



The Broken Circle!

CHAPTER VII.

"No," she answered, faintly, "I could not live the life that is proposed for me. I hate it. I prayed to Heaven to send me deliverance. I cannot refuse it now that it has come."

"You need not do so," said the general. "I wish your sister would come too."

But Hettie clung to her father. After a few moments Martin raised his hands.

"I am no prophet," he said; "but I believe in the natural order and the natural fitness of things. I predict that over the head of the child who has forsaken me dark clouds will gather; I predict for her a sad life in the midst of wealth, luxury, and gaiety. For the daughter whose faithful heart and tender love are my consolation I predict happiness in life and in death. May Heaven confirm what I say!"

"We will have a proper understanding," said Sir Arthur Hatton. "I am not unreasonable, though I frankly confess I dislike everything about you—your name, your character, your life, and its aims. I am implacable in my resentment against you for having stolen my sister and blighted her life, and I will never willingly hold any communication with you—never. You and I will be strangers; your children will be strangers, if one goes with me and one remains with you—strangers always. I shall require that they neither write nor speak to each other, except it is a case of life and death. But, if you are ill or dying, and send for Leah, she shall come. If Hettie be dying, or ill, and send for her, she shall come."

"Neither in life nor in death shall we meet again," declared Martin Ray.



The Kidneys

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He stood up, gray, worn, and haggard, a prematurely old man.

"You are the best of daughters, Hettie," he said, slowly; "but she—well, you see, she was more than a daughter to me. I wanted to live again in her. You are all that is sweet, kind, and gentle; but she had fire and passion, she had power and eloquence, she would have been a light in the darkness. I shall never be the same man again, Hettie. I did not know that I could be so human. I did not know that I was capable of valuing so highly the love of a slip of a girl. I think better of myself for my own grief, Hettie."

She whispered to him, after the manner of loving daughters, that he was perfect, that no man could be better; and unconsciously the gentle fatality soothed him.

"How strange," said Hettie, "for all this to occur in one day! This morning how little we knew of what was about to happen! This morning I hardly remembered that mamma had a brother. She talked to us about him sometimes, but I had nearly forgotten him. Now—"

"Ah, now," sighed Martin Ray, spreading out his hands in speechless distress—"now all is changed!"

Hettie looked up at him with wistful eyes.

"Father," she asked, gently, "was my mother really an aristocrat?"

"Good Heaven, no Hettie! Certainly not. She was a lady; she came from a very ancient and honorable family."

"That is something to be proud of, is it not?" she asked, innocently.

And Martin Ray glared at her with angry eyes. He could not say "No," and he would not say "Yes." It seemed to him that these children of his, so long docile and blind in their belief, were suddenly rising up against him.

"Why do you hate my mother's brother, father? Why could you not be friends with him?" she persisted. "It would have been so pleasant to have an uncle. Why could you not be friends?"

"Why were not Napoleon and Wellington friends?" he asked pompously. "Why are the hare and the hounds, the dove and the hawk, not friends? We are enemies naturally, as are they."

"It seems so strange," said the girl, who was still a child. "How angry his face was, and how stern his voice! He thought you had been cruel to my mother. Why did you not tell him it was not so?"

Martin Ray paced up and down the little room; the sickly yellow light from the setting sun still lay upon the floor—the door through which his daughter had passed out for evermore was still open. Hot anger was rising in his heart. Up to the present he had been mastered and distressed by surprise and pain; now the wonder was past, the pain deepened, and he grew wrathful. What right had this man, his dead wife's brother, to come and take his child from him? If it had been Hettie, it would have been more bearable—for he was by no means averse to money—but Leah, bright, beautiful, proud Leah, who was to have crowned the name of Ray with fame—it was worse than parting with his life's blood to lose her. Angry passion surged in his heart against the man who had taken her. He could not endure the simple, innocent prattle of the child who had been faithful to him. He turned to her with a darkening face that almost frightened her.

"Hettie," he said, "you are too young to know all that a vow imports; but you understand its solemnity?"

With beautiful wondering eyes she answered "Yes."

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I had a perfect follow through. It made me sick to think that I must shortly put my golf clubs by. "Oh would," I cried, "that this were Spring."

I might perpetrate this swing. Were this the start and not the close, I'd give real battle to my foes. At last my drive is simply great. But my success has come to late!"

Now comes the Spring, and I shall try March, April, May, June and July. To drive a golf ball as I did. That day when Winter shut the lid. I'll struggle, strive and pitch and strain.

To get that follow through again, And wonder vainly through it all. Just what it was I did last Fall.

August shall come and I shall be Ten strikes away from eighty-three. Still wondering, desperate and mad, About that perfect stroke I had. September days will come and go. With me a decent score to show. Then one raw day I'll find the swing. Only to wait another Spring.

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