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The marquis was overcome. In his admiration he forgot to observe Maria had proposed what he so much wanted. "You will go—you will leave here, signora?" he exclaimed.

"Yes, my lord. If Lord Cecil really loves me, as you say, my presence would prove a perpetual torture to him, as I should have to avoid his society more than ever. His will is of the kind to be strengthened by resistance. Therefore, I would, if you please, quit here secretly, allowing no one to be aware of my future destination."

The marquis rose up, crossed the room, and took both her hands in his. His voice was broken with emotion, as he exclaimed:

"To attempt to thank you for this noble act, signora Saponi, is quite beyond my power. I need only promise to express the profound admiration with which you have inspired me. In my life I have had reason to admire the heroism of many noble women, but never have I honored any more than I do you. Would to heaven no social barrier existed! None would have rejoiced more than I."

Maria did not answer. She merely bowed her head to hide, perhaps, the dewy moisture in her eyes.

"Signora, promise ever to hold me as your friend," he proceeded, entreatingly. "In trouble or in need, promise to apply to me. I will aid you most delightfully."

"My lord, I will not forget. I thank you. Then, almost pleadingly: 'My lord, may I not see you again?'"

"Assuredly, if you wish; but I shall see you again," he rejoined, yet holding her hands.

"I do not know," she said, "I must seize the first occasion that offers, my lord; it may be this evening."

"No, no. I cannot hear of it. Why, my poor child, where will you go? I cannot permit you to leave thus."

"Do not be concerned, my lord, for me," she said, smiling faintly. "I am not quite friendless. I have a friend who will gladly receive me until I procure another situation. Since I have learned the truth, I feel I must not remain."

"Stay an instant," he said. He perfectly understood her, and pressed her to his breast. Approaching the table, he wrote hurriedly; then, returning, presented her with a check for £500.

Maria flushed crimson and drew back.

"My lord," she said, "I am grateful for the generous instinct which creates this offer; but you have done it without reflection. I am sure of it. I cannot receive this sum—I cannot be paid for what I do."

"Pardon me, signora; I am justly reproved," he answered, apologetically. "For worlds I could not have offended you, believe me."

"I do, my lord. Your kindness shall never be forgotten."

Wondering at this girl, whom he found himself unconsciously treating as he would a countess pur sang, and each moment growing dangerously to admire, the marquis, tearing the check, wrote another of just the amount due to Maria.

She received it with quiet thanks, then prepared to withdraw.

"In case I may not see you again, signora," remarked the marquis, extending his hand, "farewell."

She took it modestly.

"Can you forgive me?" he proceeded, fervently. "Believe me, I too, suffer."

"I know it, my lord. But you are acting very wisely. Farewell."

He stooped and raised her hand to his lips, then opened the door for her. Recollect, while I live, signora, you have a firm friend. One day, pray put me, to the test."

"I will not forget, my lord, thank you."

Was that occasion ever to arrive? The marquis watched her sweep along the hall, up the stairs, then, closing the door, returned to his chair, and covered his face with his hands:

"The brave, noble girl," he reflected; "she owns she loves him. I knew it. That one unguarded action when she learned the truth confessed it before her lips, and her heart is breaking. Oh! caste—caste! how many more victims than Jugernaut! However, Cecil is saved—saved! Is it to his happiness or not? Will he come across such another girl again even in his own sphere?"

Meanwhile, Maria, locked in her own room, sat on her bed, was finding relief in a passion of tears. It was not all regret at leaving her happy home. Frequently she murmured, in mental agony:

"He loves me—he really loves me! Why will not my heart break, and let all be ended? Why must I begin life again with this weary, weary load?"

CHAPTER XXI.

When the earl heard from Lady Davenant how Esmer had come to town without his knowledge, he heard but a confirmation of his cousin's account, consequently had no ground to suspect the truth.

"When I saw you at Chiswick, my lord," said the lady, "I fancied you were annoyed and blamed me."

"Most certainly not," smiled the earl. "You are too old and valued a friend for that. I was annoyed, but at Esmer's folly. She, however, has fully explained and all is forgotten."

"I am exceedingly glad," and her ladyship spoke earnestly.

Through her nephew she had already heard some of those rumors which blighted Esmer's name with Lady Westbrooke's, and, an old friend of the Mortmain family, had felt for the earl.

"I am sure I wish he was not bound," she reflected. "Only a self-sacrificing saint could be happy with Esmer for a wife. When wedded, however, she may be different, for I do believe she loves him."

Seeing the girl that day, few would have doubted it. Gerard could not. Apparently in the most animated spirits, she seemed to seek every opportunity to please him and display her affection. She sat by his side, or on a low ottoman at his feet—for the earl had felt it imperative to devote that day to her—and chatted gaily of past and present, recalling incidents of her life at Leithington. Once she started him, when they were alone together, by taking his hand, pressing it to her cheek and lips, and waiting forth, with a pleading moan:

"Gerard, cousin, do love me! Don't let anything come between us. I will do what you wish. I will obey you in all things, but never let me be."

Moved by so humble an appeal, the sincerity of which he was too truthful to suspect, he put his arm around the slim waist, and, sorrowing bitterly that he could not love her as he should, kissed her forehead, saying:

"My dear Esmer, have I not told you you have never had, nor shall ever have, cause for jealousy? What do you fear?"

With subtle glance and voice calculated to deceive, she replied:

"That my happiness is too great. Gerard, I fear lest it should not last. The more I look upon you, the more unworthy I feel—the more worthy all other women. Have I not cause? But for your promise you would never have wedded such a deformed little thing as I am. Now confess."

Her face was raised to his with a smile, yet there was a strange shadow in the dark, inexplicable eyes.

The doubt possessed such truth that the earl found it difficult not to look guilty; also to make a rejoinder without hesitation. He succeeded by adopting a tone of badinage.

"When pretty women deprecate themselves," he said, "it is in order to win a compliment. I will not satisfy such feminine vanity, but bid you consult your glass and let that reply for me."

The girl flushed crimson with delight. However deceptive a woman may be, she never suspects it in others. When they flatter her, she believes them.

"You deserve a kiss for that pretty speech, cousin, and shall have it," she laughed.

Putting her tiny, doll-like hands on his shoulders, she kissed his cheek. It was Gerard's turn to color. Imperceptibly his whole being shrank and shivered beneath the contact. It was hard upon him as upon her that he could not appreciate such endearments. It was pitiable that he could not look upon Esmer but Lucille's sweet countenance intervened, also pitiable the knowledge that this ill-fated union destroyed Lady Westbrooke's happiness as well as his own.

"But she will forget, she will marry another who will be happy, beloved, and the proud mother of her children."

Such were the reflections passing through his brain during the rather exhaustive evening, when Esmer, weary from leaving them together—drawing closer, and resting her hand on his arm, said:

"Dear Gerard, I am now eighteen; when shall we be married? When may I experience the pride of being your wife?"

"Oh," he could not refrain from saying, smiling, however, to soften the sarcasm, "the Countess of Leithington?"

[To be Continued.]

Behind every great man you will find a great mother. Behind every great man you will find a healthy child's physical and mental well-being depends to a tremendous degree upon the condition during the period of gestation. If, during these critical months, the mother suffers from weakness and disease of the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of maternity, the chances are that her child will be weak, puny and sickly, with the seeds of serious disease already implanted in its little body at birth. If the mother, during the interesting period, suffers from the abnormal mental states which render periodically with women who are weak in a womanly way, these conditions will impress themselves upon the mind of the child.

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New York, Sept. 14.—Thirty-seven carloads of musk-melons, consigned to a New York dealer, were rejected in the Erie Railroad yards, at Jersey City, yesterday morning by the consignee.

The only reason given for the rejection was that there were too many melons in the market. The cars containing the melons went to the foot of Manhattan avenue. There the cars were opened.

The melons were dumped in the meadows west of Jersey City Heights, but news of the windfall spread like wildfire. Hundreds of residents hastened to the scene and carried home baskets full of melons. The peddlers descended on the cars and loaded their wagons without interference. The fruit sold well in Lower Jersey City, as the people there were not aware of the presence of unlimited quantities of melons.

The people of Jersey City are anxiously awaiting its arrival.

The railroad authorities refuse to divulge the name of the New York firm to which the melons were consigned.

The Austrian Government has enlarged the boundaries of Vienna to such an extent that the metropolis now is now half as large as London, twice as large as Paris, and three times larger than Berlin.

COST OF WAR TO POOR SPAIN

Reaches the enormous Total of \$274,800,000—Aside From Loss of Ships and Colonies.

Aside from the loss of her colonies and the ships destroyed in battle the war has cost Spain about \$274,800,000.

Including the cost of preparation in anticipation of the war begun by Spain in May, 1875, these sums have been raised and expended: From the sale of 22,544 Cuban notes, \$25,422,253; from the sale of 60,000 Cuban notes of 1888, \$4,784,897; loan of 400,000,000 pesetas on the customs guarantee, \$74,400,000; from the sale of silver, \$896,338; loan of Bank of Spain on the Cuban guarantee, \$59,400,000; loan of the Bank of Spain on guarantee of contributions, \$22,000,000; loan of the Bank of Spain, \$4 per cent internal debt, \$2,000,000; Philippine taxes, \$37,000,000.

These sums do not include debts for transports, etc., contracted with the Government, which are placed at approximately \$62,000,000.

According to the information all the money obtained has been sent on expeditions sent to the colonies, whose total amounted to 150,431 soldiers, 6,223 officers and about 7000 generally.

Of the millions expended only \$5,000,000 was spent by the Spanish Government to increase its naval force.

BROKE HIS BELL

Uproar in the Spanish Senate—The President Powerless to Keep Order.

Madrid, Sept. 13.—There was another uproarious session of the senate today. Count Almenara gave the names of the generals he recently said ought to have sashes tied around their necks instead of around their waists, naming Weyler, Blanco and Primo de Rivera, after which he also included Admiral Cervera in the category, and said Gen. Linars was also incompetent, and ought to be arraigned.

Thereupon Gen. Weyler and others loudly protested. Gen. Weyler called on Count Almenara, shouting and threatening each other. The president of the senate vainly strove to restore order, and broke his bell in attempting to do so.

FROST AND SNOW

Corn, Beans and Potatoes Suffer—Five Inches of Snow.

Metamora, Mich., Sept. 14.—The first frost of the season occurred here Sunday night. The temperature in the lowlands were badly nipped.

Frost did considerable damage to corn and other crops in the vicinity of Flat Rock.

The frost at Gagetown has done much damage to the late crops—beans and late potatoes suffering the most.

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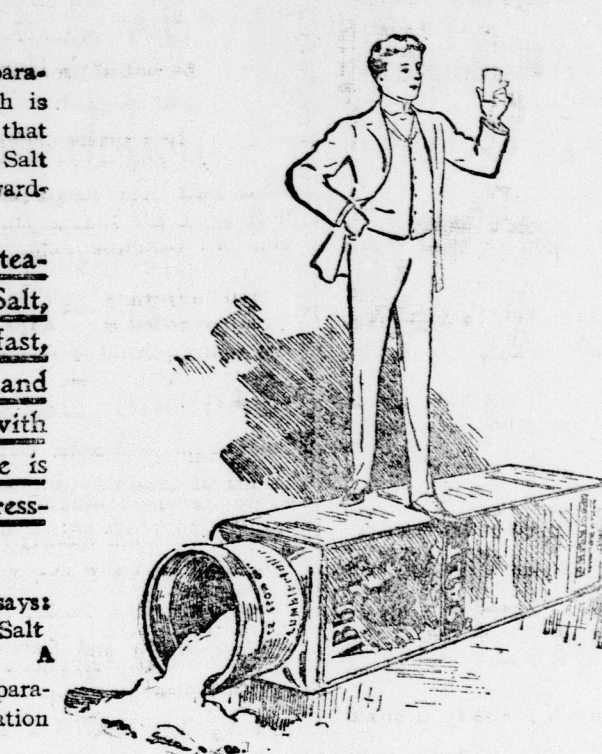
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