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Stella fancied that it would be very little use if she did.

"He has done everything possible for the boy's welfare," proceeded her husband, in a somewhat annoyed tone. "Borne with him taught him, cared for him like an elder brother, as few men of his age and standing would have done. I have the greatest confidence in Ralph Kingscot, and I hope, dear Stella, that you will try to be friendly with him when we reach Torresmuir."

"I will try," she answered, gently. She wished that he had said—"when we reach

They were both silent after this. It al most seemed to Stella as if some shadow had fallen across her sunshine, some cold breath of air had stolen across the warmth of her hopes. But as they turned, before re-entering their hotel, to watch the glimmering lights and the crimson reflections of the sunset sky upon the sea, she felt her husband's hand touch her arm, and draw her closer to his side.

"You see that star?" he said, in the carressing voice that was already as music in her ears. "You see how large and bright it is! I am beginning to grow old. It will soon be the evening of life with me; and you, Stella, you are the star that lights the coming darkness, and gives a radiance to the right. I fancy sometimes, qual, will bring me back all my old light and joy, will bring me back all my old light and joy, return to it with you—that we shall find in you the luck-or the Gluck, as the Germans would call it-the good fortune, the happiness-of the house!

And yet-it was an odd thing, when one came to think of it-Stella remembered afterwards that he had never once told her that he loved her!

CHAPTER XV.

Two gentlemen were sitting in a small private parlor at the Birnam Arms. They where both pale and both dark; otherwise there was not much resemblance between them. One was somewhat effeminate in appearance: the other was tall, sinewy, and vigorous-looking-little altered from the man to whom Stella Raeburn had once given her maiden heart. John Hannington was bronzed by some weeks' fishing in the Highlands, and was, if anything, rather handsomer than in the days when he wooed Stella under the ruined arches of Balmerino, but his face had not improved in expression. It was more cynical, more discontented, more defiant, than it had been even a year ago. Life had not been going altogether well with him since

His companion, Ralph Kingscot, was leaning back in a large arm-chair, with a cigar between his lips. His small features were lit up with an expression of the keenest

"So she had a little love affair before she came to Dunkeld!" he was exclaiming. This is most interesting. I thought she looked too innocent for this very wicked

"She's innocent enough," Hannington was beginning sulkily, but Kingscot inter-

rupted him with his mocking laugh. "Oh, she's a lily, a snowflake, a pearlwe all know that; Moncrieff's besotted on her baby-face already. She's just the style he's likely to go mad about—fair, gentle, blue-eyed, golden-haired, and all the rest of it-as great a contrast to his first wife as could possible be imagined,"

"What was the first Mrs. Moncrieff like,

"She was my half-sister, you know. Well she was like Molly, only there was a little more red in her hair and the tint of her eye. She was fair; of course you will say that constitutes a likeness to the present Mrs. Moncrieff, but the two women were not a bit alike. Molly is not like the fair Stella, for instance.'

"She is ten times handsomer," said John Hannington.

"I think so; Moncrieff doesn't," said Kingscot, quietly. "She was a woman with a temper, as wild and skittish a creature as you ever met; a demon of a tongue, and no capacity for restraining it-or herself. Molly's a spitfire, but she is not equal to her mother.'

"You give your sister a nice character." "Half-sister, if you please. It makes all the difference. Marie and I had different mothers; there was Basque blood in hers. I don't know how she would have lived with Moncrieff as long as she did if I had not been there to calm the two down when they had their little disputes. That I managed well you may conclude from the fact that I have had free quarters at Torresmuir ever since. I am supposed to do something in the way of bear leading; but my cub will soon go to Cambridge, I believe, and the question will then be whether I am to remain or not.

"The new Mrs. Monerieff will have something to say to that, I imagine, said Hannington dryly.
"Yes-confound her." He looked as if he

would like to use a stronger word. "Does she like you much?"-Hannington's tone was malicious.

"Hates me like poison, I believe. No. I suppose I shall have to go, bag and beggage and make myself comfortable somewhere else.

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"What would destroy her influence?" "Well-I have an idea or two." "Let's hear them."

"Are you on my side, Hannington? The girl behaved shabbily to you, you say—"
"Cut me in the presence of half a dozen of my friends. Yes, she made it rather awkward for me. You know Lady Valencia Gilderoy?-an old friend of mine. She made up her mind that I had given the girl good cause for offense, and has turned the cold shoulder to me ever since-done me good deal of mischief, I can tell you!'

"Oh, nobody minds Lady Val; I know her," said Kingscot, with apparent carelessness, although he kept a very watchful eye upon his friend. "Still, Miss Stella must e a spiteful little minx. You would not object to see her pride have a fall, then?"

"And it is, of course, my interest tolessen her influence as much as possible. Well, there are two ways in which to do it."

"One I'll keep to myself," said Kingscot, with an ugly smile. "The other depends omewhat on you. You say you have letters

Hannington's face flushed. "I did not say I would show them." answered.

"You did not say so. But—but—what if you let Moncrieff have a glance at them?" Hannington shifted uneasily in his chair. "I don't see the use of that,' he said. "You don't?"

"No, I kon't." "Why don't you know than Alan Mon-crieff is the most jealous, the most suspicious man alive? If I know anything of women, my dear Jack, she won't have told him a word about you, or only what she pleases; and she will be mortally afraid of his getting to know the true state of the case."

"Well," growled Hannington, "the way to punish her, then, will be to threaten her. to hold the letter over her head, and give her a good fright. Ishouldn't mind doing

"Our aims differ," said Kingscot, throwing himself back lazily in his chair, and lighting a fresh cigar. "You want merely to punish her-I want to spoil her influence with Moncrieff; there's the difference."

"Can't we do both!" suggested his companion, slowly. Then there was a little silence, during which each man smoked industriously, and resolved his own plans. When Kingscot next spoke, he seemingly changed the subject.

"So you saw Molly at the Lswsons this autumn?" he said. "She isn't a bad looking girl, is she?" "Not at all."

"She'll have a fair fortune," said Molly's uncle. "She has her mother's money—comes into it at her marriage, or when she is twenty-one. "Indeed. Much?"

"Twenty-five thousand. Nothing to a fellow like you. But it will add to Molly's attractions. He thought that he caught sight of an odd glitter in Hannington's black eyes. But he

went on discreetly. "Moncrieff has the idea that he ought to tie her up very tight-I think he's married the pretty Stella with the idea of getting a jailer for his poor child. She'll not be allowed to come out until she is past her teens, or mix with the world at large until she's three and twenty. Before then, however, Alan will have found her a model husband, some worthy prosy neighboring laird, who will keep her in order and bury her in dull mansion in the Highlands nine months in the year; and that will be poor Molly's future fate.

"Not a bit!" said Hanningion, abruptly. "She'd not stand it, my dear fellow. Sh

"She had better bolt before marriage than after," was Kingscot's cynical response. To which his friend made no answer, but sat with his eyes fixed intently upon the opposite wall, and his foot moving medita tively to and fro.

"We should be going, I think," said Ralph at last, after looking at his watch. 'The train's due, and I must be on the spot to give Mr. and Mrs. Moncrieff welcome. Will you come too?"

"NotI . I'll see Mrs. Moncrieff some o ther day-no fear."

"You won't call?" "Don't know."

"I thought that you were so very friendly with Molly She gave me quite a touching account of your attentions to her." (To be Continued.)

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FREDERICTON, N. B., April 18.-The ice jam in the St. John River yesterday seriously damaged one of the piers of the railway bridge. The entire pier was moved down the river about four feet, and the top is considerably listed, entirely interrupting traffic. The damage is estimated at \$3,000, and it cannot be repaired until low water in midsummer. The bridge, which is more than half a mile long, forms the connecting link between the Canadian Eastern Railway and the Gibson branch of the C. P. R. west and to St. John from this city. There is a large through traffic over it and seven trains run across it each way daily between this city and Marysville. The bridge is owned by the Fredericton and St. Marys Bridge Company, of which Alex. Gibson is president and Mr. Temple, M. P. for York, is managing director. The big highway bridge, half a mile above the railway bridge, so far has stood the ice without damage, and apparently all further damage is now past. QUEBEC, April 18 .- The river is covered by vast fields of ice. The harbor is com-pletely packed with it.

MIDDLESEX.

Rebecca Notes.—Mr. Johnston has bought the Rebecca Hotel from Mr. Jacob Seaton for a reasonable sum.— Mrs. Samuel Duffin and two daughters Miss Robina and Mary, are visiting friends in Corbet.-Miss Gertie Harris has arrived home, after spending the Easter holidays with friends in Thorndale.-Mr. Jackson, who has been seriously ill, is recovering, but is not able to attend to his work.—Miss Edith Wilson is visiting friends in London.-A football match will be played on Saturday, 19th inst., in Mr. Harris' field, between the Grove and Rebecca football teams.-Miss Agnes Clifford has returned to her work in the city, after spending a month under the parental roof.—Mr. Williams, barber, of Burgessville, is the guest of the Miss Pinels, of Hickory Dale Farm.

A very pretty and quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mr. James Mc-Lellan, Derwent, on the evening of Wednesday, April 17, the occasion being the marriage of his youngest daughter, Maggie, to Llewellyn Barr, of Harrietsville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. Jackson, of Belmont, assisted by the Rev. C. Dewey, of Gladstone, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The bride entered the parlor leaning on the arm of her father, and looked very beautiful in a dress of white surah silk, with pearl trimming. The bridal couple stood beneath an arch of Easter lilies, a fitting emblem for the Eastertide. After the ceremony the guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast. The presents were beautiful and costly. After spending a pleasant evening, Mr. and Mrs. Barr left for their new home at Harrietsville amid the best wishes of their many friends.

Malcolm McNeil, of Brooke, has purchased a 100-acre farm, lot 20, con. 14, Metcalfe from Meggra gald McCallum, for the sum of \$3,400. It is stated that Wallace Graham, late of Parkhill, died in Chicago the other day by taking his own life. He formerly ran the Parkhill Gazette.-Exeter Times.

A. McDonald has purchased the west half of the south half of lot 14, in the fifth concession of Mosa from Neil Hillman for the sum of \$1,800-50 acres, good buildings.

Mr. T. F. Purdy, of Aldborough, has bought the Harvey Webb farm in Mosa This is considered a good for \$2,450. farm, containing 118 acres, on which there are 23 acres of wheat and excellent buildings. Glencoe Amateur Athletic Club has

elected the following officers: Honorary president, Rev. R. W. Ross; president J. H. Brownlee; vice-president, C. G. Mason; secretary-treasurer, T. A. G. Gordon; councilors, Dr. Dewar, C. M. McDougall and A. M. Edwards.

The funeral of Matthias Sutton, of Westminster, took place Wednesday to Hunt's Cemetery and was largley attended. A short service was held at the house, after which the remains were taken to the North Street Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Garbutt preached and Rev. Mr. Jackson led in prayer. The pall-bearers were Samuel Adams, Henry Monteith, Solomon Dale, Joseph Baker, James May and George Hop-

ST. MARYS.

"Advertiser" Agents, L. M. Thomas and J. Waters.) April 18.—The annual vestry meeting of the English Church was held on Monday evening, Rev. W. J. Taylor, rector, in the chair. After prayer, the chairman called upon Mr. F. H. Wilson to read the financial statement of the chair statement. read the financial statement. This showed receipts \$2,397 95; disbursements \$1,929 30. Four hundred dollars were paid upon the debt, leaving a balance to commence a fresh year. Mr. Wilson said he considered the report a satisfactory one, and when it was stated that several improvements had been made upon the church in the year, especially The following officers were then elected: Rector's warden, Mr. F. W Wilson; people's warden, Mr. W. C Montizambert; advisory board, Messrs W. Johnston, T. Lancaster, C. S. Ramsey and J. Stafford; treasurer, C. S Ramsey, sidesmen, Messrs. F. and E. Robinson, A. Johnston and C. Busselle; organist, Miss Howard; auditors, Messrs. H. V. Hutton and H. A. L. White; vestry clerk, Mr. J. Perdue; sexton, Mr. G. Spearin; delegates to the Synod, Messrs. W. Johnston and J. Stafford. The rector closed a most pleasant and business-like meeting with a short address, in which he said that he was thankful for renewed health, grateful to the wardens, the ladies and all the societies for their work. The future was hopeful. All Lenten services had been well attended, and the four visits of the bishop had been greatly appreciated.

BRITISH STEAMER WRECKED. CAPE HENRY, Va., April 18.—The British steamer Newborough, from Tampa, Fla., for Newport News, Va., went ashore at Newas Woods life saving station, N. C., at night. The crew were saved. The vessel and cargo will probably be a total loss.

THE CONDUCTORS' TRIAL. MONTREAL, April 18 .- In the Court of Queen's Bench this morning, on the resumption of the Grand Trunk conductors' trial, James Snodgrass, chief clerk in the passenger department, gave information as to the use made of a conductor's punch, and identified the instruments produced as similar to those used on the line. Andrew Joyce stated that he had frequently received cash collections of fares paid on the trains by Conductor Defries when he was running between Montreal and Toronto a few years ago.

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A Fatal Hog Disease in Bruce-Peculiar Death of Chester's Village Clerk-Farm Sales-Western Happenings.

Thamesville will hold a monster demonstration on May 24. Windsor Presbyterians will erect a 20,000 church to seat 1,000 people.

Thieves broke into Joseph Odey's barber shop, Windsor, on London street, Tuesday night, and stole fifteen razors, two clippers and a pair of shears. Wm. Plunkett, of Iowa, has sold his farm, lot 15, con. 7, Fullarton, to Robt. Baker, for \$4,200. The farm has been

years. In spite of the fact that there is a law against spring duck shooting, the birds are being slaughtered down the Detroit River by people living on the

in the Plunkett family for nearly 50

Canadian side. Robert Ranney has sold his 100 acre farm in Elma, Perth county, to the Lambert Brothers, for \$5,600. Mr. Ranney has opened a banking business in Milverton, successor to W. N. Little &

Owing to the withdrawal of Rev. Mr. Hale from his connection with the Episcopal Church as a clergyman, St. Paul's Church at Point Edward has been closed by the order of Bishop Baldwin until the vacancy could be filled. Geo. Seebach, sen., of Sebringville,

Perth county, leaves for Michigan in a

few days to search for his brother,

Jacob, who, is is reported, has been

burned to death in a lumber camp in the county of Cheboygan. J. A. Beaton, village clerk of Chester, picked a pimple on his nose and blood poisoning set in. He grew worse and died in a few days. He leaves a widow and a young family of eight children.

He was superintendent of Chesley Methodist Sunday school. John P. Gibson, a former resident of Seaforth, and son-in-law of Thomas Livingston, of Hullett, but now of Plymouth county, Iowa, writes that he has just sold his 240 acre farm in that couny for \$13,200, and has bought a 600 acre rm in Dickinson county, paying there-

At the sale of the late Archibald Brant, on Tuesday last, the 200 acre farm in Morris township, Huron county, adjoining Wingham, was purchased by Malcolm Lamont, of Wingham, for \$6, 030. The farm is admirably adapted for stock raising and graising, for which

purposes Mr. Lamont will use it. A very fatal disease has broken out among the hogs in Bruce and Saugeen. One farmer was able to count up the losses in this district till the number reached nearly 200 young pigs. Among the heavy losers are Cavin Brothers, J. H. Seiffert, Geo. Webb, James Clark, McGillivray, D. Barker, Arch Ran-

kin and many others. The body of the late Mrs. Wiley Wawanosh, the Indian woman who was drowned through the ice while crossing to Walpole Island in February last, was found the other evening. It had drifted into a shallow channel among the islands, and was found by some men who were fishing by torchlight. The remains were brought up to Sarnia, and the funeral was held on Tuesday from the Wawanosh homestead to the cemetery on the Indian reserve.

The other night a stranger called at the residence of Mrs. William Treble, of Windsor, and handing her an envelope said that it contained an amount of money that he owed her husband, who died a number of years ago. Before the envelope was opened he disappeared in the darkness. The amount was \$80, made up of four \$20 bills, and the family have not the slightest idea who the stranger was. Mr. Treble was for years a conductor on the Grand Trunk Railway, and some think the man was someone whom he had helped along.

THE STAMP COUNTERFEITERS. CHICAGO, April 18.-United States secret service men last night arrested C. O. Jones, a newspaper artist, of this city, for complicity in counterfeiting the 2-cent stamps. The officers are certain that they will soon have the entire gang in custody, in addition to obtaining possession of the machinery with which

the work was done. George Morrison, the leader of the postage stamp counterfeiters, was arrested at Cincinnati on Wednesday.

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