallam said: I am delighted to be here tonight to take part in the opening of this magnificent London Public Library. So much has been said, and so well said, by the Hon. Minister of Education and other gentlemen, that I will not try your patience with any lengthy remarks.

I am here to show my sympathy with public libraries, and with those who take an interest in such movements. Some years ago you voted to establish a rate-supported library, but somehow or other the act was not then brought into force; now you have succeeded, and the citizens of London will have an opportunity to judge of the advantages of a municipal library.

This should be an epoch day in the history of the Forest City, and I am sure the citizens will never regret this necessary addition to their other useful institutions. I am certain that the benefits to your people of a reference library will aid in the progress of your commerce and the social advancement of your city.

The books in this library should be of solid, standard matter—of fact, literary, avoiding the vulgar and sensational. The Board of Management should see that the library is practical in its aims, and not a mere curiosity shop for a collection of curious and rare books, especially, such as relate to Canadian history, travels and biography; technical works relating to all the different trades in your city; the history of the world; works on political economy, and the best class of clean, imaginative literature. The poets and dramatists should find a corner in your library; works on the field and forest, agriculture, chemistry, and kindred subjects should receive special attention from your board.

Such a library would be useful and have a special claim on all who desire to see their city advance to the front rank of the great and free cities, not only in Canada but in the United States. In art, science and technical education.

The advantages of such a library are many. They are the people's university; they help on the cause of education and promote public virtue. Their influence is on the side of order, self-respect and general enlightenment. They are the literary parks where all can enjoy themselves; they are supplementary to the common schools for supplying the masses with what defective training or limited means may have deprived them of.

I look upon this library as the best possible agency and material aid which can be devised. Viewed from the commonest standpoint, looked at in the light of dollars and cents, a mainstay that such an institution is a profitable investment for rate-paying bodies.

The Minister of Education takes a deep interest in everything relating to the social and material advancement of the people of Ontario. I have no doubt that the desirability of convincing the Ontario Government of the necessity of encouraging the opening of rate-supported libraries by a substantial annual grant.

In conclusion, I heartily congratulate you on the success of your undertaking, and I hope the good cause will spread to every town and village in Ontario.

Fishop Baldwin.
"Speech is said to be silver and silence declared to be gold," said the bishop. As I have none of the first, I shall give the second at this hour of the evening, only just making the remark that I sincerely rejoice in the establishment of this free library for the use of the good people of London and of our portion of the peninsula. I am sure that if our people are to be enlightened, as they should be, that one way is to give them the trophies best on which to feed their minds, and by which to clear the intellectual vision for deeds of honor and for works of love. I would therefore rejoice in the establishment of this library and trust that by the munificence of our citizens and by generous use of funds it may become more and more worthy of public esteem. I wish to endorse the very proper sentiments that have been uttered with regard to libraries themselves. All literature is not good and all books are not to be recommended. In

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grimage they have to tread. But we may introduce them to others who will do everything in their power to lower their character and weaken the power that they should possess. The Minister of Education, in one of the most powerful speeches we have had the honor of listening to lately, spoke of the language of the late Carlyle, who said that he who would read French literature would need to be washed seven times in Jordan to be pure again. And dear friends it is not in this metaphorical, it is not in this typical, it is the awful, ghastly fact that we are being flooded with literature, which for the mind is most terrible, fearful form of temptation. Let our library, then, not be to introduce our young to works that can only deteriorate their character and make them more ready to tread the paths of infamy and shame and blood. But let it be a library to uplift the moral and the noble sentiments of the heart, to lead them upwards to things that are great and good and strong, to point them to God and to the works of his eternal truth, and our library will be a benefit not only to our citizens in this fair city but to the community at large."

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