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Her Life's Love

"Rody, I wish just to say one word. Could a son expect his mother to beg his pardon? Would he not have been an unworthy son to have let her do any such thing? Was it not far better for him, under the circumstances—under any circumstances—to have done just what he did?"

He dropped on his knees beside her, and laid his head in her lap, exactly as when he was her little boy.

"Mother, mother, forgive me! Let us forgive one another."

"Oh, yes—yes! Come back to me, my son—my only son!"

There was no other apology or explanation than this, neither now or at any future time between them. Both avoided it, and so best. It is always safer not to touch a half-healed wound. Besides, we are none of us perfect. God knows; and some of us see our faults all the plainest when no one points them out, but they are left entirely between ourselves and Him.

"And now," said Roderick, anxiously, "tell me about my wife."

"Poor lamb!—poor lamb! I have been with her these two hours. She thought it was her own mother, for she spoke a few words in French and called me mamma. Tell her, Rody, turned away, and again burst into irrepressible tears."

"But still, mother, how did you come? How did you hear?"

She could not speak, but she put into his hand a little note, dated two days before, written in pencil, and in a hand very feeble, very shaky, but neat and clear.

"Dear Mr. Black: If you should hear I am likely to die, will you go at once to Rochester and fetch Mrs. Jardine? You know her. No one will comfort my husband like his mother. Yours truly,

SILENCE JARDINE."

"And now," said Mrs. Jardine, smiling through her tears, "tell me about my son, Roderick. He thought that he had ever seen on her face, 'go to your wife, and let me go to my grandson. My son will not now want his mother to comfort him, thank the Lord!'"

CONCLUSION.

A warm, honest heart and a generous nature will cover a multitude of sins—or let us say errors—especially in a grandmamma. Over that baby's cradle the hearts of the two women, Mrs. Jardine and old Mrs. Jardine, soon came to meet in the most wonderful way; as they met, too, over another thing, or rather person—often an endless 'bone of contention' between mother-in-law and daughter-in-law when they happen to be weak, selfish or jealous women, which these were not—the man whom each loved best of all the world.

Roderick's wife and mother, however opposite their characters, had certain points in common, out of which grew an unmistakable sympathy, namely, strength of will and thoroughness of purpose, great sincerity and affectionateness, the power of self-devotion and an entire absence of that petty egotism which is always on the watch to guard its own rights, and has no vision for anybody's rights except its own. Besides, meeting her son afresh, as it were with that great gulf of sorrow between, which had so lately changed both him and her, and finding him now a man—a husband and a father—in many ways very different from the boy she had been accustomed to think him, Mrs. Jardine had the sense to accept the position and make the best of it.

For her son's wife—the 'poor lamb,' as she had called her, and whom, as Roderick afterward found out, her good sense, firmness and devoted care, coming in at the ebb of hope, had greatly contributed to save from death—Mrs. Jardine took to loving her, as strong natures are prone to love those whom they have saved and who depend on them, as for many days Mrs. Jardine had to depend upon her practical mother-in-law, in that little, sweet helplessness which was the very best thing to win the old woman's heart.

She was an old woman now—no doubt about it—and years ripen and sweeten many women to an almost incredible degree. Besides, as Silence often whispered to her husband when little things jarred upon him and irritated him, she was his mother, and she loved him in her own odd way, perhaps, but with a love of which there could be no doubt and no denial. Still even love can work no miracles, nor blend together opposing natures, characters and lives into sudden and everlasting harmony; and when having nursed her 'child,' as she called Silence, into comparative health, and given her grandchild his grandfather's name, Mrs. Jardine proposed to go home, earnestly begging her son to leave Blackhall and come and settle in Rochester, Roderick gently but steadily refused. He did not say so, even to his own wife, but he felt it would be far better that they too should continue to live at Blackhall and his mother and sisters at Rochester.

All, and especially Bella, were quite well and happy. Mrs. Jardine said. How much she knew of the events of last Christmas, or the differences between Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Thomson, did not transpire. At all events, she never talked about these troubles. It was not respectable.

But despite their diverse way of viewing things, there was a straightforwardness and right-heartedness about Roderick's mother which, when her son saw it through fresh, clear eyes, and especially through his wife's eyes, sufficed to blind him to those six miles off, and, sitting between his wife and his mother, listened to the singing, rather nasal and drawing, but not unweird, of the 23 Psalm, his heart melted, for he felt his cup did indeed overflow.

His 'table,' too, was likely to be furnished—better than he had once had any hope of.

When his mother spoke of business matters and insisted on his giving up his work at the mill, and living as a 'gentleman,' he had refused point-blank, declaring his determination to carve out his own fortune, and make his own independent way in the world. But when, on the day of baby's christening, he found that Mrs. Jardine, who never did things by halves, and was generous in her love as she was generous in her dislike, had settled upon baby's mother—a sum of several thousand pounds, sufficient to remove all fear of the future from the parents' hearts, Roderick was deeply moved.

"She is a good woman—my mother! My father was right to respect her and love her as he did to the very last. God bless them! I have need to be proud of my parents."

"Yes," said Silence, gently, as she stooped and kissed her son, who lay fast asleep on her lap. But her own life taught her to understand other lives; what they were, and what they might have been, she knew.

Roderick Jardine lives still at Blackhall, keeping up the old family home in comfort, but yet in great simplicity, as is wisest, with his increasing family. Besides, his early experiences have given him a horror of luxury, of that wealth which is mere wealth and nothing more. The Jardines of Blackhall hold themselves to be truly 'rich' people, because they always have a little more than they need, they use their money without abusing it, and therefore enjoy it too. But their sons are all brought up to abhor extravagance, waste, or self-indulgence, aware that each will have to make his own way in the world, as is best for all men, and women too, perhaps. Sometimes Roderick says if he had many girls he would bring them up, like the boys, to earn their own living—as their mother once did—to that they might taste the sweetest thing in dependent bread, and never be tempted for aught but love. But he had only one girl, his little 'Tactia'—her right name is Silence, but he would not have her called so—one of 'Papa's odd ways,' as he grows older.

"Young Mrs. Jardine," as she continues to be called, for old Mrs. Jardine may live to be ninety still looks so young, so fair, her peaceful, contented heart shining through her 'heavenly eyes.' The world has never heard of her, never will hear, except through her husband and her sons. She does not 'shine in society,' though she is well able to keep up the dignity of the family wherever she goes. But of her own dignity her own praise, she thinks very little, having, indeed, far to many other and more important things to think about. As wife, as mother, as mistress, her duties are often pretty heavy, but never more than she can bear. And he helps her, as she helps him—the husband of her youth, who will, please God, be the faithful, fondest lover of her old age.

That time is still a good way off, and they may yet have much to bear together. They will bear it, because it is borne together. And I think, if any one were to ask Roderick Jardine what has been—plain English—the backbone of his life, he would say that it was his strong first love, and venturous early marriage; because he had seen to see and to take hold of the blessing that Heaven drops in his path—the treasure 'above rubies' which most men desire, and so few win, or deserve to win. But Roderick did. He says sometimes that he should like to have carved on his tombstone, as the record of all his life's journey, the words: 'He who loved one woman, and who claved to her.'

"But," he adds, "it was because my wife was Silence Jardine."

THE END.

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The West Virginia House of Delegates has passed a law disfranchising forever any man having been convicted of selling his vote or asking money for it.

Among the pains and aches cured with marvelous rapidity with Dr. Thompson's Electric Oil is earache. The young are especially subject to it, and the desirability of this Oil as a family remedy is enhanced by the fact that it is admirably adapted not only to the above ailment, but also to the various disorders of the bowels, and affections of the throat, to which the young are especially subject.

A London firm, which has manufactured eight of the eleven cables linking the United States to England makes 55 miles of cable each 24 hours.

Captain Sweeney, U. S. A., San Diego Cal., says: "Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy is the first medicine I have ever found that would do me any good." Price 50c. Sold by W. T. Strong.

The Baltimore and Ohio belt line tunnel, at Baltimore, which is six miles long, cost the railroad company \$7,000,000.

Mrs. Celeste Coon, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "For years I could not eat many kinds of food without producing a burning, excruciating pain in my stomach. I took Parmenter's Pills according to directions under the head of 'Dyspepsia or Indigestion.' One box entirely cured me. I can now eat anything I choose without distressing me in the least." These pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used when a cathartic is required.

Probably the largest fire insurance policy in existence, or ever written is that covering the property of the Santa Fe Railway Company. It was issued by the Phoenix Fire, of London, Eng., is for the amount of \$17,000,000, and takes a premium of \$170,000 to carry.

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BOOKS AND NOTIONS.

All About the Month's Magazine, and Other Literary Topics.

Dr. Cyrus Edson's article on "Nagging Women," which appeared in the January number of the North American Review, and which attracted so much attention, has called forth three rejoinders from the feminine point of view, written respectively by Lady Henry Somerset, Marion Harland and Harriet Prescott Spofford, which appear in the March number of the Review.

Life on an "ocean flyer," from the luxurious first cabin to the sweltering stoke-hole, where the great furnaces sit enthroned and have an army of brawny servants to attend them, is the subject of a descriptive article, illustrated with numerous drawings from life, in McClure's Magazine for March.

The March number of the Cosmopolitan contains a remarkable article by Frederick Remington, entitled "Morgan's Raiders Capturing a Train." J. Howe Adams has an illustrated article on "Mont Saint-Michel"; Maud Lyons contributes a beautiful poem in the Isle of France, while Herbert B. Whitmarsh describes "Pearl Diving and Its Perils." There is an illustrated article on "The Beautiful Mountains of France," by F. Thebaud, and another on "The President of France," by Ernest Daudet. "Ten Books of the Month" are discussed by Francisque Sarcey, Agnes Repplier, Andrew Lang, H. H. Boyesen, H. H. Zeller, and William. New York: The Cosmopolitan.

Outing for March presents a variety of sporting experience, travel and adventure. It contains an interesting story on cycling, the Isle of Man and valuable addenda to "Lenz's World Tour Wheel," by Edwin Asa Dix. The features which appeal strongly to lovers of sport and adventure are: "Fish Shooting in the West Indies," by Henry Wyndham Lanier; "A Reminiscence of Texas Shooting," by R. Monckton-Dene; "Swordplay in Japan," by Kikuo Hirose; "A Yaqui Boar Hunt," which furnishes the incident for a handsome frontispiece, painted for Outing by Hermann Simon. New York: Outing Company.

"Decorations for a Dining Room," by Miss Elizabeth B. Sheldon, is the leading article in the March number of Table Talk, the American authority upon culinary and household topics. Mr. Charles W. Clark, secretary of the Michigan State Board of Agriculture, also gives a very interesting account of the progress of domestic science in the various institutes of the State from east to west. The regular departments and the dietetic lessons are as usual full of overflowing with bright and new ideas on all subjects of interest to the housewife. This magazine is published in Philadelphia, at \$1 per year.

Three clever women, Margaret DeLand, Sarah Orne Jewett and Mrs. Burton Harrison, will try and settle in the next number of the Ladies' Home Journal when it is proper to use the word "woman," and when the term "lady" should be employed.

Littell's Living Age, brimfull as each number is of the latest productions of the ablest foreign (especially British) writers, on subjects of living interest to every intelligent reader, is the ideal magazine for the busy man and woman of today. One great advantage of the Living Age is its completeness. Covering the whole range of literature, it not only presents the best thoughts of the best authors, but it is full of full and full mutilation or condensation. Recent issues present all the accustomed variety, but are especially rich in biographical sketches or personal recollections. In addition are to be found the choicest short stories and select poetry. A prospectus with special offers to new subscribers will be sent on application by the publishers, Littell & Co., Boston.

The price of the much-talked-of new book, "A Scientific Solution of the Money Question," by Arthur Kitson, is \$1 25, cloth; 50 cents, paper. Arena Publishing Company, Boston.

In the Forum for March, Mr. B. G. Northrop, "the father of village improvement societies," explains the method of work and the results of these organizations throughout the country, giving special instances of the improvement that have been made by the use of the resultant benefits, financial and aesthetic.

A new version of "Pantomimes, or Wordless Poems," by Mary Tucker Magill, has just been issued, embracing not only the old book, newly and beautifully illustrated, but a most valuable and interesting addition, consisting of a number of pantomime representations of poems, plays and other literary stories. Recitations used by Miss Magill herself, and not elsewhere obtainable, are now published for the first time. The new edition of the book, numbered 108 East Sixteenth street, New York. Price, \$1 25.

The Atlantic Monthly for March will contain the opening chapters of a striking serial entitled "The Seats of the Mighty," by Gilbert Parker. It will run through several numbers, and is one of this popular author's most powerful stories. Fiction is further represented by the first installment of a two-part story by Grace Howard Peirce, entitled "Griffin's Pitt," and additional chapters from Mrs. Ward's serial, "A Singular Life." Everyone who is interested in detective literature will be glad to read "Some Confessions of a Novel-Writer," by John T. Crowbridge, the gifted author. Two papers of importance are "Immigration," and "Naturalization." The educational paper of the issue is by Prof. N. S. Shaler, who treats of "The Direction of Education." Aside from these features there are poems by Bliss Carver, Clifton Brown, and Madison Cawein. The usual departments complete the issue. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

By adding 20 drops of Dr. Seigert's Angostura to gin, rum, brandy, glasses, cases from drinking polluted water are avoided.

More than half the world's supply of tin is mined in the Straits Settlement at the tip of the Malay peninsula.

I suffered everything but death from indigestion during four years, and tried all sorts of medicine to no effect; at last I was advised to try Burdock Blood Purifiers, and before finishing the second bottle I was as well as I could be, and have had good health ever since.

BENJ. STEWART, Postmaster, Zionville, N. B.

At Bern recently a husband and wife, both Russians, took their degrees of doctor of philosophy at the same time. They were examined in adjoining rooms, the examining professor going from one to the other.

Facts for Electors—\$13 will buy the best oak finished bedroom set ever sold in London for the money. They are in the new BROWN BUILDING, 127 King street, opposite Market House.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Walter Gardiner, a prosperous farmer of Paraguar, Huron county, fell dead while dressing himself the other day.

The schools of St. Marys have been closed for a few days while they are being fumigated, owing to the death from diphtheria of little Annie Murray.

Henry Turner, of Youngsville, recently bought Mr. A. C. McKay's splendid 100-acre farm, west half of lot 10, on the ninth concession of East Zorra. The price paid was \$5,000, which is considered low for so excellent a farm.

The late Thomas Patterson, of Toronto, formerly superintendent of the G. T. R. locomotive shops, Stratford, left an estate of \$36,830, largely realty. He owned 31 houses in Toronto. He willed his all to his wife and children.

Mrs. Ramsay, Owen Sound, has fallen heir to \$100,000 through the death of her brother, who died lately in New Zealand. Her brother, Joseph Ramsey, was a sheep rancher, emigrating to that country from Scotland many years ago.

Wm. Perkins, of the fifth concession of Usborne, Huron county, has sold his farm of 100 acres, being lot 17, to Mr. Wm. Moody, of Paraguar, for the sum of \$5,500. Mr. Moody gets a good farm. Mr. Perkins intends going to London, where he has purchased a fruit farm.

John A. Monroe, B.A., died at the residence of his wife's parents in Exeter on Monday at the age of 50 years. The deceased had been in poor health for over two years, and had been under the best medical treatment that could be obtained. He had also tried change of climate, but it was of no avail. He was buried in Stratford.

MOUNT BRYDGES.

("Advertiser" Agent, T. Pearce, P.M.)

March 7.—The fresh supply of snow which arrived on Monday has revived the sleighing, and a large quantity of logs are daily hauled to Malcom & Abraxas sawmill, where they have enough to keep them busy sawing for several months.

Miss Marion Loudon has returned from an extended visit to St. Thomas, Dutton and other points.

Cherry Camp, Woodmen of the World, intend holding an oyster supper in their hall on Friday evening of this week. For the members and their families. They have about 35 members, and are steadily growing.

Mr. Ernest Vandusen leaves in a few days for Uncle Sam's domains, where he has secured a situation.

The new road scraper lately purchased by the township council has arrived, and has been stored away for the present in Mr. Lloyd's barn.

Mr. Vickers Lawson has sold out and intends to move to Marlett, Mich., shortly.

Messrs. Troit and Phillips shipped another carload of hogs today.

MIDDLESEX.

An excellent time was spent the other day at the residence of Mr. George Garty, third concession of Wm. minister, it being the wedding of Mr. Garty's daughter, Jennie, to Mr. George S. Simpson, of Chicago. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. H. Sawers of Westminster, in the presence of immediate relatives and a few personal friends. The bride was attended by Miss Bowman, of London, while Mr. A. Garty, brother of the bride, assisted the groom. A large number of presents, handsome and useful, testified to the esteem in which the young couple are held.

The Brodie farm in Mosa was recently offered for sale at public auction, but was not sold. The farm is held at \$3,000, and the highest bid was \$2,700.

There was almost a panic in the Thorndale Methodist Church on Sunday owing to an adjacent chimney fire. A timely assurance from the pastor prevented any disturbance.

"Shave your Soap"—so the soap-makers say, especially if you're washing delicate things. Now, in the name of common sense, what's the use? When you can get Pearlina in powder form for this very reason, why do you want to work over soap, which, if it's good for anything, gets very hard and difficult to cut. Besides, Pearlina is vastly better than any powdered soap could be. It has all the good properties of any soap—and many more, too. There's something in it that does the work easily, but without harm—much more easily than any other way yet known.

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