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—Mrs. SALLIE JAYNES, 27 Lyon St., Anderson, S. C.

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Ruled Destiny!

CHAPTER XXVII.

A BLOW THAT STUNNED.

"You ask me to trust you," she murmured. "If you knew how all faith in a man's words was slain in me you would scarcely hope that even what you have said could move me."

The tears came into her eyes, but she brushed them away quickly.

"Before I can give you any answer, I must tell you my story. When you have heard it you will know how impossible it is that there should ever be any power in my heart to give back the love you have spoken of. If—when you have heard all, you still think you will wish that I should be your wife—"

He seized her hand, but she disengaged it, and went on, with an unnatural calm.

"If you should still think that I could make your life better worth the living, then—"

"Then you will say 'Yes'! You will be my wife!" he murmured huskily. "Oh, take my answer now; before you say another word. I care not what may have happened in the past. I care not. Oh, do I not know beyond all doubt that let it have been what it may, you are pure and blameless!"

His absolute trust and devotion touched her.

"Listen to me and be patient," she said. "You, who have only seen me here in Florence, only know me as a woman with a broken spirit, living a life under a dark and heavy cloud. It is hard for me even to remember that a short time ago, ah, how long it seems, sometimes! I was a happy, light-hearted girl! I don't think—"

pensively, and with a faint smile that was more piteous than tears—"that there was ever any girl happier than I was! I used to fear sometimes that I was too happy, and to tremble lest the gods should be envious and send a thunderbolt to shatter my joy-dream—"

"I know," he murmured, softly, sympathizingly. "Ever since last night I have told myself that it would not be possible or right for man to be so happy as your 'yes' would make me."

Floris sighed.

"I was engaged to be married to a man I loved with all my heart and soul—"

He did not move, but his lips set themselves tightly, as if he had determined to permit no sign of any suffering her story might inflict on him to escape him.

"I loved him with all my heart and soul," she repeated, almost to herself, as if she found some strange comfort in the words. "He was my superior in rank and wealth, in position, but the world had forgotten that, and everybody thought that we were going to be very happy. I did not doubt his love, so, to the last, the last moment, I clung to my faith in him. Even now I awake sometimes at night and wonder whether I have not been deceived, badly thought that we were going to be should have been so base and false."

She paused a moment. Like a statue Oscar Raymond leaned on the back of the seat, his hands clasped, his eyes fixed on her face.

"We were almost on the eve of our marriage," Floris went on, in a low voice, which, try as she would to keep it calm and steady, quivered like the tremolo of a harp. "We were staying at a great country house. Happy, so happy, that I began to look upon myself as one beyond the reach of sorrow. One day—she stopped, and her face grew white.

"Why tell me? Why torture yourself, self, dearest?" he whispered, imploringly.

"One day," she went on, as if determined to go through with the task she had set herself, "a servant came to me with a wild story which I at first put down to the ravings of a lunatic. She told me that the man I loved was false to me—"

He did not move, but his eyes grew fixed, with an intent expression in them, as if he were looking through and beyond her.

"She told me that another woman in the same house had stolen his heart from me, and that that very night they had planned to fly together, that he had in cold blood decided to leave me for her, to desert me who loved him with all my heart and soul, who would have given my life to insure one hour's happiness to him, who—"

—if he had come to me and told me that he loved her best, would have given him his freedom and—"

she broke off, and a passionate sob seemed to choke her.

The man beside her did not move, did not speak.

"I—I treated the girl's story as a lie, a stupid invention prompted by spite. I—I—oh, Heaven! it all comes back to me now! I would not believe until I had proof, until I saw, heard, was shown beyond the shadow of doubt that my lover had been false to me. The girl offered proof. That afternoon I followed her to a conservatory near a room. I—I saw the man I loved at the feet of the woman who had stolen him from me; I—I cannot go on. I—oh, leave me! leave me!"

And hiding her face in her hands she wept, wept bitterly for the first time since her mother's death.

He stood beside her like a man turned to stone.

Gradually the truth had broken in upon his soul.

"Gradually, step by step, he had traced the identity of this woman he loved with all the passion his intense nature was capable of, with the girl whose happiness he had, with diabolical ingenuity, wrecked and ruined.

The blow stunned him. It was as if some one had plucked his heart out by the roots.

Despair—despair darker and more terrible than that which falls upon the assassin—fell upon him, like the cold hand of death.

The girl with the pure, sweet eyes, with the pale, lovely, suffering face, was the girl whose happiness he had hunted down and destroyed!

She was not Lillian Wood, but Floris Carlisle!

CHAPTER XXVIII.

FIGHTING LIFE'S BATTLE.

FLORIS CARLISLE! He clutched the seat with both hands, and looked down at her as she bent forward, her face hidden in her hands, her slight figure shaken by her grief; looked down at her with an expression in his face which, dreadful as it was, but poorly reflected the remorse within him.

Retribution! What retribution could be more dire—more complete than this?

That the very woman who had, as it were, plucked him from the depths of degradation, and inspired him with a desire for a higher life, should prove to be the girl whom he had, with cold-blooded heartlessness, tricked and deceived!

It seemed so direct a blow from an

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Indignant Providence that he stood stunned and overwhelmed.

What should he say to her? Great and merciful Heaven!—what could he say? In an instant a wild temptation assailed him. Why should he tell her who he was, and the crime he had committed?

Why not keep his secret forever, or at any rate until he had married her and made her his own? He might tell her then, perhaps.

He put the terrible temptation away from him with a shudder. Vile as it had been, he was not vile enough for that.

His head drooped; a wistful, aching longing came over him to tell her all; to throw himself at her feet and say, "It is I, who love you better than life itself, who have done this!" but he could not find strength for it.

He waited; silent, motionless—his brain whirling, his heart aching with a dull, gnawing despair.

Floris struggled with her outburst of grief.

Slowly she raised her head, and stretched out her hand toward him, but he did not—could not—take it.

"Forgive me!" she said; "I—I have been very selfish. But it will all come back to me so plainly! It seems only yesterday that it all happened, instead of months ago! And now, now that I have told you all, you see, do you not know that it is impossible I could ever be your wife; do you?"

He tried to speak, but the words died away on his dry lips.

"As yes," she said, "it is better that it should be so, why it cannot be as you would wish it. But I am very grateful; you have been very kind and considerate, and I am sorry that I could not say yes. As to trust, yes, I would have trusted you. I do not think you will go back to the evil life you have lived. If—"

—if she went on, looking up at him and starting slightly at the sight of the pallor and haggardness which had settled on his face—"if you have freely forgiven me for inflicting so much pain on you, will you promise me that—that you will keep the resolution that you have made?"

He was silent.

She sighed.

"If you would," she pleaded meekly.

(To be Continued.)

Household Notes.

Excellent jelly is made of blueberries.

Insist on everything you can being perfect.

Raspberries can be canned without cooking.

Paprika is the best pepper to use with cheese.

Fresh pork should be eaten only in cold weather.

Linens kept in a light room will not turn yellow.

Ginger is the favorite spice for cornmeal puddings.

Cocoa has more nourishment in it than tea and coffee.

Meat pies may be made of any tender leftover meat.

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One potato supplies as much starch as one slice of bread.

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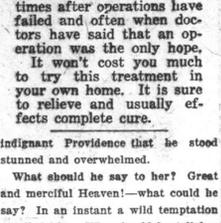
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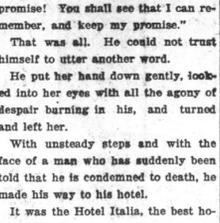
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