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CHAPTER X.

"Twenty generations perhaps," she replied, carelessly.

"You think that they would not be gentlefolk within a shorter period than that, Lady Iris?"

"I should say not," she answered.

"You would not call the son of such a man a gentleman?" he asked, slowly. Her reply was quick and decided.

"Oh, no! How could I?" Then quite suddenly she remembered to whom she was speaking. She saw him turn with mortification and pique, and she at once regretted her words.

"Why do you ask me such questions?" she said. "I am annoyed with myself for having answered you. But let me tell you that nothing of what I have said was intended to be personal to yourself."

Just as her first words had depressed, so her last elated him. "Nothing personal to himself." Ah, then, clearly enough she made him an exception to the rule, and considered him a gentleman! This impression was deepened in his mind owing to the fact that she was more gracious than usual to him that day. She simply intended by her kindness to prove to him that there had been no personal meaning in her words; while he thought that her kindness indicated love.

He determined to know his fate as soon as possible. He might have been happy for a few weeks longer had he waited; but the fierceness of his love hurried him on; he could not bear the suspense.

Marie watched him with sorrowful eyes. She saw that he was growing thinner and paler; and it was apparent to her that he was almost mad with the passion that had seized him with such relentless fury. In vain she warned and advised him.

"Do something to interest her," she would say to him. "You talk about getting into Parliament. Why not do it, and when you have made for yourself a name, then ask for her hand? It will be useless now."



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"Come away from all human sounds," he answered, and she felt compelled to gratify him. The singer could not be heard now, but the song of a nightingale rose clear and distinct.

"There are other sounds," she said. "Where are you going?"

Then some faint suspicion of what he was going to say came to her. He caught hold of one of her hands, and she was too bewildered and dazed to withdraw it. He clasped it more closely.

"You must forgive me," he said; "that music has maddened me. Pardon me if I am brusque and abrupt; have pity on me if my words and actions do not please you. Here is a seat under this almond-tree. See—the blossom falls so that it touches your beautiful golden hair. Happy almond blossom! Oh, Heaven, help any man who loves a woman as I love you!"

She was carried away by his wild reckless impetuosity, and was too much surprised to interrupt him. She did not even recover herself sufficiently to take her hand from his or to push away the almond-blossom that touched her face. All that she knew in her bewilderment was that she was sitting underneath the almond tree, and that he was kneeling upon the ground at her feet with his head bent and hot passionate tears falling from his eyes like rain. She felt them drop upon her hands, and, brave as she was, she began to grow uneasy.

"I am mad," he said at last in a low broken voice—"I know it. The wind from over the mountain, the wind of fervent passionate love, has breathed into my soul and driven me mad! I have brought you here because I could bear the pain no longer. I must speak to you or die. I love you—ah, Heaven knows how I love you! Will you be my wife?"

She had no power of speech to stop the torrent of words that fell from his lips.

"I know," he continued, "that the stars up yonder are not further from me than you are. You are a gentle high born lady, while I am only a rough plebeian. But I love you devotedly. Love will make me all that I should be. Ah, believe me, there is love enough in my heart to transform me into something quite different from other men."

She was silent from sheer excess of wonder. His tears fell no longer, but his pale face was raised in the moonlight to hers. It was utterly transformed by the fervor of his love; all that was coarse or common had been blotted out by his great passion; even at that moment she was struck by its expression.

"You will ask me how dare I say this to you," he went on, "how dare I ask for your love. But my answer is that love dares anything. (to be continued.)

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At another time she would have resented the tone in which he spoke, but no, her strong will subdued her for the moment. She rose without a murmur and went out with him. He trembled with emotion; his face was deadly white, his eyes glittered and his hands shook.

"Where are you going?" asked Lady

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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

A DANGEROUS DRUG.

There are certain appetite-producing drugs which, as every one knows, only a person with a doctor's certificate is allowed to administer. I almost wish it were possible to forbid in the same way the administering of the heart medicine sympathy, by any but those who understand the human heart well enough to administer it wisely.

A Medicine If Wisely Administered. For sympathy is a spiritual medicine. Administered in just the right way, at the right time, and in the right quantity it is a heart medicine of the highest order. It stimulates the tired heart, it gives courage and hope. But sympathy also has the properties of a drug in that if it is given unwisely or too often it starts an appetite. And an appetite almost as harmful to the character as the craving for drugs.

Self pity is one of the worst states of mind into which one can get. Self pity enervates character; it makes people look at life through blue glass; it breaks up homes, because if people get to pitying themselves too hard they are sure to have no pity on others. Now unwisely administered sympathy often has the effect of getting people into this self pitying state of mind.

Almost Any Home Could be Broken up.

I don't believe there are many

couple so happy that they couldn't be set at loggerheads by a friend (?) who knew how to administer sympathy in just the wrong way.

Such a friend can take a contented wife and pity her because she has to work so hard, because her husband is not willing to go to dances, because she has to have her mother-in-law visit her twice a year, because her husband expects her to keep account of the money she spends and because she has to live in an unfashionable part of the town—all things that have hitherto seemed to her reasonable and justified,—work her up into such a state of self pity that she loses all sense of proportion and feels a sense of grievance toward her husband. Naturally she is going to resent that. The wedge has been entered and if the friend keeps on administering sympathy at the psychological moment she may be able to bring about serious trouble.

Careless Sympathizers Pave a Well Known Road.

I have sometimes known people who seemed to give sympathy in a deliberately mischievous spirit. They are rare, of course, but people who give sympathy carelessly are legion. They mean to be kind but they supply a good many of those well known paving stones.

Almost every human being is sympathy greedy by nature. It is a greediness one needs to control in oneself and to beware of in others.

MAKING A HIT.



James Gangling Toofor wrote a skit that made a wide and instant hit. Men said, "The gent who wrote that screed is a phenomenon, indeed." And publishers of many prints sent checks of pink and other tints, and urged this James to give his lions, and they would keep him staked with coins. And James, he tolled from sun to sun, and turned out stories by the ton, and everywhere you chanced to look you'd see his name, in mag or book. "If I should pause for half a day, some dollar bill might get away," he muttered, as he punched the keys; and greed became his chief disease. And as he struggled for the kale, his brain grew tired and sagged and stale; his yarns, that once were full of pep dragged to their end with laggard step; and so he lost his grip, alas, and joined the weary has been class. To one who has a gift, I say. Don't grind the precious dimes that have been coined in modern times; and when your labors gail and tire, hang up your chisel, brush or lyre, and go and gambol on the green, or burn eight quarts of gasoline. For man has reached an evil pass when he is in the has been class.

Just Folks

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By EDGAR A. GUEST.

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO BED. World-wide over this is said: "I don't want to go to bed." Dads and mothers, far and near, Every night this chorus hear. Makes no difference where they are, Here or off in Zanzibar, In the igloos made of snow Of the fur-clad Eskimaux, In the blistering torrid zone, This one touch of nature's known: In life's various tongues it's said: "I don't want to go to bed!"

This has ever been the way Of the youngsters at their play. Laughter quickly drives their tears, Trouble swiftly disappears, Joy is everywhere about. Here and there and in and out; Yet when night comes on they cry That so good a day should die, And they think that they will miss Something more of precious bliss, So shouts every curly-head: "I don't want to go to bed!"

Age is glad to put away All the burdens of the day, And to lay the worries down, Quit the noises of the town, And in slumber end the care That has met them here and there. But the children do not know Life is freighted down with woe; They would run until they drop, Hoping day would never stop, Calling back when it has fled: "I don't want to go to bed!"



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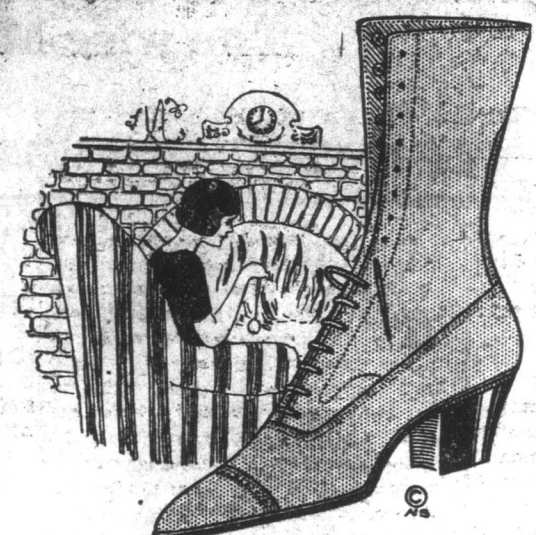
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