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CHAPTER XI.
SHE COULD NEVER FORGET.

Mrs. Fleming was lying glibly. She had reserved that role—a very conspicuous one—for herself; but to further Royall's plans, she had decided to give it to Daisie.

Aunt Alice here put in frankly: "Daisie can oblige you just as well as not, if she chooses. She doesn't have to go home till the first of September, and this is only the twenty-fourth of August. The truth is, she was going off in a huff with me because I scolded her for breaking off with your cousin; so I think she ought to stay and help you to-night."

Mrs. Fleming quickly discovered that she had a powerful ally in the old lady; so between them they harassed and worried her into consenting to the plan of Mrs. Fleming, little thinking, poor girl, that she was being cunningly enmeshed in a spider's web.

The widow was exuberant in her thanks, and begged Daisie to come home with her at once in the carriage. "Because we have a rehearsal directly after luncheon," she said; "and, my dear, you must take your prettiest things with you, for, really, I shall keep you with me several days at Sea View."

In vain were Daisie's protests, since her delighted aunt joined Mrs. Fleming in a chorus of dissent.

So the unhappy girl, blown hither and thither on the winds of destiny, went upstairs and packed up what they directed; and the triumphant little schemer carried her off in triumph, rejoicing inwardly at her success.

She was, in fact, very anxious to marry the girl off to Royall, so as to rid herself of a rival should Dallas Bain ever reappear.



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It was true that a cloud of mystery hung over the young man, and that in his abrupt and hurried leave-taking he had given no hint of his future whereabouts, merely expressing a vague hope that they might some time meet again; but Lottie Fleming knew that, despite the width of the world, the most unexpected encounters are always happening, and she by no means despaired of meeting Dallas Bain again.

"Let me but get Daisie Bell married off safely to Royall, then I will find Dallas again, and wind my toils around him," she mused, as she rode by Daisie's said, weaving in her busy mind the details of a plot that would have made her spring from the carriage in dismay had she even guessed at her companion's thought.

But the wondrous X-ray that is to lay bare the secrets of the mind to startled gazers not being discovered yet, Daisie rode on in peace, getting somewhat reconciled now to the prospect of the visit, having, like all healthy young girls, a keen appetite for social pleasures.

She knew that she would not forget for a moment her dream of love and its woeful ending, but she thought that participation in the evening's amusement might dull the keen edge of her pain. Her pride was aroused, too, and she was determined that Mrs. Fleming should not see that she was pining over Dallas Bain's desertion.

Daisie did not mean for any one to guess that her poor heart was broken, so she hid her part with the rest, laughing and singing like the happiest girl in the world, though all the while her poor heart was calling tenderly:

"Oh, Dallas, my love, come back, come back!"

CHAPTER XII. AN UNBIDDEN GUEST.

Did the strange, mysterious influences ever about and around us, though beyond our ken, bear to Dallas Bain the yearning heart cry of his deserted love? Did they bring him back to her side that night?

Far away, 'mid the busy haunts of the world of men, he had sought forgetfulness, and found it not.

He was a haunted man—haunted by a face, a voice, a wealth of golden hair, a soul—for was not Daisie's soul always following and seeking his in the mystery that held him from her side? So at last, by the force of her yearning, she drew him back.

He was proud and angry, but insensibly his heart began to soften, he began to invent excuses, to believe that he had been too hasty, had judged her too harshly.

"I did not let her explain. I left too quickly. If I had waited, she might have justified herself, he thought. He began to doubt the cunning lies Mrs. Fleming had poured into his ears at their last interview.

"What if her story were false? Perhaps she was trying to turn my heart against the girl, because she wanted to win me herself!"

The more he thought of it, the more he began to soften toward the girl whose beautiful image filled his great, passionate heart.

And, because she haunted him so, because he began to realize all the strength of his love, and the pain of their separation, he suddenly determined to return to Gull Beach.

"I will go and hear her story. Perhaps she can justify herself," he said to his beating heart, as he opened the cottage gate.

All was still and quiet, but a light shone through the parlor blinds, and he hoped that she was there thinking of him in sadness and tears that would change to love and joy when she saw him enter the room.

suffocation as he rang the bell at the door.

There was a little delay, then it swung open, and in the glow of the hall lamp he saw a rather grim old lady in a widow's cap and gown—Daisie's Aunt Alice.

She recognized him at once—the disturbing cause in the broken engagement—and stiffened herself implacably.

"Good evening, Mrs. Bell. I see you know me. Is Miss Daisie at home?" he inquired eagerly.

"No; she has gone away," curtly. "May I ask where?" humbly.

"Certainly. She is up at Sea View, staying with her friend Mrs. Fleming, cousin to the gentleman she is engaged to marry."

She saw Dallas give a great start of surprise and dismay, then he cried huskily:

"Is she—engaged to him still?"

The old lady, seeing her opportunity to head him off, and pitiless to Daisie in her desire for the grand match, answered stolidly:

"Certainly she's engaged to him still. What made you think the match could be broken off when they just dote on each other? Daisie's been a bit of a flirt, I know, but she's in dead earnest this time."

"Good evening!" Dallas answered abruptly, turning from her, and stumbling down the steps, like a drunken man, so hardly had he been struck by the remorseless blow of the woman, who banged the door shut after him, chuckling maliciously:

"Guess I paid him out for his meddling with that match I was so set on. 'Twasn't a story I told, either, for Mr. Sherwood told me he didn't consider the engagement broken at all, and hoped soon to persuade Daisie to wear his ring. Now I've sent that fellow off about his business, I hope, so he won't interfere any more."

But Dallas, dazed with pain and woe, was making straight for Sea View.

All hope was dead in his breast now, for the mere fact of Daisie's presence at Sea View, as the guest of Royall Sherwood's cousin, seemed to prove the truth of Mrs. Bell's assertion.

But a dumb longing in his breast made him yearn for a single look at her face again to ease the ache at his heart ere he turned away forever to carry his pain into the heedless throngs of the busy world.

"She is only a wretched little flirt, after all, yet she has wrecked my peace of mind, and I cannot thrust her from my memory," he groaned, as he went on to Sea View, meaning to see Daisie, himself unseen, and then depart forever.

As he went into the grounds he saw that the place was brilliantly lighted up, and heard the swell of music blending with the murmur of the sea as the tide rolled in to the shore.

"Madam must be holding one of her gay receptions. I wonder what she would say if she knew I was so near?" he muttered, as he dragged himself up the steps and hid on a balcony, where he could peer, unseen, into the room.

He saw the brilliant drawing-room gleaming with lights, adorned with flowers, and crowded with guests sitting about as if waiting for something. What?

And was not that a wedding march that rose on the air from the screen of plants yonder where the band was hidden?

His wandering eyes suddenly discovered a white dais erected at one

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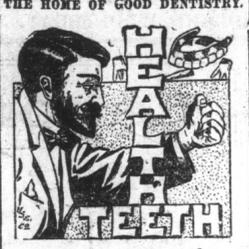
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end of the room, over which swung from broad white ribbons a magnificent floral wedding bell.

A bridal party entered the room and advanced toward the dais, on which suddenly appeared a tall, pale young man in clerical garments, with an open book in his hand.

Louder and louder rose the strains of the joyous wedding march while Dallas looked on with dazed eyes and a numb pain at his heart, wondering what would happen next.

He was not left long in doubt. He saw Mrs. Fleming and Daisie Bell advancing to meet Royall Sherwood and his best man at the altar.

Something—a grinning demon—seemed to clutch at the gazer's heart and stop its beating, for Daisie was the bride—a wedding veil hid the dazzling sheen of her golden hair.

CHAPTER XIII. "HER OWN AGAIN."

Dallas Bain watched with straining gaze that scene within Mrs. Fleming's brilliant drawing-room, and his heart was wrung with a pain more bitter than death.

The vague belief and hope that had brought him back to Gull Beach were dashed to earth now, and despair reigned in its stead.

She had not loved him, after all; she had but played on his credulity to gratify a coquette's vanity. The proof was here before him as she stood there all in bridal white, speaking the solemn words that bound her for aye to another.

"Fool that I was to return," he muttered, in sere self-scorn; and just then he caught a flutter of drapery near him, and a shrill voice giggled:

"La, me! if this ain't Mr. Bain come back again! Howdydo, sir? Looking at the play, are you? But it does seem awful real like, don't it? They got their parts well, certain! He's even putting the ring on her hand, and now the women are kissing the bride. Ha! ha!"

Dallas grasped Letty Green's arms so convulsively that she winced with the pain.

"Ouch! don't pinch so! What have I done?"

He muttered fiercely, like one beside himself.

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