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CHAPTER XXIII.

"How unkindly you speak!" was the indignant comment on Bessie's remark. "I loved her long before she became the wife of another; and if she has been careful to keep alive this affection, why blame him for not being as clear-sighted as we, who have never fallen under the influence of her beauty?"

"You are fond of finding excuses for a young man who is by far too ready to find them for himself."

"And you, embittered against him without, as I firmly believe, sufficient cause," retorted Trizzie, "flew all his actions in a jaundiced light."

"We will not quarrel about one who would only laugh at us for our pains," said Bessie, in a more amicable tone. "It were wiser to think of ourselves."

"Do you know, dear Trizzie, that there is one of the women below who could, I think, be induced to help us if we did but know the way to go to work?"

"What makes you fancy this?"

"The looks she has cast upon me ever since I interfered on her behalf some days since. As I was passing through the hall before my Monna Santa to take my airing, one of the ruffian fellows struck and would have kicked her for accidentally knocking over a cup of wine he was drinking. I pushed in between, and mustered up my best Italian to reproach him for his brutality."

"Do you, then, think that she could be induced to convey a letter to the authorities at the nearest town?" inquired Trizzie, hopefully.

But Bessie threw cold water on this suggestion.

"I fear that the men in office in either of these primitive towns would scarcely have courage enough to interfere with a nobleman like the marchese, whose property may be here, and whose influence must therefore be immense. No; our efforts must be directed to our own countrymen. If him.

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we could get a letter posted to the ambassador, he would interfere promptly."

As the friends were sitting devising the best way of getting speech with the woman, and slipping into her hands not only the note they would prevail upon the baroness to write, but a bribe large enough to insure her compliance, a gentle tap at the door started them into silence. Not till it was repeated did either of them have presence of mind to ask who was there.

"It is I," answered the voice of Sir Charles Ormsby; and Trizzie ran to learn why he knocked.

He took hold of her hand, and drew her into the antechamber, which, lighted solely by the few gleams that came through the loophole, was so gloomy, that involuntarily she shuddered and would have retreated again, but for the reassuring pressure of his fingers.

"Courage," he said. "I will not detain you; but I saw by the rays darting through the keyhole that you had not put out your lamp, and so I ventured to ask your help."

"It shall be freely given, if you will tell me in what way I can assist you."

And though Bessie, who had followed her friend, was silent, Sir Charles did not hesitate to proceed.

"I cannot remain here after what has happened, and I blame myself for having been inactive so long. Yesterday, I thought it would be selfish to effect my own escape, and leave a party of defenseless women behind me; now, I see that there is no other way of rescuing you from thralldom and Lady Camilla from being coerced into a marriage that would entail calamity upon her."

His voice lost its steadiness for a moment, and there was a pause; but, quickly recovering himself, he went on:

"I have climbed to the loophole yonder, and examined it. I think I can squeeze myself through, and, with the aid of a rope, I could then lower myself to the roof of an outbuilding below. From that, it would not be at all difficult to reach mother earth."

"And then?" queried Bessie. "Are you not aware that sentinels are posted all around the tower?"

"Yes; I discovered that on the night after our arrival. But by creeping along the ground, Indian fashion, I feel confident of being able to evade their notice."

"But the risk is so very great," murmured Trizzie, apprehensively.

She was heard with impatience and it would be far better to have a bullet through one's head than to be the prisoner of the marchese. At all events, I am determined to make an effort for freedom before the moon rises and disperses these favoring shadows."

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"But the rope?" Bessie reminded

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"Ah, it is in procuring that I must crave your assistance. I must have a substitute for the hempen cord that is not to be had."

"The sheets of our bed—the striped coverlet. We have nothing else."

"And Bessie, warned by Sir Charles that Lady Camilla was not to be acquainted with the scheme, stole away on tiptoe to tear the linen into strips, and knot them together. Trizzie was following; but the baronet detained her.

"Wish me well ere we part, dear little girl. I have talked as much nonsense as if my heart had not been aching all the while; but, nevertheless, I have been conscious of your tender sympathy, and very grateful for it."

"You will take care of yourself!" was all Trizzie's reply; for she was thinking less of what had occurred than the perils Sir Charles must infallibly encounter.

"If you bid me—yes."

"I do bid you. Remember that, had our position in it, it will be worse—much worse if by any act of rashness you risk being taken."

"I am too eager to outwit these Italians to be careless in my movements," he assured her. "If I fail, of course I fail, and must submit to be brought back to my prison. But it all goes well, as I hope and think it will, I shall make my way to the Conte Amalfita. On him I am sure that we can depend; but, to make all safe, I shall also dispatch a mounted messenger to the English ambassador at Rome, so that he may, if need be, send you a small letter, your wings again."

"Are you sure you have properly calculated the height of the tower?" Trizzie demanded, her eyes fixed on the loophole, her heart throbbing with anxiety and terror. "Oh! Sir Charles—and unconsciously her fingers twisted themselves around his—"must I see you endanger your life for a woman who—forgive me; I must say it—who is not worthy of you?"

"Hush! On this subject, I had rather not hear you. Some day you may understand my feelings and motives better than you do now; but you may believe me when I tell you that duty is the first thought in my mind just now."

"But you will be careful!" she could not resist repeating.

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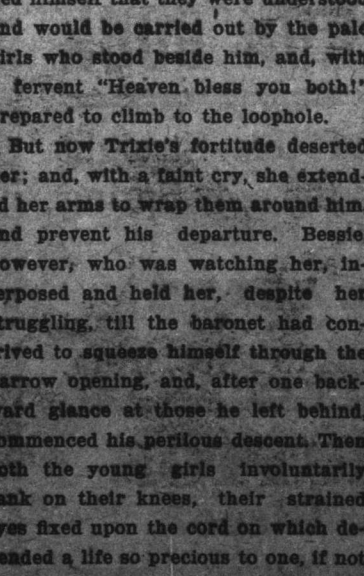
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SIDE TALKS

By Ruth Cameron.

ALIMONY OR DAMAGES?

The newspaper of the other morning carried a story to the effect that a man had given up a \$12,000 job and gone to work for \$30 a week in order to avoid the payment of alimony, because he was resolved that his wife should never get enough alimony from him to exist on.

The item started a discussion on the ethical rightness or wrongness of alimony.

Only For Support of Children.
A member of his sex defended the man's feelings. "Don't blame him a bit," he said. "Don't think they should be any such thing as alimony except for the support of children. Women are making all this talk about equality, why shouldn't they be equal in things like this, too? Why should men pay alimony to their wives any more than women to their husbands? I don't see why just because a woman has married a man, she should expect him to support her all the rest of her life when they find they don't want to live together? Really, really, really, I tell you."

Sounds like the viewpoint of a misanthrope, doesn't it? But I don't think it is, except as every man is a cynic and a misogynist and a pessimist and anything else that's gloomy before he gets his breakfast into him.

Some Truth in What He Says.
And, furthermore, I think there is a half portion of truth in what he says. But only a half portion.

I do not think women always have an ethical right to all the alimony they can get legally; is there any reason why a woman without children should expect to be supported in idleness all the rest of her life while her former husband works so hard as ever, or harder if he wants to found a new home in the place of the one that has failed, and keep on paying his alimony. What has she done to entitle her to lie back on his efforts the rest of her life?

She Has Lost Her Foothold.
On the other hand, there is this thing to be remembered. When a woman marries she generally gives up her work if she has any and her chances of advancement in that work. She is in a hard position if the marriage is a failure and she finds herself thrown back on her own or 15 years later into the economic world. She has lost her foothold. She must find a new one and begin again to work up. Her husband is placed under so such disadvantage by marriage, naturally, if a man should marry a rich wife and to make life pleasanter for her should give up his work, I think he would be ethically entitled to damages in case of divorce. And that is just the situation of every woman who marries and gives up her work to bear children or run the home, and is thrown back on her own resources by divorce. If her husband is in a position to pay them, I think she has a right to some damages. Personally, I should be glad to see a wife's rights in this matter regarded as damages and so assessed rather than as alimony.

Of course, so one questions the father's obligation in the matter of children, but that could be regarded as an entirely separate matter.

New X-Ray Tube Without Perils

WONDERFUL INVENTION BY TWO DUTCH DOCTORS.

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WOMEN! DYE OLD THINGS NEW

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Even so there have been a number of fatalities, as the public generally supposed, from X-ray burns—but from the rays of the blood corpuscles. The victim is attacked unawares and dies within a very short time.

The new invention which I understand will be available in this country shortly, entirely eliminates this danger to the operator. The tube which produces the rays somewhat like the beam of a searchlight, may be handled with impunity.

"X-ray rays, too, can be brought much nearer to the patient than is possible at present, so that not only will photographic results be better, but medical X-ray treatment will be improved."

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Breaking it Easy

Mike Casey was industriously occupied in preparing the dynamite for a blast, when his foot slipped. There was a sudden premature explosion, and when Mike finally came down the boys elected Pat Hoolligan to break the news to Mrs. Casey. Pat manfully approached the door, rattled long and loud, and as Mrs. Casey opened the door he bowed with dignity and said, "Good morning, ma'am; does Widow Casey live here?" "Gwan wid ye, Pat Hoolligan," said Mrs. Casey, "you know well enough who lives here—Mrs. Mike Casey no Widow Casey."

"Well, mobby yer roith," said Pat, "but Oim thinkin' ye'll change yer mind when ye see what the boys is draght' up stairs."

Fashions and Fads.

The short box coats of the new suits have from the shoulders. A fine white stripe is smart in the tailored suit of twill cord.

The turban is promoted a great deal of popularity this spring. A great deal of black crepe satin will be used for spring frocks.

This waistless effect is favored for street and afternoon dresses. Satin basques are used on a slim frock of black crepe satin.

Brightly colored cotton roses are used on a hat of black satin.

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