

HIS LORDSHIP'S ROMANCE

In the first tumult of this new life, Bianca half forgot the hopes she had wrecked, the ambition she had betrayed.

"Wait, Bianca," he said, lightly, "until you have seen Lynne's wife. Why, my dear child, you could put all Serranto in a corner of it. You must become English; I can never be a Spaniard."

Whatever she may have thought, Lady Lynne never expressed that wish to her husband again.

They had been married almost a year when a sudden desire took possession of Lady Lynne. It was to return to Serranto, so that her child might be born there, and to call himself by the name of Monteleone; but he laughed long and loudly at the mere idea.

"I wish I could understand, dear Bianca," said Lord Lynne to his wife one day, "why you wish to return to that gloomy day."

"I cannot tell," she replied. "I do not understand what it is that seems to do me home, but my mother's face is always before me; and oh, Stephen, I would give anything for my little child to be born in my old home!"

"You shall have your wish," replied Lord Lynne, looking fondly at her; "but I fear we shall not have a very warm reception from your mother."

"She will be pleased to see us," said Lady Lynne; "and perhaps we might persuade her to leave Serranto and go to England for a time."

Solely to please his beautiful young wife, to whom he could refer nothing, Lord Lynne undertook the journey to Serranto. It was a long and somewhat tedious one, for Bianca was delicate, and could not travel far without fatigue.

Madame Monteleone received them more warmly and kindly than they had anticipated. Nor by one single word or act did she betray any enmity; but now that they were married, not one word of her blighted hopes escaped her, and never once in her daughter's presence did she breathe a sigh.

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For Madame Monteleone life seemed renewed. Even as she had lived, hoped, and planned for Bianca, so she now lived and hoped for Inez. The same ambition was renewed, the same ideas were instilled into her mind. She devoted herself to the child's education; she tried to make her all that her mother had been; but no two characters were ever more dissimilar than that of the young girl and her mother.

Sorrow had aged and altered him. His mother hardly recognized in the sad, thoughtful man the bright-faced boy who had been away from her so short a time. Lady Lynne had said nothing when her son wrote to tell her of his marriage with the beautiful daughter of a noble but impoverished race; but the disappointment had been as great to her as to Madame Monteleone.

She knew that the only hope for her son was to marry some one with money, and she had selected in her own mind the lady whom she wished to see his wife, a quiet, gentle English girl, without any pretensions to beauty, but the sole heiress to an enormous fortune.

But this hope died when she heard that her son had found a wife for himself, and she wisely abstained from saying anything either of her hope or disappointment. When Stephen wrote to say that after the birth of his child he hoped to bring his wife home to Lynneville, she made what preparations she could for their arrival, but when she expected to hear something definite as to the time of their arrival, there came the sad news of the death of the young and beautiful bride.

Lady Lynne realized how great her sorrow was when she saw his altered face. At first she felt some disappointment at not seeing the little Inez; but upon reflection she felt it better that he had returned alone. For some months she felt anxious and alarmed about him; the spring of his life seemed never for one moment did his sorrow leave him. His mother began to fear that his heart was buried in the grave of his beautiful and beloved wife.

He could not rest to dwell upon that one brief year when she had been with him. But years rolled on the bitterness of his grief died away.

While he lived, Lord Lynne never really loved or cared for any other woman; but in time he yielded to his mother's wishes, and brought home to Lynneville as his wife the wealthy and gentle lady whom she had selected.

During the first year of his second marriage, he was wretched beyond expression; he could not help it—he could not avoid comparing the passionate, beautiful Spaniard with his calm, quiet English wife; but when his daughter, the golden-haired Agatha, was born, he grew more reconciled to his fate. He was a rich man now, and held a high position in the county. He began to feel more interested in his duties; he became attached to his wife, in a quiet kind of way. He came to look upon that one year of perfect happiness more as a beautiful dream than a reality; he tried to forget sunny Spain, her purple hills, her myrtles and olives—he tried to forget the love face that had once shined and smiled upon him; he tried to forget the past and live only in the present, and in some degree he succeeded.

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Sudden End of Sister of Chief Justice in London. London, Dec. 24.—Miss Isabella Meredith died suddenly to-day of heart trouble. She was a sister of Chief Justice Meredith of Toronto. She is also survived by six other brothers, Messrs. T. G. Edmund, of London; Vincent, of Montreal; J. S. Llewellyn and Charles, of London, and three sisters, the Misses Annie, Ada and Louise, of London.

PENN'S FIRST JAPANESE.

Tosue Imadate Entered the University With the Class of '13. The first Japanese student at the University of Pennsylvania, writes William Elliot Griffith to Old Penn, the alumni magazine, was Tosue Imadate, who was a member of the class of 1879. He was a Buddhist and a member of a prominent family in Echizen, on the west coast of Japan.

STANDS BY BRITISH.

Chinese Express' Edict Forbids Opposition to their Policy. Shanghai, Dec. 25.—The decree issued by the Dowager Empress, postponing the establishment of a constitutional government, was not only issued in connection with the popular agitation against the British corporation railway loan, but is also directed against those opposing the policy of the West River by British gunboats for the suppression of piracy. In it her Majesty denounces students for interfering in the affairs of the State, and orders that the teachers of Confucius be given first place in education. The authorities are instructed to punish unwise students and teachers who do not maintain discipline.

THE GERMAN EMPRESS.

The following picture of the German Empress is by a London woman: "Tall, fair and comely, the Kaiserin is a royal lady of excellent presence and gracious demeanor. Her rippling laughter is contagious, and her face is usually wreathed in smiles. Her spirits never seem to flag, and she is a lively raconteur. The Kaiserin does not affect youth, but is a well-preserved woman, always tastefully attired, and at court festivals is resplendent in dress. She is fond of soft white gowns for home wear, and never looks better than when riding in her white uniform. Her favorite jewel is a large single diamond which she wears on all occasions in her hair.

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