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# Lost Gem

CHAPTER XXXIV.

DISENCHANTMENT. Valencia waited and wondered in vain next day, when at the hour fixed for the drive Mrs. Hannington did not appear. Later in the afternoon a little note from Molly reached her, couched in very cold and ambiguous terms. The writer was unable to drive out that afternoon, she said, and she neither gave a reason nor expressed any sorrow for her defection. This was rather a rude way of treating the proposal, and Lady Val flushed with vexation as she read the note.

"What does the child mean?" she said to herself. "She seems to have forgotten her manners—she never was distinguished for them, after all." Then came a sharp, stinging thought. "Can she have found out?—can he have told her that I—that I offered myself to him on his very wedding day? Surely he would not do that. Bad as he is," said Lady Val, bitterly, "he would not forget so utterly that he loved me once!" But in spite of these doubts and fears

The turned a bright and smiling face on Captain Rutherford, when she met him at a dace that evening and read the question in his eyes that he did not like to put into words.
"I have called," she said, with a little

nod. "I am doing my duty, you see." "You are the very kindest person in the world, Lady Valencia." "I'm afraid it won't be of any use, Charlie. She does not like me." "Oh—Impossible!"

"Quite possible, on the contrary. There are numerous people who don't like me," she said, with a little laugh. "Never mind: I will do what I can for her; and even if she does not come to me. I'll get some other people to call on her, and she can go to their houses." But why shouldn't she like to come

to you?" said Charlie, in a puzzled tone. "Ah, why, indeed! She associates me a little too much with her old home-fife, perhaps," said Lady Val, coolly; "she used to see me at Torresmuir, and her dear little stepmother, who is the whom I have seen for a long time." Indeed! I had an idea that the step-

mother had been unkind to her, or something-"I don't think Molly told you that!" said Lady Val, with a flash of honest

indignation. "Oh, no, no; she said nothing about her. Some one said so at the club, I believe; I suppose it was a mistake."

'Quite a mistake. Mrs. Moncrieff is a charming little woman, with the kindest heart in the world; but she was not experienced enough to keep a tight had on her stepchildren. It has been a great trouble to her. But Bertie adores her," said Lady Valencia, catching herself up with a sense that it was not becoming to talk of the Monerieffs' affairs to their friend's son, "and I am glad of that, for he is really a nice boy, although a little weak in character." "He is either come or coming shortly. You might look him up, Charlie; it would be a kindness.'

"I shall be delighted." "I will get his address for you. Keep him out of mischief, if you can." Captain Rutherford was only too pleased to undertake the commission. As soon as Bertie was settled in London, therefore, he found a very congenial and a very desirable friend ready to hand; and Mr. Moncrieff was grateful to young Rutherford for thus making himself known. It had been one of Alan Moncrieff's initial mistakes in the training of his children to keep them secluded from acquaintances; the consequence was that, debarred from suitable friendships, they had made unsuitable ones for themselves, and the lives of both had been darkened and saddened through evil influences. Bertie was

sincerely anxious to mend his ways and egain the confidence of his father, and it soon became a pleasure to him to spend as much of his time as possible with a man like Charles Rutherford, whose frank and honorable spirit was a perpetual spur and stimulus to his

Rutherford's regiment was quartered at Aldershot, but he found it easy to get frequent leave, and was as much in London as possible. He kept his word to Lady Valencia, however, and was careful not to go too often to the Hannington's. He had found it necessary, for his own conscience's sake, "to pull up," as he said to himself, "in time." For it was becoming a pain and an irritation to him to see Molly's pale and unhappy looks. He still maintained that he was interested in her solely because of his father's liking for Alan Moncrieff; but it was rather difficult to continue to look on matters entirely from this point of view. To remember that his father and Moncrieff of Torresmuir had been schoolfellows together would not account for the fact that he could not forget Moliy's wistful eyes, that her wan face naunted him night and day, and that he was possessed with such a desire to do her service that he would willingly have gone to the ends of the earth for her if she had so desired

But it must also be said that Charlie Rutherford's admiration for Molly was of the purest and most reverential kind. If he had never seen her distressed or lonely, he might never have thought twice of her, save as an ordinary ac-

quaintance: it was just because he often saw tears in her eyes that his chivalrous nature was so stirred. He vowed to be her friend, her brother, to the last days of his life, and he told himself that it was well for her that she should have one trusty "servant," to use the par-lance of an older world, one who would be always faithful and helpful, and ready to maintain her cause against all comers. Having made up his mind in this way, he did not keep entirely from the Hamingtons, as Lady Valencia would have advised him to do, but went there discreetly, dining with John Hannington, and even playing cards with him when asked, but never for one moment altering the gentle respect of his manner towards the woman who although he hardly knew it-now occupied the first position in his heart and

mind. The summer came to a close, and people began to leave town for their holiday rambles. Rutherford was due at his father's house before the end of July, and he was going to travel north with Bertie Moncrieff. Lady Valencia Gilderoy was bound for Norway with a select party of friends. Charlie came to see the Hanningtons before his departure. He wondered what they were going to do; he had not heard their plans, and Bertie had been unable to give him any information. Bertie was not very fond of going to his brotherin-law's apartments. He had developed as strong a dislike to John Hannington as his father and his friend had

Captain Rutherrord round both nusband and wife at home. Molly was looking exceedingly white, he thought, but she professed herself quite well-only a little tired by the heat. Hannington seemed to listen to his visitor's remarks with suppressed impatience, and answered almost rudely when Charlie once turned towards him. The flush of shame or alarm which instantly suffused Molly's pale face made the young man indignant for her sake, and yet all the more anxious to keep the peace. He asked her where she was going for the autumn.

"I don't know yet," she answered timidly, glancing at her husband. "We have not decided."

"It will probably end in our going nowhere at all," said Hannington, irritably. "And I hope you will like it if we do." The last words were addressed to Molly, who again flushed vividly and painfully.

Charlie began to wish that he had not come. He could not run away just yet, however, for Molly had given him a cup of tea, and he could not put it down untasted. John Hannington also seemed to feel some embarrassment at the turn the conversation had taken, for he pulled out his watch, declaring that he had an important engagement to keep, and that he was sorry to say he really must be off. And then he quitted the room, but as Charlie noticed, without a word of farewell or apology to his wife. It struck Captain Rutherford that these two grew colder to each other in manner every time he saw them, and such was indeed nearly the case. For after that revelation made by Hannington of the real state of his affectionsa revelation which she could never feel to be anything but unspeakably brutal and degrading to herself-Molly's girlish love for her husband had died a she may think that I sympathise with painful death. The veil of romance was torn from her eyes, and she saw sweetest and gentlest young thing him for what he was or, rather, she saw the very worst side of him, and by nature to dominate and enough make a fairly good man of him, as Lady Val had declared to herself that she could have done. She was helpless: she rembled before him with the nervous timidity which harshness or injustice had always excited in her. She saw that he was selfish, sensual and hard. and she was too much shocked by her discovery to look for the few scattered grains of gold which existed in the baser metal of his character. It seemed to her that her whole life was ruined: she had shattered all possible happiness for herself, and she looked for nothing

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A Reduction in the Present Rates Will Probably be Made-Springbank Electric Privileges.

The water commissioners received a petition yesterday afternoon from many of the leading manufacturers of the city asking for a reduction of the water rate to 5 cents per 100 cubic feet. The rate at present charged is 15 cents per 100 eet up to 20,000 feet. Between 20,000 and 20,000 feet the rate is 12 1-2 cents; from 50,000 to 100,000 the rate is 10 cents; above 100,000, 8 cents. According to a schedule prepared in the water commissioners' office, only four consumers in the city range above the 100,000 mark. The Tecumseh House gets away with 386.775 feet per quarter: D. S. Perrin & Co., 128,250; Parisian laundry, 125,600, and McClary's, 124,600. The London Furniture Company uses about 75,000 feet, and a great many manufacturers use over 50,000 feet.

The petition set forth: 1. The present rates are so oppressive that we feel it a hardship to pay them. 2. We believe that the above rate will more than cover the actual cost of sup-

3. Taking into account the many disadvantages the manufacturers of the city are under, compared with those who are located where they have the advantage of lake freight rates, we think that the city should do all that is possible to assist the manufacturers to build up their trade and thus give employment to a greater number of men, and by so doing increase the population and importance of our city.

(Signed), Wortman & Ward, D. S. Perrin, Reid Bros & Co., John Ferguson & Sons, Kensington Furniture Company, London Furniture Company, Patterson & Joly, A. Beck, Geo. White & Sons, W. J. Thompson, McCormick Manufacturing Company, John Campbell, Stevens Manufacturing Company.

Action was deferred on the matter, lthough Chairman Cowan dropped a hint that some reduction would at least be made, if not quite as much as asked

Manager Carr, of the street railway ompany, renewed the company's offer of \$200 a year for the entrance to Springbank Park. The Radial Road Company also sent in a communication asking that exclusive privileges be not granted to the London Street Railway Company. Both matters were laid over. The solicitor will be instructed to

alter the hylaw to conform with the recent resolution confining the watering of lawns within the hours of 6 to 8 a.m and 6 to 8 p.m.

There were present Chairman Cowan. Commissioner Judd, Engineer Moore, Secretary Ellwood and Inspectors Platt

#### MIDDLESEX.

On the evening of May 24 the pupils gave their annual entertainment in the school room, when the room was tastefully decorated with cut flowers and plants, presenting a very pleasing appearance. The building was packed, many being unable to find seats. The chair was taken by Rev. E. H. Sawers, Wilton Grove, whose well-chosen and humerous remarks added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. The recitations, solos, dialogues, calisthenics, etc., rendered by the pupils reflected great credit upon themselves and upon Miss F. McColl, the efficient and successful teacher of the section. The audience were especially delighted with the artists from a distance-Mr. McDonald, London, and Miss Saywell, Alma College, St. Thomas. Mr. McDonald rendered a number of very humorous solos and he was encored several times. Miss Saywell received equal applause for her elocutionary powers. The proceeds of the evening were over \$30.

Last Friday witnessed the first of White Oak's celebrations, and fully 600 were on the ground to take part in the programme. The following are the games and the winners: Ladies' race-1 Miss C. Decey, 2 Miss Perkins 3 Miss L. Hunt. Girls' race-1 Lillie Dobie, 2 Nellie Archer, 3 Lizzie Crinklaw. Boys' race-1 Murray Archer, 2 Maurice Shore, 3 W. Odell. Boys, under 7 years—1 Hugh McBain, 2 Geo. Doble, 3 F. Shore. Girls, under 7 years—1 L. Hislop, 2 Laura Dobie, 3 Myrtle Hunt. Married men's race -1 John Archer, 2 Thos. Balyntine. Women's race-1 Mrs. Post, 2 Mrs. Mote. Three-legged race-1 Art. Adams and A. Sutton, 2 Sid. Decey and John Guest. Boot and shoe race-1 A. Adams, 2 John McWilliams. Young men's race—1 Wm. Jackson, 2 J. McWilliams, 3 A. Sutton. Special race-1 Wm. Jackson. Standing jump-1 John Johnston, 2 Wm. Jackson. Running jump-1 Sidney Dicey, 2 John Guest. Hop, step and jump -1 J. Guest, 2 Wm. Jackson. High jump-1 S. Dicev, 2 J. Guest. The programme concluded with the climbing of the greased pole by J. Jones: a football match between White Oak school and all comers, resulting in favor of White Oak; and tug-of-war between the married and single men, which was very interesting and resulted in a tie. The whole day's sport concluded with a grand ball. The committee are to be congratulated on the able manner in which the arrangements were made and carried out. Special credit is also due to Mr. Shaver, of White Oak Store, for his efforts in making the afternoon's entertainment a success.

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