

POETRY.

NO TELEPHONE IN HEAVEN.

"Now I can wait on baby," the smiling merchant said, As he stooped and softly toyed with the golden, curly hair.

SELECT STORY.

ZILLOH ST. CLAIR.

By the author of "The Gipsy's Revenge," "A Woman Scorned," etc.

CHAPTER III.

THE EMBROIDER.

CONTINUED.

"But Bruce—dear Bruce," she began hesitatingly, fearful in her great love, of wounding or displeasing him by seeming mistrust, "you don't mean—you surely don't mean that I should have to go away without telling, at any rate, my uncle and Val?"

"Care!" She repeated the word with an accent of tender yet passionate reproach, and in her dark eyes was a look that thrilled him with rapturous exultation. "Ah! Bruce, my only fear is that I care too much!"

"Then trust me, will you my own?" and he bent over her and pressed her hand, and softly kissed her cheek. "Will you, my own, my sweet?" he pleaded again, and in her silence he read consent. Ah! foolish Zilloh!

"Yes, I think—I am sure I could," murmured the girl, speaking half hesitatingly still. "Then dear, you must catch the very next train, so that you may be in London before dark; it is only a short journey, but you must be very careful of yourself, my sweet. I would not suffer my precious girl out of my sight for one single moment if I could help it; but this will be the last time, the very last time, that I shall have the right—and oh! how I shall use it!—to be with you wherever you go."

"But Bruce, I must go home first," pleaded the girl, alarmed and troubled, in spite of her love, at the haste which marked all his arrangements. "I must just see my uncle once more, and Val, and the dear old home; I must say good-bye to them, even though it be only said within my own heart."

Then they were to be married at the nearest church and depart straightway for the continent. One stipulation, however, she had insisted upon; she was to write to her uncle, informing him of her marriage, before she quitted England. In a very few minutes he had conducted her to a first-class carriage, in which she was the only passenger, he having tipped the man lavishly in order to secure to her privacy and every possible comfort. There was still a moment to spare before it was time for the train to start; he employed it in leaning against the window of the compartment, murmuring last instructions and tender last farewells. Suddenly she leaned forward and said, in a voice which was thrilling in its intense solemnity—

CHAPTER IV.

STARTLING DISCOVERIES.

AFTER that encounter with Lord Bruce, Val walked slowly homeward, and found in the library a note left by his guardian, to the effect that he had been hastily summoned to a sick person in the adjoining village, and did not expect to return home before morning.

"Where is Miss St. Clair?" he asked the old housekeeper, when he read this note. "I must speak to Zilloh at once," was his inward thought; "now that her uncle is away, I shall have an opportunity of opportunity for a private talk with her."

"Miss St. Clair is out, Mr. Val," was the unwelcome intelligence that met his question. "Oh! very well. Please let me know when she comes in," he said, seating himself in an easy chair near the window—ostensibly to read a book, really to muse upon Zilloh, and to watch for her coming. Hour after hour he sat there, straining his eyes across the garden and along the lane beyond, but his watch was vain; no Zilloh appeared in sight.

"I really don't want any tea, thank you, Mrs. Morris," said Val wearily. "If I will bring me a cup here, I will drink it, but nothing to eat please." He had his cup of tea, and resumed his watch at the window. He felt strangely anxious and uneasy; a foreboding feeling that he was settling coolly upon his heart, and yet there was nothing very unusual in this prolonged absence of Zilloh. It might easily be accounted for, on the housekeeper's supposition, that she had called at a friend's, and been persuaded to remain through the evening. Val tried to persuade himself that this was so, but in vain; his heart refused to be convinced, it would torment him with doubts and fears, that were all the darker because of their vagueness.

At length the sun began to set behind the distant hills—and still Zilloh was unable to endure the fever of suspense, he rose, put on his cap, and went out, leaving a message with Mrs. Morris, that he had gone to meet Miss St. Clair. When he had reached the village, his first step was to call at the house, very few in number, where it was at all probable that Zilloh might have called. She had not been seen at any one of them; and Val, his heart growing cold and heavy beneath the weight of sickening fears, set his lips tightly together, and made his way to Mrs. Stone's, at whose pleasant cottage, the artist stranger had taken up his abode.

"Is Mr. Delmar within?" he asked, his voice sharp and anxious, in spite of his efforts at perfect calmness. "Laws, no, Mr. Grey! That isn't. He's left, and sorry I am to say it, for a better lodger I never had, most lib'ral and—"

COULD NOT BE MATCHED.

A well-known music hall comedian once entered a hatter's establishment in Regent street to have his hat ironed. While standing bare headed in the shop certain mishap came in, and mistaking him for one of the assistants, handed him his hat with the remark: "Have you a hat like that?"

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AN OBJECTION.

Mr. Gotham—How do you like the city girls? Mr. Spodunk—Oh, they're all right to look at, but I can't say I get along with them very well.

CHAPTER V.

THE WOMAN WHO ASKED FOR LORD BRUCE.

AT half-past ten that same night, Val stood outside a noble mansion in P— Street, the town being as he had ascertained, of Viscount Bruce. When he reached London, he made every possible endeavor to trace Zilloh or Lord Bruce from the station, but without result. He could find no official who claimed to have noticed either of them.

"No, his lordship is not in, is not in town at all," said the lackey pompously. "It is not a bit of use your waiting." "It's false; he is in town. I've seen him, not an hour ago," exclaimed an excited voice, the voice of a woman. Unvoluntarily Val paused, feeling instinctively that he must know more of this late caller's business with Lord Bruce.

"If you know where Lord Bruce is, will you tell me where to find him." "TO BE CONTINUED." Smith Mercereau will never forget the Newburg Disaster. The Woodstock Dispatch recalls the accident on the C. P. R. near Newburg, Junction last February by a reference to one of the unfortunate fellows seriously injured in that mishap, now almost forgotten, except by those who suffered. To Mrs. Mercereau, who now lives in a room in the Exchange hotel at Woodstock, minus one leg, and with the other only made anything but useless through the indefatigable exertions of his faithful doctor, the time since the accident seems long and weary indeed. He was injured in the collision. It was cold, and the poor fellow had to lie, all crushed and helpless, until he could be cut out of the wreck. Then he had to bear the ride on the cars to Woodstock, and after he got there the necessarily painful and weakening surgical operations which, however, has been the means of his recovery. Mercereau is an old railroad man, having served some seven or eight years on the road. For a long while he was in charge of all the water tanks along the road, and later on was on the regular work to go on the wrecking train, on the 22nd of February last, which got so disastrously wrecked itself. For weeks and weeks he was not able to stir in his bed, and the doctor had little hopes of his ultimate recovery. It is no wonder that the poor fellow looks back to those days with dread, and shudders as he thinks of them. He has a wife and five children living at Fredericton Junction, and before his accident had a snug little home, and was doing as well as any man in the ordinary way and team. His wife had hope to do. His wife has been to see him several times, and he is pining for a sight of the little ones. A few more weeks and he, in all probability, will be the thankful again, and although somewhat maimed and crippled, it will be a happy reunion for the father and his family. The people of Woodstock have done everything they could to make Mercereau's trying lot as comfortable as possible, and he has nothing but good to say of his treatment. The C. P. R. company, it is understood, have paid his bills to date, and will no doubt see that an old servant, injured for life in the service, will, when he is able to get about, find work to keep him and his family from want.

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