

may go out through the window if you like."

He shut the room door quietly. "I am not going out, thank you, Aunt Eleanor," said Ronald, in his gentlest tones.

and walked slowly and painfully, as though his little feet were weighted with lead, up the broad stairs. He stopped on the first landing, and, turning the handle of the door of the room where his father had died, went in. The blinds were down, and the room was cold and sunless, and gloomy; but Ronald did not trouble himself to let in the autumn sunshine. He climbed on the bed and buried his face in the pillows, and sobs violent enough and heartfelt enough even to have satisfied Aunt Eleanor as to the state of his affections were wrung from his little heart for his brave and bright young father.

CHAPTER VI.

"I am going to pace up and down the south walk, Eleanor," said the Major one very bright September morning. "That south walk is the best part of the place, for the high wall shelters it from all stray winds and draughts. I am going there, and you can follow me whenever you like."

The Major, with a circular cape over his shoulders, and leaning heavily on a stick, hobbled away, and Mrs. Frere, rather glad of a quiet hour to write letters in, saw him depart with a slight sigh of relief.

"His rheumatic pains get worse and worse," she said to herself. "Poor, dear fellow! I wonder if Summerleigh does agree with him? But the south walk is a comfort; he can't possibly catch cold there."

The walk to which the Major directed his feeble steps was a long, broad road at one end of a walled in garden. It was, as the Major and his wife remarked, completely sheltered from every wind but the gentlest southern breezes, and would, indeed, to most people on that particular morning have been uncomfortably hot. The sun blazed here with power, ripening late nectarines, and peaches and luscious pears, which grew in profusion on this southern wall.

At one end of the walk was a summer house, with a pretty conical, thatched roof, and sides sheltered by glass panels. The Major paced up and down in the sun until he became weary, then he entered the summer house and threw himself down on a wide, luxurious bench with a slight sigh of satisfaction.

"Not such a bad place after all," he muttered to himself. "The climate of this walk is not unlike Algiers.—Uncommon good notion putting in these glass sides to the summer house; keeps out the draught wonderfully, and one can see the view; fine view, very fine view. Yes, yes, not a bad sort of a place, Summerleigh; and poor Ronald had a notion of the right sort of thing when he built this summer house. Now, if I only had my foot rest I declare I'd be

rather comfortable resting here for half an hour.

The Major uttered his short sentences of satisfaction half aloud; and when he made his final remark about the foot rest a bright little curly head popped suddenly into view, and the eager face and generally tossed appearance of his nephew intruded themselves.

(To be continued.)

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SHIELD-FLOWER.—At St. Mary's, Belize British Honduras, by the Rector, Rev F. R. Murray, on May 1st, John Emmanuel Shield to Hannah H. Flower.

DIED.

DOWLING.—On Tuesday, June 4th, at No. 2 St. James' Terrace, Winchester, Eng., Caroline Jane, wife of the Rev. Theodore E. Dowling, late Rector of Christ Church, St. Stephen, Canada, aged 47, whose body has been laid at rest in Hursley Churchyard, near Leicester.

WHITE.—At Stellarton, N.S., Elizabeth, wife of Proctor White, aged 22 years.

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