

Ruled Destiny!

CHAPTER IX.
IN THE GLOW OF LOVE.

He kicked at a broken leaf impatiently.

"I promised you; I stayed because you asked me," he said, emphatically; "and you know it."

Floris trembling, picked up her fan. He looked at his watch.

"I have just two minutes more, if you please!" he said, significantly.

"Are you going to be away long?" asked Floris, for the sake of saying something, and speaking as very indifferently as she could.

"I don't know. I dare say. Two or three years, perhaps!" gloomily.

Floris did not speak.

"Why should I come back?" he went on. "I am tired of London life—for the matter of that, I am tired of life altogether. It seems to me that the clever individual who wrote the book called 'Is Life Worth Living?' might have saved himself the trouble, seeing that everybody knows the answer! Life is only worth living when one can get what one wants, and as one never gets the one thing that one wants above all others, why the game is not worth the candle!"

"And yet you have so much," murmured Floris.

"Oh, yes. I know!" he said, bitterly. "I know what you would say; I am a peer of the realm; I am rich—thanks to a fluke of the law, which has enriched me at the expense of others."

Floris colored, and turned her head aside.

"I have heaps of friends, am my own master, and the rest of it! And yet I question whether there is a more miserable man in London than I am to-night, for I have set my heart upon a thing, and I cannot get it."

"I think the five minutes are up, my lord," said Floris.

He took no notice of the reminder, but sat staring at the ground.

"So, Miss Carlisle, I will say good-by. May I say that I hope I go carrying your good wishes with me? Don't speak for a minute, please!" as Floris was framing a commonplace on her lips.

"I know that—that you dislike me! No, I will not say that! You are too good and gentle to dislike anyone! I will not say dislike! But I cannot but feel that my presence is distasteful to you. How can it be otherwise, seeing that it reminds you of all you and yours have lost. Heaven knows that if you would accept it I would restore it all to you—every penny."

"My lord!" coldly, proudly, and yet with a tremor in her voice she tried hard to conceal.

"There! I beg your pardon! I know—I say I know it is not possible! Do you think I have not learned for myself how proud you are, even if you had not told me in so many written words!" and he touched his breast.

"Yes, I keep your note still, to make me miserable when I am far away!" and he laughed bitterly.

Floris drew her cloak around her, and turned her head from him.

"I shall often look at that note, Miss Carlisle. It will serve to remind me that life is not worth living. But, I beg your pardon, I am keeeping you."

He got up, then, before she could move, he sat down again.

"Will you not say that you wish me well, Miss Carlisle?"

Floris opened her lips, but for a moment no sound came, then, at last, she murmured, very softly:

"Yes! I wish you every happiness, my lord!"

"Thank you!" he replied. "But if it is any consolation to you, let me assure you that your wish is quite in vain. I am not happy, and I shall not be. Shall I tell you why?"

Floris was silent, and he did not speak for a minute.

"Yes, I will tell you!" he said, as if he had been debating in his mind whether he should do so or not. "Miss Carlisle, I am going to make you very angry. It is probable that when I have spoken, you will forbid me ever to speak to you again. I am a fool to speak! All day I have been telling myself that it would be better for me to take myself off in silence, but I cannot. I am like the man who stole a fox, and who concealed it under his vest, and was silent until the last moment. This is my last moment, and I

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AS he spoke the momentous words, not faltering, as did poor Bertie, but with a grim intensity, with brows knit, and lips set firmly, Floris' heart seemed to stop beating, then gave a great leap of wild joy, of ecstatic triumph, of sublime satisfaction of one who has been long athirst, and feels the cup of life-saving water at her lips.

"I love you!" he said.

A deep crimson spread over Floris' face and neck, and her eyes sank, heavily weighted, while her hands closed on her fan with a spasmodic grasp; but she said no word.

She could not; if she had tried to speak, her lips would only have echoed that grim emphatic avowal: "I lovee you!"

"You are angry!" he said, in a very low voice. "I expected it. You think I have no right to tell you this after the unmistakable signs of aversion you have bestowed on me. I know it. I plead guilty. But I cannot help it. This is the last time we shall meet—you will be glad, I know. We have never met yet but I have offended you, and you have found it necessary to—yes, snub me! But this is the very

last time, and—and—will you forgive me?"

She did not speak; she could not. He stooped and took up his opera hat, and looked from it to her as if hesitating whether to go or wait for a word.

"Will you not speak to me?" he said, gravely.

Still she was silent.

Then, as if passion goaded him beyond prudence, he bent over her and laid his hand upon her arm, his strong fingers burning hot and seeming to brand her with their own passion.

"Floris! Have some pity! Speak to me kindly! One kind word! Your icy looks and proud words have cut me to the heart often enough, Heaven knows. Don't hurt me with them now—now that we are going to part!"

"Floris, I love you! I even loved you—think of it!—before I saw you. Even before we met your pride and scorn whipped and tortured me! Unbend a little now, Floris. Send me away—as I know you will, but send me away with one kind word! Say 'Bruce, I do not like you; I have cause not to like you—or yours. Your name is hateful to me, and I am glad that you love me, and I am glad that you love me, and—and if you had been another man—if you had borne another name, I might have loved you.'

"Will you say something like that, Floris? Don't let me take away with me for a last remembrance, to haunt me for months, a proud, angry face, a scornful retort. I love you, Floris. I shall love you, I am afraid, for a long time! Tell me that you are sorry for me, at least!"

Still she was silent, her averted face white and constrained; her pride doing battle with her love, and losing ground, inch by inch.

He shrugged his shoulders.

"Before Heaven," he said, "I do not think there was ever a prouder woman or a better later. Good-by, Floris. I wish that I could hate you as you evidently hate me!"

He turned as he spoke, then hesitated, went back, and took up the edge of her cloak, still warm from contact with her soft, white arm.

"Good-by," he said, and he bent and pressed the cloak to his lips, not reverently and fearfully, as poor Bertie bestowed his caress, but with a fierce, passionate wistfulness. "Good-by, my Lady Pride."

As he bent, even as his lips touched the soft swansdown, her hand went out, not swiftly, but hesitatingly, reluctantly, toward him.

He stopped, with fond, eager, hungry eyes.

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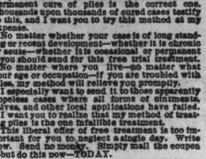
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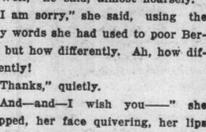


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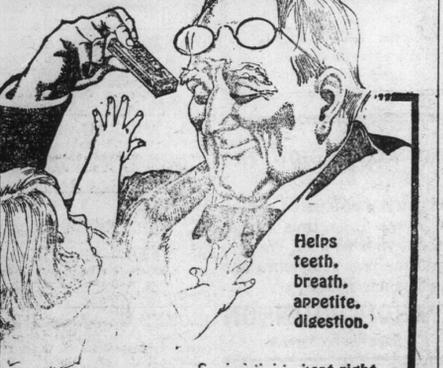
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Germans delivered a violent pro-
tore fire along the whole front
Rheims, from the region of Avri-
west of the city, as far east as
Pompelle. At nine o'clock the
my infantry began an attack on
French positions between these
points. The French troops re-
the German attack with complet-
cess, the counter barrage of
French artillery proving very ef-
between Avriigny and Ormes Ge-
assault troops were stopped by
French fire and forced to re-
many times to their places of de-
ture and were not finally able to
the French positions. Around Ri-
violent combats developed, during
course of which the enemy suf-
heavy losses and was everywhere
pulsed. East of Rheims the fig-
likewise ended to the advantage
the French. The Germans had
been successful in penetrating
woods northeast of Sillery, they
driven out by a French counter-
tack. Prisoners taken in the re-
of Rheims declared that the town
attacked by three divisions, and
were ordered to take the place
costs during the night.

GERMANS SUFFER HEAVILY

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY
FRANCE, June 19.—Large units
German shock troops had been
sent out on the west side of Ri-
between Virigny and Ormes,
which went over to the assault
eight, were met with such a
fire from the French defence that
were unable to make the slight
progress. They suffered such
after trying time after time to
the French positions that only a
of the attackers were able to re-
to their own lines.

SPLENDID WORK OF BRITISH

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS,
19. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)
Montello, the oval-shaped chain
hills which hinges the Austrian of-
sive, has been occupied for sev-
months by the British, who can
Italy under General Plumer. A
ish division occupies the south-
ridges of Asiago plateau with
French on their right. The Bri-
after reconnoitering the advanced
positions momentarily abandoned
Saturday morning with a view
strengthening the line, not only
sisted all Austrian attempts, but
handy counter attack in a fast
that caused an Italian superior of-
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