

Under the Lamps

WOMAN'S WORTH.
"Oh, little fortune, why this great offering,
Why thus perplex us poor sons of a day?"
CHAPTER XL.

A SUNSHINE FOR DOCTOR REEBURN.
The playing looks of Grace and her father directed to Doctor Reeburn, as he held up the necklace of shells, and declared it to be his daughter's, were prompted by the fear that the old man's private troubles had affected his brain—single Smith having repeatedly assured Grace that the necklace in question had never since it was made belonged to any one but herself. Grace knew enough of the simple and guileless heart of her friend to know that she was truth itself even in speaking of trifles such as this; and a slight quiver of emotion crept into her tones as she answered—

"The necklace belongs to Miss Smith, the mother of the child you have been so good to. I fear you have mistaken the trinket for another; for I have often heard her dwell on the happy day when she received it from the hands of her own father."

"Her father?—Smith?—Smith?—who is shot?" breathlessly implored the old Doctor. "Tell me more about her. May be it might turn out that she had—"

But here a light had broken in on Joseph Lorimer, and looking the Doctor more closely all over he suddenly interrupted him with the words—

"Did not you see me one night in the street, close to the stage entrance to the theatre?"

"Yes, yes—I think you were the man. I asked you about a lassie that had been in a store."

"Just so. I thought I knew you by the paid you wear. 'Well, that girl is the same Miss Smith that you are now inquiring about.'"

"And that lassie, I could have sworn was my ain!" cried the Doctor, pacing the little room in great excitement. "I saw her face under the Lamps, and there's no another like it in a' the world! It was only your kind words that put me off; but I might have minded that the play actor characters carry their iniquity— Here Martin Lee coughed reproachfully, and the old Doctor gulped and hesitated, and then altered the word. 'Well, I mean that they carry their names and saying they are somebody else.'"

"It is not at all unlikely that she has changed her name—indeed, I think she admitted as much to myself," said Joseph Lorimer, "saying that her object in doing so was to conceal herself from some enemy, but Grace may be able to tell you what her real name is, for they have no secrets from each other."

All eyes were now turned upon Grace; but though she crimsoned in a way that made Martin think her the loveliest woman in the world, her eyes fell, and her lips remained dumb.

"Speak—oh, lassie, speak!" cried the Doctor, imploringly clasping his hands. "It's for her ain gude I ask."

"You are quite sure that you would not bring any evil upon her?" hesitatingly inquired Grace—"that you would do her no harm?"

"Harm! Bless the lassie! Not for worlds!" ejaculated the old man. "Oh, it is her but afore me, and I'll bless her and you through time and eternity, for that'll be ower short to tell her hoo sairly I misjudged her!"

"And your own name is—is not Stanley?" joyfully continued Grace, afraid that she would have to give in and reveal what she knew.

"I am Doctor Reeburn, of Kilmarnock," said the old man, with a touch of pride. "Dr. Reeburn! Her own father!"

Grace, starting to her feet and clasping her hands in delight. "Oh, how glad I am that this has come about after all. I knew you would forgive if you could only learn all. Believe me that she was legally married, though the villain has since got the proofs out of her hands and destroyed them."

"Not so bad as that, dear Grace," observed Martin Lee, with his face as bright as the sun. "The proofs are not destroyed. We have discovered them at the Dead Letter Department of the Post Office. They had been misdirected to Gerald Stayley, while the rascal had probably asked for them in his real name, being perhaps thus known at the Post Office. We can get them whenever we have her to claim them."

LATEST FROM THE EAST
Fresh Fears of War.

TURKEY YIELDING AND THE TEM FEB OF THE PEOPLE WARLIKE.

The Paris correspondent of the Times gives a detailed account of the occupation scheme derived from authentic sources, and showing that very considerable concessions have been made to Turkish sensibilities in this particular. According to this scheme a corps of military gendarmes will be recruited from volunteers of the neutral states. The corps will be under the orders of the Government of the provinces. It will wear Turkish badges, be paid by Turkey or the reformed provinces, and constitute a reinforcement of the Turkish police. It is much feared that Turkey will resist nearly all the proposed reforms, which the Powers consider the minimum they are entitled to demand. It is thought at Constantinople that H. G. Elliot, the British Ambassador, is in favour of resistance on the part of Turkey, and his departure is considered as ensuring for the chances of peace.

The Post's despatch from Constantinople says:—The Porte has resolved to cancel the treaty of 1876 immediately.

The Daily Telegraph's special correspondent at Pera says:—Midhat Pasha, at an official interview with Lord Salisbury, refused to accept the proposition for an International Commission to superintend the reforms. Lord Salisbury, I am told, telegraphed for a steamer to be held in readiness to convey him to Athens if the Porte should continue any yielding. Great quantities of arms and ammunition are being received from America. The temper of the population is warlike, and the situation is critical. On Saturday the Sofia made a demonstration before the Russian Embassy, shouting "Dava vish Russia." The Russian steamers have ceased running on the Black Sea.

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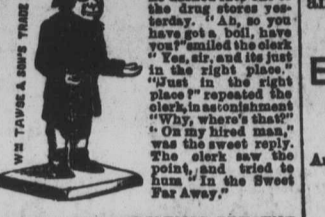
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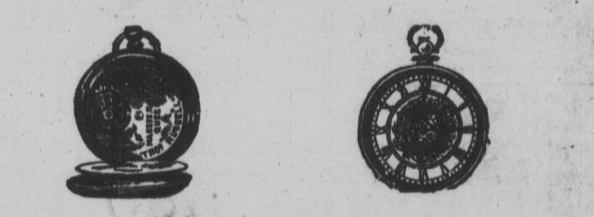
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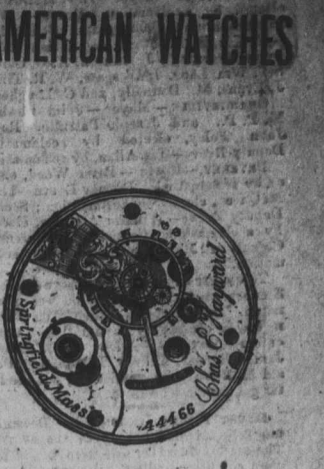
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