

The Broken Circle!

CHAPTER XL.
Death has a majesty of its own; and General Sir Arthur Hatton, who had shown scant courtesy to Martin Ray when alive, who had indeed detested him, now that he was dead, showed due honor and respect to his memory. He remained at the cottage with Leah and Hettie, he attended the funeral, and then the little council was held which decided the fate of so many.

There was no sensation when the quiet funeral procession wound its way down the green hill to the pretty churchyard. Few knew that the once popular "Voice of the People" was laid to rest here, that the man who had taught sedition and treason, whose voice had been as a flame of fire, slept his last long sleep in the quiet churchyard. The waves sang his requiem.

Martha Ray had left nothing but his name. In one sense she daughters were pleased that it was so. It disproved, they thought, most conclusively many of the charges brought against him. He had not made money out of his starving admirers.

The funeral was over, and the general and his two nieces sat in the little parlor, where the blinds were still drawn and the gloom of death still lingered. Now that the last solemn rites had been performed, the general was anxious to return home; it was for no use spending even another hour in Southwood. But he wanted to take Hettie back with him.

At their first interview he had been so entirely captivated by Leah that he had not taken much notice of Hettie. He remembered only that she was fair, sweet, and winsome, and that although he was angry and irritated with her, he could not help admiring her faithful love and devotion to one of the most unprepossessing of men. He had taken her sister away, and had forbidden all mention of her name; but his anger had been against the girl's father, and not against herself. Now that the father was dead, it seemed to him the most natural thing in the world that he could adopt her.

He asked her to return with him, to live with him as his daughter, and not to leave them again. He liked her all the better because she was in no hurry to accept the invitation. The girl's heart was still sore with the old pain. She could not forget all at once that this man who was willing now to make her his adopted daughter had denounced her father in most unmeasured terms; she could not forget the scene in the gloomy little house in Manchester. In death, as in life, her heart was faithful to her father. Had he lived, she would have refused every overture from Sir Arthur; as it was, she was with difficulty persuaded even to listen to him.

On the day of the funeral he asked her what she intended to do. She told him that she would live on there at the cottage, continue her teaching. Site could earn enough money for her maintenance. Sir Arthur looked at her, so young, so fair, so refined, and he vowed to himself that it should never be. Then he talked to Leah. He would do nothing without consulting her. Her eyes filled with tears when she heard of his generous proposal.

"It is the only thing wanting to make my life perfectly happy," she said. "I love Hettie so dearly! No one will ever know what it cost me to leave her."

Yet it did not seem sure that Hettie would consent. To live in grand houses, to wear costly jewels and rich



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dresses, to have every luxury that the world can give, was not much to Hettie. The world could really give her nothing, for she knew it had nothing to give. The general's offer would have been no temptation to her but for her great love for Leah. Sir Arthur was perfectly frank.

"Leah," he said, "I look upon as my adopted child, as my own daughter. From the moment she turned to me, acknowledging her mother's wish from that moment she has been to me my own. You, Hettie, can never take her place, nor even stand near her in my affections!"

To which Hettie, with a slight flush on her fair face, said that she had not the least wish to rival Leah, that she had clung to her father, and that, if the choice were offered to her again, she should do the same thing.

Sir Arthur was not in the least offended at her words; he seemed to like her all the better for this. He kissed her, and her face flushed a little at his caress.

"Come with me, Hettie," he said. "You shall be my daughter. Leah is my heiress; but I will give you a fortune."

"I do not wish any fortune," she answered, simply; "I have no use for money. But I do want Leah. I would be Leah's maid in order that I might be near her."

And Sir Arthur thought, as he saw the two sisters embrace each other, that that would be a thousand plies ever to part them again. They were in perfect contrast, yet there was something similar in the two faces. Leah was proud, Hettie's was tender. Leah was brilliant with the dark beauty of her face, the statuesque grace of her magnificent neck and shoulders; Hettie was all that was most sweet and winsome. Men would probably admire Leah more, but love Hettie best.

Sir Arthur wished with all his heart that his sister had lived, that she might have seen these two fair women. How proud she would have been of them! How she would have loved them! And now they were both alone in the world and quite dependent on him. In her way, Hettie was as deserving as Leah. He would give her a handsome fortune; he could do that without injury to Leah's interests. She might marry well; or, when Leah had married Sir Basil, this girl, who had been so true and so loving to her father, might prove a comfort to him. Had it been the general's wish alone to make her home at Brentwood, Het-

Modern Romeo Ends Up in Jail.

Mike Judge, of Brantford, has cast himself in the part of Romeo, and refuses to be daunted in his performance of the role. Some time ago Mike gave a rendering of the balcony scene, but this lady whom he had chosen for Juliet called in the police when the gallant young lover assayed to climb through her bedroom window. Undeterred by this check of his romance, Mike once more stationed himself outside the lady's window, and started to warble a sardonic inspired by his love, and perhaps by something more potent. The police are not romantic. They now have Mike in the cells charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Hated Marriage; Killed Sister's Fiance.

Hatred of matrimony by two generations of Farwells, has led to the conviction at Madison, Wis., of Hartwell Farwell, a rich Dane county farmer and deacon of the Congregational church at Windsor, for the murder of her sister's fiance. Farwell warned his sister not to attempt to marry. After fifty-two years of spinster life, love came to her and she announced her engagement. Farwell killed Philip Houtsten rather than have another wedding in the family. The jury in the case was out fifty-four hours, returning its verdict recently.

"I've got plenty of money to provide for my daughters, they don't need to worry," James Farwell, father of the convicted man, often repeated to his family. The father died ten years ago, but he handed down the heritage of celibacy to his bachelor son, Hartwell, who became even more bitter toward marriage than his sire.

A Symbolical Ship.

(From the Toronto Globe.)
To-morrow the largest ship in the world will sail from a British port to New York. She was designed in Germany and construction was begun before the war, but she now flies the flag of Great Britain, to whom she was delivered as a prize of war. One of her features is a spacious suite planned to accommodate the Kaiser, which he no doubt would have occupied if his dreams had come true. The ship is a symbol. In the pride of his power William of Hohenzollern boasted that the future of Germany lay on the water. The building of the greatest liner in the world was a detail in this grandiose design. It was a piece of swaggar that must have appealed peculiarly to the megalomaniac who pushed his country into its ill-fated naval programme. History shows fewer episodes of more treachery from than the surrender of this lordship, which typified the pre-war Germany, to the nation whose supremacy on the ocean it deliberately

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Witness Battle at Sea.

Passengers on the Swedish-American liner Frederick VIII, arriving at New York on May 2, described a spectacular pistol battle witnessed off the Grand Banks early the previous Saturday. For more than two hours, the passengers said, they watched a school of porpoise, about 150 strong, eyeballing about the ship. Suddenly there was a tremendous commotion among them. With their glasses the passengers then saw that the porpoise had been attacked by half a dozen sharks. The defenceless fish made every effort to get away, and the sea was churned up as if by a battle of monsters. It ended with the slaughter of some fifty or sixty porpoises, crimsoning the sea for a wide area.

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The trip lasted thirteen months, when they were forced to return, because the canoe containing all their supplies sank. Lieutenant Reginald Smith, one of the party, describing the trip, said:

"We met two Indian tribes apparently undiscovered. They had never seen a white man, and thought us some new kind of animal. They were primitive, unintelligent, and more like apes than humans, not even understanding signs we used to other Indians. The men were nude, except for foliage loin cloths, and the women save for a primitive loin covering of wild cotton dyed with the juice of wild nuts."

QUEERED.

Long years ago G. Grimshaw was in country jail; he was accused of swiping tin snips and other kinds of tools. Of course his spirit was a distress, as yours or mine would be, until the guilty one confessed, and Grimshaw was free. It was an error of the law that sent him to a cell, where he was fed on bread and slaw and water from the well. And he has led a useful life since that dark day of yore, providing nobly for his wife and children twenty-four. And now and then, to serve the state, or prestige gain, maybe, he comes forth as a candidate for some small public snap. And always at the crucial hour when roorbacks must prevail, up comes the story, dark and dour, that he was once in jail. In vain he rises to explain his martyrdom of old; the voters listen with disdain and then they knock him cold. And so he teters through the town, a sad and weary scout; there is a spot in his renown, and he can't get it out. He's washed the spot with gasoline, he's lathered it with soap, but in campaign's its always seen, and he's abandoned hope. This world of ours is most unfair and insistent at times, and none can say its acted square with poor old Grimshaw Grimes. A blemish record is a frost that makes the world seem stale; so let us all; whatever the cost, avoid the country jail.

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