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THE QUEEN OF THE SEASON

CHAPTER XXXI

Their first actual contest arose in this wise: Cressida and the earl declared...

Let who would sneer at these excursions, they were really very delightful ones.

The trio therefore were wont to return glowing with exercise and in the best of spirits...

On the summit of a high bank of chalk her ladyship chanced to espy a plant she wanted...

By this time Vivien was not in the most placable of moods.

"How stupid of Lord Mandeville!" she exclaimed as soon as she discovered the loss of the trowel.

"Over yonder, gathering the woodmen you were admiring."

"Excuse me, Lady Vivien, I cannot be the bearer of such a message as this."

"But it may be gone by then, and I consider the marquis deserves to be punished for his carelessness."

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not look at me so gravely; I am not going to say anything slanderous...

"I was about to remark that the marquis is exceptionally stupid."

"Not wholly. He is warm-hearted and well-intentioned; he will, I hope, develop into a steady, sensible man; but I will confess that there are moments when I wish he would not fetch and carry like a well-trained retriever...

"I am sure I always thank him prettily," the young lady demurely protested.

"So you do your gardening when he brings you a choice exotic for your hair, and your maid when he fastens your glove."

"I did not know that men were so incorrigibly selfish as to grudge the small services courtesy demands from them, unless they obtain an equivalent for their pains."

"Everyone likes to have that, Lady Vivien, whether he be selfish or no," was the reply.

"Indeed! Your remarks are rather puzzling sometimes, Sir Innis. Would you have the marquis keep an account against me? So many suits spilled in scrambling through hedges and ditches for rare specimens—so much shoe-leather worn in trotting after a certain demoiselle on certain days? And what payment am I to give him, if gracious and grateful words count for nothing in your estimation?"

"Ask him to do nothing that can lower him in his own eyes; or, in other words, treat him as your equal."

"By birth, certainly. I will say your lordship to the marquis the next time I have occasion to address him. What next? This is only rule the first. What else must I do to satisfy your rather—excuse me—exaggerated ideas of what is due to this foolish, awkward boy?"

"I am I to answer this question?" he smilingly demanded. "Will it not expose me to another of your cutting comments on my tendency to lecture?"

"If I ask a question, I certainly expect a response," said Vivien, coldly.

"Then, if you say to me what amends shall you make to Mandeville, I, as his friend, must reply, behave to him as to one whose deficiencies appeal to your generosity; delicately aiding him to overcome his shyness and those little weaknesses which expose him to the ridicule of the unthinking."

"Take the task upon yourself, Sir Innis. It will suit you, while to me it would be a most distasteful one. I am not so fond of opening the eyes of my friends to their faults. Now I have affronted you!" she said presently, when she found that he walked on beside her in thoughtful silence.

"On the contrary; I was trying to comprehend why you speak of these trivial spots on Lord Mandeville's character as if they were grave errors. Do you not perceive that it is only an excessive anxiety to please you that makes you forget how we may stoop too low, even to oblige a lady?"

"Vivien took off her hat, and fanned herself with it; then turned suddenly to her outspoken companion:

"With pleasure, after I have seen you safely to the house."

"But I prefer that you should go now—immediately!"

"I will do so as soon as Mandeville joins you."

"Then you are not as grumpy in practice as you are in precept. You are as willing to do my errands as the lad on whose good nature you have been bestowing so much of your attention."

"But Sir Innis was not a whit discomposed. He bowed equally low, and then began to retrace his steps; but as he did so the wild lady's mood changed."

"She flitted after him, and tapped his arm."

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with this sudden partiality for the marquis," Vivien sarcastically inquired.

"I have told you that I like him well enough."

"And is that all? Then it is to mortify me that you have been indulging in this treatise on good manners? No, don't spare me, sir," she added, her eyes beginning to sparkle angrily.

"I have long known that Aymer's bosom friend considers himself a privileged person."

"Privileged, I hope, to run away when his fair antagonist threatens him with the loss of her temper; and Sir Innis raised his hat and walked quickly down the woodland path, a turn of which soon hid him from her sight."

"[To be Continued.]"

NEW RAILWAY COMBINATION

With a Great Scope Springs Into Existence.

A Hard-Working Employe of Whom Little is Heard—Strange Occurrence on the Wabash.

An official of the Wabash, in commenting on the disturbed condition of rates, said: "The strict integrity characterizing the traffic and other departments of the Wabash, is a shining beacon light to all other competitors."

Master Mechanic Buchanan, of the New York Central, says it will be a long time before any electric locomotive will take the place of the steam machine on that road.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, nearly 32 miles of loaded cars were handled by the Pennsylvania Railroad through the Altoona yards.

The New York Morning Press says: "A new railroad combination has sprung into existence, and its scope is so much greater than the old pools and associations that they appear like pygmies in comparison."

The first step toward forming this new combination has been taken. It consists of an alliance between the Vanderbilt lines and the Pennsylvania system.

A strange occurrence, which, for the last week, has caused the Wabash Railroad Company a great deal of annoyance and will entail heavy expenses, occurred a few days since between the Wabash and Huntington.

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The Appetite of a Goat. Is envied by poor dyspeptics whose Stomach and Liver are out of order.

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HUNTER SHOT AND KILLED. Holland, Mich., Dec. 12.—William Vanlent, aged 30, was accidentally shot and killed near here Saturday while hunting. He leaves a widow and two children.

FATAL RAILWAY WRECK. Menominee, Mich., Dec. 12.—The wreck of two passenger trains on Saturday morning was the worst ever seen in this section.

FELT UNDER THE CARS. Guelph, Dec. 12.—John Mulrooney, aged about 21 years of age, and a son of Patrick Mulrooney, of this city, while trying to board a moving G. T. B. freight train, slipped and fell under the wheels.

FOUND WIFE AND CHILD DEAD. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12.—When Frank Brooks, of 1,657 Russell street, this city, came home from work Friday night he found in one bedroom his wife, shot dead, and in another his 9-year-old daughter, also dead.

KILLED BY A FALLING TREE. Ridgeway, Ont., Dec. 12.—Henry Leonte, while felling trees on the Springfield farm, about three miles from here, Saturday afternoon, was struck on the head by the limb of a tree, killing him instantly.

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Return Tickets will be sold as follows: General Public: Single First Class Fare, going Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1898, and Jan. 1, 1899, returning until Dec. 27, 1898; also on Dec. 31st, Jan. 1st and 2nd, tickets good returning from destination not later than Jan. 4th, 1899.

Teachers and Students: (On surrender of Certificate signed by Principal): Single First Class Fare and One-Third, going Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1898, returning until Jan. 18, 1899.

Commercial Travelers: (On presentation of Commercial Traveler's (Railway Certificate): Single First Class Fare, going Dec. 17 to 26, 1898, returning until Jan. 4, 1899.

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