PAUL JONES

TWENTY YEARS IN EXILE.

A TALE OF THE SOLWAY. CHAPTER XVI.

AD EVENTA AT MARSTON GRANGE—AN HONEST LAWYER COMES INTO VIEW.

"Yery true," returned the lawyer gravely, "and if they were alive they might think so still. But they are dead, and Orwell is now his own master, and this is just what makes it dangerous. They are both of an age when the feelings of children are likely to give place to others much more warm and teuder, and I leave you to judge, Mrs. Borland, if in the circumstances it would be right to encourage it. Agnes is a good, clever, sensible girl, and, thanks to Mr. Bruce, she has got an excellent education, but the wide difference between their stations puts the idea of marriage cut of the question."

"Marriage!" cried Mrs. Borland, in hornfied consternation. "Master Orwell marry the daughter of his father's gardener, he who should wed with the proudest and richest in the land. Mr. Bishop, you do him a great wrong by even dreaming of anything so preposterous."

"No, I don't. Such things have been; and, so far as personal qualities go, Agnes would be no unsuitable wife for him."

"No, no; a thousand times no," exclaimed Mrs. Borland, in wild alarm. "This would be to requite Mr. Bruce's kindness with the basest ingratitude. Master Orwell could not so far forget himself; and if he did, Agnes is incapable of instening to words bearing such a meaning. Oh, sir, do not believe it—do not believe it." I am afraid, Mrs. Borland, you give young people credit for more judg-

Instening to words bearing such a meaning. Oh, sir, do not believe it—do not believe it."

"I am afraid, Mrs. Borland, you give young people credit for more judgment and reflection than they possess. The heart of youth is apt to give way to its impulses without consulting the colder dictates of the judgment. Orwell and Agnes might love each other before either of them knew the exact state and character of their affection, or saw how wrong it was to encourage the young feelings they cherish. I am no longer the young master's guardian, and have no power to interfere; but you are Agnes's mother, and can warn her, if warning be necessary. I do not require to show you the necessity of doing so, for your own good sense and proper feeling are sufficiently alive to it."

"Oh, Mr. Bishop, how terribly you for your own good sense and proper feeling are sufficiently alive to it."

"Oh, Mr. Bishop, how terribly your thought!" said Mrs. Borland with inexpressible concern, as the possibility of the existence of a heart affection between Orwell and Agnes dawned upon her. But rest assured that this very night I will question Agnes and learn the truth; and if there has been any danger of anything so dreadful and disgraceful there will be danger no longer, for Agnes has only to see it to make it impossible."

"I wish for Orwell's sake that it were not impossible," said the lawyer as he rose to go. "To marry such a girl as Agnes in his own rank of life would be the best thing he could do. It would draw him away from influences that I think are doing him no good, and settle him in domestic habits, where the fine qualities which I know he possesses would come into proper exercise. It would give me immense relief were this to take place."

"And no doubt it will happen before long," said Mrs. Borland, hopefully. "Such a fine, frank, freehearted, generous gentle man as Master Orwell is meant to be married, and among the many fine ladies he meets some one will take his fancy. Who knows but we shall have gay doings at the Grange soon."

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"I hope we may. I hope we may. God afterncon Mrs. Berland. The hest is not so strong now, I shall be able to walk across the park with more comfort."

"Good day, sir," said Mrs. Borland, who had come with him as far as the porch. "And pray do not be under any more anxiety about the matter we have been talking off. If there has been danger it will cease from this day forward."

"She's a sensible woman that," said Mr. Bishop to himself as he took his way under the tree towards the mansion." A superior, right-thinking woman, Many a one would do all in their power to graep at such a chance, and leave no stone unturned to get such a splendid marriage for her daughter. But she regarded the matter in a proper light—site sees that this young inexperienced lad, having no one to control him, should not be allowed to contract a marriage which would bring on him the world's censure and severe blame on us all. Yet I do wish Orwell would marry a suitable person and abandon those extravagant habits that are daily growing on him. I cannot help thinking that young Langton is leading him into evil courses. How else should he spend so much money? One third of his income ought to be ample for his requirements, yet I believe he fore rent day. I suspect he goes on the turf and best largely, which means that he loses heavily. Thoughtless, foolish tellow that he is: yet I bleme Renben Royanders the whole, and is in debt before rent day. I suspect he goes on the turf and bets largely, which means that he loses heavily. Thoughtless, foolish fellow that he is; yet I blame Reuben Langton. Orwell in his simplicity is no match for that cunning, solids hellow who keeps by him to serve his own ends. I wonder his father allows it, seeing that he hopes to have Orwell for a son-in-law. Ah, he fancies I don't see his object in being so anxious to stop Orwell's intercourse with Agnes Borland, but I understand it perfectly. Marston Grange and Cairnbauk lie temptingly contiguous; it would be a fine thing to have the two estates in one family. Oh, I see the laird's name distinctly, but I guestion if Maris Langton has power transferred or view, and Agnes Borland is her superior in every respect. Ah, things seem ill ordered sometimes; yet, as a lawyer, I should be the last to complain of that, seeing that it is by strife and confusion we principally thrive. Bruce used to tell me I was too honest for a lawyer, and egad I begin to think I am. I must do something sharp and tricky if for no other reason than to maintain the credit of the profession."

Mr. Bishop's mental soliloquy having reached this point, the conclusion in which he had landed caused a smileto overspread his thin yet raddy counterance. It amused him to fancy a case in which he used the arts and quibbles of law to overreach an opponent or fleece a client, a course which lawyers are proverbially said to follow. No doubt the unserrupalous mem.

ed him to landy a case in which in e used the arts and quibbles of law to overreach an opponent or fleece a client, a course which lawyers are proverbially said to follow. No doubt the unsorupulous members of the profession resort to such tricks and devices, but Thomas Bishop, solicitor at-law in the town of Cairntiee, Stewartry of Galloway, was of too honest and upright a nature to use the roquish arts which his profession put at his command. Nor did he in the long run lose anything by his just and straightforward way of conducting business. It earned for him thegood character he deserved, and gained for him a large country business of a kind both lucrative and respectable. Many a tangled skein he got to unwind; many a family secret he had in his keeping; many important services he was able to render beyond the strict limits of his legal duty; and his influence was correspondingly great and beneficial.



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