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Desperate Remedies

By Thomas Hardy.

AUTHOR OF "A PAIR OF BLUE EYES," "THE
TRUMPET-MAJOR," ETC.

Yet she was pretty and carefully dressed, a strange contradiction in a man's idea of things—a sad, sad, sad contradiction. Are there any points in which a difference of sex amounts to a difference of nature? Then this is surely one. Not so much, as it is commonly put, in regard to the amount of consideration given, but in the conception of the things considered. A man emancipated by economy may spend more time upon the arrangement of his clothes than any woman, but even then there is no fetishism in his idea of them—they are still only a covering for the body. But here was Cytherea, in the bottom of her heart almost indifferent to life, yet possessing an instinct with which her heart had nothing to do, the instinct to be particularly respectful of those sorry trifles, her robe, her flowers, her veil, and her gloves.

The irrevocable words were soon spoken—their irreversibility was soon written—and they came out of the vestry. Candles had been necessary to enable them to sign their names, and on their return to the church the light open door, and across the chancel to the black chestnut stream on the south side, dividing it from a small chapel or chantry, erected for the purpose to be particularly respectful of those sorry trifles, her robe, her flowers, her veil, and her gloves.

The week daylight would never have revealed him, should he be as he was by the screen; but the unexpected rays of candle-light in front showed him forth in startling relief to any and all of those whose eyes wandered in that direction. The sight was a sad one—and beyond all description. His eyes were wild, their orbits leaden. His face was of a sickly paleness, his hair dry and disordered, his lips parted as if he could not breathe. His figure was specter-thin. His actions seemed beyond his own control. Manhood did not see him; Cytherea did.

The hearing effect upon her heart of a year's silence—a year and a half's separation—was unbroken in an instant. One of those strange revivals of passion by mere sight—common in women than in men, had pressed woman's consciousness of all—had taken place in her—so transcendently, that even to herself it seemed more like a new creation than a revival.

Marrying for a home—what a mockery it was! It may be said that the means most potent for rekindling old love in a maiden's heart are to see her lover's good spirits in her despite when the breach has been owing to a slight from herself; when owing this slight from him, to see him suffering for his own fault. If he is the sight of a clear conscience, she blames him; if he is miserable because deeply to blame, she blames herself. The latter was Cytherea's case now.

First, an agony of fear told of the suppressed misery within her, which presently could be suppressed no longer. When they were coming out of the porch, there broke from her in a low, plaintive scream the words, "He's dying! O God, have us!" She began to sink down, and would have fallen had not Manston caught her. The chief distress she had not mentioned was that she had not applied the vinaigrette.

"What did she say?" inquired Manston.

Owen was the only one to whom the words were intelligible, and he was far too deeply impressed, or rather alarmed, to reply. She did not faint and soon began to recover her self-command. Owen took advantage of the hindrance to step back to where the apparition had been seen.

But Edward was not in the church. As

he had come, so he had gone, nobody could tell how or whether.

4. Afternoon.

It might almost have been believed that a transmutation had taken place Cytherea's identity, that her moral nature had fled. The wedding party returned to the house. As soon as he could find an opportunity, Owen took his sister aside to speak privately to her upon what had happened. The expression of her face was hard, wild and unreluctant—an expression he had never seen there before, and it disturbed him. He spoke to her severely and sadly.

"Cytherea," he said, "I know the cause of this emotion of yours. But remember this, there is no cause for it. You should have been woman enough to control yourself. Remember whose wife you are, and don't think anything more of a mean-spirited fellow like Springrove; he had no business to come there as he did. You are altogether wrong, Cytherea, and I am vexed with you more than I can say—very vexed."

"Say ashamed of me at once," she bitterly answered.

"I am ashamed of you," he retorted, angrily; "the mood has not left you yet, then?"

"Owen," she said and paused. Her lip trembled; her eye told of sensations too deep for tears. "No, Owen, it has not left me; and I will be honest. I own now to you, without any disguise of words, what last night I did not do to myself, because I hardly knew of it. I love Edward Springrove with all my strength, and heart and soul. You call me a wanton for it, don't you? I don't care, I have got beyond caring for anything!" She looked steadily into his face, and made the speech calmly.

"Well, poor Cytherea, don't talk like that!" he said, alarmed at her manner.

"I thought that I did not love him at all," she went on, hysterically. "A year and a half has passed since we met. I could go by the gate of his garden without thinking of him—look at his seat in church and his name in the hymn book. But I saw him this morning—dying because he loves me so—I know it is that. Can I help loving him, too? No, I cannot, and I will love him, and I don't care. We have been separated by some contrivance or other—I know we have. Oh, if I could only die!"

He held her in his arms. Many a woman has gone to ruin herself," he said, "and brought those who love her into disgrace, by acting upon such impulses as possess you now. I have a reputation to lose as well as you. It seems that do what I will, by removing the stains which fell upon us, it is all doomed to be undone again." His voice grew husky as he made the reply.

The right and only effective chord had been touched. Since she had seen Edward, she had thought only of herself and him. Owen—her name—position—future—had been as if they did not exist.

"I won't give way and become a disgrace to you, at any rate," she said.

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(To be Continued.)

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