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MR. ESHOLT'S YOUNG WIFE.

CHAPTER IV.

On the afternoon of the day following that of Peggy Myer's visit to Tydd Street, a cab stopped at the door of Mrs. trake's house, and presently the landlady in person appeared before Miss Granby, holding a visiting-card gingerly with a thumb and finger and a corner of her apron, for she had been interrupted in the middle of her breadmaking. Miss Maria took the card wonderingly, and read the name, "Mr. Robert Esholt," aloud. "Gracious me!" she exclaimed, dropping "Gracious me !" she exclaimed, dropping the card as though it were red hot; "how has he found us out, I wonder, and what can he have come for? Dear, dear, and I with this shabby gown on!—Agnes, my love, not a syllable about the shirt-making." She was all in a flutter, arranging her curls and her lace collar before the dingy glass over the chimney-piece.—"Now, Mrs. Strake, I think you may show the gentleman Strake, I think you may show the gentleman in, please," she said with a little gasp.

Then was Mr. Esholt ushered into the

dingy sitting-room, and coming forward, shook hands with Miss Maria. "My dear Miss Granby," he exclaimed, "how happy it makes me to see you again after so long a time. Just the same as of old, I see. It might have been only yesterday that I saw you last, instead of fourteen long years ago." Then turning to the white-faced invalid: "You do not remember me. Miss. Agnes. I "You do not remember me, Miss Agnes, I daresay; but I have by no means forgotten when I accompanied my brother Richard on one of his visits to the vicarage. — You are of course aware, Miss Granby, that I lost my Granby's death, with all these little delibrother some years ago. -He was one of your father's oldest friends, Miss Agnes; they were at college together, for Richard was originally intended for the Bar. Mr. Granby wrote me a mosttouching letter, after his death, which I have to this day, and years ago. I was but a young fellow then, while Richard's hair was turning gray. -Do while Richard's hair was turning gray.—Do you know, my dear younglady, that you were rather fond of me at that time, and many a romp we had together?—I knew you again in a moment, for all you have grown up and in a moment, for all you have grown up and in a moment, for all you have grown up and in a moment. romp we had together? I knew you again in a moment, for all you have grown up, and have not nearly so much colour in your cheeks as you had in those days."

He had kept on talking with a view of giving the ladies time to recover from the nervous perturbation into which his unex-pected visit had evidently thrown them. He now drew up a chair, and sat down with the air of one who was determined to make himself at home.

"Pray, Mr. Esholt," said Miss Maria, "if I may venture to put such a question, by what means did you discover our humble

"'.)h, that's a secret," answered Mr. Esholt with a laugh, which I am bound under heavy pains and penalties not to divulge—And allow me, with all respect, to remark that I think it was due to the friendship which has existed for so many years be-tween the two families to have informed me long ago that you were in Liverpool, instead of allowing me to make the discovery through

another channel."
"Mr. Esholt, sir," replied the spinster, flushing painfully, "you must be aware that my niece and myself are no longer in the same position that we were in two years ago -that our worldly circumstances are now greatly narrowed. We thought it only due Will leave Cobourg daily, Sunday except-

I cannot agree with

your philosophy at all. What is a friendship worth that will not help to ward off the II p m., except Tuesday, at 9 p.m., and strokes of ill-fortune? But I will lecture you on this subject some other day, and succeed Calls at Brighton Wednesdays, and observe Wednesday and Friday morn more charitable creed. For the present it is enough that I have found you, and you may rely upon it that I shall not readily lose sight of you again. I have been informed, how or by whom matters not, that Miss Agnes has been ordered to spend a month or two at New Brighton for the re-establishment of her health; and judging from her looks, I can well believe such to be the case. -Now, listen, please. I have a cottage at New Brighton ready furnished, with a housekeeper in charge of it. It was bought and fitted up for the use of my sister, who generally passes some weeks there every summer. At present, however, she is in North Devon, and the cottage is empty. Now, if you and Miss Agnes will go and take up your abode there for so long a period as you choose to stay, you are truly and sincerely welcome to do so, and you will be

obliging me very much into the bargain."

Miss Maria's fingers began to twitch and tremble, and for a moment or two she was unable to utter a word. Then she said : "Really, Mr. Esholt, while thanking you sincerely for your most generous offer, I am compelled to say that we shall be under the necessity of declining it. Neither my niece nor myself could think of putting ourselves under such an obligation to any one.'

"Miss Granby," said Mr. Esholt more gravely than he had yet spoken, "it is absolutely necessary, so I am given to understand, that your niese should have the benefit of the sea-air. The means of obtaining what she requires are placed within your reach. Do you feel yourself justified, allow metoask, in refusing those means, and thereby retarding your niece's recovery, and all for a slight question of obligation, as you choose to term it? Had your brother and mine been now alive, do you think that either of them would have hesitated to accept such a bagatelle at the hands of the other? While the memory of their friendship is with us, do not, I beg, stand on such triff-

ng observances."
Miss Granby was silent, if not convinced.

"Oh, as for me, no one but myself knows how.I long to get out of these close stifling rooms," she replied, looking out wearily across the hot street. "I want to sit on the sands and watch the waves and to feel the cool sea-breeze. Were I to say otherwise, I should not be speaking the truth. — Don't be angry, Aunt Maria, but I feel as

ton the next day but one. Meanwhile, he would arrange to have everything in readiness for their reception, and would come

eight years old. He was tall and inclined to be thin, and had a very slight stoop of the shoulders. He had a long thin face and a prominent clear-cut nose. All the lines of his mouth and chin spoke of firmness and determination of will; but his eyes, of the darkest brown, rarely lost the kindly look which was patural to them, and lent a softness to his expression it would otherwise have lacked. His whole bearing was that of a keen clear-headed man of business, who knew his own mind and had the courage of his opinions. Few faces were better known

on 'Change than that of Robert Esholt.

Mr. Esholt's visit passed like a freshening breeze over the parched lives of our two ladies. Next day, Agnes felt decidedly bet-ter than she had done since the beginning of her illness. She was in a pleasant flutter of spirits, and could talk of little else than Mr. Esholt's kindness and liberality and how she should enjoy herself at the seaside. Mr. Esholt was there to the minute, and saw them safely across the water and duly installed in Syringa Cottage. It was small, but tastefully furnished, and had a pleasant outlook across the mouth of the Mersey. The housekeeper and a girl were there you. The last time I saw you was when you were not much higher than this table. It was when I accompanied my brother Richard on they found their table furnished in a style cacies so tempting to an invalid's fastidious appetite, especially when coming unexpected ly. There, too, they found a well-filled bookcase, and, what to Agres was more precious than all else, a piano. Her own inshall always keep.—But, as I was saying, my brother and I visited at the vicarage fourteen years ago. I was but a rown and ever since her arrival in Linear and in the sale, and ever since her arrival in Linear and its content and its cont ever since her arrival in Liverpool she had felt like a stranger in a thirsty land for months past.

Miss Esholt being still from home, the loneliness of his bachelor establishment seemed to strike Mr. Esholt in a way it had never done before during his sister's absences, so he asked premission to visit the ladies occasionally, a permission which they were only too happy to accord. So on Saturday afternoon he left his office earlier than usual and found himself at Syringa Cottage soon after two o'clock. The ladies were out somewhere on the sands, he was told, so he went in search of them. He saw them in the distance, Agnes seated in a donkey-chaise, and Miss Maria walking by her side. He stood for a moment or two to contemplate the picture, and then went forward to meet them. The crisp salt air and the sunshine, combined, it may be, with Mr. Esholt's sudden appearance, had called an evanescent wild-rose tint ato Agnes's pallid cheeks. Mr. Esholt was struck with her leveliness for levels. her loveliness-for loveliness rather than beauty was the term to apply to her—as he had not been struck before. The ladies received him with unaffected pleasure, and they all wandered about together till Miss Maria declared that Agnes had been out quite long enough. Then they went indoors and had a cosy cup of tea, after which Agnes played for a short time, and then Mr. Esholt rose to go. They pressed him to come again as soon as possible, and he was glad to promise that he would do so.

A month passed away, and found Mr. Esholt at the cottage two or three times a The fascination grew upon him, and he could not resist it -it may be that he made no effort to do so. It was something new to him, and he smiled when he thought of it, to find himself in the middle of the day in the direction of the Cottage, while his to the score of the friendship which had exas eager to see him as he was to hasten to them. He occupied their thoughts and monopolised their conversation in a way which could not but have flattered him had he been aware of it, while his more powerful mind dominated theirs and colored their lives far more than they suspected.

The autumn days grew shorter, and Christmas was within measurable distance, but still Mr. Esholt would not hear of the ladies leaving New Brighton. Whenever Miss Maria ventured to broach the subject, he put her down in a quick peremptory way such a thing for at least a week to come. His visits were still as frequent as at first; neither wind nor weather kept him away. He was regarded by both ladies with a feeling of lively friendship—a feeling which his every word and action led them to believe was reciprocated. Nothing in his speech or man-ner betrayed anything beyond that; but all his life he had been trained to conceal whatever feelings it did not suit him to show on the surface. He wore a mask habitually in business, and it had become so far a second nature with him to do so that he often forgot, or did not care, to lay it aside in pri-

One wet Sunday evening after his usual quiet farewell, Mr. Esholt held deeper commune than usual with himself on his way home. Standing near the funnel of the steamer, buttoned up in his waterproof and smoking his cigar, he pondered deeply a intermomentous question. "Lam decidedly in tone love with this girl," he said to himself, "and ng observances."

Miss Granby was silent, if not convinced. Her mental perturbation was great. At length she said: "I will leave my niece to decide the question for herself."

Mr. Esholt turned to Agnes with a smile.
"What say you?" he asked.
"Oh, as for me, no one but myself knows moment downted his ability add the little was too sagacious and clear-headed to deceive himself in a matter about which so many men are self-deceived. "The question is, Shall I propose to her or shall I break the affair off?" He never for a moment downted his ability add the highlity and have been from that first Saturday when I saw her on the sands."

He was too sagacious and clear-headed to deceive himself in a matter about which so many men are self-deceived. "The question is, Shall I propose to her or shall I break the affair off?" He never for a matter about which so many men are self-deceived. moment doubted his ability to do the latter. "I have no reason to believe her heart is touched in the least, so that at present it is a question which concerns myself alone. I must go abroad shortly on business. Why not make that my wedding trip also? or else take the opportunity to break through this enchanted web as harmlessly as may if I should never get well while I remain shut up here."

Mr. Esholt had won the day.

this enchanted web as marmlessly as may be? But why not marry her, provided always that she would have me, which seems somewhat problematical? For one So, before he went, it was agreed that the ladies should cross the river to New Brighthat the ladies should be recommended by the ladies of the ladies "好玩玩"

heart, be it ever so slightly, and that difficulty, if it be one, will quick y vanish.—
But what would Janet think and say?"
That was the most awkward question of all—one which brought him, as it were, to a dead look a dead-lock.

He was still turning the point over in his mind, considering it from different points of view, when the steamer reached Liverpool, would arrange to have everything in readiness for their reception, and would come himself at the time appointed and see them safely to the end of their short journey.

Robert Esholt at this time was thirty. eight years old. He was tall and inclined to be thin, and had a very slight stoop of

True to hisself-made promise, Mr. Esholt let matters go on as usual for another fortnight, showing neither by word nor sign that such things as love or marriage had any place in his thoughts. On the day fixed by himself he sought an interview with Miss Granby, and told her that he was desirous of marrying her niece, and wished to have her consent to mention the matter to Agnes. Miss Maria could hardly have been more surprised had the proposal been about to be made to hecself. She held Mr. Esholt in the greatest respect, and stood somewhat in awe of him as well, so that her consent was readily given, though she could not help shedding a few tears as she gave it, while thinking of all that she and Agnes had gone through during the last two years, and of the bright prospect that had now revealed itself so unexpectedly be-

fore them. Agnes sat like one spellbound when Mr. Esholt told her in a few brief impassioned words how deeply he loved her. Frost-bound, rigid as a statue, she sat, even after those words had ceased; while he stood before her, his elbow on the chimney piece, waiting for her answer. Even in the midst of her surprise and dismay, it struck her as somewhat incongruous to hear this grave middle-aged man of the world discoursing in such wise to a girl like herself. It was as though some long extinct volcano had suddenly burst through the snows of centuries and revealed the fiery heart at work below; for to her youthful imagination Mr. Esholt seemed far older than he really was.

Mr. Esholt changed his balance from one foot to the other, and without thinking what he was doing, looked at his watch. He had not the slightest wish to hurry Agnes, but his business habits kept the upper hand of him even at a time like the present. The movement, slight as it was, brought Agnes back to actualities and helped to steady her thoughts. "I cannot answer you at once, Mr. Esholt," she faltered. "I must have time to think over what you have said. You have surprised me so much that I scarcely know how to express myself. My aunt shall write to you." And so, like a pale ghost, she flitted from the room. In her heart she thought she knew quite well what her decision would be, but just then she could not find courage to put it into words.

All the following week Mr. Esholt was more assiduous at business than usual, and more silent and self-absorbed in manner; only when his letters were brought in each morning he turned them slowly over one by one, as half hoping, half dreading to find that which seemed so long in coming. It came at last, a tiny billet in Miss Grandby's crooked, angular hand, containing but three lines—an invitation to tea for the follow-

mr. Esholt's proposal to Agnes had opened the old wound afresh, which time was beginning to heal over. She was startled to find how dear to her heart the image of Wilmot Burrell still remained. It seemed like sacrilege to think of marrying another. The image was overthrown, never public that to be upreared again; but in her eyes it was he is manu-beautiful still. Mr. Esholt she respected, facturing liked, looked up to with girlish reverence: but Wilmot, alas! she loved. Burning tears of love and shame watered her pillow again old stand, and again after Mr. Esholt's declaration. Whether she married him or not, the future lay bare and bleak before her, uncheered by hope, without one ray of sunlight to brighten the path which led onward into the dim

and unknown future. Supposing she were to refuse Mr. Esholt, she and her aunt could no longer continue longing for five o'clock to arrive; to find to be the recipients of those kindnesses at his thoughts, even when on 'Change, veering his hands which had hitherto been put down eye would glauce up unconsciously at the large clock visible thence and note the slow lapse of time. The ladies were quite Cottage had of late, as she knew, been a source of silent worry to Miss Maria, andit was only for the sake of her, Agnes's, health that they had not brought their holiday to a close some time ago. Now they must perforce fall back into that hard-working, poverty-stricken life from which, by Mr. Esholt's kindness, they had been temporarily rescued.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Once Too Often.

A recent German paper tells the story of an elderly man who had for a wife one of which fluttered her nerves for an hour an elderly man who had for a wife one of afterwards, and made her afraid to hint at those trying persons who, according to their own ideas, are always in the right, and who make it a point of conscience to prove every one else in the wrong.

The poor man was never allowed to make any statement without baving it instantly disputed by his accurate but irritating spouse. She had acquired such a habit of correcting and contradicting him, that, according to the story, she one day made a mistake which gave her suffering husband a chance to laugh at her.

"Do you remember, my dear," he said in a retrospective mood, "the letter-case em-broidered with pearl beads that you made for me with your own hands, when we became engaged? It was worn out years ago, but I can still see it very plainly. On one side there was embroidered a beautiful butterfly, and-

"The butterfly was on the other side! interupted his wife, in her most decided

And she always complained that Mr. Underfeld "was fond of telling stories without any point," whenever he referred to this conversation afterward.

The English census returns are showin the tendency of the time to leave the agri-cultural districts and flock into the cities and towns. In Northamptonshire there has been an average reduction of 20 per cent. in the population of the agricultural districts. and an increase in the manufacturing districts of from 30 to 50 per cent. Several of the larger villages have more than double. All the villages and small towns in South Lincolnshire show reduced populations as compared with 1881. Boston, however, keeps up, having been 18,330 in 1881, and 18,329 now. The agricultural districts in

I had been troubled five months after eating and a heavy load in the pit of my stomach. I suffered frequently from a Water Brash of clear matter. Sometimes a deathly Sickness at the Stomach would overtake me. Then again I would have the terrible pains of Wind Colic. At such times I would try to belch and could not. I was working then for Thomas McHenry, Druggist, Cor. Irwin and Western Ave., Allegheny City, Pa., in whose employ I had been for seven years. Finally I used August Flower, and after using just one bottle for two weeks, was entirely relieved of all the trouble. I can now eat things I dared not touch before. I would like to refer you to Mr. McHenry, for whom I worked, who knows all about my condition, and from whom I bought the medicine. I live with my wife and family at 39 James St., Allegheny City, Pa. Signed, JOHN D. COX.

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