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### Sunshine After the Storm.

CHAPTER XV.  
Will's Marriage.

ALREADY she regarded herself as a married woman and put on those airs of severe reservation common to neophytes in the holy state of matrimony. The treated Louisa and Will very much in a maternal spirit. Her attitude was a satisfactory 'go and be happy, my children.' And Will and Louisa took the tacit permission with joy and gratitude. They wandered among the laurels and sat their dream of love in natural and romantic beauties that had no comparison elsewhere.

One lovely night in early September, they were in Grasmere, at the prince of Wales Hotel. After dinner was over, Mr. Madison being very weary with a day's trout-fishing, fell asleep; and Bessie sat down to read and answer the letters delayed and on time, which the mail had just brought her. Then Will said to Louisa:

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'Come, let us go to the famous Wishing Gate.' She rose with a smile. The moon was at the full; the air was just chill enough to give an excuse for the white fleecy wraps, in which she looked 'lovelier than ever; and Bessie smiled on their departure, with the manner of one, who amid her own important interests, had still a watchful care over theirs. Down the old Roman road they went slowly, hand in hand, to the Wishing Gate. Bessie had talked to Louisa about the magic spot, and told her she must be sure of her desires, because whatever she longed for on the spot would certainly come to pass. Then Bessie, who has a nice little imagination of her own, though well in control, began to speculate about the thousands and hundreds of thousands who had stood upon the fair ground and asked for their heart's desire. And she left the hotel 'Wordsworth' and made Louise read how—

Even the stranger from afar, reclining on the moss-grown bar, Unknowing and unknown; The infection of the ground partakes Longing for his beloved; who makes All happiness her own.

So Louisa was well prepared for the mystical glamour of the scene. And, 'oh, how fair it was! The moonlight invested everything with an ineffable beauty. Will was silent. Louisa had no desire to say anything. They leaned upon the bar and whispered to the genius of the spot their wishes; and it all the charm which indulgent centuries had woven thrill their hearts.

And so it happened that the genius was propitious; for they lingered by the bar. Will put his wish to the test, and got it. Then it transpired that Louisa had wished as Will had wished. And that in granting Will's wish she also granted her own. Then Will had another wish. Why should not the promise be made perfect upon ground so auspicious?

That very day they had visited Grasmere Church and sat among its 'crowded pillars' and under its ancient roof, upheld by naked rafters intricately crossed. They had read together the admonitory texts inscribed upon its walls, and marvelled not a little at the winged heads of rudely painted cherubim. And Will, whose soul was sweetest when it soared loftiest, had been strangely touched and pleased to see Louisa, as she entered the church, silently fall upon her knees to keep the charge inscribed above the portal: 'Whoever thou art that enterest this church, leave it not without one prayer to God for thyself; for those Who minister and for those who worship here.'

And in the making of this one prayer Will and Louisa came very closely and tenderly together, kneeling side by side at the oaken bench in the nave.

So Will had taken a strange fancy for the old church of St. Oswald. He felt that marriage would be a very sweet and sacred thing in it, and just as soon as he obtained Louisa's promise to be his wife, he asked:

"Why not, then, in Grasmere Church?"

Louisa was not able to find any reasons worth considering against Will's urgent arguments for his own way. He had always disliked show weddings. He thought marriage ought to be a sacred personal matter. Nothing would delight him so much as a quiet eight o'clock-in-the-morning ceremony, with the rector and clerk, Mr. Madison and Bessie as his witnesses. They could have a family breakfast at nine, and take the ten o'clock train for London. And at London they could decide upon their future movements.

All this perfect plan had come in one drift of thought to Will, after the Wishing Gate had given him his wish. It is the usual way—one favor, and then another to bind it. Louisa had, however, few objections. If affairs took a conservative course, she must either be married in Bessie's house in New York or from her father's house in Texas. Bessie would be the ruling spirit in New York. Alphonse and Margaret were in possession in Texas. In either case there would be a certain amount of dictation and deference. An informal marriage would at once make her own mistress. No one could dictate to her about wedding presents and dresses and meddlesome, disagreeable bridesmaids. These thoughts and kindred ones passed rapidly through her mind as Will traced his plan, and when he ceased his persuasive arguments she was ready to answer:

"Dear Will, whatever pleases you most pleases me most." Bessie, upon being taken into council, screwed up her pretty face and looked at first very dissenting. But as Will reiterated his arguments, she was busy with some of her own, which fitted very well into Will's. It would rather detract from the éclat of her

own wedding to have Louisa's in New York. Whether Louisa's was before or after hers, there would be comparisons. Then it would be a little 'stunner' to Ambrosia to find that her inseparable Will, her obedient Will, had so married without even a word of advice or permission from her. No one could deny that Ambrosia had acted as if she owned both her husband and her husband's brother. No one could deny that Ambrosia was awfully patrolling. Will's sudden marriage would be a little lesson for her. Women have no special ill-will in such thoughts. They simply like to get ahead of one another. Men do the same.

So the wedding took place, and was as fortunate in all respects as the wooing had been. It was such a day as September sometimes gives, serene and bright. The sunshine flooded the ancient altar and the rector's white vestments and the kneeling bride and bridegroom. The organ welcomed them with a joyful melody, and sent them forth with a triumphant measure. An atmosphere of chastened gladness prevailed every event, and the going-away was only noticeable for its composure and for the general disposition to say: 'What a suitable ceremony! What a lovely bride! How sure they are to be happy!'

At the very last moment, as Bessie was kissing the bride good-bye, Will said:

"Bessie, dear, do me one more favour: Will, Ambrosia and tell her. I will write as soon as we reach Paris."

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### Items of Interest.

Charles Street, Whitehall, is to be re-named King Charles Street, and not Clive-gate, as at first suggested. The street was originally named after King Charles II.

The cruel massacre of St. Bartholomew commenced at Paris on August 24, 1572, when about 70,000 Huguenots, or French Protestants, including women and children, were murdered.

The death of Dr. Danford Thomas, at the ripe age of seventy, removed, at the last of the old-fashioned London coroners from the Metropolitan area. During the time he acted as coroner, Dr. Danford Thomas held over 2000 inquests.

On August 22, 1485, the Battle of Bosworth Field not only put an end to the reign of a king who was a murderer, a usurper, and an unworthy ruler, but it also ended the War of the Roses, which had been carried on at intervals for a period of about thirty years.

The Bull Hotel, at Dartford, one of the oldest coaching houses in the country, and frequently referred to as Dickens' is to be sold by auction. It was built in 1462, and was in 1688, General Fairfax stayed while his troops were awaiting the Royal army on Dartford Heath.

At the Jubilee festival of the Nelson (Lanes) Co-operative Society, in which 15,000 people took part, a monster cake was in evidence, weighing over one ton, and containing the following ingredients:

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