

The Broken Circle!

CHAPTER XXIII.

he said, looking at, the reflection, that she paused. "Every primrose can be seen distinct-

for her more than he had ever done; disclosed her whole heart to him. for Sir Basil, as he gazed at the face She puzzled him greatly on one octhere. It was love for himself.

She made no answer—to have face. saved her life she could not have ut- "Basil," she said, "I have often happy eyes fell; the beautiful head, first?" heart she was thanking Heaven for

"Do you love me, Leah?" he asked. Ah, Heaven, the love that shone in her eyes, that radiated from her face! peated. A voice of sweetest music whispered,

moment I saw your face. I pray Heaven that I may see it last in this world."

pling waters, softly as the sigh of a me, and seemed angry because I had day brought the master of Glen over summer breeze; and when they end- dismissed one whom she considered to Brentwood. As the whole mansion-

Three days afterwards Sir Basil and ideas vain and sentimental. Yet, you days together. The more Sir Arthur Leah stood looking again at the mar-see, I was right. Tell me, Basil, did saw of him the more he liked him;

"SIX MONTHS AGO"

"It's hard to realize that six month ago I couldn't walk across the floor and now

I am so well!" "I have never been very strong but the heat last summer was too much for me. This and the fact that my husband was out of work and I had to work day and night to keep from starving, left me a physical wreck. Luckily my husband was able to get a good job just when I had to go to bed. I tried everything I could think of to get strong, but each day I seemed to be getting weaker and weaker. I was reduced to a skeleton, I couldn't eat or skep I had no strength weaker and weaker and weaker. I was reduced to a skeleton, I couldn't eat or sleep, I had no strength left and finally I was so weak that in trying to cross the floor one day I collapsed. I was so ill and weak that I didn't care whether I lived or died. And then I heard about that marvellous preparation—Carnoll A friend of mine had used it with wonderful results and as it had done so much for her, I decided to try it. The results were nothing less than miraculous. In two weeks I was able to get up and walk about the house. My appetite had returned. I was actually hungry. I could sleep when I went to bed, something I had not been able to do for months. I have already taken six bottles of Carnol and I am still taking it. I weigh more today than I ever weighed before in mylife. I sleep like a child. I am never tired and my skin is as clear and my cheeks as rosy as a girl's. I bless the day I heard about Carnol. Mrs. K., Toronto.

"I shall always love the Undine," said Leah. "The duchess has promised to let me have it photographed, and I shall keep the little picture where I can always see it. Undine's lover gave to her a soul; you gave me-

"What?" he asked, gently, seeing

"You have given me life," she said There was no misgiving in her you not pleased with your costume?" mind, not the faintest doubt. She "If you are," she sighed. Her heart believed that he loved her as she was beating fast with a passion of love loved him. They were the two halves he could stand with her in that lovely and shared but one life, one soul bespot, and yet nothing brought his tween them. Sure that he felt as she

thing there which had stirred his the woods down to the sea. The tide heart-a sad, wistful look, not at all was rolling in; the sun shone on the suited to the beautiful face; and he water till it looked like burnished knew quite well what had called it gold; afar off gleamed the white sails of many a graceful yacht. Beautiful happy; her life was crowned, her love The next minute he had clasped her as was this fair world, love made it was blessed. The general and his nands in his, and bending over her, fairer. They sat under the shelter of whispered to her the words that made the cliffs; and Leah turned from the rippling waves to look at her lover's Brentwood.

"On the morning when you like a beautiful statue, draped in white and gold, among the passionflowers?" he said. "What a picture you presented, Leah!" "Did you recognize me?" she re-

"In what way, my darling?" he

ment that the lover for whom I had waited had come at last. How strange that I always had that feeling! Someed Sir Basil kissed her, speechless an eligible suitor—sometimes my was in the hands of workmen, he ofcourage failed me. She thought my ble Undine. The sparkling waters you you recognize me? Did you say to he never wearied of sounding his were rising now in the sunlight, and yourself, "This is the girl who has praises to his niece-he loved him been made for me, the one woman out as he would have loved a son of his as they fell into the great marble of the whole world who is to be my own.

He was puzzled. If he had said "No," she would be unhappy, and he face; yet he could not say "Yes"

without swerving from the truth. "Men have not those quick incuftions," he said, "That which a woman knows, discerns by instinct, is some time in piercing the denser brain and more stolid heart of a man."

She looked a little disappointed. "When did you find it out then?"

she asked, anxiously. "Find what out, Leah?"

"Why, that you loved me, Basil." In spite of himself a flush rose to his face, but she took that as a sign

"Am I to tell you the exact hour and minute?" he said, laughingly. "If you can," she replied.

"I cannot, Leah. I suppose, as the novelists say, "it stole upon me un-

to me, I like to dwell on all the pleasant and happy thoughts I have

mire me when you first saw me?"

"Indeed, I did," he replied, heartily. "I thought you then, as I think you

now, the fairest woman in the world." "Did you? I am so glad. I am well ontent that you should think me fair. have never cared or thought about what people call my good looks; but now I am glad, since they please

He was very near loving her, she when she counted the happy days of her life, and this was one of the

The news of their engagement had been made public at once. Sir Basil had gone direct to the general and told him. They had not said much to each other, but the general was greatly comforted. He believed that Sir Basil had grown to love his niece. therefore, all was well.

The duchess was not surprised; she had foreseen the result from the first, she said. She congratulated Sir Basil in such a fashion that he was prouder than ever of what he had

"I shall always think of you," she

You have won for yourself what no other could win." Later on she said to Leah, after

"I am right well pleased, my dear.

suppose, L eah,it is 'this or none?' "

wedding. Glen must be altered and improved, must be decorated and refurnished. During the spring of the coming year a general election was expected, and Sir Basil would be busy trying to secure a seat in Parliament. It was agreed on all sides that the marriage should not take place just yet. Nor did Leah wish it niece remained a few weeks longer at Dene Abbey, and then returned to

Leah took with her the photograph tered a word; but the light on her wished to ask you—did you recognize of the marble Undine, but no one face was answer enough to him. The me on the morning that you met me save Sir Basil understood why she prized it. She was perfectly content; glowing sun absorbs all minor lights. so her passionate love eclipsed all else. She wished for nothing save that Hettie should know how happy she was. She would have liked to tell her fair-haired beloved sister of this love which made her one of the happiest

women in the world. Brentwood, Sir Basil returned to Glen, and the months that followed times, when the duchess talked to were full of quiet happiness. Every (To be continued.)

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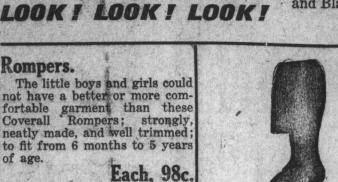
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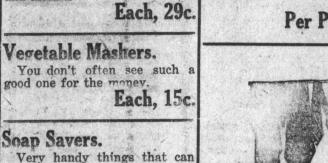
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