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"You will not think it a liberty," he said. "Your son was my dear friend. I could not have loved him more had he been a younger brother of my own. Miss Temple," he continued, "I should apologize to you. Poor Bertie always spoke of you as his little sister. I have been so the constant habit of thinking of you as a child. I have no other apology to offer for venturing to have this lock made."

"I was a very young child when Bertie went," she replied, "but my age makes no difference to your kindness. Lord Selwyn; whether you thought the lock was for a big girl or a little one, it was equally good of you."

She took the pretty lock and opened it. The ring of hair lay there bright and golden, though it had only been cut off yesterday. He watched the changes on her lovely face, as she looked long and earnestly at it, then kissed it, without one word.

"I can not tell you how I thank you," said Mr. Temple; "there are some services that no words can repay—this is one."

Lord Selwyn spent the evening at Oakside. He talked of nothing but Bertie. He told them every little incident—every little anecdote he could remember; and in doing so, revealed his own kind, generous heart and noble nature, as well as the father and daughter alike were charmed with him.

As for the young earl himself, before he had spent one hour with Lord Selwyn, he knew that he had met his fate. It was a complete case of love at first sight. Her beautiful, ever-changing pure young face charmed him; her musical voice thrilled him with every tone; her words were like music to his ears; and her thoughts, so noble, charmed him.

He knew at once that no other woman would ever charm him as she did. It seemed to him that in meeting her he had found the rest of his life—the better part of his soul.

"I am not leaving Woodveas at once," he said to Mr. Temple, when he took his leave that night; "the country is so beautiful that I look of staying here some weeks. It is some time since I have been in the deep green heart of the land, and I want to enjoy it."

After these words it was not wonder that Lord Selwyn was quite blind to what was going on. Lord Selwyn took lodgings at Woodveas; he made a point of spending his evenings at Oakside, and Mr. Temple became attached to him in a quiet way; he enjoyed his companionship, and felt deep gratitude toward him.

It is true that during these few weeks he often looked in silent wonder at Lord Selwyn's face, and thought how bright and well the child was, and how fair she grew; but he never seemed to remember that she was of an age to love or be loved.

Sometimes, when he returned to the evening, she would tell him that Lord Selwyn had called that morning with a book, and they had been sitting together; and again, it would be that she had met Lord Selwyn, and they had walked together up Croom's Hill, or through Burbank Wood. Yet it never struck the man, whose whole soul was absorbed in his business what was going on.

Lord Selwyn gave himself up to the charm. He was deeply passionately earnest in love, and he knew it; there could be no more happiness for him without Vivante.

He lingered on at Woodveas, trying all in his power to win the love of that pure young woman, who, at last, the time came when he could keep his secret no longer, and one evening, when Mr. Temple had been obliged to return to his office for papers, and the two were alone, he surprised her into confessing that she, too, loved him.

"Against my better judgment," she said, "with a saucer, bewitching smile, 'but I can not help it.'"

After two days of deep thought and consideration, Horace Temple, bewildered as ever, gave his consent; and the marriage of Lord Selwyn with Vivante was arranged to take place in September.

## CHAPTER V.

No other land has homes so fair, or more stately; no other land has home in the same sense of the word. Perhaps one of the fairest is Selwyn Castle, as it stands, lofty and pre-eminent, among the hills of Kent.

The counties of England are like a group of fair sisters. Each has some peculiar beauty which belongs exclusively to itself. Kent is perhaps one of the fairest, as it is one of the most fertile; it has the charm of land and sea, of white cliffs and fertile valleys.

Its luxuriant vegetation seems to run

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wild-seems to run over the tops of the steep cliffs, even down to the sea. The hedges, the meadows all green and golden; the streams, broad and deep; the hills crowned with tufted trees—all make scenery the most varied and charming. From the hills, and arches one catches ever and anon a glimpse of the blue channel waves. The sky seems fairer, the grass greener, the flowers more luxuriant.

Selwyn crowns the summit of a tall hill, whose sides, covered with trees and flowers, slope down to the sea. No park surrounds it, but the pleasure grounds are extensive and magnificent. There is, too, a deep, clear brook of vast extent, bordered by drooping trees, whose branches touch the water.

Though there is no park, the Thornleigh Woods are close, and the River Thorne runs at the foot of the hill. Selwyn Castle has long been one of the show places of the county. It has a superb picture gallery, where some of the finest works of the old masters hang; where statues of world-wide renown are placed amidst green plants. It has state-rooms; Queen Elizabeth slept in one, when she made her royal progress through Kent. Long ago the Merrie Monarch, too, had some pleasant days at Selwyn. It has deep, broad balconies, from which one can see the blue waters of the channel breaking on the British shore. It has large oriel windows, and towers that can be seen among the trees miles away. It has a grand carriage-drive, made through a long avenue of chestnut trees. It has conservatories, hot-houses, ferneries, and gardens that are unequalled even in sunny Kent.

The interior of the castle is magnificent; the hangings, the furniture, the pictures, are all superb. There are nooks and little rooms; there are cushioned seats in the deep bay windows, and all would fancy were designed by an artist for the express accommodation of lovers.

Selwyn Castle is well known—it figures in every book of views; it has been sketched and painted perhaps more than any other place in England.

Lord Huldbrand Selwyn, the last earl, had been a very wealthy man. He had almost doubled the revenues he had bought for very little, and he had turned out a magnificent speculation, for mines were discovered upon it, and they alone, for many years, had yielded princely revenues.

Lord Huldbrand had never married. His life, the particulars of which were never known, but when he lay dead, a ribbon was found round his neck; hair, and a ring, containing a woman's story of that love was fastened to it. Known, never even hinted at, but the ribbon was buried with him. Lord Huldbrand had one brother, Gerald, differed from himself as light from dark, sensitive, utterly unfit to cope with the world, possessing as little real knowledge of life as a child.

He married, as most timid, retiring men do, a proud, imperious lady, ambitious and worldly, who only ambition seemed to be that she should live to succeed Lord Huldbrand. On Vivian all the hope of his life was fixed.

Of course, Lord Huldbrand educated him, sent him to college, made him a most magnificent allowance, and caused Vivian to insist on joining the army.

Every one opposed him—the Honorable Gerald Selwyn, his father, had been dead for some years—but his mother was almost violent over it. Every one represented to him that he was the only heir, the only hope of the Selwyns; and, if anything happened to him, both title and estates must go to some far relation, whom no one either knew or cared for. He laughed, declared that a soldier man no greater risk than any other man. All opposition was withdrawn at last. Captain's commission for him. Lord Selwyn, with the express agreement that he should leave the army when his turn came to reign at Selwyn.

On this morning, a fair one in June, the windows of the breakfast-room at the Castle were thrown wide open; the flowers outside seemed to be peering in, and the heads of the guests; the flowers outside seemed to be peering in, and the heads of the guests; the flowers outside seemed to be peering in, and the heads of the guests.

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Baby.

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Questions of the Day.

Despite a storm, which at first was only an ordinary fall of snow, attended by no disagreeable features, but which developed into a blinding blizzard, with wind that blew the sharp sleet stingingly against the face, there drove to the village of Delaware yesterday, to attend the annual meeting of the South Middlesex Reform Association, a surprisingly large number of representatives from every portion of the riding. Mr. J. P. Grigg, of Stratford, presided over the meeting, which was characterized by hearty approval of recent actions of the Dominion Government, by commendation of the policy of the Ontario Government, by confidence in and appreciation of the splendid abilities of the Dominion Government, Mr. Malcolm McGugan, M.P.

Among those who were present were: Messrs. Malcolm McGugan, M.P.; President J. P. Grigg, Stratford; C. W. Lockwood, secretary, H. Hardy, Godfrey McGugan, Thos. Falls, Duncan Brodie, A. Waters, Wm. Lockwood, D. Lamont, Frank Lockwood, M. Pauls and J. Clark, of Carleton Place; T. Turnbull, P. McIntyre, Donald Campbell, Malcolm Fletcher, D. McArthur, N. Graham, P. Graham, Neil Fletcher, A. McGugan, C. M. Simmons, and Malcolm Fletcher, of Lobo; J. K. Little and J. H. Elliot, of Carleton Place; E. W. Lett, J. M. Keiser, of Hays, H. C. Johnston, S. Sutherland and Rev. A. L. Leitch, of Delaware.

Upon the completion of some routine business, the chairman spoke briefly, indicating the course that would be pursued throughout the meeting. He eulogized Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and also spoke approvingly of the Dominion Government's judicious administration of affairs, referring explicitly to its efforts for closer unity between the motherland and Canada, its management of the Alaskan boundary question, and to its splendid patriotism in sending the Canadian contingents to South Africa. Such administration had been endorsed by the people, and such a government had been and would continue to be supported by the people.

**THE NEW OFFICERS.**  
Immediately afterward, the election of officers for the coming year was held, and resulted as follows: President, Mr. J. C. McDougall, Westminster; first vice-president, Mr. Neil Graham, Lobo; second vice-president, Mr. J. K. Little, Westminster; treasurer, Mr. H. H. Johnston, Delaware; secretary, Mr. C. H. Lockwood, auditors, Mr. John Macpherson, London, and Mr. Peter Graham, Lobo; township conveners, Hiram Harris (Lobo), E. Hewlett (Delaware), H. Elliot (Westminster), H. Hardy (Carleton), J. M. McEvoy (South London).

**M. MCGUGAN, M.P.**  
The representative of the riding in the Dominion house, Mr. Malcolm McGugan, was given a splendid reception when he arose to speak. He expressed his pleasure at meeting so many of the representatives from all parts of the constituency, many more than he anticipated on such a rainy day. He was glad that he had met because he intended to explain to them certain differences between the Liberal and the Conservative governments. Since the latter was defeated, Sir Wilfrid Laurier had conducted the affairs of the country in a manner that was proving to be for its best interests. When the Conservatives were in power the Liberals had taken issue with them in many matters. One of these was the policy of making money promises to make very material reductions. They had done so. Their policy was not the National Policy. When Hon. Mr. Fielding introduced his first budget, he was told that he would run the country into bankruptcy, that the factories would shut down; but instead of these Conservative predictions coming true, the factories had been enlarged and employed more hands. The country was being paid better wages. Articles which used to be dutiable—some 47 in number—were now free. Many of these were farmers' personal requirements. On many others the duty had been reduced, and on others there had been a reduction made under the preferential tariff. With reductions on 147 articles, the Conservatives were saying that the National Policy was a failure. Even with the reductions the revenue was increasing at the rate of \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 annually. The Liberals desired economy in spending the people's money. They wanted a wise expenditure. Such was the making of Montreal the terminus of the Intercolonial Railway, by which action the road had become a paying institution for the first time since it was built. The Liberals had also promised to repeal the franchise act, which had been done, and as a result revisions were now made at less expense than before. The superannuation act had been superseded by a new system, whereby 5 per cent of salaries was withheld, and formed a retiring allowance. By this method the people did not have to pay for superannuated officials' maintenance. The gerrymander act was another matter, but the Conservatives were at variance with the Conservatives, but the attempt to replace it by the redistribution bill had been balked by the senate, who claimed that it was being put in at an inopportune time. This bill, however, would be introduced again. It was the intention, also, to reform the senate, but the government had been unable to do this yet. Mr. McGugan then dealt exhaustively with many matters that evidenced the increased prosperity of the country under Liberal rule. By the management of Mr. Mulock the postoffice department was now nearly on a paying basis, despite the introduction of the penny postage. The Yukon was being opened up at no expense to the older portions of the Dominion. The revenues from that district, in two years, had exceeded the expenditure by nearly \$450,000. By the present method of subsidizing railways they will have to carry the mail, troops and provisions, and if this same method had been adopted in years gone by there would have been a saving of \$1,375,000 for the mail alone. By the Hon. Sydney Fisher's action in removing the quarantine from Canadian cattle in 1897, the country had benefited by more than \$500,000 in two years. The government had done everything possible to facilitate the exports of the farm produce, and their efforts had been attended with enormous increases. In concluding, he hoped his course had met with their approval.

He was proud to be a supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, than whom there was no statesman more devoted to his country, more worthy of the country's support.

**ALEX. STUART, Q.C.**  
Mr. Neil Graham, of Ivan, then took the chair. Mr. T. H. Purdon, Q.C., was to have spoken, but owing to the severity of the storm and to his recent poor health, he was unable to be present. In his absence, the chairman asked Mr. Alex. Stuart, Q.C., to address the meeting. Although he had not intended giving an address, Mr. Stuart said that he was glad to bear such a good statement from their member. It was convincing evidence that the country's affairs are being well administered. There never was a time when the people could have more confidence in their government than they could today. There had been a time when, by reiteration, the Conservatives had led the people to believe that the National Policy was the savior of the people. Now they were convinced that the Liberal policy had brought the greatest prosperity. Mr. Stuart found cause for especial pleasure in the fact that the statesmanship of the Laurier government had resulted in closer relationship between Canada and Great Britain, and between the two Canadian races. He commended heartily the action of the government in sending troops to South Africa to aid the cause of the empire.

**C. M. SIMMONS.**  
Mr. C. M. Simmons spoke in approving terms of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's actions since coming into power, and urged that he be long supported. The country was prospering, and he believed that the government would have a free hand in assuring future benefits. What had been done had been wise. He hoped that the government would subsidize some steamship lines in order that the farmers might always have cheap transportation to the old country. Mr. Simmons advocated the necessity for more earnest and thorough local work in the election campaigns.

**J. M. McEVROY.**  
Mr. J. M. McEvoy spoke very briefly. He emphasized what he had said in regard to more thorough work. There had been disappointment on account of over-confidence in times past. He spoke very highly of the representation of Mr. McGugan in the house, where his grasp of large matters had caused him to be a power, especially where their interests were concerned. He believed that the government would have a free hand in assuring future benefits. What had been done had been wise. He hoped that the government would subsidize some steamship lines in order that the farmers might always have cheap transportation to the old country. Mr. Simmons advocated the necessity for more earnest and thorough local work in the election campaigns.

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