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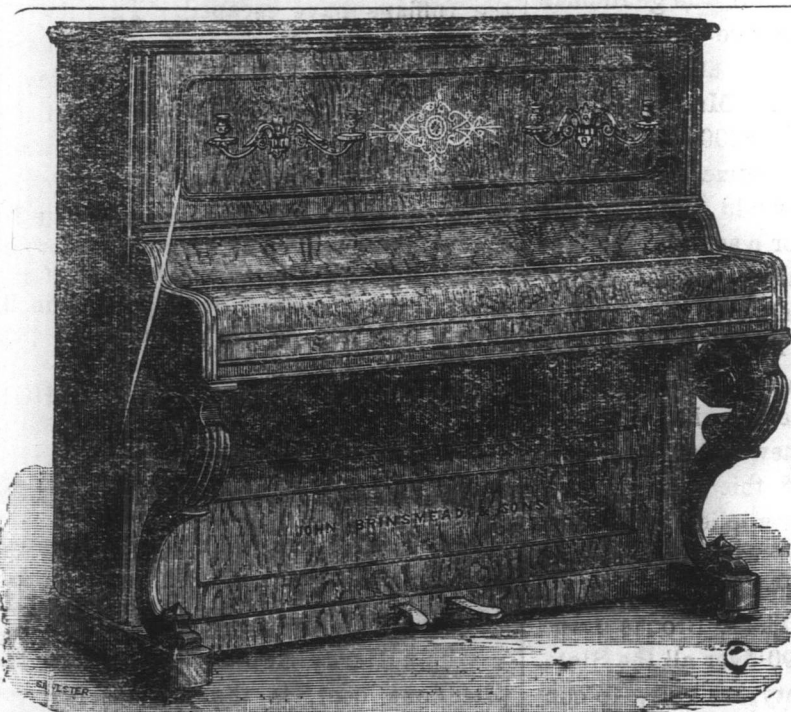
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**CHAPTER I.**

**LADY KILMORE** thoroughly understood the  
art of making herself and others comfortable.  
She was one of those kindly gracious women  
who seem to diffuse around them an atmos-  
phere of perfect ease; and there was no house  
in which visitors felt so much at home as at  
Weldhome.

One June morning she was seated in the  
breakfast-room at Weldhome, a pretty room  
with long French windows commanding a view  
of one of the fairest of rose gardens. Lady  
Kilmore owned to one great weakness—she  
had a perfect passion for roses; and she con-  
trived, with her gardeners help, to have a  
beautiful show of these flowers nearly all the  
year round. To secure a new variety of rose  
she would not mind either trouble or expense.  
Every kind of climbing rose covered the walls,  
the balconies, and the great old-fashioned  
porch of Weldhome Manor; every available  
nook in the grounds was devoted to the cul-  
ture of her favorite flower.

On this June morning the French windows  
were thrown open, and a gentle wind stirred  
the long lace curtains and wafted the perfume  
of roses into the room. Lady Kilmore, look-  
ing out, saw a cloudless sky, dazzling sun-  
shine, and roses wherever her eyes rested.  
The breakfast-table, with its dainty china and  
rich silver, was 'a picture,' and the 'orange  
pecko' was as fragrant in its way as the roses.  
Her ladyship's surroundings betokened com-  
fort, luxury, and ease. She herself was a  
well-preserved, handsome woman, who had  
seen half a century of life, but looked quite  
fifteen years younger than she really was.  
Her face was as smooth and clear as that of a  
child.

When the post-bag came in, she carefully  
opened letter after letter, a smile rippling over  
her lips until she opened a large envelope bear-  
ing a crest. Then the handsome comely face  
darkened, and Lady Kilmore murmured a few  
words to herself. She touched the silver bell  
on the table, and to the servant who answered  
it she said—  
'Tell Miss Nairne I wish to see her.'

In a few moments Hilary Nairne entered the  
room. She was a girl of uncommon type of  
beauty. Many women have golden hair, but  
few such hair as hers; it looked like a mass of  
rippling gold. Although Hilary was only  
seventeen, her face was full of character; its  
pink-and-white loveliness, the dainty curves of  
the beautiful mouth, the rounded ideal brow,  
the radiant eyes, and the long lashes were the  
least of its beauties. One might watch Hilary  
Nairne's face for a whole day, and it would  
never be the same for one half-hour. Its  
whole character changed with a ripple of scorn  
or with a gleam of tenderness. Her figure was  
girlish and slender at present, but it gave prom-  
ise of a magnificent womanhood. Her white  
hands had pretty palms and slender pink-tip-  
ped fingers. She had pretty little feet; and  
every movement, every attitude was graceful,  
unstudied and picturesque.

She was intellectual and well read, gifted  
with wit and good at repartee. She had great  
virtues and great faults, but 'her faults lay  
on virtue's side.' She was impetuous and im-  
pulsive, and seldom stopped to count the cost  
of a word or deed.

With a quick graceful movement Hilary  
entered the breakfast room and went up to  
Lady Kilmore.

'Do you want me, auntie? Here I am;'  
and then her eyes fell upon the letters. When  
she saw the crest on the last envelope that  
had been opened, her face grew crimson and  
her eyes drooped.

'Hilary,' said Lady Kilmore, 'Lady Ardean  
has written again. I declined her invitation  
to the ball at Barton Abbey, and she writes to  
beg of me to change my decision. My dear,  
I wonder if I might trust you?'

The girl stood before her in an attitude of  
bewitching grace, a smile of keen amusement  
on her fresh sweet lips and a gleam of defiance  
and pride in her eyes.

'Trust me. In what way, auntie? You  
know that you may always trust me.'

'Captain Carlisle is still there, and I am  
very anxious about you and about him.'

'My dear auntie, why do you make troubles?'  
I have done nothing as yet to cause you  
anxiety.'

'As yet,' repeated Lady Kilmore—'no, I  
grant that; but, Hilary, I never know what you  
will do.'

'Would it not be better to leave that to  
time?' asked the girl. 'If I please you in the  
present, I do not see that it is quite fair for  
you to look for troubles ahead.'

'But, Hilary, the question is, do you please  
me in the present? I am not quite sure of it.'

'Of course you know best, auntie. I love  
you, I am devoted to you, and I do all that I  
can to please you.'

'Everything but the one thing I want you  
to do, Hilary, and that is, refuse to see Cap-  
tain Carlisle again.'

'Why should I do so, auntie? How hard  
you are!'

'Because, Hilary, in plain English, he loves  
you—at least, I am very much afraid he does;  
and you—well, I do not think you are quite  
indifferent to him.'

With difficulty Hilary repressed the hot  
words that rose to her lips. The word 'indif-  
ferent' stung her.

'Well, auntie, granted that I am not indif-  
ferent to him, what then?'

'Why, then, Hilary, nothing can come of it  
but keen suffering for you! You know that  
he can never marry you. You know that he  
has been betrothed to Lady Mary Trevor, his  
cousin, ever since he was a child. It was ar-  
ranged by his father and hers.'

The beautiful head was raised with proud,  
shy grace.

'By what right, aunt, did two men who are  
now dead dispose of the hearts of their chil-  
dren?'

'My dear, that is not our business—there  
is no need for us to discuss it. Whether it  
was right or wrong has nothing to do with the  
matter; what I wish you to understand is this,  
that, as Captain Carlisle is betrothed to an-  
other lady, he ought not to pay you attentions,  
and you ought not to receive any from him.'

'I am quite sure, aunt, that he does not  
love Lady May,' said Hilary.

'And I am equally sure that, as he must  
marry her, he ought to love her.'

'I think it is a most barbarous thing for  
any man to say whom his son shall marry.  
People always marry for love, do they not,  
auntie? How could he tell—that dead father  
—whether his son would love Lady May or  
not?'

'I should imagine there are family reasons,'  
remarked Lady Kilmore pensively.

'Family reasons!' cried the girl, while her  
lips curled with scorn. 'What have they to do  
with it? A man is surely master of his own  
heart!'

'Not always,' replied Lady Kilmore. 'Lady  
May has a large fortune. I believe that in  
strict justice some of it should have gone to  
Captain Carlisle; and no doubt the two fathers  
thought to make matters right in this fashion.'

'A very foolish and stupid fashion, I think,'  
said Hilary; and Lady Kilmore smiled at the  
naivete of the words.

'It may be both,' she answered; 'but that  
does not alter the fact. I am most anxious  
and undecided about you, Hilary. Captain  
Carlisle is a handsome and attractive man;  
and it seems to me a very unwise thing for you  
two to meet—very unwise. Still, as Lady  
Ardean presses the point, if I thought I could  
trust you, I would take you. Would you now,  
for instance, promise me not to dance with  
Captain Carlisle, and, oh, above all, my dear  
child, not to get into those dreadful little  
nooks amongst the flowers which seem made  
for flirtation and for the torment of chaperons?'  
Will you promise, Hilary?'

'I cannot,' replied the girl frankly. 'It  
would be easy to say "Yes" and deceive you;  
but I will not do that. I could not keep such a  
promise. Why should I make it?'

'Then we had far better stay at home. I  
have never spoken very seriously to you about  
this, Hilary. I had hoped that it was a fancy,  
and that it would die away. But, even were  
Captain Carlisle free to marry you to-morrow,  
it would be a very poor settlement in life for  
you. The captain has nothing but his hand-  
some face and his military pay.'

'I do not see that a girl like me should want  
more,' said Hilary.

'I do; with your beauty—which is of the  
highest order. Hilary, remember that—and  
your birth you ought to marry a peer at least.'

'I do not like peers. I like officers in the  
army far better. Auntie, let me go this once  
—just this once. Think of the time when you  
were young, and perhaps wanted to look once  
more at a handsome face you cared for. Let  
me go, dear auntie, this once.'

Hilary put her arms round her aunt's neck,  
and pressed her sweet face lovingly against  
hers. Lady Kilmore said 'Yes' against her  
better judgment and repented of it ever after-  
ward.

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